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Women's basketball, class join to fight cancer

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer

When the Notre Dame women's basketball team takes the floor this evening, it will face not only Butler, but also a more formidable enemy — breast cancer. Tonight's 7 p.m. home opener for the Fighting Irish is a Breast Cancer Awareness Women's Basketball Game coordinated by professor Chuck Lennon's management class.

Through early detection and prompt treatment, suffering and loss due to breast cancer can be greatly reduced.

Before the game, free to students, faculty and staff, booths from Memorial Hospital, St Joseph's Hospital and Zeneca pharmaceutical company will provide information about breast cancer.

"The saying we use is 'early detection means survival,'" said Lennon, noting that a goal of the event is to alerting everyone to the importance of mammograms and breast self-exams. Mammography can detect possibly cancerous breast changes long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

At half-time, the sounds of the song "I Will Survive" will fill the arena and those who have triumphed over the

disease will be honored.

In addition to the informational opportunities, fans will have the opportunity to see the No. 8 Fighting Irish in action, as well as participate in many giveaways and contests.

The first 1,000 fans will receive a free T-shirt and every fan in attendance is guaranteed a gift, such as a poster or magnet. Fans will also have the opportunity to win a free round-trip airline ticket.

The students were responsible for organization and promotion, which included public service announcements featuring Dick Vitale.

"The women's basketball team has been more than helpful," said student Ryan Newell.

"It's been a great experience," said junior guard Imani Dunbar as she handed out pink cards promot-

ing the game to students at South Dining Hall. "This is going to be a special game to honor all of the loved ones we've lost to cancer."

In addition to wearing pink ribbons in their shoelaces, the women's basketball team will wear specially designed T-shirts that read "Long Live Courage" with the pink ribbon breast cancer logo during the pre-game warmup. As the players are introduced, the Irish will present the same



Photo courtesy of Chuck Lennon

Members of Chuck Lennon's management class organized tonight's Breast Cancer Awareness Women's Basketball Game at 7 p.m. Basketball announcer Dick Vitale provided public service messages for the event. Pictured from left is Lennon, Wally Widelski (athletic department intern), Ryan Newell, Vitale, Kevin Bochenek, Megan McCauley, Ed Golom (kneeling) and Rachel Tolley.

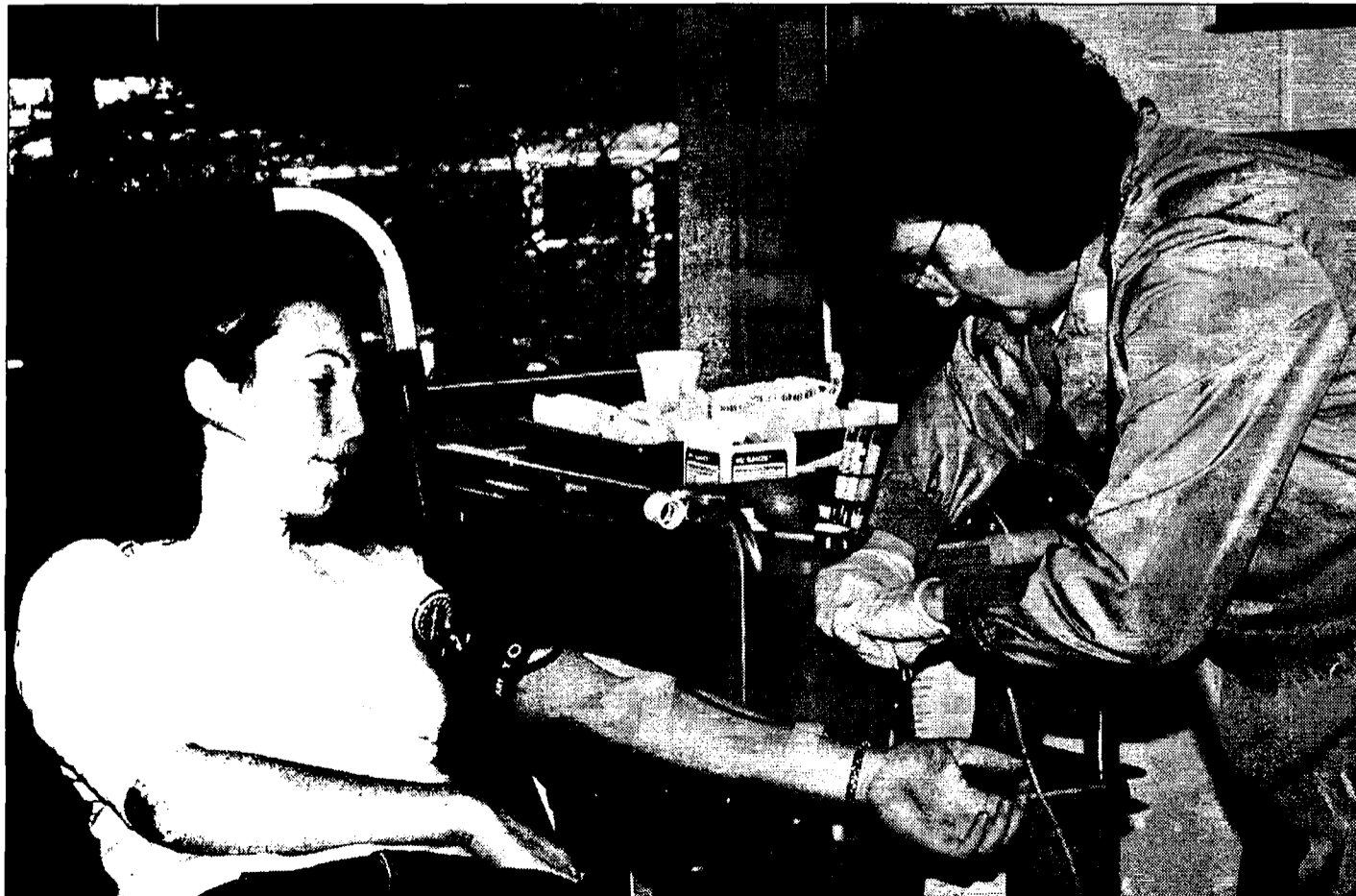
shirts to the Butler players.

Lennon's class, management 231, is one of several service-learning classes offered by the University. The class allows students to take the principles

of management they learn in the classroom and apply them to a real-life situation that benefits the community.

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30 students donate blood to rally for 10-year-old patient



BETSY STOREY/The Observer

A nurse attends to Freshman Kathleen McGoey as she donates blood for the Arnold Air Society Tuesday at LaFortune Student Center. The organization exceeded its goal of 25 blood donors.

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Virtually no one on this campus knows Patty Collins, a 10-year old girl living in Seattle, but 30 students took time out of their day Tuesday to donate a pint of blood in her name.

The Arnold Air Society held a blood drive Tuesday as part of a nationwide effort to raise 1,000 pints of blood by Collins' 11th birthday later this month. The young girl is suffering from a rare form of liver cancer and her parents have asked their friends to organize these blood drives in her name, to help combat blood bank shortages in the U.S.

Junior Melissa Bouche, a member of the Arnold Air Society, organized the event, and said it was a success.

"Our goal was to have 25 people come," she said. "We were really pleased with all the participation we had."

Students actually had to be turned away at some points during the drive, which ran from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center, because there were not enough nurses on duty to administer the donations.

"We turned down so many people," Bouche said. "It's too bad, but we didn't have enough facilities."

Some students signed up in advance, but word-of-mouth drew others to the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Clash of the Titans

Michael Jordan versus Wilt Chamberlain. Mike Tyson versus Mohammed Ali. Undefeated '74 Miami Dolphins versus the '85 Chicago Bears. Which dream matchup ranks as the greatest of all time? None of the ones I have listed so far. There is only one such matchup that could possibly live up to its billing — one that involves two of the mightiest behemoths ever to grace their respective domains. One that pits two opposing forces so powerful that if they were ever to actually meet in the heat of battle the results would be so catastrophic that all aspects of life would be drastically altered for decades to come. I give you the ultimate clash of the titans — the Smurfs versus the Keebler Elves.

Tom Keeley

Cartoonist

These two competitors offer a matchup so intriguing that one cannot help but to examine both sides carefully and then try to determine an eventual champion.

The Smurfs: though admittedly small in size, the Smurfs compensate for this principle weakness in quantity. Scholars estimate that hundreds of different Smurfs of all kinds of character traits and specialties populate the Smurf Village, more than enough to greatly outnumber the Keebler Elves.

Another point to consider is the individual abilities of several Smurfs that could lead to eventual Smurf domination. The most obvious of these key players is Papa Smurf and his natural leadership capabilities. Time after time Gargamel has tested Papa Smurf's mettle and in every instance he has proven his worth.

