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Smoker Christina Vesterich may light up for the last time on school grounds as a smoke-free campus proposal works its way through a Saint Mary's task group investigating the proposal.

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Up in smoke

Saint Mary's students respond to a proposal to make campus smoke-free

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

By the summer of 2000, Saint Mary's is hoping to kick some real butt — cigarette butts, that is.

A task force, headed by the department of Health Services and the Administrative Counsel of the College, is working to make Saint Mary's a smoke-free campus.

The task force is expected to draft a proposal by January 2000, and enact it by summer of 2000.

"Tobacco companies are advertising for young women," said Karen Ristau, vice president and dean of faculty. "It's for our own health."

Since the formation of the task force, the committee has collected information regarding the use of nicotine and smoking. After attending seminars geared toward a smoke-free Indiana, it is hoping to make Saint Mary's students "take a healthy initiative to promote a healthy campus," according to Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs.

"It's how we do this, not whether we do this," said Judy Kenney, director of Health Services.

The committee received between 20 and 25 e-mail responses which have all been positive, however, more responses from student smokers is needed.

Junior Christine Draper, a smoker, disagrees with the proposal.

"Higher education is supposed to prove an opportunity in an environment to cultivate cognitive thinking skills and freedom of choice and will," she said.

"I think it is wrong for an institution to eliminate a choice smokers gained on the birth of a legal age."

Many student smokers were concerned with having to smoke outdoors during the winter months.

"There are so many people who smoke," sophomore Tricia Moore said. "It is fine if they want to make the

rooms non-smoking, but it's important that we have somewhere to go in the winter."

Other students said that an all-campus no-policy would be infringing on their rights.

"It's taking away from students' rights to be able to smoke, even though they're over the age of 18," said freshman Jessica White.

"I think making our campus smoke-free is just as bad as discriminating on race — because it's not illegal," freshman

Jennifer Brown said. "If you're over 21, you're allowed to drink in your room. What's the difference between that and smoking? They should make it a dry campus before they make it non-smoking."

Many students, primarily non-smokers, agreed that

"They should make it a dry campus before they make it non-smoking."

Jennifer Brown
freshman

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate debates ND Video funds

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

The purpose of yesterday's Student Senate was to approve the nomination for the ND Video manager. However, the routine meeting developed into a heated debate concerning, among other things, the financial feasibility of ND Video.

"Is there any plan ... to improve the business?" asked Knott senator Ed Foy, citing the low number of students that use ND Video.

Student body treasurer James Jesse explained that the cost of supplying new releases is often prohibitively high for such a small operation, ranging somewhere around \$180 for rental.

"We're just looking to get the name out," he said. "[Students] don't have to drive to Blockbuster to find an old favorite."

In addition, Jesse said that the management board of ND Video is looking into the possibility of a video delivery service and weekly specials for different residence halls.

"It's a good educational opportunity, which is the prime concern of the Business Board," said Jesse.

Student body president Micah Murphy questioned whether the benefit of experiential education was worth funding a frequently unprofitable business.

"Student Senate was the only organization to finish over budget last year. ... Their losses were only a quarter of what Student Senate ran us," Jesse said, reminding the Senate that the prime reason for the meeting was not to question the feasibility of ND Video, but rather to approve the nomination for the managerial position.

Student body vice president

Michael Palumbo suggested that the managers of the Business Board attend a future meeting of the Senate to answer questions of that nature.

Meanwhile, Jesse pointed out that the Senate maintains two representatives to the Financial Management Board, and that it might be more efficient to funnel any questions through those representatives. He also extended invitations to the rest of the senators if they would rather deliver their questions in person to the FMB.

"Do you want all 28 senators to go to your meetings and having it take twice as long?" asked Welsh senator Candy Marcum. "We're not asking them to give some formal presentation, just spend five minutes answering some questions."

"Ultimately they are respon-

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GALA displeased with Malloy's response

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's gay and lesbian alumni group, GALA ND/SMC, is considering legal action against the

University, claiming prohibition of GALA ads in The Observer is discrimination.

Proposal of litigation is a result of what GALA chairman John Blandford called an "pathetic ... and unsatisfactory" response from University president Father Edward Malloy to provide evidence justifying the University's advertising policy.

"We are seeing what our

legal options are," Blandford said. "We are looking into pursuing legal action. We know that some First Amendment issues are at stake here. We are consulting with national organizations on the issue."

Blandford asked Malloy in an Aug. 31 letter to show that GALA's mission statement "espoused positions contrary to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church" — the University's official standard for rejecting ads.

Malloy did not respond to that request, GALA vice president Lisa Karle said.

"We feel that it didn't address what [Blandford] had written," Karle said. "He expressly asked for evidence as to how we espouse teachings contrary to those of the

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Blandford

INSIDE COLUMN

Students
in helmets

My vale of ignorance has been lifted. No longer do I walk in darkness.

My new found knowledge is due to a most enlightening letter to the editor which appeared in Wednesday's Observer. I would like to thank that author for revealing to us his great wisdom and knowledge.

Before I read that letter I was under the impression that Irish cornerback Clifford Jefferson was sitting a few rows over from me in my philosophy class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Now I know that it is not Jefferson that sits near me, but instead, some sort of cyborg constructed by the administration to trick me into thinking that Jefferson is in my philosophy class.

How have I come to this conclusion? Well, thanks to that all-knowing member of the class of 1995, I now know that all football players are too busy "living off campus, partying, playing video games and being sexually promiscuous" to attend classes. How could I have been so stupid as to think that football players made a contribution to this campus on days other than football weekends?

I would like to thank that author for showing me that all football players are "professional underqualified jocks who never study." Because before I read your intelligent discourse, I had been under the faulty assumption that tight end Jabari Holloway was a great guy who got amazing grades in a nearly impossible major.

According to my new found logic, his 3.2 GPA in computer engineering is most certainly a lie. Because without studying and working hard, he never could have achieved those grades.

And when I speak to Bobby Brown, I must be hearing someone throwing his voice so that it appears that Brown is speaking. Because when I hear his words, I don't hear an ignorant, under-qualified fornicator but instead I hear an intelligent, articulate leader.

It is certainly a clever ploy by the administration that Brown's true nature is so hidden that I cannot discover it. But no more will I be fooled, thanks to that well-thought letter.

But the cover-up extends further than just to a sports writer for The Observer. Even Parade magazine was fooled into thinking that football players are more than big guys who hit each other. They once did a cover story on Chris Zorich and his incredible social work with inner-city kids.

Perhaps Parade needs to be told that all football players are worthless people with no redeeming values. I mean Chris Zorich is certainly not the kind of person that we want people to envision of when they think of Notre Dame. Why would Our Lady's University possibly want to be associated with a man from the inner-city of Chicago who earned a degree, played in the National Football League, started his own charity organization that has helped hundreds of people and is now going to law school? Those sure sound like the actions of an underqualified slacker.

Or perhaps I was wrong to accept the views stated in that letter. Maybe the author should have opened his eyes to the wonderful people that don the blue and gold for the Irish every Saturday? Holloway, Brown and Zorich are just a few of the many players who are making positive contributions to the Notre Dame community and beyond.

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 ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ "Save a Life . . . Give Blood": Blood drive, Rolfs Recreation Center, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	♦ Conference: "India and the Politics of Developing Countries," McKenna Hall, all day.	♦ Film: "Limbo," Annenburg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7:15 p.m.	♦ Concert: "Music From Tin Pan Alley," Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 2:30 p.m.
♦ Lecture: "Uncovering Dante in Petrarch," 102 Hesburgh Library, 4:30 p.m.	♦ Intercultural Center Grand Opening: LaFortune Student Center, Noon-3 p.m.	♦ Concert: South Bend Symphony Orchestra with guest Robert Hamilton, O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.	♦ Concert: "Quink," A Dutch a cappella vocal ensemble, Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Activists arrested for protest against professor

PRINCETON, N.J. A day of protest against Princeton University's hiring of controversial bioethicist Peter Singer culminated Tuesday in the arrest of 14 activists, who were dragged away from Nassau Hall after sealing off the building for two hours.

Singer has come under fire due to his recently published book stating that parents should have the right to euthanize their children born with birth defects, both mental and physical.

About 30 wheelchair-bound protesters and several other disability-rights advocates from Not Dead Yet barricaded all five entrances to Nassau Hall — trapping University officials inside and preventing at least two deans from entering — before being removed by Public

"We're not dead yet."

Protestors' chant against Princeton professor

Safety around 1:30 p.m.

Just hours before, about 200 protesters descended on a soggy campus while singing, "Shapiro promotes murder," and wielding posters that compared Princeton to Auschwitz.

Meanwhile, at the Center for Human Values at 5 Ivy Lane, Singer's first seminar proceeded without incident. Public Safety officers rimmed the building to ensure that only authorized students would enter the class.

"Singer was an incredibly open and amiable man," said Junior Hyeseung Song, one of Singer's students. "It was like a regular course."

Nevertheless, the day was anything but typical for more than a dozen Public Safety officers who found themselves attempting to police a rally that began outside Fitz Randolph gate at 10 a.m. Protesters, including pro-life, anti-euthanasia and disabled-rights activists, stood in the steady rain, periodically chanting, "We're not dead yet," until 11:30 a.m. At that point the crowd began to pour through the gates and converge on Nassau Hall — where it soon became apparent that Not Dead Yet members were attempting to seal off the University's central administrative offices.

Arrests made in Florida student's death

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

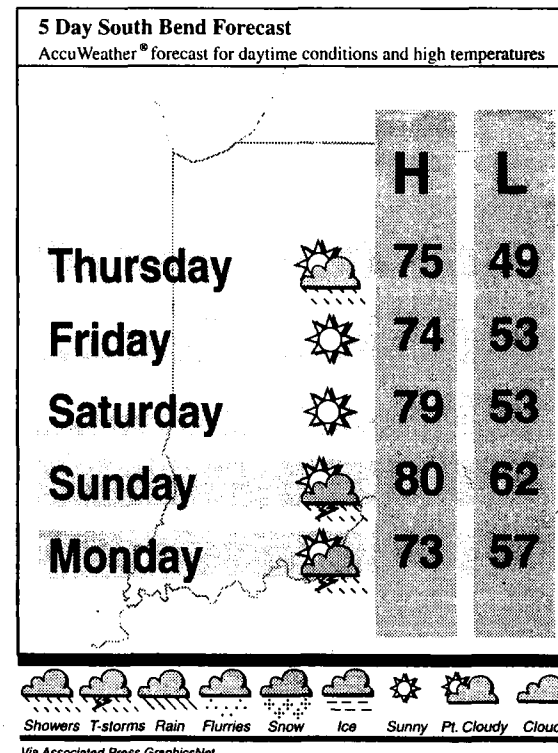
Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrested three more Live Oak residents Tuesday afternoon in connection to the beating death of University of Florida student Brian Tew at Campus Club Apartments early Saturday morning. Thomas Anthony Bartolotta, Jason Kelley and Bryan Kelley, were asked to turn themselves in to the Suwannee County jail, where Alachua County Sheriff's officers arrested them, said Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. James Troiano. The three men are charged as principals to second-degree murder. Joshua Wells, 21, also of Live Oak, was arrested over the weekend and charged with second-degree murder. Bartolotta and the Kelley brothers were with Wells the night of the Campus Club Apartment fight, where Wells "maliciously kicked" Tew in the head after they fell down the stairs while fighting, Troiano said. Interviews with witnesses who saw the Saturday morning fight led to the arrest of the suspects, who are in the Suwannee County jail. The three men will be moved to the Alachua County jail later this week, Troiano said.

Arkansas student tours sweatshops

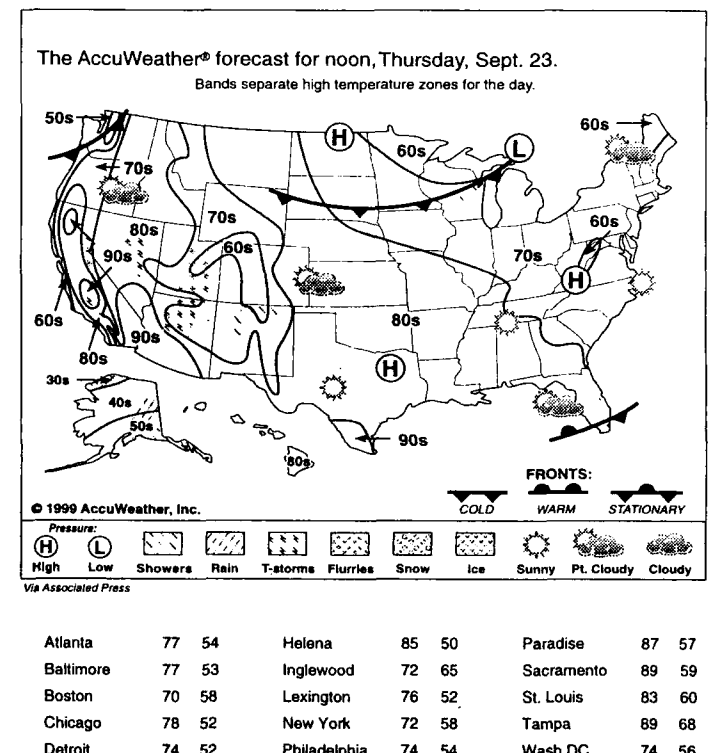
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.

Though Russell denies having sweatshops in El Salvador, a University of Arkansas student who has visited the country disagrees. Cynthia Kendall, a member of Campus Democracy Collective, visited El Salvador this summer and spoke with a female worker who said she made clothing for Russell in sweatshop conditions. "I handed about three shirts to her with the Russell label on them, and she said she made them," Kendall said. "She said Korean managers [in the factory] would hit workers in the head, and they would count the minutes it took them to go to the bathroom. 'They only had hot water to drink, and the only way the Korean managers could communicate with them was by screaming insults at them like 'brute animal' and 'shameless cat face.' They would fire some of the workers for pleasure." The Koreans moved to El Salvador when they had trouble with businesses at home, and most of them are unhappy being in a foreign land, Kendall said. Kendall said the worker she spoke to had been fired from her job and was refused severance pay.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



No arrests made in hit-and-run

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

South Bend Police have yet to make any arrests in last Friday's hit-and-run accident on St. Peter Street, according to Sgt. William Kraus of the hit and run division.

The car involved in the accident was a dark colored Buick, possibly a Riviera.

"I've got two different [license plate numbers], missing letters in both of them," said Kraus. "That's in assumption that the plates belong on the vehicle."

Police matched the incomplete license plates with car descriptions and sent a letter of inquiry to the owners.

Lack of evidence is another problem in the investigation. "When you look at crashes

that involve pedestrians ... it's very difficult to find evidence on the car," Kraus said.

The accident injured two Notre Dame students and a 1998 graduate. One of the students, sophomore Megan McMullen, was seriously injured in the crash. She is expected to undergo knee replacement surgery in coming weeks.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board clears service funding

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Several Saint Mary's student groups asked Board of Governance (BOG) for co-sponsorships and community service donations at Wednesday's meeting.

BOG decided to donate \$600 to the fall Appalachia, Va., trip.

This year, 12 students will travel to help Sisters of the Holy Cross with home repairs.

They still need funds to keep individual expenses at a minimum. The women pay for van use, gas and groceries — approximately \$75 each.

"[The trip] is very eye-opening," said junior Cindy Traub. "In some ways you don't understand until you're down there. It's amazing. We come away with so much more than we could ever give them."

"It's a really good project and it is all done by the students," said BOG's women's issues commissioner Emily Koelsch. "It is a completely community based project. If we could give them as much [money] as possible it would benefit every-

one."