Ever victorious, Papa Smurf's possession of no exploitable weaknesses make him an ideal military general. Other Smurfs of note include Jokey Smurf and his detailed knowledge of small explosives, Hefty Smurf and his immense strength, and Handy Smurf and his expertise in the field of general mechanics.

The Keebler Elves: the Keebler Elves principle strength lies in their ability to make adjustments quickly. For almost three decades, the Keebler Elves have provided much of the free world with every kind of potato chip imaginable. Their mastery of the world market did not come about by accident or circumstance.

The Elves examine every market trend in minute detail to determine which way their industry is headed and then make immediate adjustments accordingly. Such quick action requires intense training and efficient employee management, qualities that would become most advantageous in the heat of battle.

The Keebler Elves also have terrain advantage. The impenetrable hollow oak tree that the Keebler Elves inhabit provides both protection and a structure that could be made into much more than a baked goods workshop if a battle would so demand it.

Just like the American factories were converted into war machine manufacturing plants during World War II, so too, the oak tree could be transformed into a weapons and ammunitions facility. This technological advantage could give the Keebler Elves the edge they need to combat the Smurfs superiority in numbers.

Who would win this battle of such epic proportions? Could it be the Keebler Elves with their high technology wiping out all of Smurf-kind? Or would it be the Smurfs outlasting the Keebler Elves in a war of attrition?

Whatever the outcome, a battle between combatants such as the Keebler Elves and the Smurfs could only be referred to as a Clash of the Titans.

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday

♦ Star for Santa's Tree:

6:30 p.m., Planetarium and Space Museum, 55860 Bittersweet Rd., Mishawaka.

Thursday

♦ Holiday tea:

Sandwiches, scones, cookies and music. 2-4 p.m., \$9 per adult. 420 W. Washington St. Reservations required. 234-5959.

Friday

♦ Santa's Christmas

parade: 5:30 p.m., parade with fire engines, carolers and lighting of Christmas tree. Downtown Mishawaka.

Saturday

♦ International Winter

Festival: 4-7 p.m., entertainment, refreshments and activities. \$3-5 admission. Northern Indiana Center for History, 808 W. Washington St.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Duke questions bonfire following A&M tragedy

DURHAM, N.C.

The collapse of the six-tiered, 55-foot-tall bonfire structure at Texas A&M University earlier this month that killed 12 people illustrated the tentative balance between universities' age-old traditions and practical concerns about safety.

"I think the Texas A&M thing has highlighted for us something we were certainly focused on in our planning — safety," said Sue Wasiolek, assistant vice president for student affairs. "The focus has and continues to be on the safety of the event."

Duke administrators — many of whom patrolled last year's five celebrations — met just a few days before the A&M tragedy to discuss bonfires and to attempt to strike that careful balance between safety and tradition at Duke.

Last year, administrators tried to



achieve a middle ground, obtaining permits for several potential bonfires on the Main West Campus Quadrangle while calling off the overwhelming police and fire department presence of the year before.

For the first time in several bonfire years, no serious injuries resulted.

"These things can be quite dangerous. Ours is a somewhat different situation than this one," executive vice

president Tallman Trask said of the A&M tragedy. "At Duke, the danger can be avoided if people behave properly. For the last few years, we have been very successful. ... I do hope people will think about this a little bit and be a bit more careful."

At their Nov. 16 meeting, administrators decided to stick with what worked last year, and they are applying for six permits, with one extra for the women's basketball national championship game.

But the A&M tragedy served as a reminder that one year of safety — or 90 years in Texas — does not mean that a potentially dangerous activity is safe.

"The A&M tragedy was a very sorrowful reminder that even the happiest traditions can have dangerous implications," president Nan Keohane said.

Airline enrages Arizona students

TUCSON, Ariz.

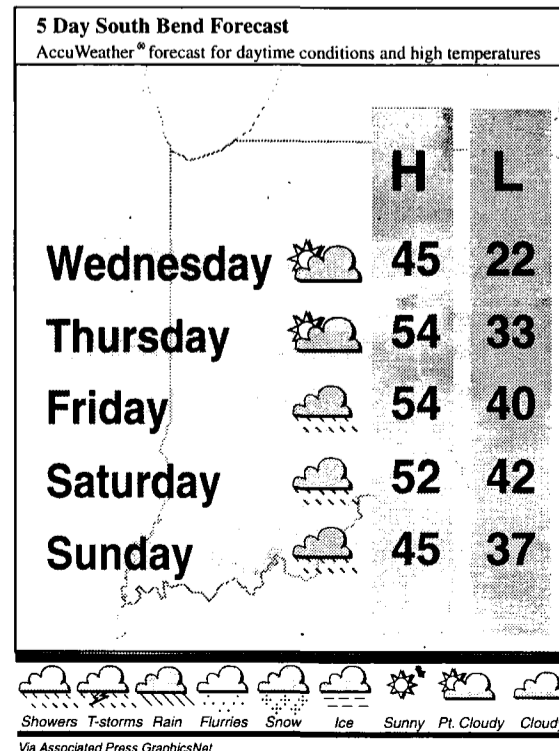
A University of Arizona doctoral student and a fellow Saudi Arabian airline passenger are still trying to get over the shock of being detained on an America West airlines flight 11 days ago in what they claim was ethnic discrimination. University of Arizona doctoral student Muhammad Al-Qudhaieen and Arizona State University doctoral student Hamdan Al-Shalawi have yet to determine if they will take any legal action. Al-Shalawi said they have a lawyer but are still deciding what to do. "Our reputation is contaminated and for what — for nothing, just because we're Middle Easterners," Al-Shalawi said. Al-Qudhaieen and Al-Shalawi were flying from Phoenix to Washington, D.C. when the plane suddenly landed at an Ohio airport for an "airplane inspection. We did not know at all, that we are actually the ones that were targeted, we had no idea about what was going on," Al-Qudhaieen said during an interview Tuesday. "They just stopped in Columbus and they said they were having a inspection of the plane."

Virginia mulls funding options

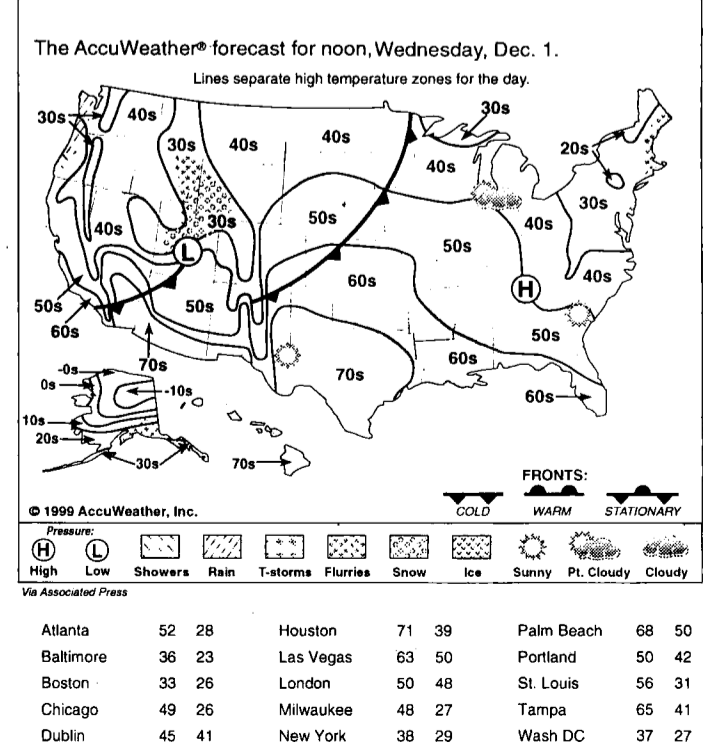
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, III's (R) Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education is recommending that all state public institutions of higher learning should receive funding based on how well the colleges and universities meet performance standards. So far, some University officials support the recommendation, which potentially could increase state funding and aid budget planning. The Commission's recommendation is comprised of three main categories by which schools would be judged: affordability, quality and accountability. Schools that meet these qualifications will receive increased state funding or funding bonuses. Failure to reach the qualifications would result in minimal state support. "The University of Virginia has absolutely nothing to worry about in terms of funding" because the University already has very high standards, said Larry J. Sabato, government and foreign affairs professor and member of the Blue Ribbon Commission. "A lot of the proposals set forth by the commission are not new here. Many of the measures that were in the recommendation are already in place throughout the school."

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Prof elected to Oxford appointment

Special to The Observer

J. Eric Smithburn, professor of law, has been elected two prestigious visiting appointments next year at Oxford University.

Smithburn will serve as a visiting scholar of Oxford's Wolfson College, collaborating with other scholars on a new book that will review and analyze the full range of private and public law issues involving children and families in England and Wales, Scotland, Australia and the United States.

Concurrently, he will lead and participate in seminars and workshops, consult with students and conduct research

as a visiting fellow of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford.

A member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1978, Smithburn specializes in family law, juvenile law and evidence. He has served since 1984 as director of the Notre Dame Summer London Law Program, where he teaches comparative family law, and he also is on the faculty of the Notre Dame-based National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Before joining the Notre Dame faculty, Smithburn was in private law practice from 1974-76 and was a Marshall County Court judge from 1976-78. He earned his law degree in 1973 from Indiana

University, where he also received his bachelor's degree in biological science and his master's degree in history and African studies.

He has published eight books, including "Lizzie Borden: A Case Book of Family and Crime in the 1890s," "Judicial Discretion," "Criminal Trial Advocacy," "Indiana Family Law" and "Family Law: Problems and Documents."

He has held previous visiting or adjunct faculty appointments at the School of law at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, in the master of judicial studies program at the University of Nevada-Reno and at the Valparaiso School of Law.

Prof leads discussion on Merton book

Special to The Observer

Lawrence Cunningham, professor of theology will lead a discussion and sign copies of his new book, "Thomas Merton and the Monastic Vision" today at 7 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on campus.



Cunningham

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, Cunningham served as the chair of the theology

department from 1991-97. Before coming to Notre Dame, he taught at Florida State University for 17 years.

Cunningham is the author of numerous books, including a 1992 study of Merton, entitled "Thomas Merton: Spiritual Master" (Paulist, 1992). He also recently edited for publication the 1952-60 personal notebooks of Merton. Cunningham has published articles in a wide range of journals and books; is the regular author of the column Religious Booknotes for Commonweal magazine; and served as an associate editor of the Harper San Francisco "Dictionary of Religion" and the same publisher's "Encyclopedia of Catholicism."

MR. ROBOTO

Matthias Scheutz, visiting professor, lectures on behavior based robotics and their role in artificial intelligence and cognitive science Tuesday in DeBartolo Hall.

BETSY STOREY/The Observer



Profs collaborate on financial management text

Special to The Observer

Finance professors John Halloran and Howard Lanser have collaborated with a colleague from Purdue University on a new textbook titled "Financial Management: An Introduction to Principles and Practice."



Halloran

working capital theory, commercial bank management, and the operation of financial markets.

Halloran formerly served on the education consulting staff of the Banking Administration Institute. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance

from St. Louis University and his master's of business administration and doctoral degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. Lanser also is an associate professor of finance and business economics, who was appointed to the Notre Dame faculty in 1971. His areas of expertise include executive compensation, capital budgeting, the cost of capital, working capital management, and the valuation of privately held companies.

Chair of the finance department for seven years, Lanser has served as director of Notre Dame's undergraduate program in Fremantle, Australia, and MBA program in Santiago, Chile. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Notre Dame and his master's degree and doctorate in finance from Purdue.

Halloran and Lanser collaborated on the book with Wilbur Lewellen, the Herman C. Krannert Distinguished Professor of Management at Purdue's Krannert Graduate School of Management. An expert in corporate finance, Lewellen also is director of Krannert's Executive Education Programs.



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Blood

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drive, and many of those turned away were these walk-ins.

Nurses came from the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank to draw the blood, and that organization will receive the donations.

Junior Eric Schearer, a blood donor and member of the Arnold Air Society, said that the experience was a worthwhile one.

"You give blood to help people who are diseased, and the parents of [Collins] wanted people to give blood in her name," he said. "It's a good thing."

Like the donors, the girl's parents are members of the Notre Dame community. Her father Bill graduated from the University in 1975, and her mother Kathy graduated from Saint Mary's in 1976.

Patty Collins was diagnosed with the cancer in September. Since then, she has had seven blood transfusions, Bouche said.

The drive came to Notre Dame through sophomore Peter Sweeney, a member of the Arnold Air Society and friend of the

Collins family, according to Bouche. It was organized in the last two weeks.

There may be another blood drive in Patty's name next semester, Bouche said, but she encouraged students to donate now.

"You don't have to wait for the blood drive to come to you," she said. "Especially during the holiday season, that's when

Blood Facts

♦ Every three seconds, someone in America needs blood.

♦ Approximately 40,000 pints of blood are used each day in the U.S.

♦ Roughly 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but only five percent do so.

supplies are at their lowest. Most people in good health who

are more than 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to give blood.

Students who would like to do so can contact the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank Monday through Saturday downtown at 234-1157, or in Mishawaka at 273-8879.

"We turned down so many people. It's too bad, but we didn't have enough facilities."

Melissa Bouche
Arnold Air Society

Hoops

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"These kids have done everything," said Lennon. "Our saying in class is 'high trust; high performance.'"

"It shows you that school isn't just about classes and tests — there's applications to real life situations," said Margaret Maus, one of Lennon's students.

The project will continue long after the final buzzer sounds.

Lennon will teach the management class again next semester. That class will organize a breast cancer awareness baseball game April 30 when Notre Dame faces St John's.

Lennon explained that 2,800 female University alumni will get breast cancer. He said the awareness should be expanded to include those women.

The students compiled a booklet with instructions for organizing a breast cancer awareness event. The booklet will be distributed to the 240 Notre Dame alumni clubs.

Facts about Breast Cancer

provided by the American Cancer Society

• Breast Cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women.

• One out of nine women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. In 1960, the risk was one out of 14.

• This year, a woman dies of breast cancer every 12 minutes.

• 70 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no identifiable risk factors.

• If detected early, breast cancer can often be treated effectively with surgery that preserves the breast.

• Five-year survival after treatment for localized breast cancer is 93 percent.

• Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women 35-54 years of age.

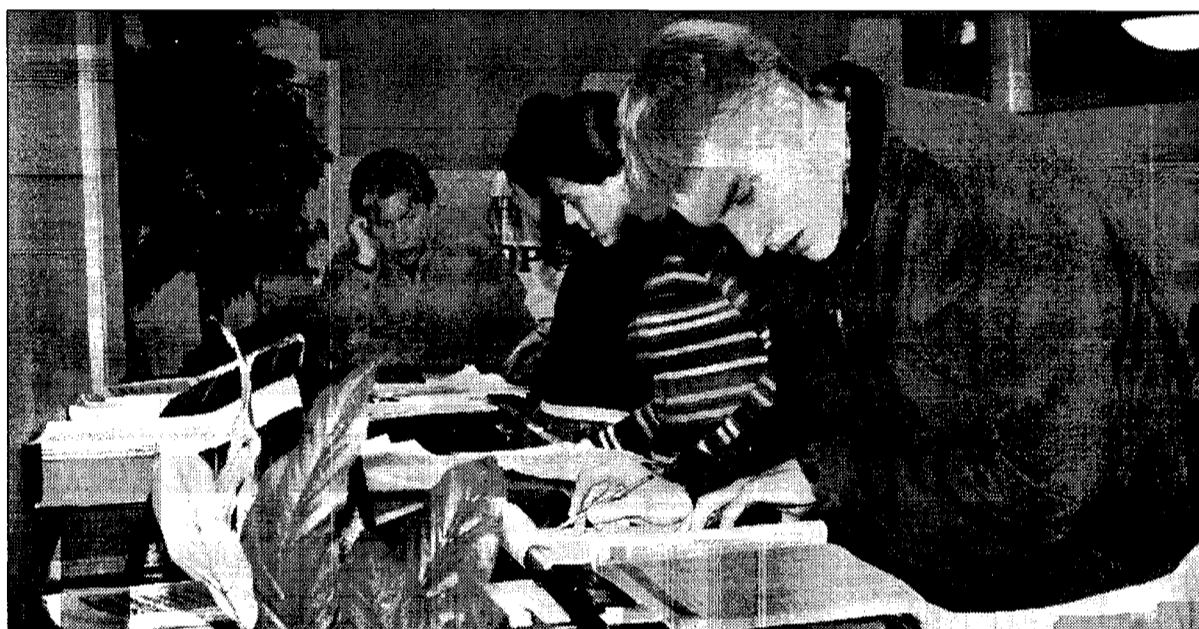
We do not know what causes breast cancer or how to cure it.

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Sweating through their 15 minutes, Chris Cordes (right), Rebecca Monge and Patrick Gilligan use computers to DART at the Main Building.