"[The trip] goes along with the service projects that are being implemented [at Saint Mary's]," said mission commissioner, Molly Kahn.

The new Brazil program also was given \$600, and BOG agreed to consider donating more if it's needed.

The program gives 10 to 12 students the opportunity to go

"[The trip] goes along with the service projects that are being implemented at [Saint Mary's]."

Molly Kahn
mission commissioner

with the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"It is a great program for all of us to go and put a little bit of America there," said Belmarie Gonzalez-Estevez.

Because this is the first St. Mary's trip to Brazil, the opportunity was only open to selected campus leaders.

BOG also donated \$483 to the Residence Housing Association (RHA) to cover registration costs for seven students and two advisors to attending an RHA conference.

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Smoke

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enforcing this policy of a smoke-free campus would be a positive change.

"Even now that we have our certain smoking floors, the girls on this floor don't go by the rules that they are to close transom windows and the smoke leads into our rooms," freshman Monica Ortiz said.

Even though most student smokers were opposed to the new policy, some agreed.

"Even though I'm a smoker, I understand wanting to make buildings smoke-free simply because it is a health hazard and an irritation to those who are non-smokers," senior Kristin Morris. "I'm not big on smoker's rights because smoking is a bad idea."

GALA

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Catholic Church. There is still no evidence of that."

"[GALA] has not, nor will it, espouse positions that contravene official Church teaching," Blandford said.

Karle expressed interest in discussing this issue further with Malloy and assistant to the president Chandra Johnson, who serves as spokesman for the office of the president on Observer-related issues.

Johnson could not be reached for comment last night.

Malloy also wrote to Blandford, "The current controversy surrounding this issue is not based upon a new policy but rather a longstanding one, despite the fact that advertisements have occasionally appeared without authorization over the course of the past several years."

Observer Editor in Chief Michelle Krupa said the policy was presented to the independent student newspaper in an Aug. 23 letter from Malloy's office. Before that date, there was no documented policy restricting advertising from groups whose missions do not support Church teaching.

O'Higgins: Ireland advances economically

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Ireland has shown the most accelerated evolution in the shortest amount of time during the past two decades compared to the rest of the European nations, said Kathleen O'Higgins, speaker for the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin, Ireland.

O'Higgins lecture, "Irish Social Policy: Safety Net and Mechanism for Change," focused on Ireland's economic advancement in relation to other European countries.

"The increase in population of working age and the increase in women's labor force participation; the investment aid from the European Union and the closer integration with the international economy all worked to stimulate the evolution of this once farm-based economy," she added.

O'Higgins explained that the change in the social realm is due to an increase in skilled jobs and a decrease in unskilled jobs. This has promoted Ireland's eagerness to become a "knowledge-intense industry."

Technology also caused change. Ireland currently provides of 60 percent of the software in Europe. With these changes, poverty has consistently decreased since 1987 from 16.9 percent to 6.4 percent in 1999.

The main factor of the change into an urbanized and Europeanized Ireland is from the "rational, effective social

policy" O'Higgins said. Internal and external changes in social policy "help to shape the character and equity of social relations."

Known mainly as a "Catholic corporate welfare state," the separation of church and state in Ireland is surprising, O'Higgins said. The Roman Catholic Church has little interest in governmental structure, but sometimes an underlying principle is shown.

In 1992, a referendum for restricted abortion was voted against by 65 percent of the population in Ireland and a marginal 50.3 percent was in favor of the legalization of divorce in the referendum of 1995.

The external factors include Ireland's entry to the European Community in 1972 along with the Single European Act of 1987 and the unification of currency in 1992 with the Maastricht Treaty.

For the success of the international integration of Ireland, social partnership is essential, O'Higgins said. The government provides the arena for the partnerships of employers such as the farming and business organizations and these groups collaborated to ensure the success of the economic system.

The other key element for Ireland's success is the use of European money to invest as its aggressive policy of bringing in foreign investment has been heightened by its "economic openness."

O'Higgins said an improvement in education, health care,



TOM LARIMER/The Observer

Kathleen O'Higgins explains that Ireland's economic evolution is dependent on women's labor force, the European Union and an integrated economy.

women's rights and social services has occurred simultaneously with income increases and Ireland's expanding role

in the international market. "A lucky combination of factors got us to where we are," O'Higgins said.

Senate

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sible to this body, and if this body want them here, they are obligated to come here," added off-campus senator Pat Foy.

Debate returned to the nomination, which was approved unanimously, along with the nominations for manager of Irish Gardens, AdWorks, Business Board general manager and sophomore class advisor to the freshman class council.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate approved the addition of Dome Designs to the Business Board. Dome Designs is a student-run company that specializes in designing Web pages for student organizations on campus. The nomination for the managerial position was also approved.

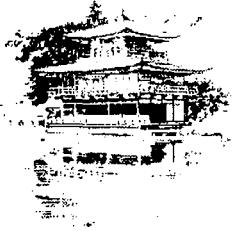
♦ Micah Murphy delivered the annual State of the Student Union address. He highlighted the user-friendly revision of du Lac and the new student government homepage as the two objectives completed so far this term.

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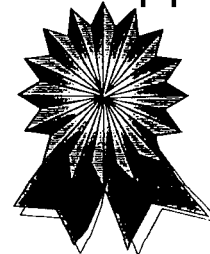
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Albright: Congress should pay arrears to U.N.

NEW YORK
Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday Congress does not understand the harm it is causing the United States by not giving President Clinton all the money he wants to finance U.S. foreign policy. One result of congressional cuts is that the United States is in debt to the United Nations and, Albright said, "they resent us deeply because we are not paying." By U.N. accounting, the bill is about \$1.5 billion. If the United States does not pay \$350 million by January, it could lose its vote. "There is a lack of understanding in Congress about the toll it takes on the American position if we don't have the money," Albright said of the cuts in foreign spending. Albright agreed with congressional critics who say that the United Nations should do more to trim its spending, but she said Secretary-General Kofi Annan had ordered some worthwhile reforms in U.N. operations.

Pope confirms visit to Holy Land

VATICAN CITY
Israeli and Palestinian youths won from Pope John Paul II something that so far has eluded their political leaders — a firm pledge that he plans to visit the Holy Land. "You know that, if God wills, I plan to go to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage tracing the stages of the history of salvation," John Paul said in a written message he gave to a group of three young people Wednesday. "God willing, therefore, we shall have the chance to meet again on your own soil." Until now, John Paul has spoken of such a trip as a hope more than a plan. A stop in the Holy Land — in both Israel and Palestinian-controlled territories — is on a proposed itinerary the pope has sketched for pilgrimages across the Middle East. The trips could begin as early as December with a visit to Ur, the Biblical birthplace of Abraham in what is now Iraq, although no date has been fixed.

Task force: Swedish cops should combat biker gangs

STOCKHOLM, Sweden
A Swedish government research group says police should set up a special task force to fight crimes related to violent biker gangs, news reports said Wednesday. Police should identify gang leaders, study how members are recruited and impose tougher legislation for narcotics violations and the possession of explosives, according to a report by the Swedish Defense Research Establishment. The report called for a ban on wearing vests adorned with gang emblems at public places such as restaurants or bars, and for legislation making it easier to confiscate illegal gains and property from gang members. The recommendations were compiled as part of a study on low-level threats to national security.

TAIWAN

Relief workers flock to island

Associated Press

TAIPEI
Rescue teams streamed into Taiwan today — including a U.S. crew that pulled a man from his collapsed apartment — as three strong aftershocks to the country's devastating earthquake forced terror-stricken residents into the streets.

Rescue efforts were complicated by today's aftershocks, which triggered mudslides, cracked one of Taiwan's largest reservoirs and forced evacuations. The aftershocks, with magnitudes of 6.8, 6.1 and 6.0, were the strongest of more than 2,000 that have rocked the island.

The death toll from Tuesday's quake climbed to 2,003 people, with 4,400 injured, officials said. Some 2,600 people were believed to be trapped in rubble, but rescuers were finding more bodies than survivors as they bored into collapsed houses and high-rise apartment complexes across central Taiwan.

The day's rescue efforts yielded just nine people pulled alive from the wreckage.

Crews from Fairfax Co., Va., and Miami-Dade, Fla., arrived in Taiwan today and rescued a man who had been trapped 48 hours inside a caved-in apartment building in the town of Toului.

"What happened to my building?" 33-year-old survivor Hsu Tse-kai asked repeatedly as the crews spent eight hours digging him out of a four-story chunk of building that had been compressed into about 10 feet of rubble.

The rescue workers then started digging deeper in search of a 1-year-old boy, saying they were encouraged by listening devices that appeared to pick up the sound of a child's toy.

Among the 14 countries



An injured mother consoles her daughter outside their collapsed apartment building Wednesday, in Fengyuan, 170 kilometers southwest of Taipei. The death toll from Tuesday's earthquake has climbed to more than 2,000 people.

AFP photo

that dispatched earthquake specialists were the United States, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Israel and the Philippines.

The Central News Agency placed the number of foreign specialists in the country at about 500, with more scheduled to arrive.

U.S. Geological Survey officials said Tuesday's quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 — about the same strength as the devastating tremor that

killed more than 15,000 people in Turkey last month — although Taiwanese seismologists initially put the magnitude at 7.3.

Many of the foreign experts had assisted in rescue operations in Turkey.

After today's aftershocks, state radio said cracks had been discovered in one of Taiwan's largest reservoirs, the Sun Moon Lake Reservoir, and warned downstream residents to evacuate their homes. It

said water would be released from the reservoir as a precautionary measure.

The radio report also said officials were evacuating two towns in west-central Taiwan where streams of mud slid into a river. Officials feared the blocked water flow would cause flooding.

The aftershocks also were felt in Taipei, shaking buildings and sending many frightened citizens out of their homes and into the streets again.

House crafts minimum wage increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
A bipartisan group of House members is crafting compromise legislation to combine a minimum wage increase with billions of dollars in tax breaks for some businesses and the self-employed, officials said Wednesday.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the emerging compromise is likely to call for a \$1.30 increase over four years in the \$5.15 hourly wage floor. An increase of that size would be less than

the White House and many Democrats want, but more than the GOP leadership says it would like.

The tax breaks likely to be included would make the cost of health care fully deductible for the self-employed; offset part of the cost of hiring certain low-wage earners; and increase the deductibility of meals as business expenses for small businesses and the self-employed.

Also likely to be added is pension-related legislation the House passed earlier, including an increase in allowable contributions to 401(k) and similar plans.

While changes are possible in the minimum wage measure, the wage increase under consideration calls for 35 cents a year for each of the next two years, followed by 30 cents a year for the two following years.

Several officials familiar with the compromise effort said they expected legislation to be unveiled later in the week, although prospects for passage are unclear in the current complicated political atmosphere.

Many Republicans traditionally have opposed increases in the minimum wage, but the leadership is

under pressure from the Democratic minority as well as a pivotal group of GOP lawmakers from swing districts who court union support.

On the other hand, while many Democrats favor a \$1 minimum wage increase over two years, conservative members of the Senate and file want measures to assist businesses likely to feel the effects of an increase.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters earlier in the week that a vote would be allowed if moderate Republicans ask for it.

Market Watch: 9/22

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U.N. peacekeeping troops draw fire

Associated Press

DILI
Australian peacekeeping troops came under sniper fire in Dili on Thursday, as hostile automatic gunfire crackled across the city for the first time since the force arrived in East Timor's devastated capital.

Gunmen fired from nearby trees at a house commandeered by the Australians, the Associated Press reported. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Earlier, shots were fired near the stadium where refugees were seeking protection from pro-Indonesia militias. Dozens of people scurried for cover.

Witnesses told The Associated Press the shots came from Indonesian army troops firing into the air in two passing trucks. But Lt. Col. Peter Welch, an Australian battalion commander, said the shooting apparently was an attempt by pro-Jakarta militia gunmen to be seen and heard.

More shooting was heard near Dili's harbor, a vital link for the peacekeepers to unload men and supplies to sustain the 7,500-man force due to take position in East Timor.

The army, which was accused of participating in the orgy of killing and looting after East Timor voted overwhelmingly to separate from Indonesia, is evacuating the half-island and handing over control to the Australia-led peace force.

There were reports of clashes between pro- and anti-independence militias in the countryside.

Violence in areas under multinational control raises fears the peacekeepers themselves could come under attack as they deploy into more areas outside Dili.

Many

Indonesians accuse the foreign media of stirring up problems in East Timor and conspiring with the United Nations to rig the outcome of the Aug. 30 vote.

The commander of the force, Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, linked the death of Sander Thoenes, a 30-year-old reporter for Britain's Financial Times and for the Christian Science Monitor, to resistance by the pro-Jakarta militias to the deployment of his force.

"It would appear that the militia have attempted to step up some activities as a show that all is not yet secure. Well, I would agree with that," Cosgrove said.

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Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove
U.N. force commander

Reporter killed outside capital

Associated Press

DILI

As international peacekeepers worked to restore order to East Timor, a Dutch journalist was killed and two other Western reporters escaped an armed attack without injury.

The attackers in both incidents remained unidentified Wednesday, although they appeared to be linked to pro-Indonesian militias that began rampaging across the territory after East Timorese voted overwhelmingly for independence in an Aug. 30 referendum.

Sander Thoenes, 30, a correspondent for the London-based Financial Times, had been in Dili less than two hours Tuesday when he hired motorcycle driver Florindo Araujo for a tour of the area.

Araujo said he took Thoenes to the suburb of Becora, where

they approached a roadblock staffed by at least six armed men wearing the gray uniforms of the Indonesian police.

The two turned around, but some of the armed men gave chase, firing warning shots and eventually shooting out the motorcycle's rear wheel. Araujo, who fled, last saw Thoenes lying in the street.

Thoenes' mutilated body was found later. His death was

believed to be the first killing of a foreigner since the intervention began Monday.

Militiamen have vowed to kill Westerners, whom they accuse of helping East Timor break free of Indonesian occupation.

The International Federation of Journalists expressed outrage Wednesday over Thoenes' death, calling it a blatant attempt to stop journalists from reporting from East Timor.



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Funk: Meet God through prayer

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Prayer is the language of experiencing God, according to Sister Mary Margaret Funk.

Funk's lecture "Contemplative Meditation" dealt primarily with the practice of various forms of prayer to become closer to God.

Funk emphasized that human existence is largely defined by learning methods of prayer.

"We're here to know when to practice," Funk said. "If it's a higher form of prayer to give up the practice, do it."

Funk drew on several different methods of prayer to illustrate examples of how prayer should be used in daily life.

One particular method was

used by St. Theresa of the Little Flower, who called it her "Little Way."

"[For Saint Theresa] practice was the daily life," Funk said.

Similarities between the meditation practices of Buddhism and Christianity were also discussed, showing how prayer can be used in different cultures.

"From the eastern religions, the training of the mind is meditation," Funk said.

Funk is the Executive Director of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, with which she has traveled to India, Tibet, and Nepal to experience eastern spirituality firsthand. While traveling, she was able to learn more about Buddhism and Hinduism.

"One thing I've learned: Never

speak for other religions," she said. "It's awful hard for other religions to interpret yours correctly."

She was formerly the Prioress of the sisters of Saint Benedict of Beech Grove, Ind. She resides there at their Sacred Heart Monastery.

Funk is also the author of a commentary on the Institutes of John Cassian, titled "Thoughts Matter."

Funk will facilitate a retreat at Mary's Solitude for those interested in discussing the topic in greater depth.