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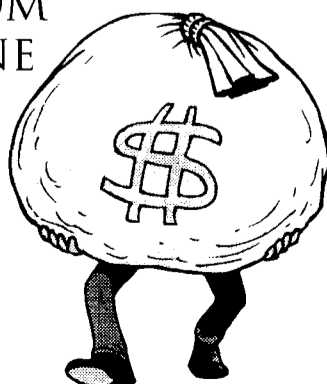
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Witness: ValuJet executive worried about investigation

MIAMI

In a conference call after the ValuJet crash, an airline executive said he was worried that federal officials would find out about the airline's failure to follow a recommendation on aircraft doors that could have contained a cargo fire on the plane, an operator testified Tuesday. Jurors were out of the room when Sprint operator Kathleen Wheaton testified. The judge in the trial of ValuJet's outside maintenance contractor, SabreTech, and two former employees considered it inflammatory hearsay and wouldn't allow the jury to hear it. Recalling notes she took during the call, Wheaton testified that Gil Morgan, ValuJet vice president of contracts, said: "I hope the people or the FAA never find out we did not follow McDonnell-Douglas recommendations to keep those doors shut."

Security Council requests aid for Congo

UNITED NATIONS

Anxious to keep Congo's peace process from bogging down, the Security Council asked the U.N. chief on Tuesday to start equipping 500 military observers who could move quickly into Congo to monitor a fragile cease-fire. Fighting has flared up again between rebels and the troops of President Laurent Kabila. The two sides signed a peace agreement in August, along with Kabila's allies, Angola and Namibia, and the rebels' backers, Rwanda and Uganda. Under the peace accord, the United Nations is to assist the cease-fire monitors from the Organization of African Unity until the arrival of a larger U.N. peacekeeping mission that will oversee the withdrawal of foreign troops from Congo and the disarmament of militias.

Serbian mayor demands release of EU oil shipment

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia

The mayor of a Serbian city desperately in need of heating oil Tuesday protested the government's blockade of a European Union oil shipment meant for two cities run by opponents of President Slobodan Milosevic. Tomislav Panajotovic, the mayor of Pirot — one of two Serbian cities awaiting 350 tons of heating oil stalled at the southern border by Serbian customs authorities — threatened to go on hunger strike if the shipment is not released soon, the independent Beta news agency reported. Panajotovic said that by Tuesday afternoon, his city had used up all its heating oil reserves. "We did everything to secure the needed quantities of heating oil, but because of the evil government policies, Pirot is without heating," Panajotovic told independent B2-92 radio. Some 14 EU oil trucks remained stuck at the Macedonian border.



AFP Photo

Anti-World Trade Organization activists (right) stand-off with Seattle riot police Tuesday outside the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle on Tuesday. WTO Director General Mike Moor opened the WTO minister's conference more than five hour late due to the demonstrations that at times turned violent.

WTO protestors, police clash

By LUIS CABRERA
Associated Press

SEATTLE

Promises of nonviolent protest against World Trade Organization talks were shattered — along with storefront windows — as 5,000 demonstrators clashed with police seeking to clear the way for delegates to get into the conference.

Tensions escalated after police used pepper spray Tuesday to disperse crowds that had stalled the meeting's opening ceremonies. In one place, demonstrators turned

against each another.

Angry renegades smashed downtown windows at a McDonald's, an FAO Schwartz toy store, a Joan and David shoe store and U.S. Bank. "Barbie Kills" was sprayed on a toy-store window full of Barbie dolls.

Activists upended garbage bins in the streets to serve as blockades and barricades. Some vandalized police vehicles, methodically slashing tires, kicking in doors and scrawling graffiti after the morning clash delayed the conference's opening ceremonies at the Paramount

Theater.

Demonstrators driven from the site by clouds of red-pepper spray were tended by their own medics, who carried bottles of water to clear swollen eyes and breathing passages.

"They sprayed me right in the face. We were just sitting there chanting to the delegates, and they sprayed us with tear gas," said Tom Wilson, 54, of Viroqua, Wis., who spoke with his eyes closed, grimacing in pain, as he was treated on the street.

Black-garbed young men in ski masks were behind some of the vandalism and

got in shouting matches with more peacefully inclined protesters during a midday lull in the action.

At least one person was arrested for assault during the morning clash outside the WTO meeting rooms.

"We know there have been more [arrests] made, we just don't have the numbers," said police command center spokeswoman Marti McKee, with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Officers, trying to clear a path for delegates moving between WTO venues, warned crowds blocking intersections that they would be cleared using

Study: Gulf War illness is brain damage

By BRENDA COLEMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO

Brain scans of soldiers who believe they suffer from Gulf War illness suggest they have brain damage, possibly from chemicals they were exposed to during the conflict, researchers reported Tuesday.

The researchers said veterans who report symptoms of the illness had lower levels of a certain brain chemical than healthy veterans of the 1991 conflict.

"This is the first time ever

we have proof of brain damage in sick Gulf War veterans," said the lead researcher, Dr. James Fleckenstein, professor of radiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"They can be believed — they're not malingering, they're not depressed, they're not stressed. There's a hope for treatment and there's hope for being able to monitor the progress of the disease."

A Pentagon spokesman, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said he looked forward to examining the research. "I hope he's right" that chemi-

cal exposure is the answer, Quigley said. "We need to take a look at it."

The researchers reported that magnetic resonance spectroscopy, which measures body chemistry, revealed that veterans who believe they have the illness have lower-than-normal levels of a chemical, N-acetyl-aspartate, in the brain stem and basal ganglia.

That suggests a loss of neurons in those areas, said the researchers, who presented the findings at the 85th annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

The brain stem controls some of the body's reflexes, and the basal ganglia are switching stations for nerve impulses controlling movement, memory and emotion. The basal ganglia, for example, are where the malfunctioning occurs that causes Parkinson's disease.

In the study, brain scans of 22 sick veterans revealed levels of N-acetyl-aspartate 10 percent to 25 percent lower than those in 18 healthy veterans, Fleckenstein said. The finding held up in an additional six sick Gulf War veterans drawn from a different part of the military, he said.

Market Watch: 11/30

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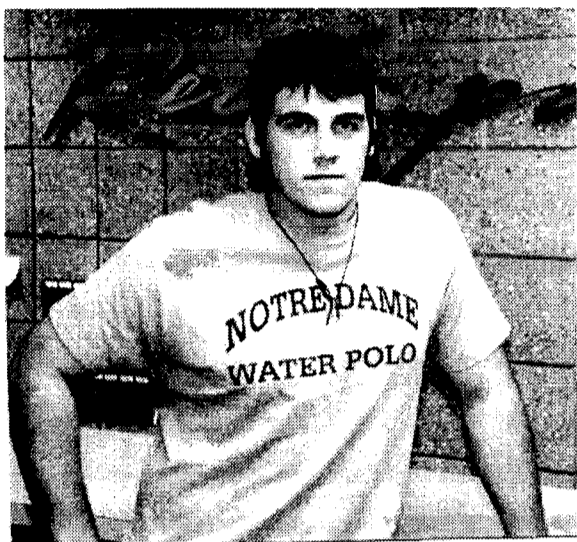
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RecSports

Champion Student Award

RecSports "Champion Student Award" recipients are selected by the Office of Recreational Sports. Honorees are chosen for their involvement in RecSports, including excellence in sportsmanship, leadership and participation.



A year's study in Rome last year did nothing to dim the brightest of many stars on the Irish Water Polo club, Matt McNicholas. Hailing from Lombard, IL, Matt spurned a full scholarship to play for Villanova and entered Notre Dame with a pedigree in the sport - All-State, second-team All-American and three time Junior Olympian. Named team MVP his sophomore year, Matt also played for the National 20 and under team his freshman and sophomore years. An architecture major, Matt later plans to earn an art degree in Florence. Matt's other RecSports activities include refereeing intramural water polo and participating in Late Night Olympics. When Midwest and All-American honors are announced shortly, look for his name to appear on both teams.

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Deadline to register is 12:00pm, Friday, Dec. 3

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Nun criticizes Pope, loses job

Associated Press

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. A nun who lost her teaching job after publicly criticizing Pope John Paul II's stance on women joining the priesthood says she will continue her legal battle against the St. Meinrad School of Theology.

The Indiana Supreme Court declined to hear the case of Sister Carmel McEnroy when it denied her petition on Nov. 19. Therefore, an Indiana Court of Appeals ruling on the matter will stand.

On June 24, the appellate court upheld a decision by Spencer Circuit Judge Wayne Roell. He ruled his court had no jurisdiction over Sister McEnroy's lawsuit because the case delved too deeply into a religious issue.

"My lawyer is prepared to take this to the U.S. Supreme Court," Sister McEnroy said Monday. She is represented by Ron Sheffer, an attorney from Henderson, Ky.

The nun taught Roman Catholic theology and doctrine

for 14 years at St. Meinrad, where she was a tenured professor.

In 1994, the pope declared in an Apostolic Letter that the ordination of women as priests no longer was an issue. Several months later, Sister McEnroy was among 1,500 people who signed a letter of protest published in the National Catholic Reporter.

At the time, she said the letter's intent was to generate more debate on the subject and that she had signed it as an individual, not as a representative of the school.

According to court documents, Sister McEnroy was fired in 1995 after St. Meinrad officials saw the published letter. She sued, alleging breach of contract and denial of due process.

In February 1998, Roell

granted a defense motion to dismiss the lawsuit. He wrote that the dispute was "one over church doctrine" that his court could not resolve.

"My lawyer is prepared to take this to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Sister Carmel McEnroy

In its ruling, the Court of Appeals agreed with Roell, saying the court would be "clearly and excessively entangled in religious affairs" if it allowed the case to go forward.

Sister McEnroy, who now teaches at Lexington (Ky.) Theological Seminary, said she was disappointed that the Indiana Supreme Court passed on hearing her case.

St. Meinrad issued a statement Tuesday saying it was pleased by the state Supreme Court's decision.

Many St. Meinrad students go on to become Catholic priests who serve in southern Indiana and western Kentucky.

Church, female pastor leave Convention

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. When members of University Baptist Church chose the Rev. Annette Hill Briggs as their pastor earlier this year, they thrust the church into the middle of a feud.

For the past decade, moderates and conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention have been debating whether women can serve as senior pastors. The debate hinges on the interpretation of Bible passages.

University Baptist quit the convention in September, as the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana was

poised to declare that the 75-member church "stands in violation of the principles of Scripture and outside the commonly held beliefs of Indiana Baptists by calling a woman to be senior pastor."

Said church member Mike Campbell: "Sometimes you have to do what God wants and not what a denomination wants."

The church's withdrawal from the 15.9 million-member national convention underscores the conflict among Southern Baptists over the interpretation of the Bible, a conflict as divisive as the one created when conservatives took the helm of the nation's largest Protestant church group in 1990. At issue is the freedom of a local congregation to follow its own heart and its own reading of Scripture, and the group's national governing body's right to regulate its members.

The Rev. Woody Cumbie, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis and president of Indiana's state Baptist convention, said the issue is not women being called into the ministry.

"The issue that surfaced here is, 'Is the office of senior pastor an option?' And in my viewpoint it is not," he said.

It's rare for Southern Baptist congregations to hire women pastors or to face sanctions if they do. Nonetheless, it's a hot issue in the denomination, said Herb Hollinger, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention. Most Southern Baptist pastors would probably say the Bible does not support hiring female senior pastors, Hollinger said.

But "it's still a local church issue," he said.

"This issue of women as senior pastors is the last stronghold" in the battle over women's ordination, said Briggs, a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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Mike Campbell
University Baptist Church member

Baptist Women in Ministry, a Missouri-based group that supports the ordination of women, said that by 1998, the last year for which figures are available, Southern Baptist churches had ordained

1,324 women to the ministry. Just fewer than 100 Southern Baptist churches had hired women as their top pastors or co-pastors. That figure is about twice the number of female senior pastors from 1993, the organization said.

Southern Baptists who oppose female senior pastors rely heavily on passages in the New Testament's book of 1 Timothy, which reads, "a woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man," according to the New International Version translation of the Bible.

But others say even the most conservative Southern Baptist churches don't follow everything in the Bible literally. Most Southern Baptist churches don't require women to cover their hair in church or condone slavery, Hollinger said.

"I think what they do is they prioritize it," Hollinger said. The debate over women as senior pastors "is a leadership issue. That's a priority issue, at least in Baptist life."

Threatening woman gets trial date

Associated Press

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. A judge has set a March trial date for a woman who allegedly threatened four high school students with a handgun after one of them had a confrontation with her son at school.

Denise Conkright, 40, is charged with possession of a firearm on school property, a

class D felony, carrying a handgun without a permit, a class A misdemeanor, and intimidation. Her trial is set for March 28.

During a hearing Monday, a judge ordered Conkright not to have contact with the four Crawfordsville High School students she is accused of threatening Nov. 8 in the school parking lot.

Conkright allegedly

approached the four students, showed them a handgun hidden beneath her shirt and told them she had a bullet for each of them.

The incident occurred after Conkright's son allegedly drew unflattering pictures of classmates and posted them on school lockers.

A boy then challenged Conkright's son, telling him to stop posting the pictures.



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Injection drug use impacts all individual--not only the drug user. People who engage in sexual activity with an injection drug user (IDU) also are at risk for infection through the sexual transmission of HIV. In addition, children born to HIV + mothers may become infected. Since the epidemic began, injection drug use has directly and indirectly accounted for more than one-third (36%) of AIDS cases in the US. This disturbing trend appears to be continuing.

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Egyptian officials cooperate with U.S. in crash investigation

♦ Public reacts angrily to U.S. suspecting co-pilot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
FBI agents have examined aircraft and personnel records in Egypt and participated in interviews there, FBI Director Louis Freeh said Tuesday as he praised Egyptian cooperation with the investigation of EgyptAir 990's crash.

"The cooperation has been very, very good," Freeh told reporters at FBI headquarters.

Although Egyptian government objections halted the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board's plan to turn over control of the investiga-

tion to the FBI as a potential criminal case, Freeh raised no complaints with the role Egyptian investigators have played.

"We have done quite a bit of work with them, including some interviews in Egypt just recently completed," Freeh said. "And we got access — together with the safety board — in Cairo to personnel records, aircraft records."

"There's a whole series of things we've requested," he added. "We have furnished the Egyptians with a list of particular investigative leads that we need to have covered. Obviously they need to cover them."

"We have not had any of our requests turned down," Freeh added. He noted some requests are still being evalu-

ated and need to move through the Egyptian police and court system.

The Egyptian public reacted angrily when word leaked that U.S. investigators suspect that

a relief co-pilot, Gameel El-Batouty, for unknown reasons, sent the Boeing 767 into the steep dive that carried all 217 aboard to their deaths in the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts Oct. 31.

NTSB Chairman James Hall has said no evidence of an explosion or mechanical problem has surfaced in the plane's flight and cockpit

recorders. But last week, Gen. Issam Ahmed, who heads the Egyptian Transportation Ministry's flight training program, blamed the crash on an explosion.

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Louis Freeh
FBI director

Freeh declined to respond to the uproar in Egypt: "I'm not going to discuss what any non-police officials have said."

Freeh spoke with Hall again on Tuesday morning. "We're going to start a recovery operation at the crash site in the next couple weeks," Freeh said, adding that recovery will

be a joint FBI-safety board operation. So far only the cockpit and flight recorders have been brought from the Atlantic floor, and investigators would very much like to recover the cockpit itself. Bodies of victims also would be a recovery priority.

The bureau has hundreds of agents assigned to checking out the plane's history and that of any person who had contact with it in the days before the crash. Freeh said there was no timetable for deciding whether to turn the lead over to the FBI.

"I know it's been made an issue as to who is the lead agency," Freeh said. "But the investigation is going to proceed whether the FBI stays in a subordinate role or a lead role."

WWII 'Code talkers' honored

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Fifty-five years after he and 16 other Comanche Indians played a secret role in protecting U.S. military messages on the European battlefields of World War II, Charles Chibitty received a special award from the Army on Tuesday for extraordinary service.

The Comanches' efforts were particularly important during and after the Allied landings at Normandy in June 1944.

In a ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, Chibitty, 78, noted that he is the last surviving member of the elite group known as

Comanche "code talkers," who frustrated enemy efforts to decode Army messages.

"I wonder why they had to wait so long to recognize us," he said in accepting the Knowlton Award, established by the Military Intelligence Corps Association and named for Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Kevin Gover, assistant interior secretary for Indian affairs, noted the historic irony of the honor.

"My agency, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, dedicated itself for the first half of this century to destroying the native languages that proved to be so useful to our armed forces during World War II," Gover

said.

Chibitty and 16 other Comanche Indians were recruited to serve in the Army Signals Corps because of their unique language. Like the larger group of Navajo Indians who performed a similar service as Marines in the Pacific theater during World War II, the Comanches were dubbed "code talkers."

The Comanches coded messages from the battlefields in Europe back to division headquarters, where another of their group decoded the messages, thereby confounding enemy efforts to steal U.S. communications. They used the Comanche phrase "posah-tai-vo," or crazy white man, to refer to Adolf Hitler.

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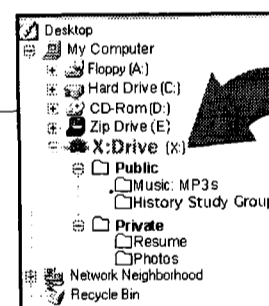
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Death penalty opponents protest Fleenor execution

By JR ROSS
Associated Press

Death penalty opponents say D.H. Fleenor isn't mentally competent enough to understand his pending execution.

But proving that to a court of law won't be easy.

Fleenor is scheduled to be executed Dec. 9 for the murders of his parents-in-law 17 years ago, and efforts to prove he's mentally unfit to be put to death will be difficult, said Richard Dieter, director of the Death Penalty Information Center in

Washington, D.C.