"Contemplative Meditation" was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality, Mary's Solitude, the Thomas Merton Society of Michiana and Little Flower Catholic Church.

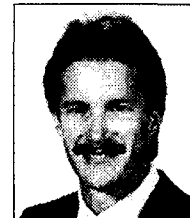
Professor testifies to Senate group

♦ Gundlach talks about 'slotting fees' with Small Business Committee

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Gregory Gundlach, associate professor of marketing, testified before the Committee on Small Business

on Capitol Hill last Tuesday about the practice slotting fees has on customers.



Gundlach

"[I worked] with a committee of senators to develop the protocol of the hearing, but the testimony was primarily my own," said Gundlach.

He discussed the controversial practice of slotting fees, in which retailers and wholesalers requiring a payment from their manufacturers before agreeing to allocate shelf or warehouse space to their products.

Testifying with Gundlach was a panel of eight other professionals, including anti-trust lawyers, trade association representatives and editors of various trade publications. Gundlach was the only academic representative on the panel.

Gundlach credits this opportunity to his long-term involvement in research and Notre Dame's program. "Here at Notre Dame we are in a position to look at the legal and social implications of business practices objectively," he said. "While most universities just focus on the businesses themselves we research a much broader realm ... because our university mission is to be society oriented and ethically virtuous," he said.

The practice of "slotting fees," although most common in the grocery industry, continues to expand into other business. The payments are usually negotiated and decided in secrecy, and

the terms are never disclosed to the public.

Although proponents claim these fees lead to lower prices by aiding with distribution and signal product quality by showing manufacturer's support, Gundlach still stated a warning.

"Slotting fees, though yielding some distribution efficiencies, do raise serious concerns for small business and consumers," he said.

According to Gundlach the hearing is just the beginning to the research of slotting fees.

"[Slotting fees] account for as much as \$9 billion in annual promotion expenditures, so it is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed. This hearing [represented] an important step ... but to fully understand the implications of slotting fees ... more research is needed," he said.

Gundlach sees Notre Dame playing a large part in that research.

"This was not a one-shot deal," he said. "Notre Dame has long-term involvement in this research and my sense is that this will be a continuing process. If, as a university, we are going to be involved at the level we want, we need to take a stance on what's legal and ethical in various business practices."

Gundlach works to convey that message to students in his strategic marketing management class intended to be a senior's last course to complete his or her major. The course consists of 10 weeks of business simulations that force students to apply the skills they have learned in earlier classes with real-life scenarios.

"We've talked briefly in class about my experience [in Senate]. This is exemplary of how the process should work," he said.

The experience shows his students the value of uncertainty.

"It really shows the students that there are issues out there of which we still don't know the effects," he said. "The world isn't carved in stone. As future business people they need to understand that the decisions they make could have these kind of implications."

Business ethics conference begins

Special to The Observer

The College of Business Administration, cited by Business Week magazine as having the foremost ethics curriculum in higher education, will host a major conference on ethics today and Friday in McKenna Hall.

Titled "Measuring and Managing Ethical Risk: How Investing in Ethics Adds Value," the conference was organized by the college, its Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and McAndrews Trust

and will feature corporate executives as well scholars in economics, finance, philosophy and law.

"Increasingly, successful companies must actively manage the many risks they face," said

Thomas Cosimano, professor of finance and a conference organizer. "But one that corporations still overlook is

ethical risk. This risk is the danger that ethical conflicts will arise that damage the company."

Conference participants will discuss the sources of ethical conflicts and analyze case studies, emphasizing the costs of these conflicts in terms of morale, productivity and damage to a firm's brand name. They also will explore alternate means of resolving ethical conflicts, including formal contracts and codes of conduct, as well as informal methods such as trust. The six discussions will be open to the public.

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Congress renews School of the Americas despite protest

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Congressional negotiators agreed Wednesday to provide

full funding next year for the School of the Americas, rejecting last summer's House vote to slash the budget of the controversial Army school in Georgia.

Rep. Jack Kingston said the House conferees on the fiscal 2000 foreign operations spending bill voted to accept the Senate's position that provided

\$2 million in the State Department budget to pay the expenses of Latin American soldiers who attend the school at Fort Benning.

While the action will not become final until the conference on the entire bill is concluded, Kingston said the section covering funding for the school has been closed and cannot be reopened.

"The School of the Americas is in there," he said. "It's survived another year."

The House voted 230-197 last summer to eliminate the \$2 million in training funds after opponents of the school argued that many of its graduates had been linked to human rights atrocities in Latin America. The school had survived four previous House votes since 1993.

The school has been the target of a decade-long campaign by religious activists upset that graduates of the school were linked to the 1989 murders of six Jesuit priests and two women in El Salvador.

Father Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest who has spearheaded the campaign against the school, said the conference committee action

Wednesday won't slow the campaign.

"We are not going away," he said. "We're going to keep coming back to Washington and to the main gate of Fort Benning in greater and greater numbers every year until that school is shut down."

The House conferees voted 8-7 to recede to the Senate position.

Kingston said the House agreed to go along with continued funding for the school because members of the foreign

operations spending panel did not want to lose jurisdiction over the school, which also receives funding from the Defense Department budget.

Kingston said House conferees felt that the Pentagon would find a

way to continue operating the school, even if the \$2 million in training funds were eliminated.

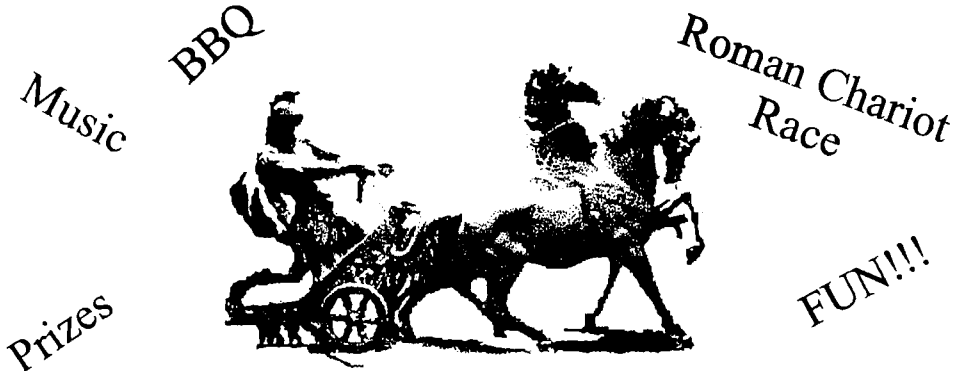
The \$2 million represents about half the school's annual budget. The rest comes out of the Pentagon budget, which also pays the salaries of the military officers who serve as instructors. Congressional opponents of the school estimate it costs the taxpayers \$20 million a year.

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Father Roy Bourgeois
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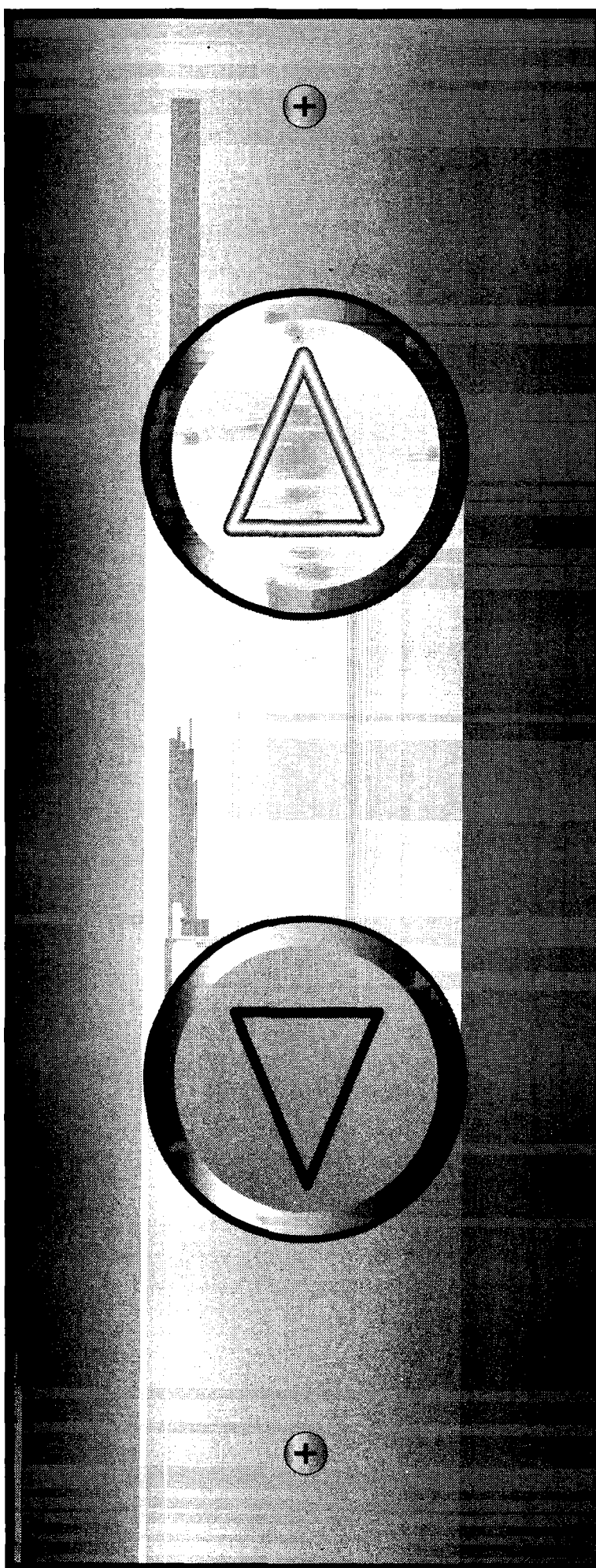
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Dole: locker searches, drug testing needed in schools

Associated Press

MELROSE, Mass.
Reminiscing about her student

teaching days while addressing
harsh concerns of today,
Elizabeth Dole said Wednesday
that order must be restored to
classrooms — even if it means

parent-approved locker and
backpack searches and drug-
testing of students.
“For drugs and weapons, I
say: there will be no place to

hide,” Dole said.

The Republican presidential
candidate detailed her educa-
tion platform at Melrose High
School outside Boston where
she was a student teacher in
the 1959-60 academic year.

She said
parents
should be
able to
choose from
a “rich
smorgas-
bord of
educational
choices” in
deciding
where to
send their children to school



Dole

Dole proposed a new tax
credit to encourage private
support for public and private
schools and also recycled pro-
posals from the Republican
Congress for “education sav-
ings accounts” and for freeing
up federal education funds
from federal mandates.

“Take a look at this
unwieldy stack of paper,” Dole
said, pointing to a more than
600-page copy of the “Clinton-
Gore” Elementary and
Secondary Education reautho-
rization bill.

“This would be a joke if our
system were working, but it’s
no joke,” Dole told about 150
students, school officials and
senior citizens in the school
library.

Later in her speech, she
underscored her point, saying:
“The federal government has
become a truly intrusive regu-
latory presence sapping state
authority, local control and
parental responsibility. Every
hour spent on complying with
regulations is time not spent
helping teachers and stu-
dents.”

Dole said that if she is elect-
ed president, she would let

states and local school districts
choose how most federal
money is spent, as long as stu-
dents’ performance is mea-
sured and attained.

Unlike her rival for the GOP
nomination, Texas Gov. George
W. Bush, Dole did not spell out
exactly how she would lever-
age federal dollars against fail-
ing schools. Bush, earlier this
month, detailed a formula for
measuring student perfor-
mance, rewarding good
schools, and stripping bad
schools of federal support.

Dole also wants to reinforce
parents’ control of their chil-
dren’s education and suggested
that school-by-school results
be posted on the Internet.

“We should allow competi-
tion to foster a rich smorgas-
bord of educational choices,”
Dole said. “Whether it’s oppor-
tunity scholarships for students
in failing schools, or charter
schools or home-schooling, we
should empower parents to
make choices as long as their
choices get results.”

Dole said schools must be
made safe for students and
kept drug-free. To attain that,
she called for parent-approved
locker and backpack searches
and drug testing.

“The lives and bright futures
of all students depend on our
watchful care, at home and at
school,” she said.

Students warmly welcomed
Dole to their school, where she
was an 11th grade history stu-
dent teacher while earning a
master’s degree at Harvard
University. They gave her a key
to the city, a “We are Melrose”
button and a football jersey
saying “President Dole.”

“I was always looking for-
ward to seeing the first female
president,” said Liz Perkins, a
15-year-old sophomore who
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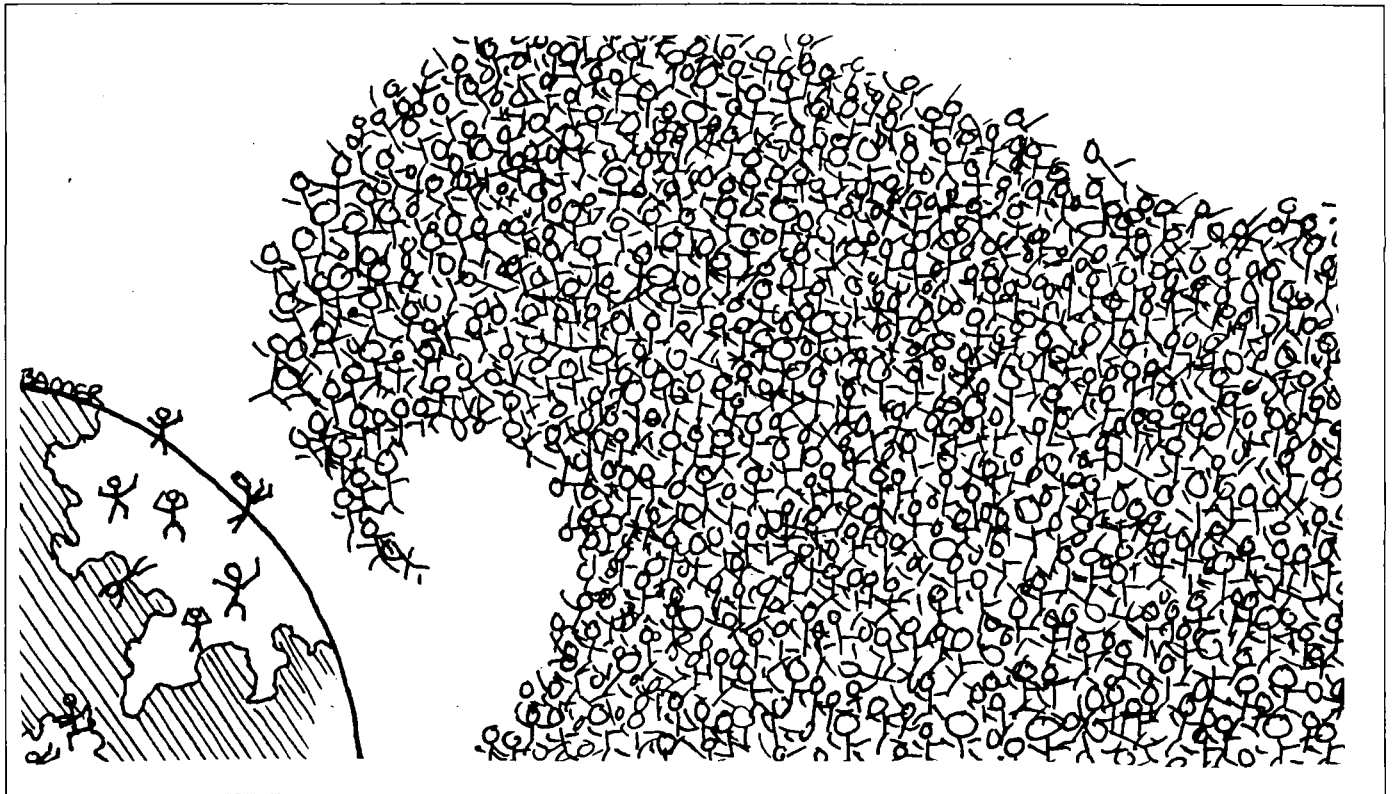
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We should not fear population growth

Renowned economist Jeffrey Sachs recently suggested something very simple in "The Economist": People from developing countries, especially sub-Saharan Africa, should have ready access to cures for malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. Sachs suggested that if people are sick and die in their prime, nations cannot become prosperous. If children are malnourished, they cannot become responsible and productive global citizens. It is an idea that makes sense: People should be plentiful and strong because we are an essential ingredient to the production of nearly everything.

On the other hand, people are consumers. Malthusians instill in us the horrible fear of running out of things because we cannot make them as fast as we breed. If there are too many of us, then teachers, doctors, transportation and energy will be insufficient.

Our current technologies will fall short of our needs. And every improvement in health and agriculture makes things worse because healthier and better nourished people become more numerous.

This fear has been proven unfounded, decade after decade. Each time that we appeared to be close to running out of something, we came up with something else. This is just what Julian Simon told us: Simply put, necessity is the mother of invention (See his book, "The Ultimate Resource.") Technology, instead of being something mysterious and out of our control, is the result of forces within society. Supply and demand: If more people demand a certain technology, there are incentives for scientists and the people who fund

them to supply it.

Think of a baby boom as a large increase in demand. If so, it makes sense that somebody, somewhere, stands to make a buck by supplying new ways of making food, new ways of curing diseases, more cost-effective ways of building roads and producing energy.

Of course, improvements in technology are not instantaneous, but they take time, money and effort. More importantly, they take human resources: Scientists, assistants, research subjects. They take a whole intellectual community. In general, adding another scientist to a department does not make it less productive, but more. Therefore, more populous countries not only have a larger need of new technologies but they also have a larger ability to supply the solutions.

In summary: Having a higher population density on the one hand makes countries poorer by putting more strain on their resources. On the other hand, having more people makes countries richer by increasing the demand for technology and the ability to supply it (and everything else).

Telling the direction of causality is trickier than it looks. For example, note that Congo, with a sixth of Nigeria's population density, has a third of its income per person. The reason is not the number of people, but political and economic instability. The United States has about the same population density as Tanzania, but about 250 times as much income per capita. The reasons are probably historical and institutional. Ideology aside, population does not appear to be well correlated with wealth.

OK then, but why are Nigerians so poor? Why don't they come up with better ways of producing food and

other necessities?

The answer: Because too many Nigerian scientists work in first-world laboratories. Asians, Latin Americans and Africans study and stay in the United States and in Europe because back home people are too poor to pay for their talents. Indian and Chinese geniuses produce the medicines for developed-world diseases because they feel they would not earn the fruits of their efforts if they worked on developing-world diseases.

And here is where Sachs' proposals come in. First-world development policy and financial aid should be directed at creating a market for the technologies that the Third World needs.

We need pharmaceuticals to produce cures for malaria; biotechnology firms to produce better tropical crops; Silicon Valley to produce poor people-friendly information technology. Sachs suggests that rich-country governments can offer to pay the R&D costs, while the goods are sold at production cost. It will happen only if it makes financial sense to do so because a loss-making firm is one that goes broke.

In short: Don't be afraid of people. Don't fear population growth. Somewhere in the world, there is enough for everybody. Just make sure it is well distributed.

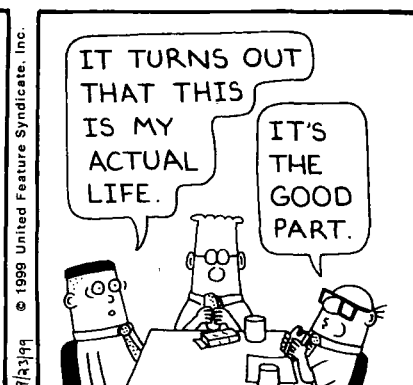
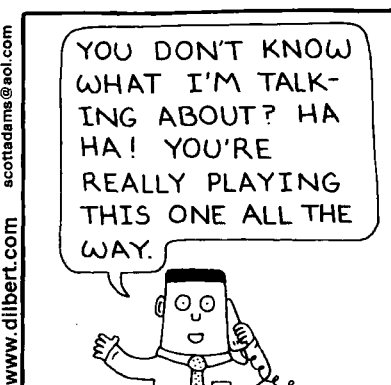
Gabriel Xavier Martínez is a graduate student in his fourth year in the economics department. He is from Ecuador, and, yes, they have regular cities and all. He is one of those who believe in the inherent and unalienable dignity of the human person because he believes in God.

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**Gabriel
Martínez**

*Like Arrows
in the Hands
of a Warrior*

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The great secret of morals is love; the great instrument of the moral good is the imagination; and poetry administers to the effect by acting upon the cause."

**Percy Bysshe Shelly
British Poet**

College has taught us arts of bragging and exaggeration

What is your best quality?
What would you say are your worst character traits?
What's the biggest challenge you have ever faced, and how did you handle it?
How many times in the past four years have you answered at least one of those questions?

Until my senior year in high school, I never had to tell anyone what my best quality was. Or my worst.

**Nakasha
Ahmad**

*So, What's
My Point?*

Not, that is, until I started applying to college. Then there were a whole slew of questions asking me about my entire life history. But I finally got myself in. I relaxed. No more bragging about what a stellar chick I was, no more explaining away that criminal record I had acquired. Naturally, being the naive and innocent freshman that I was, I thought that the ordeal was over. Never again would I have to expostulate on my commitment to The World. Well, at least until I was ready to join the rat race.

Poor, naive, ignorant moi.

I have, over the past four years, pontificated on my best and worst qualities a total of 482 times. The qualities were different each time I expostulated on them. (You would think that after the first dozen times, I would have just sat down and memorized my best and worst qualities. You would think. But I'm just not gifted in the area of foresight.)

Unfortunately, if you want to join any club, do anything on student government or hold any campus job, you will be roped into talking about the stellar person that you are. It doesn't matter WHAT you want to do on campus, those are the three questions they will ask you.

You: Look, I just want to get into the DH to get some breakfast.

Them: Why do you think you are unique for this position? What gifts can you bring to it?

You: I'm human, and I sort of need to eat.

Them: What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced, and how did you handle it?

You: The biggest challenge I've ever faced is answering this inane question, and the way I'm going to handle it is by perishing away on the sidewalk from lack of food.

It does not matter what you need: scholarships, jobs, toilet paper — they will ask you what challenges you have faced in the past and how you dealt with them. They want your life history and 77 references before they even want to think about you, let alone hire you.

But the thing they REALLY want to know is this: What are your worst qualities?

Oh, come now. How many of you have really, honestly told even your mother what your worst qualities are? (And she's the person who already knows all of them anyway!) How many of you even admit what your worst qualities are to yourself?

And they expect us to tell total strangers who we want to hire us to tell them our worst qualities? Are they trying to get us to lie, or do they think we'll actually tell them about our criminal record?

It defies reality. What usually ends up happening is that we say something like, "Uh, my worst quality is my dedication and concern for the human race, which sometimes keeps me from excelling in my academic work." Yeah, we're really going to bare all to a potential employer or scholarship-committee. We'll twist around some GREAT quality and make it seem oh-so-bad. I mean, come on: Is Joe Schmoe or Jane Schmane going to tell someone that they're secret nose-pickers who commune with Eleanor Roosevelt? No. They are going to say that sometimes they take on too many tasks. Or that they are perfectionists. They will never, EVER tell the truth. Ever.

So, pretty much, we have become experts at the art of bragging. Or rather, the art of exaggerating. We list all of our accomplishments for the past 20 years with ease and aplomb. But give me a break: We've only been on earth for less than a quarter-century, and half of that time we weren't even sentient beings capable of forming together sentences. That gives the best of us 10 years to work with (and as for the rest of us ... well, I JUST accomplished something last week.)

These interview questions are pointless because they get at nothing. They ask us to brag about ourselves and almost force us to lie about our other qualities. It would be much better to use recommendation forms or trial periods than trying to ask people to praise themselves. The only things these questions do is turn out people who consistently over-inflate their qualities and understate their weaknesses. And when you say something enough, you start believing what you're saying.

Hi, my name is Nakasha Ahmad.

My best quality is my ability to b.s.

My worst quality is my complete inability to perform the task you're interviewing me for.

And the biggest challenge I've ever faced has been writing this column.

Nakasha Ahmad is a senior at Saint Mary's College. Her column runs every other Thursday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ND students act like spoiled, arrogant adolescents

To the current student body:

When people are under great emotional pressure, their true self emerges. I sat in section 35, row 16 on Saturday, and I did not like what I saw. Especially in the stands. Especially in sections 35, 34, 33 etc. Although I was not surprised.

Seated so close, it was hard to misinterpret the salute you gave during the 1812 Overture — and I'm pretty sure it was not directed toward the composer. And your ability to absorb a defeat and leave before the alma mater (about 85 percent of you) did not surprise me either. Such behavior is expected from a basically pampered, spoiled, self-indulgent cluster of arrogant adolescents.

As an Notre Dame graduate, a parent of some recent grads and a Chicagoan who is thankful to be able to live close enough to attend four to six games a year, I can tell you with no uncertainty, that you who left early and/or saluted the coach do not deserve the

\$100,000-plus "education" you are costing someone. You are most typical of many in today's America, who think first about yourselves and usually never about who you may disappoint or embarrass.

When your alma mater and the kids that bust their rear ends end up on the short end of a battle, your reaction is to (1) feel cheated, and (2) abandon the fight. Do your parents a favor and transfer to the local state school and leave a spot for someone who can appreciate how wonderful Notre Dame is — with or without a BCS berth.

To those who conducted themselves as loyal sons and daughters of Notre Dame: Hang in there. It will get better. Even if it doesn't, you'll never be sorry about acting with class, dignity and devotion. The rest of you should just leave — for good.

Thomas O. Misch
Northbrook, IL
September 20, 1999

We need to amend societal ills in order to end abortion

This letter is in response to Katherine Hoppe's letter printed on Sept. 15th.

Specifically, I am addressing Ms. Hoppe's statements to the effect that any life is better than to be denied life via abortion. While she obliquely addresses the issue of quality of life, Ms. Hoppe's statement concerning life is so simplistic as to cruelly disregard the adversity that hundreds of thousands of children face in our country today.

Could Ms. Hoppe actually say to a child who has faced physical or mental abuse, poverty and suffering that they should be grateful for the opportunity to face such conditions? Sadly, most anti-choice activists put the cart before the horse in addressing abortion without first tackling the more pervasive social ills of our society. Sadly, every child is not a wanted child. To end abortion, we must alter social institutions to change this reality.

My personal experience is admittedly anecdotal, but I hope that it makes some of the students on this campus aware of the complexities which face children caught between the rock of abortion and the hard place of begrudged life. As an adoptee — someone who was not aborted — I feel uniquely qualified to address some of the shortcomings of the adoption and social service systems, the very institutions that non-aborted children are likely to encounter. The vast majority of states have closed adoption laws. This means that the adoptee will not have access to identifying information about their genetic families. What the unadopted take for granted — knowing how many siblings you have, which side of the family you take after, if your family has a history of illness you should be aware of are unknown to the adoptee.

The result is a limbo. You are not wholly of the family who raises you, but you are unaware of the family from which you came. This reality is reiterated throughout life by benign factors such as elementary school family tree projects and genetic trait typing discussion in high school biology classes and

more cruelly in the stamp of "illegitimate" that most states put on the birth certificates of the children who are born of unwed mothers — even if you are adopted by a married couple.

Fortunately, most children are adopted by loving people, but this itself is often a matter of luck. Prospective parents self-report on their behavior, reasons for wanting a child and family history. They provide their own references, and the sad fact is that the over-worked state social services departments do not have the time to provide extensive background checks for all but the most blatant problems. Often, prospective parents are visited only once or twice before the placement of a child, and once or twice after, unless a social worker discovers serious problems.

In my case however, both a private adoption agency and state social workers failed to discover that my adoptive family had a history of mental illness, alcohol abuse, physical abuse, verbal abuse and medical illness. The result was a childhood of routine beatings, verbal abuse and hunger that was mitigated only when my parents abandoned me for hours or days at a time. Ironically, I came to treasure such moments because it meant I wouldn't be hit. I worked illegally from age 12 to earn money for food and school clothes. Every day of my life was a living hell until I finally left home at 17 and put myself through college. Seven years after leaving, I am still trying to heal my wounds.

This letter is not in support of abortion, but a plea for people to work as vigorously to amend societal ills with as much vigor as they protest abortion. Ms. Hoppe is correct in urging people to become mentors and counselors for children, but so much more is needed. To end abortion without ensuring that children have safe environments in which to grow is a hollow victory for the children who will grow up in situations such as the one I faced.

I apologize for not signing this letter, but with anonymity, I can give myself a kind of protection which was never extended to me as a child.

Anonymous
September 22, 1999



MOVIE REVIEW

'Streak' overcomes hijinks to make laughs

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

"Blue Streak" does not promise much more than an entertaining movie experience, and if originality is not criteria for a good movie, "Blue Streak" will be a fun hour and 45 minutes of Martin Lawrence's brand of slapstick.

The movie begins in the middle of a diamond heist where Miles Logan, played by Lawrence ("Life," "Nothing to Lose"), and three of his partners in crime try to steal a \$17 million jewel. Things go tragically wrong, though, when the cops arrive and one of Logan's friends dies.

Pursued by a treacherous partner, Deacon (Peter Greene, "Pulp Fiction"), as well as the police into a building under construction, Logan hides the jewel in a third floor ventilation shaft in hopes of retrieving it after he is released from prison. Imagine his surprise when he arrives at the building two years later and finds it is now a precinct house for L.A.'s finest.

After attempting to enter the third floor disguised as a pizza man — in one of the movies dumber scenes — Logan realizes that the only way in is to disguise himself as a detective. After having a friend forge an i.d., badge and personnel file, Logan arrives hoping to slip in, get the diamond and get out.

As things work out, however, a new detective is just what the department needs and he is immediately assigned a partner and sent out onto the streets to fight crime. Utilizing his insider knowledge of burglary, Logan plays the hotshot his personnel file claims he is to perfection, earning himself the spot of lead detective, robbery division. Meanwhile he continues to search for the diamond in the ventilation system of the building.

One of the main faults of the movie is

its utter unoriginality. While watching "Blue Streak," the viewer experiences this strange sense of déjà vu as Logan find himself compulsively lying to the chief, his partner and all the other cops in order to continue to play the role of the detective.

It has "Beverly Hills Cops" written all over it frankly, and gives a real sense of Lawrence's admiration/imitation of Eddie Murphy. It's also just another remake of the mismatched buddy cop films that everyone knows so well: "The Corruptor," "Rush Hour," "Beverly Hills Cops," "Lethal Weapon," etc.

Logan's partner Carlson is played in lackluster fashion by Luke Wilson ("Home Fries," "Rushmore"),

and is the classic naive, bumbling rookie cop that Judge Reinhold perfected more than 15 years ago. It's not Wilson's fault he cannot match up. He and the movie should have never invited the comparison in the first place.