He said the Supreme Court has ruled that if a defendant is mentally incompetent and can't comprehend what's happening, an execution can't proceed. Still, even a basic childlike understanding of right and wrong can satisfy the court's standard.

"If you can simply answer the question 'Do you know why you are about to be executed and what executed means?', if you can answer yes to that, that's usually enough with some sense that it's an intelligent answer," Dieter said.

Still, death penalty opponents

on Monday called for a halt to execution proceedings, even though Fleenor refused to attend his own clemency hearing last week and reportedly told one board member to show him no mercy.

"Killing Mr. Fleenor isn't going to fix a right or wrong, but show the state our society is in," said Lynne DeMichele, a spokeswoman for the Indiana Methodist Church and member of the Indiana Citizens to Abolish Capital Punishment, which staged a news conference in Indianapolis.

Fleenor had already exhaust-

ed all of his appeals at the state and federal level when he reportedly refused to attend a hearing before the clemency board last week.

Board member Raymond Rizzo, who was dispatched to Fleenor's cell to make a personal plea for him to attend the hearing, said he did everything he could to urge Fleenor to face the board.

"He said: 'You tell them this' — and he repeated it twice — he said: 'Tell them I'm guilty and to show me no mercy,'" Rizzo said.

But Alan Freedman, at attorney with the anti-death penalty Midwest Center for Justice in Chicago who once represented Fleenor, said Fleenor is incompetent to make rational decisions on his own behalf and claimed the statement Fleenor made to Rizzo was inconsistent with previous conversations he'd had with him.

Freedman said he received Fleenor's prison records Monday morning after the Indiana Supreme Court granted him permission to review the documents and would use them to determine if he could file a petition contesting Fleenor's competence.

"We do believe he's unfit to be executed, and we're evaluating what we can do next," he said.

Freedman and Tom Schornhorst, an emeritus law professor at Indiana University and member of the Indiana Citizens to Abolish Capital Punishment, have already been rebuffed in their efforts to rep-

resent Fleenor in clemency hearings.

U.S. District Judge David H. Hamilton ruled Nov. 4 that Fleenor showed no interest in having either attorney represent him and did not want the clemency hearings to go forward.

"The court sees no reason to force such proceedings upon him, let alone force upon him lawyers he does not want," Hamilton wrote.

Fleenor is scheduled to become the seventh person executed in Indiana since the state reauthorized the death penalty in 1977.

He was sentenced to die in Johnson County after he was convicted in the murders of Bill and Nyla Harlow, his parents-in-law.

According to testimony and court records, Fleenor attended an evening church service with his wife, Sandra Sedam, and her parents, the Harlows, on Dec. 12, 1982.

He stayed briefly before leaving. When Sedam and her parents returned to their home, Fleenor appeared in the hallway and shot Bill Harlow with a handgun.

He ordered Sedam, Mrs. Harlow and his three children to sit on a couch. He allowed Mrs. Harlow to go to her husband, then shot her in the head.

Bill Harlow survived for a while, but Fleenor said, "I can't let him suffer," and shot him again before fleeing to Tennessee with his wife and three children.

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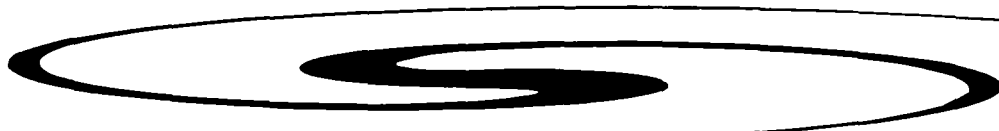
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Native American roots are our lifeblood

"The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected, like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is but a strand in it; whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." — Chief Seattle (a.k.a. Chief Seal'th), — *American Trees, Native Roots.*

Consciousness can be a long time coming, even when the ironies of life sit but a breath apart.

Childhood friends and I would argue about who was to be cowboys. No one wanted to be Indians. They were the "bad guys," the ones to be chased and killed ... just like on TV. Later, after we'd had our fill of shooting and scalping, we'd happily switch gears to spend the rest of the day pricking fingers, pressing them to the neighbors' and producing "blood brothers."

Juxtaposing such dual, inconsistent realities (i.e. stereotype vs. heritage) is common in America. The "Black mammy", considered vulgar, filthy and more ape than human by some white folk often reared more of "massa's kids" than did mommy. Try to attribute her caring ways to massa's training or instinct, and you'd miss the influence of African values passed down from her mother's ancestors. In classic Gemini double-speak, we Americans freely perpetuate the insulting, stereotypical views about some so-called "savage," yet so value the heritage of that so-called "savage" that we usher it into our home and claim it as our own.

Clearly, we treat our native peoples in this fashion. We regard them as walking museum stock, as embers of yesterday's bonfire. To them, we give nothing. Yet, separate "Native" from "America" and we have nothing. With no "Native" in "America," we perish on the South Dakota trails with Lewis and Clark. With no "Native" in "America," we stand in a sea of maize dying of thirst; seething and salty, while turkeys fly South overhead in Thanksgiving of a harsh New England winter. Take Native from America, and what Columbus discovers is the long, lost path of anonymity.

Just as we'd rarely guess the greatness of Africa's ancient civilizations by her colonial-shocked inhabitants of today, at first glance, we might assume that our founding fathers built American society solely on the rugged backs and ingenuity of its European settlers. Jack Weatherford, in "How The Indians Enriched America," opens our consciousness to a different reality.

Chop down any Redwood or Sequoia to a stump, and its roots would still reach into prehistoric America. Having absorbed one or two thousand years of information, imagine the stories those old roots could tell, if only we knew to ask! Perhaps they'd be stories of majestic, ancestral glory or of pestilence and fires survived. Certainly, they could verify Weatherford's point that the heritages of America's indigenous peoples by FAR preceded Columbus.

Perhaps 20 to 30 million lived here before the arrival of Columbus (and

European diseases, which — introduced maliciously, at times — consumed nearly 90 percent of the native population). Massacres spurred by so-called "Manifest Destiny" killed many others. Despite this slaughter, the roots of native heritage still flow freely to all that is American. For confirmation, we need not the silent voices of Redwoods — just open our budding eyes to the evidence embedded in American landmarks, names and customs.

Like Egypt in Africa, the great Aztec, Incan, Mayan and Cahokian civilizations — predecessors of the Cherokee, Navajo, Potawatomi and other modern-era tribes — were enormously successful. A thousand years before Columbus, their trade routes ran from Quebec through St. Louis and the Mississippi Valley to California and even Central America. Techniques to build pyramids, irrigate crops, perform surgery, administer antiseptics, control forest fires and peacefully govern all existed. Ironically, Weatherford notes, excavating below any major American city would unearth remnants of an indigenous society; they knew where best to build, thus European settlers often just grafted themselves onto the trunks of these prior civilizations.

What George W. Carver did for the peanut, native inhabitants long ago did with corn (maize), tobacco, cotton, squash and beans, plus numerous other plants and medicinal herbs. In fact, says Weatherford, Native Americans not only taught colonists how to survive using indigenous crops, they also taught those city-boys how to grow their own EUROPEAN ones! Ironically, when later mass-produced, using stolen Native American land and African slave labor, the native crops were what fueled America's economic prosperity and global dominance.

Explorers, says Weatherford, inclined to name surroundings for themselves, loved ones or monarch sponsors, quickly found that "America already had its own names" — many for things never encountered by Europeans. The farther inland they traveled, the more they adopted names offered by Native American guides: buffalo, squirrel and coyote; canoe, pumpkin and moccasin; Ohio, Illinois and Chicago (i.e. place of smelly weeds or onions.)

Indeed, the Fightin' Irish have battled "Indian" teams all season: Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Michigan, Michigan State and Tennessee are ALL names of Native American origin.

Far most of America, our names lack memory, meaning ... roots! Is ignorance the path to truth or just situational sanity? Maybe we should ask Columbus.

We wake slowly to the world around us. Like infants learning depth perception, we reach out at things only to find that they aren't what we thought. Cowboy and Indian movies; the Lone Ranger's Tonto; Underdog's buck-toothed, gibberish-speaking "Go-Go Gopher Indians" ("Whoopie dooie! You am GENIUS!!"): are these our Mississippi pyramid builders? The Washington Redskins; Chief Wahoo, mascot of the Cleveland Indians; Atlanta Brave fans doing the tomahawk chop — this is the heritage we "give" of our Thanksgiving brethren? How ironic the name, then, "Indian giver."

My junior year at Notre Dame, I had a buddy: Virgil Hill. We often ate dinner together, shot hoops or hung out. I

knew Virge was Native American, but left it at that. Then one day, I asked him about life on a reservation. Now, my mother had often said: "We (blacks) have it bad, but the Indians have it worse." As Virgil spoke about rampant alcoholism and suicide, pathetic dropout rates, poor roads and buildings, her statement came to mind. On his reservation, just getting INTO college was success. I wondered, how had I not known such things? Then I realized: who had I ever asked? ... who had I ever known TO ask!

Ahhh, what we could learn if only we asked, eh? Last week, the University celebrated Native American Week. Nationwide, November is Native American Month. Yet, most of us haven't a clue about either. The real irony, of course, is that we ought to celebrate our Native American roots every day! Don't we realize, they are our LIFEblood! Their blood flows through our veins. We are, indeed, blood relatives, connected as one. We cut them off at our own risk.

Perhaps the greatest irony lies with the Iroquois Nation. Initially six bitter rivals, they found more value in forming a united league of nations. It wasn't easy — they still had quarrels, but they learned how to survive differences and prosper. In fact, according to Reader's Digest' "Through Indian Eyes," they were "a fine working example of representative democracy, with an unwritten constitution that spelled out checks and balances, rules of procedure, limits of power, and a stress on individual liberty." For a national emblem, the Iroquois chose a Tree of Peace, guarded by the fierce Eagle of native lore. In its talons: six arrows, representing its six nations.

Sound familiar? It should. If anyone doubts that our nation is indebted to the wisdom of its native peoples, consider that the above served as the very inspiration for Ben Franklin's "Albany Plan," the model from which arose the Constitution for a United States of America — whose own national emblem, ironically, is a bald eagle, clutching within its talons 13 arrows: one for each of its original 13 colonies. Once again, we find the heritage of the so-called "savage" ushered into our home; claimed as if our own ... but, what place for our Native Americans?

Consciousness can be a long time coming, indeed.

Perhaps now, I can play the "Indian." Let the Puritan cowboy travel the path to anonymity! I instead, in a spirit of thanksgiving, will take my children to Pow Wows, to reservations and to the library ... to learn. I will support a national holiday for Native Americans. Yes, I — the former "cowboy" — may even revisit the Cherokee heritage of my own great-grandparents.

Meanwhile, America, knowing that truth is clean and clear, please ... take one, deep breath.

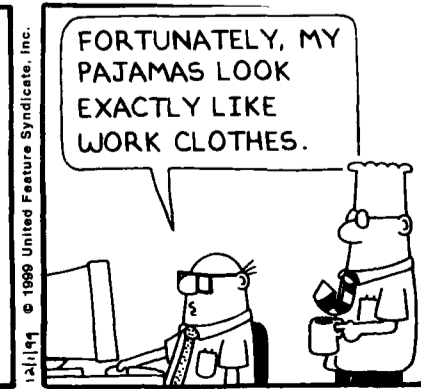
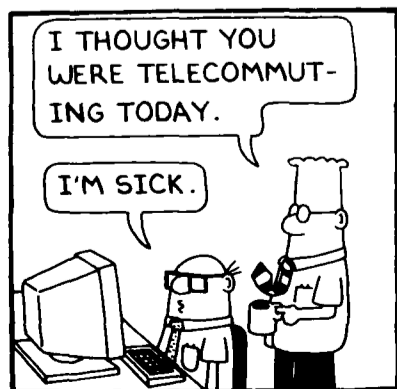
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Mel Tardy

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Freedom is an indivisible word. If we want to enjoy it, and fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone"

Wendell Lewis Willkie
author

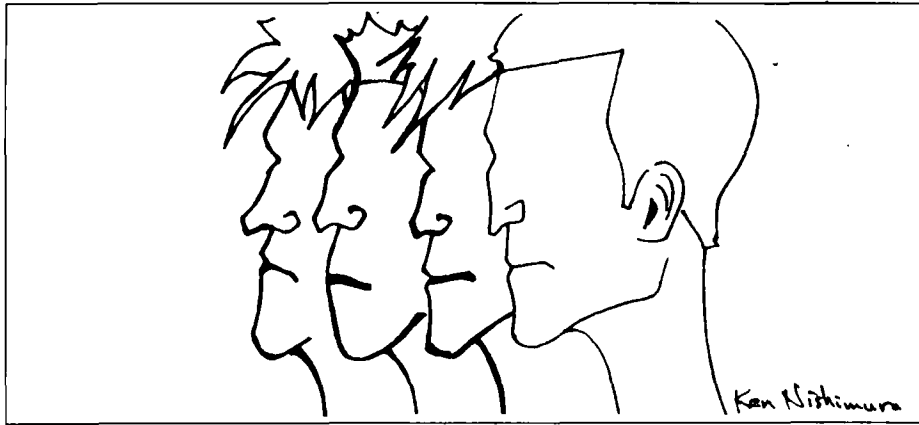
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Four wisemen get dream trip through Maji

According to tradition there were three wise men, an inference drawn because Matthew mentions three gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

As for me, however, I know the names of four wise men, and of a fifth equally wise woman. My friend Margaret is the official travel agent for Maji. Actually, her job is to plan travel experiences for developmentally disabled adults. But honestly, I doubt that many of us travel with a sense of excitement and anticipation that more closely approximates Matthew's Magi than do Margaret's clients. These persons, whatever their "dis"-ability have an almost limitless "cap"-ability to go places enrapt by wonder. Once a year, both as a way to keep a "hands on" connection to her work — and just because she enjoys it — Margaret becomes one of these sojourning Magi herself, serving as travel leader/companion on one of her own planned excursions.

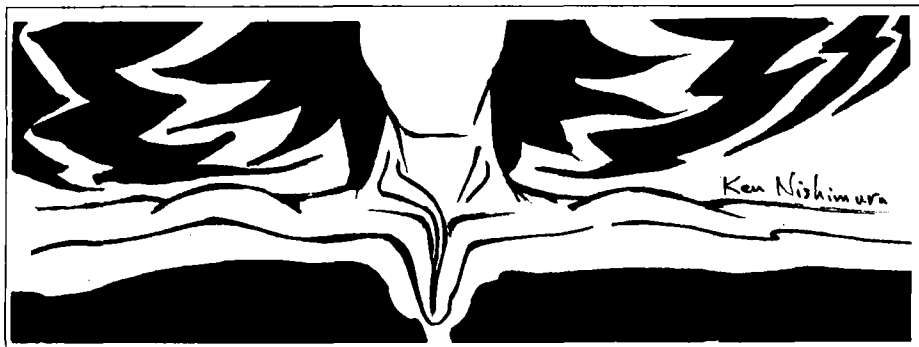
This past summer Margaret accompanied Eddie, John, Paul and Kenny (four men ranging in age from their late 30s to their early 70s) on a trip to Alaska. There they traveled for an entire week, quite literally "wise men from the East," in Margaret's gracious company.

They enjoyed a boat-side encounter with a glacier, a breath-taking view of Mt. McKinley, and an afternoon of picking — and eating — wild blueberries on

an Alaskan hillside. They engaged in a whimsical debate over Santa's whereabouts during their visit to North Pole, Alaska, and they shared a raucous restaurant meal that must have rivaled any feast that Mary, Joseph, and those first wise men shared that original Christmas in Bethlehem. In my view, these five undertook a journey no less amazing than that first trek to find the holy babe. Daily they opened up their own gifts: deep and frequent laughter, abundant and simple wonder, cheerful and genuine care for one another, and the sheer joy of traveling together.

Four men, thus, four gifts. And Margaret, she has a gift entirely her own. She knows, with uncanny insight and with contagious compassion, what it is to follow stars to unknown places and there to encounter unexpected wonder after wonder. But, best of all, it is her particular gift to find joy in making such journeys available to others. It's just a hunch, but I bet that wherever her trips go, Jesus is always found somewhere along the way, happy to receive the gifts of her travelers even if they're not so exotic as gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then, again, perhaps they are.

David R. Weiss
Luther College
November 29, 1999



Alum supports Observer's decision

I am a member of GALA ND/SMC and was on campus this past weekend with my daughter for the BC game. She is a sophomore in high school and I hope she will follow in her father's footsteps of being a Domer. I saw the add in The Observer, and was quite pleased to see that OUTreachND was making a positive step forward in communicating to your fellow students who may be at risk due to conditions outside of their control.

I enjoy coming back to campus with a number of fond memories. I wish that a group such as yours was available when I was a student. It would have made things a lot easier to deal with.

I encourage OUTreachND to up the good work, and The Observer for your courage to run the add! Maybe one day the administration will become enlightened and support everyone's right to celebrate life the way we were intended to.

Jack Bergen
Class of '77
November 24, 1999

Wild Women encounter restaurant racism

Last Friday night, two Walsh women went to Chili's for supper with five of their African-American Notre Dame friends. It turned out not to be a fun evening.

During their two and a half hour wait for a table, it was obvious the group was being ignored as other parties, larger and smaller, were being seated ahead of them.