Besides slavish imitation of the highest-grossing R-rated film ever, "Blue Streak" also has problems with pacing. After the breakneck — literally — pace of the opening scene, the film struggles through the next half hour. It is slow, it is painful and ultimately it should have been cut from the movie or drastically rewritten. Example: Extended two minute shots of Martin Lawrence dancing on a street corner in a blue velvet jumpsuit with fake buck teeth.

But the film is entertaining over all, in large part from the comic chemistry between Logan and his hapless friend Tulley, played by David Chappelle ("You've Got Mail," "Half Baked"). Tulley was one of the partners from the opening diamond heist who managed to escape. When Logan runs across Tulley in the middle of a convenience store robbery, he's forced to arrest him to keep his

"Blue Streak"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Les Mayfield

Starring: Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, William Forsythe and Peter Greene



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Martin Lawrence plays Miles Logan in "Blue Streak," which took the top box office spot last weekend.

cover as a detective from being blown.

As the movie continues though, Tulley never quite seems to get it and repeatedly puts his friend in danger of being found out. His goofy antics and "Dumb and Dumber" style characterization help contribute to a lot of the best moments in

the film.

Original it's not, but to get through the first half hour of "Blue Streak" will open up laughs and special effects good enough to please. As Miles Logan would say, "Believe dat."

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

An ode to Meg Ryan: She's so lovely

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Doesn't everyone love Meg Ryan? She is America's sweetheart; a luminous angel who floats on air. She is so cute that even women stare at her. In "French Kiss," we are blessed with her acting in the role the dear Lord envisioned for her — the world's most adorable female.

"French Kiss"

Director: Lawrence Kasdan

Starring: Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline, Timothy Hutton and Jean Reno

just a hint of sophistication." She hates all dairy products and believes the French are rude.

Kate also believes she is living the perfect love story with her dull fiancé Charlie (Timothy Hutton). But in the opening scene, Charlie leaves Kate to travel to a medical convention in Paris; two nights later he calls her and abruptly ends their relationship because he has fallen in love with a chic French "goddess." In disbelief that her perfect life is over, Kate decides to travel to Paris in an effort to somehow win her love back. On the flight she meets her antithesis, the ardent Frenchman

Luc Tessier (Kevin Kline).

Luc is in the process of smuggling a diamond necklace so that he can sell it and buy a vineyard in the French countryside. But to get the necklace across the border, he must hide it in Kate's bag while she is asleep on the plane. At customs there is some confusion, and Luc and Kate are separated. Luc is then forced to travel across half of France searching for Kate who is unaware that she has the necklace.

The story is quite similar to any other romantic comedy, but for some reason the film just clicks. Maybe it is the mystique of Paris, or the great rapport between Ryan and Kline, but whatever it is, it's uncommon in most of today's romantic comedies.

Between the magnificently beautiful streets of Paris and the picturesque French countryside, there couldn't be a better setting for a love story.

Kline plays a convincing Frenchman (Luc) throughout the film. Luc is sort of an oddball/buffoon, but his passion for wine and love make him a winner. As stated earlier, the role of the vulnerable Kate is oh-so-perfect for Ryan to show off all the nuances that made America fall in love with her.

It is hard to believe someone could possibly consider dumping her, even in a movie. But luckily, there is Luc, and he has his head on straight. He adores Kate, and throughout the film viewers are treated to him pointing out all of the subtleties that make Ryan so wonderful — "your walk, it is like a little girl, yet it is also like a woman." This is where the romance comes in.



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Meg Ryan plays Kate to perfection in "French Kiss."

In the end, there are many things to like about Ryan and about "French Kiss." It is interesting, humorous and enjoyable to all varieties of people. It makes a great movie to share with a special someone on a weekend, or on any other night to get away from the monotony of homework and alcohol.

MOVIE REVIEW

Third baseball try isn't charm for Costner

By MIKE McMORROW
Scene Movie Critic

In recent years, there has been nothing more believable at the movies than Kevin Costner in a baseball uniform.

At the tail end of the '80s, with "Bull Durham" in 1988, and "Field of Dreams" in 1989, Costner starred in two great baseball movies and won the hearts of those who love America's favorite pastime. What would be more natural than to make another movie about baseball now, when America's love for baseball has been renewed on the heels of the 1998 season, one of the best and most storied seasons in the history of the game?

In the case of "For Love of the Game," though, baseball is merely the backdrop for a love story, which is disappointing only because the love story is so tired and so cliché.

In "For Love of the Game," Costner is Billy Chapel, a 40-year old pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, who is facing the end of a Hall of Fame career. His latest season has been a disappointment and the first order of business for the new owners of the Tigers' is to trade him before the start of his next season.

On top of that, his estranged love, Jane Aubrey, played by Kelly Preston, has just broken the news that she is moving to London to pursue her career as a magazine editor. Amid all this adversity, Chapel takes to the mound against the Yankees in New York, who are trying to clinch their division title. In this final game of the season, and perhaps his career, Chapel throws a perfect game.

Although this game is the framework of the film, the main substance is Chapel's flashbacks to defining moments in his life, focusing mainly on his relationship with Jane.

"For Love of the Game" asks the audience to believe that these characters fall in love on such thin evidence, especially since the script relies so heavily on music and montage sequences to manufacture moments, instead of working to express what it is trying to say. In all honesty, though, listening to music is more appealing

than listening to the contrived dialogue of the rest of the film.

For example, "We don't suck today. Today we'll be awesome for you," said Chapel's catcher before the climactic ninth inning. Didn't this guy ever hear that a talking to a pitcher during a perfect game is a no-no?

The film is a departure for director Sam Raimi, whose previous work ("The Evil Dead," "A Simple Plan") was mainly in the horror or dark drama genre. "A Simple Plan," (Billy Bob Thornton and Bill Paxton) which is a masterfully suspenseful thriller, was the closest thing Raimi had to a mainstream film before "For Love of the Game." Therefore, he was an unlikely choice to direct this film, especially since "A Simple Plan" had not been released when he was chosen to direct.

Raimi fought hard to direct this movie because he personally is an avid baseball fan. It is unfortunate that he did not realize that a perfect game, which is the ultimate test for pitcher's skill and endurance, not to mention one of the most difficult feats in all of sports, is dramatic enough without the pitcher injuring himself during the last few innings.

Raimi manages to put his creative stamp on this movie mainly during the baseball scenes, in which he uses some unconventional and effective techniques to convey the loneliness of Billy's spot on the mound. This is where Billy has spent most of his life, and this is where he comes to terms with his past and decides about his future.

The role of Billy Chapel is perfect for Kevin Costner, because Billy's career in baseball echoes Costner's career in acting. At one time, they were both the premier player in their respective games, but recently, through bad decisions for Costner — "Waterworld" and "The Postman" — and age for Chapel, something had been lost.

With this final showdown, they are trying to gain it back. Chapel excels under pressure and Costner is back in his baseball mode. Unfortunately, even though Chapel throws a perfect game, Costner and "For Love of the Game" are mediocre at best.

"For Love of the Game"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Sam Raimi

Starring: Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston and Jena Malone



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Kevin Costner and Kelly Preston play the romantic leads in "For Love of the Game," the No. 2 film at last weekend's box office.

BOX OFFICE



"Blue Streak" took the top spot at the box office with \$19.2 million, beating out other new film "For Love of the Game." Last week's No. 1 film "Stigmata" fell to No. 4, reaching \$33 million after two weeks.

Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Top Ten

Weekend of Sept. 17-19

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Blue Streak	\$ 19.2 million	\$ 19.2 million
2. For Love of the Game	\$ 13.0 million	\$ 13.0 million
3. The Sixth Sense	\$ 11.2 million	\$ 213.3 million
4. Stigmata	\$ 9.2 million	\$ 33.0 million
5. Stir of Echoes	\$ 3.9 million	\$ 11.9 million
6. Runaway Bride	\$ 2.6 million	\$ 144.2 million
7. The Thomas Crown Affair	\$ 2.0 million	\$ 64.3 million
8. Bowfinger	\$ 1.7 million	\$ 63.0 million
9. The 13th Warrior	\$ 1.7 million	\$ 29.5 million
10. Mickey Blue Eyes	\$ 1.1 million	\$ 32.1 million

Source: Associated Press

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Surgery sidelines Ripken for season

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cal Ripken will undergo back surgery Thursday and miss the rest of the season, leaving him nine hits shy of 3,000 for his career.

"He is in a lot of discomfort and felt that it was time to get it done," Baltimore Orioles general manager Frank Wren said Wednesday night.

Ripken traveled to Cleveland on Wednesday to visit specialist Dr. Henry Bohlman after experiencing back spasms overnight.

He will have surgery there to relieve pressure on a nerve that has been causing him discomfort.

Ripken played in 2,632 straight games before voluntarily ending the streak last September.

This season, however, he twice was placed on the disabled list because of back pain, the first two trips to the DL over a sensational career that began in 1981.

The 39-year-old Ripken went on the disabled list on April 20 because of a bad back, missing three weeks, and returned to DL shortly after experiencing back pain Aug. 1.

"To have it reoccur was disappointing and frustrating. I was down for a long time," he said recently.

Ripken returned on Sept. 1

and hit his 400th career homer the following day. He has since been on a binge at the plate, upping his batting average to a career-high .340.

He appeared on his way to joining Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs as the newest members of the 3,000-hit club. It would have been the first time three players reached the milestone in the same season.

Getting there in 1999 was not a priority for Ripken, who has always put personal accomplishments behind team goals.

"If 3,000 hits happen, it happens. But it hasn't been a goal to do it in a certain period of time and it hasn't been a goal to do it in a certain year," he said the night he hit his 400th homer.

"You just play, and things happen when they happen."

But because the Orioles long ago dropped out of contention, Ripken didn't have much to play for except personal goals — although Baltimore won its 13th straight Wednesday by beating Texas 7-4.

"The true satisfaction out of the game of baseball is to win," Ripken said earlier this month. "It's a whole lot more fun playing on a winner and having a chance to go to the playoffs. It's been a frustrating season in that regard."

Probably not nearly as frustrating as the time he's missed because of back pain.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Alabama athletic director resigns

By DOUG WILLIAMSON
U-Wire

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — After a day of speculation, University of Alabama President Andrew Sorensen put an end to the rumors.

Having served three years as the University's athletic director, Bob Bockrath, whose stay at the Capstone had often been shaky and controversial, was expected to resign as soon as Monday. On Tuesday, it became official.

Just eight days after forming an oversight committee for athletics within the three-campus Alabama system, members of the University's Board of Trustees validated rumors Monday that Bockrath and University president Andrew Sorensen had decided on Bockrath's resignation. Sorensen and Bockrath made the arrangements over the weekend.

Several trustees confirmed that neither they nor the prior establishment of an oversight committee influenced the decision.

"Bob's accomplishments in his three years at the University of Alabama are reflected in a solid facilities development plan, due diligence with regard to NCAA compliance issues and improvements in the academic and competitive performance of several of our men's and women's athletics teams," Sorensen said. "But we both

"I accept the University's decision to make an administrative change in leadership in its athletic program."

Bob Bockrath
Former Alabama
athletic director

agreed that, from an administrative and a leadership standpoint, a change was needed."

Bockrath will be assigned other duties until June 30, 2000. He is expected to take sick leave during a portion of that period due to injuries stemming from a motorcycle accident.

Bockrath was not present to comment, but he released this statement: "I accept the University's decision to make an administrative change in leadership in its athletics program. I appreciate the opportunity I had to serve as its athletics director and wish the athletes, coaches and athletics staff the very best in the future."

Finus Gaston, senior associate athletics director, will step in as interim director until the spot is filled permanently. Gaston, 48, has worked in central administration for 22 years. His relationship with the University began as the head manager for Bear Bryant's 1971-1973 football teams. Most recently, before joining the athletic department in 1996,

Gaston was assistant vice president for financial affairs.

Gaston said Sorensen approached him on Sunday about taking the throne as athletic director.

"I am grateful to Finus for his willingness to serve the University during this critical period," Sorensen said. "He holds three degrees from the University of Alabama, and his loyalty and support of the institution is second to none. I know he will continue to provide effective leadership during the interim period."

Gaston said he would inherit all decision-making duties that the athletic director's job consists of, including the hiring and firing of personnel.

"It's an awful lot of responsibility," Gaston said. "But operations have to go on, plans have to be made and issues have to be addressed."

Concerning the future status of one employee, Alabama head football coach Mike DuBose, Gaston said he is still behind the coach.

"Mike DuBose is our head coach," Gaston said. "I support Mike even though we had a disappointing loss. They are working hard, and we will have a successful year."

DuBose was uncertain if the dismissal of Bockrath would lead to removal of his job, which has recently lacked any security due to an attempt to cover up his relationship with a female employee and his 13-13 head coaching record at Alabama.

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NFL

Giants work to get back on track against Pats

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Jim Fassel didn't have to do anything special to get the New York Giants' attention in practice on Wednesday.

After an embarrassing 29-point loss to the Washington Redskins on Sunday, the Giants (1-1) are a much more serious team heading into Sunday night's game against the New England Patriots (2-0).

Usually in a two-hour practice, players will crack jokes or say something to loosen everyone up. There wasn't much of that Wednesday.

"We're going to see how we respond to adversity," All Pro defensive end Michael Strahan said. "It's easy when you are doing well and you beat a team like Tampa for everything to go great. But when you lose, and you lose by 29 points, that next week will show what you are made of."

While the Giants' offense has yet to show the big-play potential it exhibited in the preseason, New York's defense is the unit on the spot this week.

It's been the backbone of the Giants for almost two decades. If it does not play well, New York's chances of making the playoffs are slim.

Washington had its way with the defense on Sunday, scoring relatively easy touchdowns on its first three possessions in a 50-21 win.

"More important than getting a win or loss, we have to go out and play Giants football," safety Sam Garnes said. "That's the No. 1 thing. As a defense, we want to cut down on the mistakes and go out and play well. You don't want to have two bad games in a row."

Stopping Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe is not

going to be easy. He has passed for an NFL-high 639 yards and five touchdowns in rallying New England to victory twice.

For his part, Bledsoe is suspicious of the Giants' performance last week.

"I think they are going to come out and play inspired football to prove that last week was not the real Giants," Bledsoe said. "That was just a fluke, a one-time thing."

If there is a key for New York this week, it will be getting pressure on Bledsoe. The front seven didn't do that to Brad Johnson, and the Redskins' quarterback hit his first eight passes in opening a 21-0 first-quarter lead.

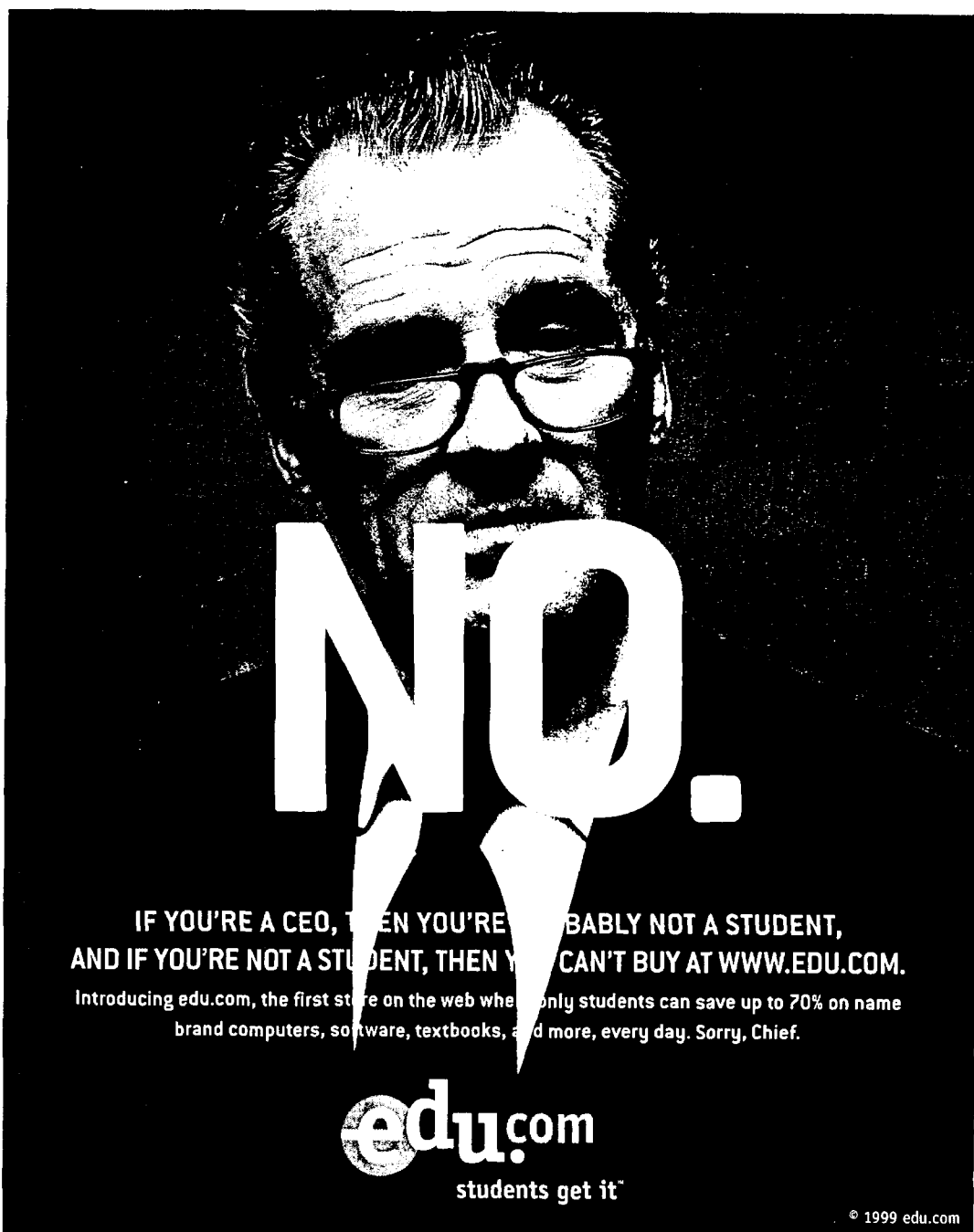
"They could have done anything," defensive line coach Denny Marcin said. "It was one of those things. We've been through them before, everyone has. They are not fun. You just have to roll up your sleeves, go to work and shake it out of your head."

The good news for the Giants is that Jason Sehorn seems to be ready to play for the first time in 13 months. The right cornerback missed last season with a knee injury and had to sit out this entire preseason and the first two games with a hamstring injury.

"Don't look to me as a savior," Sehorn said after working out with the first team on Wednesday. "Look to me as a piece in the wheel. Don't look to me as the person who is going to come in and all of a sudden turn this ship around."

Sehorn might not do that, but he is a lot better than Jeremy Lincoln, who had to be replaced on Sunday because he played so poorly.

Playing a nationally televised game on Sunday night also has gotten the Giants more excited.



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Friday-Saturday, September 24-25, St. Anthony's Parish, Spring Valley, IL
Vespers, Eucharist & Concert

Asian American First Year Student Retreat and send-off dinner with the Asian Pacific Alumni Board

Friday-Saturday, September 24-25, Five Pines

Latino Freshmen Retreat

Friday-Sunday, September 24-26, Center for Development in Ministry, Mundelein, IL

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #57

Friday-Sunday, September 24-26, Fatima Retreat Center

Commissioning of Ministries:

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Saturday-Sunday, September 25-26, All Masses Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Freshman Retreat #25 (Nov. 5-6) Sign-Up

Beginning Sept. 27 through Nov. 1
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Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Information Night on Holy Cross Priests and Brothers

Tuesday, September 28, 9 pm, Corby Hall
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Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, September 29, 10:00-10:30 pm, Walsh Hall Chapel
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Sunday, September 26

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11:45 a.m.

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Sunday, September 26

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Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for this coming Sunday

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

What Are We Building Here?

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Even if you aren't planning to go on a service trip this coming break, this article is about you. It's about each and every one of you. You'll only know how or why after wandering your way through the ponderings of a wayward traveller. I leave you, therefore, with only one option: to read on.

During fall break three years ago, I was able to travel to Appalachia as part of a joint effort to bring students and alumni together for a work project, sponsored jointly by the Center for Social Concerns and the Office of Alumni Community Service. There were a few things that we knew about the undertaking when we began, but there was much that we didn't know. We knew that we would be working together, nearly twenty of us in all; we knew that we would be working with an organization called the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP); and we knew that we would be doing some type of construction work (however unprepared we knew ourselves to be for such tasks). What we didn't know, and what we didn't know we didn't know, was how much this trip, this veritable adventure, would mean to us as a community and as Christians.

There is something in all of us that wants to do something noble, something beyond the ordinary. Especially as Christians, we know ourselves to be called beyond ourselves to act with justice, to lift up the poor, to shelter the homeless. Over time, we have been prodded, called, and sometimes even guilted (if I may create a verb) into service. No matter how, most of us have come to a place in our lives where we know that there is something in us that cannot be contented with living only for ourselves. It is just such a longing that often compels one to make the choice to spend a week of one's fall break somewhere other than at home or some other place where we can be virtually assured of a good time. On the surface there is a definite risk in choosing to spend a week with relative strangers in an unfamiliar land helping people whom we have yet to meet. There is something courageous and noble about it, too.

It is selfish, too. There is a degree to which such work provides an opportunity for us to satisfy that within ourselves which needs satisfaction, that space or place within us that needs to feel good about me. In the end, however, the experience, and the grace that comes with it, does not allow us to stop there. Our world is inevitably reoriented, our focus redirected and our hearts broken open. Whatever our reasons for going, in the end there is an inevitable movement toward the recognition of ourselves as builders of something far greater than houses.

On the way we met many whose lives of committed service humbled us in the face of our own feeble commitment. We met many who found contentment in a life with far fewer of the "necessities" of life. And we met each other. At the outset, we were two groups, alumni and students, brought together by Notre Dame, intending to do our part to save the world. In the end we were forced to recognize the commonality of us all. Not only among our group of alumni and students, but with the people of the region as well. They were poor, but in so many ways, so were we; we were rich, but in so many ways, so were they. We were forced to assess the measures we use to calibrate wealth, and to consider what it is that will bring happiness. In the end, our hopes of saving the world could only be fully realized by the recognition that our salvation was wrapped up with theirs. We, too, were being saved, by the wisdom of a people, the beauty of a landscape, and by the grace that brought us all together. I am reminded of the words of an Aborigine woman who said: "If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

So, what does all this have to do with you? That's something y'all'll have to work out. I have to believe that all of us feel called to something more. It may not be to build houses in Appalachia, but it is to build the Kingdom right here on this campus, right now. How each of us goes about doing that isn't always clear; sometimes it seems downright impossible to figure out. The fact remains that we're not in this alone, and if Campus Ministry or the Center for Social Concerns or the Office of Alumni Community Service can be of any help at all, as you make your way through Notre Dame and beyond, then let us do that for you. Come build with us.

CONSIDERATIONS...



NCAA FOOTBALL

Hokies take on Tigers in national spotlight

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. The national spotlight is something Virginia Tech has openly craved during its rise into almost weekly residence in the top 25.

With non-conference schedules that have included the likes of Akron, Alabama-Birmingham and Arkansas State in recent years, and playing in a conference that has been declining in stature, exposure has often been hard to come by.

That all changes Thursday night when Lane Stadium will be the site of the Hokies' game against tradition-rich Clemson. ESPN will televise nationally.

No disrespect to Clemson (1-1), but the Hokies come in ranked No. 8, the highest in school history, and don't expect to waste the opportunity to show the country that Virginia Tech football is a burgeoning phenomenon.

"I think it's going to be probably the greatest atmosphere we've ever had at Virginia Tech," coach Frank Beamer, in his 12th season, said Tuesday.

"If you don't want to play in front of a big crowd and a national audience, you shouldn't be playing college football," linebacker Jamel Smith added. "You've got to get excited for this."

The Hokies (2-0) have had 10 days to watch tapes of how the Tigers picked apart Virginia two weeks ago, beating them 33-14 in Death Valley as Brandon Streeter enjoyed a career day with 343 passing yards and two touchdowns.

But they also have sweet memories of a year ago. Last September at Clemson, the Hokies rattled Streeter early and romped to a stunning 37-0 victory.

Defensive end Corey Moore said Tuesday he knows Clemson was feeling pretty good after routing the Cavaliers, but the Virginia Tech defense that intercepted four passes off Streeter in 1998 won't be any kinder this time.

"I'm glad that those guys are feeling confident, but they haven't seen anybody play defense or swarm to the ball like we're going to," Moore said Tuesday.

The Tigers under first-year coach Tommy Bowden surprised Virginia with a no-huddle, pass-oriented attack and kept them on their heels throughout.

After losing 13-10 at home to Marshall in their opener, the victory over Virginia was a big step for the Tigers, Bowden said. But it's nothing compared to what the program could gain for its rise back to prominence Thursday night.

OLYMPICS

Source: Welch wants to cut deal

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake's top Olympic bidder is unlikely to get immunity from federal prosecutors in exchange for testimony against International Olympic Committee members.

A source close to Tom Welch, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday the former head of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee would consider trading his testimony against IOC officials for immunity.

The source said Welch would cut the deal for his own protection, not because he would admit to any crimes.

Welch and his lawyer, Tom Schaffer, have not pitched an immunity deal to the Justice Department, nor have they been contacted by federal prosecutors or the FBI during the 10-month investigation.

A Justice Department source, also speaking Wednesday on condition of anonymity, said department

officials have no intention of giving immunity to Welch, who is considered the chief target of a federal grand jury probe.

Schaffer was traveling and didn't return phone messages relayed by his secretary.

Welch was prepared to give Richard Wiedis, the Justice Department lawyer leading the Olympic investigation, information he gave an ethics panel for the SLOC.

That panel detailed \$1.2 million in gifts and favors Welch and others lavished on voting members of the IOC and their relatives.

Welch has insisted the inducements were normal for Olympic bidding and fall short of criminal bribery.

Welch figures in charges already filed against two others accused of shadowy Olympic dealings.

He is the unidentified Salt Lake bid committee officer in an indictment handed up earlier this month against the son of IOC executive board member Kim Un-yong.

John Kim was indicted on 17 felony charges of fraudulently obtaining a permanent U.S. visa or green card and using it to travel frequently to the United States. Kim, who had returned to South Korea before he was indicted, keeps a house on New York's Long Island.

Salt Lake businessman David Simmons acknowledged setting up a phony job in New York for Kim, using money funneled from the bid committee.

Simmons pleaded guilty in August to tax fraud for deducting Kim's salary from his taxes as a business expense.

Simmons said he hired Kim as a favor to Welch, who was then the president of the bid-committee and later the SLOC until he was forced to resign in 1997 amid spouse-abuse charges.

Welch's name is on some of the checks to Simmons' former company, Keystone Communications, for Kim's salary.

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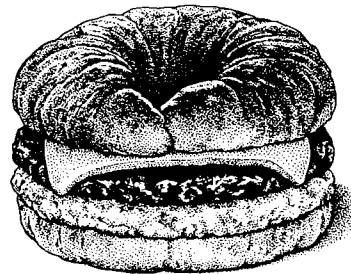
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CLASS OF 2001

Class Dinner
"Must See TV" Night
September 23
from 6-8pm
in LaFortune
Ballroom

CLASS OF 2002

-Service Trip to the "Center
For The Homeless" on Saturday,
September 25
-Class Mass, September 26 @ 430pm
at the Grotto
-Class Dinner after Mass,
September 26 @ 6pm in LaFortune
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-"Resume and Career Information
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in Flanner Hall

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NFL

Sanders' pro future uncertain

◆ Father of former Lions running back wants son to break rushing record

Associated Press

DETROIT

The father of Barry Sanders says his son should return to the Detroit Lions long enough to break Walter Payton's NFL rushing record.

He plans to make the pitch this weekend.

William Sanders also said Wednesday he understands the Lions' reluctance to trade his son.

"If I were the Lions, I wouldn't trade Barry Sanders, either," he said from his home in Wichita, Kan.

The elder Sanders said his son is supposed to visit this weekend.

"He's in for a father-and-son talk," William Sanders said. "I'm going to advise him to go back to Detroit. No situation is

so bad you can't go back."

As far as the Lions are concerned, Sanders has retired — and that's it.

While watching practice Wednesday at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Lions owner William Clay Ford Sr. said he had more pressing concerns than the Sanders situation.

"Nobody's heard from him, so we don't know what he really thinks," Ford told radio station WWJ. "It's just pure speculation."

"I'm going by what he said — his desire to not play is stronger than his desire to play. ... But he's history as far as we're concerned now."

The 31-year-old running back was 1,458 yards short of breaking Payton's career record when he retired July 28. Since then, the Lions have demanded that he repay \$5.6 million of the \$11 million signing bonus he got when he signed a six-year, \$36 million contract in 1997.

Sanders' agents, David Ware

and Lamont Smith, say their client must be traded or granted free agency before any money is returned. The club says it will not give up its rights to Sanders.

Sanders will have to decide on his own whether to end his retirement, his father said.

"He's a man," the elder Sanders said. "If he was 15, I would tell him."

The dispute has gone to arbitration.

William Sanders told The Detroit News he would advise his son to "return the money and go about his business" if he chooses to remain retired.

Ware said Tuesday he was familiar with reports of William Sanders' plans to try to talk with his son about rejoining the Lions. But Ware said Sanders still has not said anything about returning to football.

William Sanders said he would advise his son that he return to the Lions on the condition that he be traded after breaking Payton's record.

PGA

Duval, Wood team up for Ryder practice

Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass.

David Duval and Tiger Woods have spent a lot of time with each other this week at The Country Club — in their press conference, but more significantly inside the ropes.

Woods and Duval have been in the same foursome for two straight days of practice for the Ryder Cup, and captain Ben Crenshaw has been toying with the idea of sending out the top two players in the world as a formidable team.

"It's certainly a possibility," he said. "I don't know that you're

going to see that pairing in the first round. But it's very safe to say that both of them are going to play a lot."

Woods only smiled and said, "We'll see," when asked he might be paired with Duval.

One school of thought is that a Woods-Duval team might send a message that the United States wants to come out with both guns blazing. Then again, it could backfire, since there are no greater scalps than the top two players in the world.

European captain Mark James doesn't subscribe to either.

"If two of our guys beat them, that's a fantastic win," he said. "But I don't think it's going to be affecting the end result of the matches. If a pair wins or loses one match, I don't think it will reduce one team to tears."

The teams must submit pairings Thursday afternoon for the first round of alternate-shot matches.



Woods

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Varnell takes assistant position for Irish squad

Special to The Observer

Christy Yarnell, the top goalkeeper in the history of the University of Richmond, has been named Irish assistant women's lacrosse coach at the University of Notre Dame, Irish head coach Tracy Coyne announced on Wednesday.

Yarnell replaces Kathleen Ostar, who served as assistant coach for the 1999 season, and will work closely with the Notre Dame goalkeepers.

"We are very excited to have Christy as a member of our staff," said Coyne, who begins her fourth year as head coach of the program she started in 1996. "She has a very sound, fundamental knowledge of goalkeeping and is really going to help fine tune our goalkeepers. Her personality will be a nice addition to our staff, and she will be able to relate well to our players."

Yarnell graduated from Richmond in 1999 with a degree in studio art and a

minor in education.

She started every game in her career and broke almost every Spider goalkeeping record during her career, including career saves (678), single-season saves (252), career save percentage (.559) and single-season save percentage (.582).

The Boothwyn, Pa., native, captained the team her senior year and played 707 of 840 total minutes in '99, saving 188 shots for a .536 save percentage.

Yarnell, who has staffed the Point Blank Goalkeeping Camp since 1996, played with the United States under-19 national team at the 1995 World Championships.

She served as a member of the Richmond Student-Athlete Advisory Committee from 1997-99 and was president of the organization during her senior year.

Yarnell also was a four-year starting goalkeeper on the Spider field hockey teams and was a two-time Colonial Athletic Association all-conference field hockey selection.

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DETROIT

Jaret Wright allowed two hits in seven innings and Jim Thome's two-run double keyed a four-run Cleveland first as the Indians pounded the Detroit Tigers 9-1 Wednesday night.

Wright (8-9), who was winless in six starts since July 6, allowed one unearned run. He issued one walk and matched his season-high with eight strikeouts.

The Indians, who clinched the AL Central title on Sept. 8, had four runs and five hits off Brian Moehler (9-16) in the first.

Moehler, seeking his first win since Aug. 30, gave up single runs in the second, fifth and sixth, falling behind 7-1. Moehler allowed seven runs and 13 hits in six innings.

In the first, Roberto Alomar had an RBI single, Thome drove in two with a double up the gap in center and Harold Baines had an RBI single.

Alomar had another RBI single in the second, Travis Fryman drove in the fifth-inning run with a groundout and Baines had an RBI single in the sixth.

Juan Encarnacion, who reached in the Detroit fifth when right-fielder Manny Ramirez misplayed his routine fly for a three-base error, scored an unearned run on Damion Easley's RBI grounder. Sandy Alomar had a two-run

double in the ninth.

Orioles 7, Rangers 4

On the day Cal Ripken was lost for the season, leaving him nine hits short of 3,000, the Baltimore Orioles beat the Texas Rangers for their 13th straight victory.

The Orioles announced during the game that Ripken would be sidelined by back problems.

He will have surgery Thursday morning in Cleveland to relieve pressure on a nerve that has been causing him discomfort.

Ripken traveled to Cleveland on Wednesday to visit specialist Dr. Henry Bohlman after experiencing back spasms overnight. The All-Star third baseman made his first two trips to the disabled list this season.

Baltimore's winning streak matches the second-longest in team history, trailing only a 14-game string from Aug. 12-27, 1973. The Orioles also won 13 in a row from May 31-June 14, 1978.

Texas lost its third in a row. The Rangers' magic number for clinching the AL West is at six after the second-place Oakland lost 5-4 to Minnesota.

Charles Johnson and Brady Anderson hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning for the Orioles.

Albert Belle hit his 35th homer and Jesus Garcia hit his first in the majors.

Scott Erickson (15-11) gave up four runs in the first inning

but recovered to win his fifth straight start. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in eight-plus innings.

The Orioles rallied from a 4-1 deficit against Rick Helling (13-10), taking a 6-4 lead in the fifth on Johnson's two-run homer and Anderson's shot.

Garcia homered in the second inning and Belle added a solo homer in the seventh.

Blue Jays 14, Red Sox 9

Shawn Green hit his 40th home run and Toronto combined 22 hits and five Boston errors to stop the Red Sox and stall their drive to the playoffs.

Toronto ended its seven-game losing streak and snapped Boston's winning streak at six. The Red Sox still kept their five-game lead in the wild-card race over Oakland, which lost to Minnesota.

But Boston fell four games behind New York in the AL East. The Yankees beat Chicago 5-4.

The Blue Jays, who had lost six in a row at Fenway Park, maintained their slim playoff hopes.

Toronto will be eliminated if they lose a game or the Red Sox win one.

Boston committed four of its season-high five errors in the first two innings. That led to five unearned runs and an 8-1 Toronto lead.

Green and Vernon Wells each had four hits. By the time the third inning was done, everyone in Toronto's starting

lineup had at least one hit — by the end of the game, every Blue Jays batter had an RBI.

The Blue Jays, who had just three hits in a 3-0 loss Tuesday night to Pedro Martinez, chased Pat Rapp (6-7) after he allowed singles to the first four batters in the second.

Bryce Florie took over but was victimized by three errors on the first four batters as Toronto added six runs in the second.

David Segui's RBI single in the third and Green's homer in the fifth made it 10-2.

Kelvin Escobar (13-11) allowed four hits in the first six innings.

He gave up runs in the second on Troy O'Leary's 28th homer and the fourth on Mike Stanley's RBI single.

The Blue Jays added four runs in the seventh for a 14-2 lead before the Red Sox scored five times in the bottom of the inning.

With rain falling hard, Jon Nunnally hit an RBI double in the Boston ninth.

The Blue Jays scored two runs in the first, one when Damon Buford overran a ball in center field that allowed Jose Cruz Jr. to score from second on Green's single. Green took third on the error and scored on Carlos Delgado's single.

Consecutive singles in the second by Willis Otanez, Wells, Homer Bush and Cruz produced two runs and knocked out Rapp. Bush was then

forced out at home on a grounder to Florie.

Twins 5, Athletics 4

The Minnesota Twins scored three times on bases-loaded walks in a five-run seventh to win over the Athletics, further dimming Oakland's eroding playoff hopes.

The A's entered play Wednesday five games behind the Boston Red Sox in the AL wild-card race and 5 1/2 games back of Texas in the AL West. Boston and Texas both played later Wednesday.

The attendance of 9,895 brought the total for the three-game series to 22,905.

The A's drew 59,958 for a six-game homestand that started with three games against the Kansas City Royals.

The Athletics, whose sale to local buyers was tabled last week by baseball owners, have drawn 1,370,692 fans this season — an average of 17,573 per game — even though the A's have the best home record in the AL with a 50-28 mark.

The Twins scored all their runs with two outs in the seventh, an inning in which the A's used five pitchers.

An Oakland error, a hit batsman and four walks led to the Minnesota runs.

Jacque Jones and Matt Lawton had RBI singles in the inning, while Marty Cordova, Ron Coomer and pinch-hitter Brent Gates all walked with the bases loaded against Tim Worrell and Buddy Groom.



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Sosa, Maguire come up short in head-to-head battle

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CHICAGO

Even with the wind whipping out at Wrigley Field on a perfect day for home runs, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire couldn't clear the fence Wednesday.

McGwire went 0-for-3 with two walks. Sosa, who still leads the homer derby 61-59, also walked twice in an 0-for-2 day as the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-3.

The two home run rivals will go head-to-head three more times, in the final season series at Busch Stadium.

McGwire finished the three-game series 1-for-10 and Sosa was 1-for-9.

McGwire hit his 59th homer Monday, had three walks and six strikeouts.

Sosa, who hit into two double plays Wednesday, walked three times and managed only one single in the series. He did come close to a homer in the seventh inning.

He sent a long drive to right center, but center fielder J.D. Drew jumped into the ivy to catch the ball as Cardinals right fielder Thomas Howard collided with him.

Drew then threw quickly to the infield and Craig Paquette's relay to the plate nailed Mickey Morandini, who was trying to score from second.

McGwire walked on 3-2 pitches in his first two at-bats against Steve Trachsel (7-17), who surrendered the Cardinals slugger's historic 62nd homer last season.

The many St. Louis fans at Wrigley Field didn't like it, booing the right-hander who is trying to avoid the major league's first 20-loss season since 1980. He struck out McGwire on another 3-2 pitch in the fifth.

McGwire swung at a 3-0 pitch from

reliever Bobby Ayala in the seventh and hit play.

Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Sosa grounded into a double play, then walked twice off Garrett Stephenson (6-2), bringing more boos from a crowd that came to see a home run, not a bases on balls.

Mark Grace hit a go-ahead two-run triple in the fifth, an inning that began with Trachsel's single after Cardinals catcher Marcus Jensen dropped his foul popup for an error.

Two outs later, Sosa walked and Grace hit a liner to right that eluded Howard and went to the wall, putting the Cubs ahead 4-2. Howard hit his sixth homer in the sixth, making it a one-run game, but Chicago's Jeff Blauser hit a solo homer in the seventh to restore the two-run lead.

Jensen's first homer of the season gave the Cards a 1-0 lead in the second. The Cubs scored twice against Stephenson in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Roosevelt Brown and sacrifice fly by Jose Nieves. Fernando Tatis' sacrifice fly tied it in the third.

Expos 5, Marlins 3

Orlando Merced and his replacement, James Mouton, each hit two-run doubles and the Montreal Expos beat the Florida Marlins.

The Marlins had won five in a row against Montreal, including a double-header sweep Tuesday.

Miguel Batista (8-7) earned his first victory as a starter since June 11.

He pitched five shutout innings of three-hit ball before Anthony Telford relieved to start the sixth.

Batista made his first start since giving up seven runs in one inning

against Atlanta on June 28. Ugueth Urbina got his 39th save.

Vladimir Nunez (6-10) went 7 2/3 innings, allowing four runs and four hits.

After striking out Chris Widger and Geoff Blum to open the third, Nunez gave up singles to Batista and Rondell White. Merced followed with a double into the left-field corner.

Mouton pinch-hit for Merced in the eighth against Jesus Sanchez, doubling home Mike Mordecai and White for a 4-0 lead.

Mike Lowell homered on Montreal reliever Steve Kline's first pitch in the eighth. Urbina took over with two on and no outs, and gave up Dave Berg's run-scoring single and Cliff Floyd's RBI grounder. Widger added an RBI single in the ninth.

Pirates 3, Astros 2

Todd Ritchie outpitched 20-game winner Jose Lima and the Pittsburgh Pirates turned two unusual double plays in as many innings to slow Houston's run at a third straight division title, beating the Astros.

The Pirates, playing without 39-homer hitter Brian Giles, who will miss the rest of the

season with a broken finger, took two of three from the NL Central-leading Astros. They began their final homestand of the season by winning two of three from second-place Cincinnati.

The Astros, still not able to pull away from the Reds in the division race, lost their fifth in seven games. They began the night with a 3 1/2-game lead over Cincinnati, which played later at San Diego.

Lima (20-9) lost his second start in a row since becoming the fifth 20-game winner in Astros' history despite holding the Pirates to three runs and five hits and striking out 10 in eight innings. He was coming off his worst start of the season, an 11-8 loss to St. Louis in which he lasted 3 2/3 innings.

Ritchie (14-9), in the minors when the season began and never a starter before this year, won his team-high 14th decision by limiting the Astros to two runs and six hits and striking out 10 in his second complete game. He has won four of his last five decisions.

Ritchie was helped by some good defense and some bad Houston baserunning that halted a pair of Astros threats.

With the score tied at 2 in the sixth, Stan Javier and Carl Everett singled around Jeff Bagwell's strikeout. Ken Caminiti walked. Javier then broke for the plate on Daryle Ward's slow-hit grounder to first baseman Kevin Young and was called out on a close play.

Rather than holding at third, Everett came nearly halfway down the line and was tagged out by catcher Joe Oliver to complete the double play.

An inning later, Ricky Gutierrez singled with one out and Lima attempted to bunt him up.

But Oliver gambled by throwing to second rather than taking the sure out at first and his throw just beat Gutierrez. With Lima running at less than full speed up the line, shortstop

Abraham Nunez's throw to first beat him by more than a step.

Diamondbacks 11, Rockies 3

Matt Williams homered and drove in four runs and Andy Benes pitched eight strong innings and had three RBIs as the Arizona Diamondbacks drew closer to clinching the NL West division title with a victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Arizona, in just its second season, lowered its magic number for clinching the NL West to two.

The Diamondbacks began the day with a nine-game lead over second-place San Francisco.

Williams, who is 23-for-61 with four home runs and 14 RBIs in his last 14 games, hit a three-run homer, his

35th, and has a career-high 137 RBIs. Jay Bell and Steve Finley added two hits each for the Diamondbacks, winners of 13 of their last 17 games.

Benes (12-12) gave up three runs and seven hits, struck out four and walked one. He hit a two-run single in the fifth and walked with the bases loaded in the seventh.

Ben Petrick drove in three runs with a pair of home runs. Colorado manager Jim Leyland rested Dante Bichette, Vinny Castilla and NL-batting leader Larry Walker.

The Diamondbacks scored four runs in the first inning against Luther Hackman for (1-1).

Williams homered with one out and Steve Finley added an RBI triple.

Benes retired the first six batters he faced in a lineup that included six players that began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs.

Edgard Clemente led off the third inning with a single to center and Petrick followed with a home run to left. The Diamondbacks increased their lead to 7-2 in the fifth inning on Benes' single.

Petrick hit his second home run of the game in the fifth, for his fourth homer and first career multihomer game. Arizona used three walks and a single to score twice in the seventh inning. Mike Porzio walked Erubiel Durazo, gave up a single to Finley and walked Kelly Stinnett to load bases.

Dave Wainhouse replaced Porzio and walked Benes and gave up a sacrifice fly. Williams and Stinnett had RBI doubles in the eighth inning.

Braves 5, Mets 2

For a team involved in its first September pennant race since 1993, the Atlanta Braves look right at home.

Chipper Jones homered again, pinch-hitter Keith Lockhart broke a seventh-inning tie with a sacrifice fly and the Braves extended their NL East lead to three games over New York, beating the Mets.

Tom Glavine (12-11) worked seven strong innings, his performance tarnished only by Mike Piazza's two-run homer in the fourth. The 1998 Cy Young winner won for the only second time in his last eight starts.

The Braves began the three-game series with a slender one-game over New York, but they've taken a major step toward extending their unprecedented streak of seven straight division titles. The Mets still have hope: the teams meet again next week in a three-game series at Shea Stadium.

New York had a 3 1/2-game lead in the wild-card race over Cincinnati, which played later at San Diego.

The Braves haven't played such a meaningful game at this time of year since 1993, when they beat San Francisco by one game in the NL West. Since the strike-shortened '94 season, Atlanta has won four straight East titles by an average margin of 14 games.

Jones was serenaded with chants of "MVP! MVP! MVP" after his 44th homer, a two-run shot in the first that gave the Braves a quick lead. It was his third homer in two days against the Mets, following up a pair of solo shots in the series opener that accounted for both Atlanta runs in a 2-1 victory.

After Piazza's homer tied the game at 2, the Braves squeezed out the go-ahead run in the seventh against Orel Hershisier (13-11). With one out, Andruw Jones and Eddie Perez hit consecutive singles before Lockhart, batting for Walt Weiss, sent a low liner to center.

Darryl Hamilton made a sliding catch, but had no chance of getting the speedy Jones at the plate.

The Braves escaped a major jam during a wild eighth. The Mets loaded the bases with one out, but Terry Mulholland — the fourth Atlanta pitcher of the inning — struck out Bobby Bonilla and retired Todd Pratt on a grounder to second.



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a fair weather fan and a real fan is distinct, but somehow, the lines have been blurred, blurred to such an extent that real definitions of these two terms are necessary to quiet these accusing voices and correct their misrepresentations.

Fair-weather fans are fans who root for their team only when they are succeeding. They express little to no interest in their team when it is losing. They leave games when their team is behind. They skip the pep rallies after the first loss.

In general, they care more about the wins than the team itself.

Real fans, on the other hand, are those who root for a team despite its record, popularity, or level of excitement.

Real fans sweat, cry and sometimes even bleed with their team.

Real fans stay until the end of a game despite the fact that it's easily apparent that their team is going to lose.

Real fans still go to the pep rallies, still root for the team, still mourn after every loss, and still, despite what they might say publicly, believe in their heart that their team has a chance of winning each week.

Real fans want the best for their team. They want it so badly that when success doesn't come as often as they'd like, it hurts them.

It hurts them so badly that they're not afraid to point out what's wrong with their team.

It hurts them so badly that occasionally, in the heat of the

moment, a "boo" emerges from their lips.

It hurts them so badly that they're not afraid to let others know how disappointed they are in their team.

But they still love their team.

What? What's that you say? You say that real fans can see wrong within their team. They don't have to be 100 percent optimistic and happy with their team all of the time.

Being a real fan compares to parenting in this regard. Good parents know that their kids are not perfect. They know that there are things that can be improved. Even more, they know that it is their duty to correct those faults even if it means pointing them out to their child. But inside, they still love their kids.

Similarly, real fans aren't afraid to point out the faults in their team, but it doesn't diminish their undying love for that team.

Both real fans and fair-weather fans exist at Notre Dame. Both are perfectly acceptable.

After all, some people simply don't like football, but still enjoy the excitement that a winning Notre Dame football team brings to this campus.

At the same time, it's very honorable to be a real fan. It's tough to continue to support a team that can't seem to win.

The people that should be ashamed of themselves are the accusers, the fair-weather fan Gestapo, who ignore the difference and falsely accuse fans of being something that they aren't.

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Football

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little time left on the clock.

Walsh vs. Lyons

The second game of the night was a hard-fought defensive battle between Lyons and Walsh which Lyons won 6-0 in the final minute.

The first half was full of punts and penalties, as neither offense could seem to get things going. Walsh had a nice drive towards the end of the half which included some solid option runs by quarterback Melissa Beiting and a 30-yard pass to her wide receiver.

With under a minute remaining in the first half both teams traded turnovers, setting up Walsh with first and goal from the 10.

But four incomplete passes later, the half ended tied at 0-0.

The second half was much of the same as both teams had trouble moving the ball out of their own territory.

It wasn't until the 1:30 mark that Lyons finally mounted a drive.

As time was running down the Lyons quarterback fired

two big first down passes across the middle.

With 30 seconds left and overtime looming, the Lyons quarterback launched a 35-yard bomb to captain Katie Yanez for the 6-0 win.

Pasquerilla East vs. Lewis

It is rare to find a player who can absolutely dominate every aspect of a sport, but Pasquerilla East's fifth-year senior quarterback/punt returner Elizabeth Plummer comes pretty close.

Plummer led PE to an 18-0 victory, starting off the final game of the night by returning a punt for 40 yards and then scrambling for a touchdown on PE's very first play from scrimmage. Before Lewis knew it, it was down 6-0.

The PE defense also looked very tough as the two-time returning champions sacked the Lewis quarterback twice on Lewis's second possession.

sion.

On their next series, the Pyros maneuvered the ball down-field with scrambles and short passes before Plummer struck again with a 20-yard TD pass.

Lewis got the ball back with time running down in the first half, but the PE defense came up big again with an interception with only 52 seconds remaining.

The Pyros' offense came out in a five-receiver set and Plummer threw her second TD of the night to the tight end with no time left on the clock. PE ended the half with a 18-0 lead.

The PE offense came out looking sharp, but the Lewis defense shut them down in the second half. Lewis started to move the ball but was stopped by penalties and sloppy play.

The game ended with PE winning 18-0, making its first step towards a possible third straight championship.

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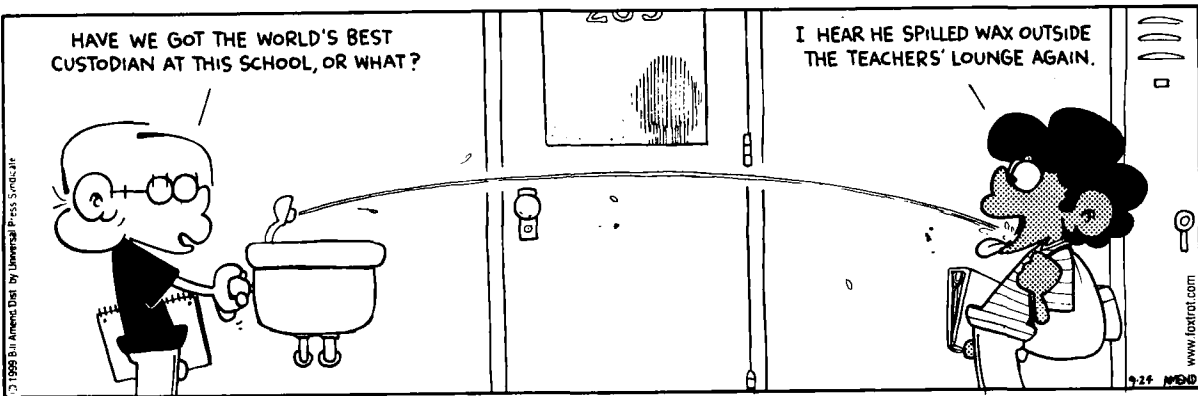
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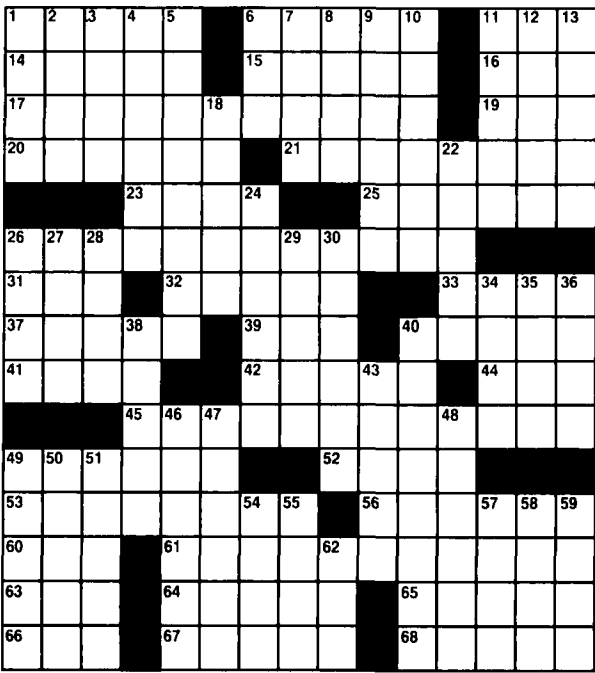
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get out and shop for some new clothes. Don't be afraid to change your look. It's time to make physical changes that will improve your appeal and draw attention from individuals who interest you. **OOO**

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Real fans can still find fault

You're a fair-weather fan.
I'm a fair-weather fan.
Everyone's a fair-weather fan.
The term "fair-weather fan"

is as much a cliché as "you're the best fans in the world" has become. And that's when the team is winning. Our team, however, isn't winning.

What is a cliché when a team is winning becomes as prevalent as Jarious Jackson bounced option pitches when a team is losing. It seems that whenever a team begins to lose, certain people conduct McCarthy-like witch hunts for fair-weather fans, searching for one ounce of disloyalty.

These so-called diehards search campus hoping to find a negative comment about their team. When one is found they immediately meet with the other members of the fair-weather fan Gestapo and formulate plans to deal with these traitors.

Sometimes a nasty e-mail does the trick.

Sometimes they must write into the newspapers chastising others for their skepticism or lack of faith.

Sometimes they make grand displays at public events of their undying love and hope for their team.

They accuse others of selling out and giving up. They also consider themselves better than others to the point of fixing an imaginary red "F" to your breast labeling you as a — brace yourself — fair-weather fan.

I invite you to join me. Join the hundreds of other fair-weather fans on campus. But you better hurry because the blacklist is filling up. In fact, the blacklist consists of almost everyone on campus at one time or another.

Why, you ask? How can thousands of the best fans in the world desert their team and become fair-weather fans?

The simple answer to this question is that many of the accusers, in reality, have no idea what a fair-weather fan is. They simply mislabel anyone with whom they disagree, without regard to the difference between fair-weather fans and real fans.

The difference between being

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Brian Churney

On the Hot
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FOOTBALL

Turnovers plague Irish offensive line

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's football team had a difficult time handling the last three losses, but it has also had some trouble handling the ball.

"Stop the turnovers, that's the biggest thing right now," senior quarterback Jarious Jackson said. "I've had a few turnovers myself and so have some other people, but at the same time I'm concerned about mine. I need to stop turnovers myself because I'm the quarterback and hopefully that will help us out as well."

Jackson had difficulty pitching the ball against Michigan and Purdue, but showed some improvement in last Saturday's game against Michigan State.

He does, however, have six interceptions, equaling his total all last season.

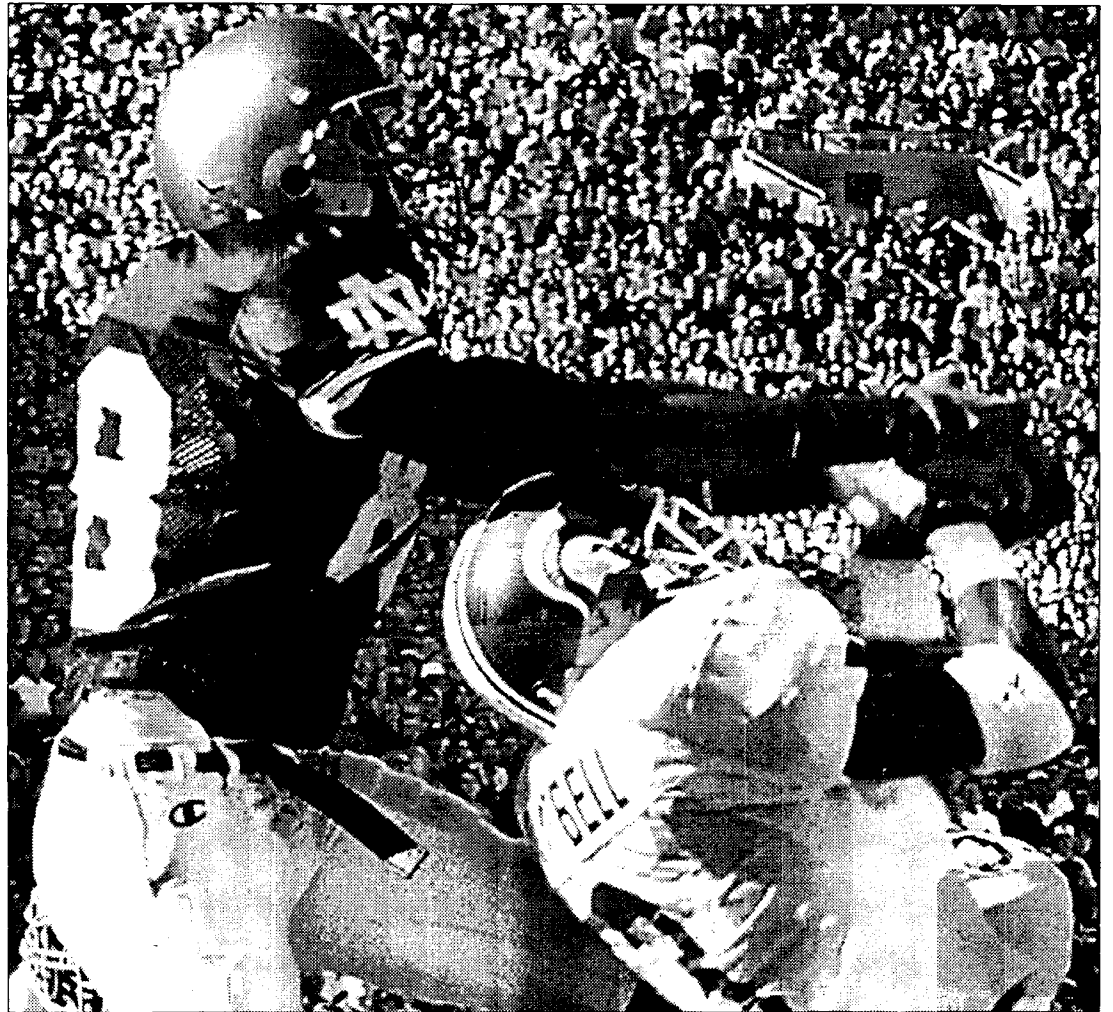
"We have to make some better decisions," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "We had some underthrown balls that resulted in interceptions the other day. A lot of [turnovers] have been due to interceptions and fumbles by the quarterback, but obviously we are trying to rectify the situation."

With nearly a 2-1 turnover ratio in favor of Irish opponents, the team begins to question how aggressive it can be.

The Irish didn't run the option as much against Michigan State and was tentative throwing the ball deep down the field.

"Sure you get a little bit gun shy when you turn the ball over," Rogers said. "You tend to get a little more conservative and not try things as much."

Rogers and the rest of the coaching staff stressed protecting the ball in practice.



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Michigan State free safety Amp Campbell intercepts Jarious Jackson's pass intended for Bobby Brown in the end zone during last weekend's loss to the Spartans.

"We're trying to make more of an emphasis on ball security everyday with all the skill players," Rogers said. "[You work on] blatant ball security, just making sure you isolate the football and take care of it. I'm not sure we've had one fumble this year that was the result of a big hit or anything like that, but fumbles you can't excuse anyway. We're trying to make a concerted effort to cut back."

So far, the Irish are showing

signs of improvement.

"The ball is on the ground less in practice, but you really can't say you are making progress until you do it in the game," Rogers said. "It's inexcusable what we've been doing."

The real test for Notre Dame will come against Oklahoma. After four games, the Irish haven't come close to playing error-free football and if they hope to turn the season around,

they will have to start against the Sooners. For now, the Irish have an extra week to work on taking care of the ball.

"You like to think [the bye week will help]," Rogers said. "I think with a young group of guys, you afford the extra opportunity to prepare and practice and go through assignments. Hopefully, we'll be a little more mistake free. We're sitting here at 1-3 but I think we're getting better."

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Welsh breezes past PW in season opener

By STEVE KEPPEL
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A young and rejuvenated Welsh team defeated Pasquerilla West 16-0 Tuesday.

After an unsuccessful season last year, Welsh looked to start off this season on the right track.

And that's exactly what it did. Midway through the first

half, Welsh quarterback Stef Eden had a long run down to about the 20-yard line.

On the very next play, she fired a strike to her running back for Welsh's first score. The two-point conversion put them up 8-0.

Before the end of the half, the PW offense started driving down the field.

Welsh's strong defense put pressure on quarterback Andi Will forcing her to

throw an interception with no time remaining, ending their hopes of a score.

Welsh's defense came out tough in the second half by once again picking off an errant Will pass.

The Welsh offense continued to move the ball with Eden's passing and running, but had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

Eden started off her team's

fourth quarter drive with a long pass over the middle. After a few incomplete passes, she again hit the running back out of the backfield for a 15-yard score. The two-point conversion put Welsh up 16-0.

On the next series, Will ended PW's hopes of a comeback by throwing her third interception of the night with

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Oklahoma
October 2, 1:30 p.m.



at Seton Hall
Friday, 1 p.m.



at St. Mary's Tournament
Moraga, California
Friday-Sunday



Volleyball
at Wyoming
Friday, 7 p.m.



Volleyball
at Oliver College
Today, 6:30 p.m.



Golf
at Hope College
Sunday, 1 p.m.