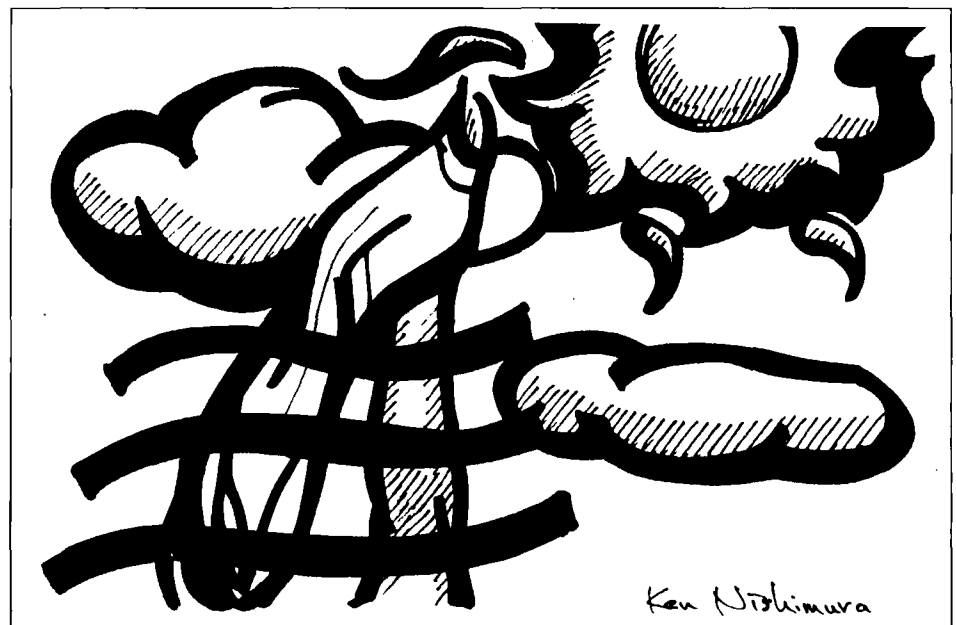
According to the facts, the hostesses gave the group the idea that they would be seated together and that a table was being prepared for this, when in fact, they were collaborating with the people at the table to make the group wait longer.

When the people at the table finally did get up to leave, words were exchanged between the two groups and the guys threatened our "wild women" (not acting at all wild at this point) with comments about lynching and getting shotguns to take care of the bitches.

The manager refused to call the police, forced our group to leave and threatened them with trespassing charges. Police finally did arrive because someone in our group made a cell phone call. Yet the reactions of the police who finally arrived were to once again threaten our group with trespassing, make light of the whole situation, allow one of the guys to flee from the scene before he was questioned and would not escort our group back to campus.

In a gesture of solidarity, support or whatever you want to call it, I am putting out a request that we, as the students of Notre Dame, take at least one small step and refuse to go to Chili's anymore, with friends, at times when our families are in town, etc. I love Chili's food and have always received good service, but this situation is simply not just.

Cristobal Saldana
Senior
Dillon Hall
November 16, 1999



'Shirt' off manager's back is a great guest gift

Ili, my name is Peter Fratoni, my girlfriend Vickie Mooty and I went to the Navy game this year and of course had a great time visiting as many places on and off campus as possible.

We drove up from Mocksville, N.C., on the Wednesday before the game, rested at a nearby motel then ventured over to the bookstore for our souvenirs. We then had some dinner and off to meet the players after practice for pictures and autographs.

Trying to get as many as we could, we found ourselves at the stadium waiting for the rest of the players to come out after they changed for more autographs and pictures.

All the while we were conversing with the student managers. I noticed that one manager was wearing "The Shirt."

I asked him where he got the shirt, he responded, "At the bookstore." I told him I have all of the previous years' shirts, but the employees at the bookstore told me that they were all out of them and did not expect to get any more in. I was very disappointed because my collection was in jeopardy.

As time went by that Thursday evening and the players were filtering out and off to their destinations, Vickie and I continued talking with Mr. Dan Cooley, about Notre Dame football of course.

Mr. Cooley was preparing to lock up the facility, and as he did so he walked with us part way around the stadium. He asked if we would be coming back this year. I replied, not this year, but we will be back next year.

Mr. Cooley, then, without hesitation, literally gave me "The Shirt" off his back so I can continue my collection.

The spirit at Notre Dame lives on, now and forever. Yes, folks, it's not just a University, it's the University of Notre Dame.

Peter Fratoni
Mocksville, North Carolina
November 16, 1999

TELEVISION ANALYSIS

Post-Clooney 'ER' gets back to normal

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene Editor

It's Thursday night. Do you know where your doctor is?

If you need serious medical attention, maybe the answer to this question is rather important.

If not, then all you have to do is switch to NBC and watch the good doctors and nurses from "ER" strut their stuff and tend to their heart-reviving stunts in the emergency room and beyond.

Yes, that's right. "ER" is back, and it's as good as it's ever been.

The NBC touchstone hit the lowest of lows last season, as the buildup to George Clooney's exit weighed the show down with too much with Clooney's patented eye twitch and head bow.

Clooney's Dr. Ross, who was wholly underdeveloped and uninteresting since the show's inception, received a goodbye only fit for a king. And a king is the furthest thing one can call Dr. Ross.

Despite the star factor — Clooney was probably the biggest starlet among the large "ER" cast — the actor never allowed viewers to understand the importance of the pediatrician with the Ceasar 'do. To say Dr. Ross was an enigma would be a bit too flattering concerning Clooney's acting ability. The correct description would be instead as a weak link in an otherwise heavy duty chain. The pediatrician never really fit around the quality of his "supporting" actors — Anthony Edwards' Dr. Green, Julianna Margulies' nurse Hathaway, Eriq La Salle's Dr. Benton and the various other docs and nurses.

The point remains: The 1998-99 season of "ER" was ruined by the high profile departure of Clooney.

Once gone, though, "ER" became very much worth watching.

It all began with an entire episode devoted to Dr.

Benton's vacation deep in the South, where racism is still intense and African-American doctors from Chicago aren't easily accepted. But La Salle pulled off the solo as he used his tough demeanor and heavily guarded heart to do the right thing and help those southerners out. More than anything, the episode provided a strange closure to the Dr. Ross debacle.

But, hey, how could the "ER" writers completely eliminate Dr. Ross from their dreams?

To continue the reign of Dr. Ross, they wrote his seed into the script, impregnating nurse Hathaway not once, but twice.

Which brings the show to the present: Nurse Hathaway gave birth to twin girls on the show's Thanksgiving episode. Though these babies are the first step to writing Hathaway off the show as well — it is well known she will exit the show by the end of this season — the personal drama with which the episode was written and performed demonstrated how "ER" is only getting stronger post-Clooney.

Unfortunately for viewers, the new season has already seen the farewell of one of the more talented and special actors — Gloria Rueben. Rueben's Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant in the ER, provided the most gutwrenching scenes, from her own struggles with being HIV-positive to her emotional support of dying patients (particularly Dr. Anspaugh's son).

Rueben, who will go on to be a backup singer for Tina Turner, certainly deserved the royal departure given to Clooney. Instead, she had about five minutes to say her goodbyes, toward the end of one of the season's early episodes. Simply put, it was an injustice to all that is good in TV land.

To help the depleted cast of doctors, several new characters were introduced in "ER"'s season premiere.

Though they have not been allotted their share of storylines, as is usual to new characters, there is certainly potential for Michael Michele's Dr. Cleo Finch, Goran Visnjic's Dr. Luka Kovak, Erik Palladino's Dr. Dave and even Kellie Martin's Lucy Knight (in her sophomore season).

For the elder statespeople in the ER — Dr. Green, Dr. Weaver (Laura Innes), nurse Hathaway, Dr. Carter and Dr. Benton — they've all been given a chance or two to flex their muscles this season with new or deeper stories to weave through.

Dr. Green is having sex with assistant chief of staff Dr. Elizabeth Corday (Alex Kingston). Dr. Weaver is the newly appointed and regularly arrogant chief of the ER. Dr. Carter had an affair with a breast cancer victim and old friend (Rebecca De Mornay, in another career comeback). And perhaps the most moving storyline of the season thus far, Dr. Benton dealt with the possibility of losing his son, biologically and geographically.

Most importantly, the emergency room is once again having fun. Except for the fact that the producers of the show have manifested their love of reality by showing explicit shots of human insides for extended periods of time, visiting "ER" Thursday evenings is no longer like visiting a real emergency room.

In other TV news

◆ "The X-files": Mulder and Scully are about a month ahead of the rest of the world, with their millennium episode airing this past Sunday. In the episode, Lance Henriksen reprised his role from Chris Carter's other sci-fi show "Millennium," which was canned this season, to help M and S with a millennial monster showdown.

The world didn't end

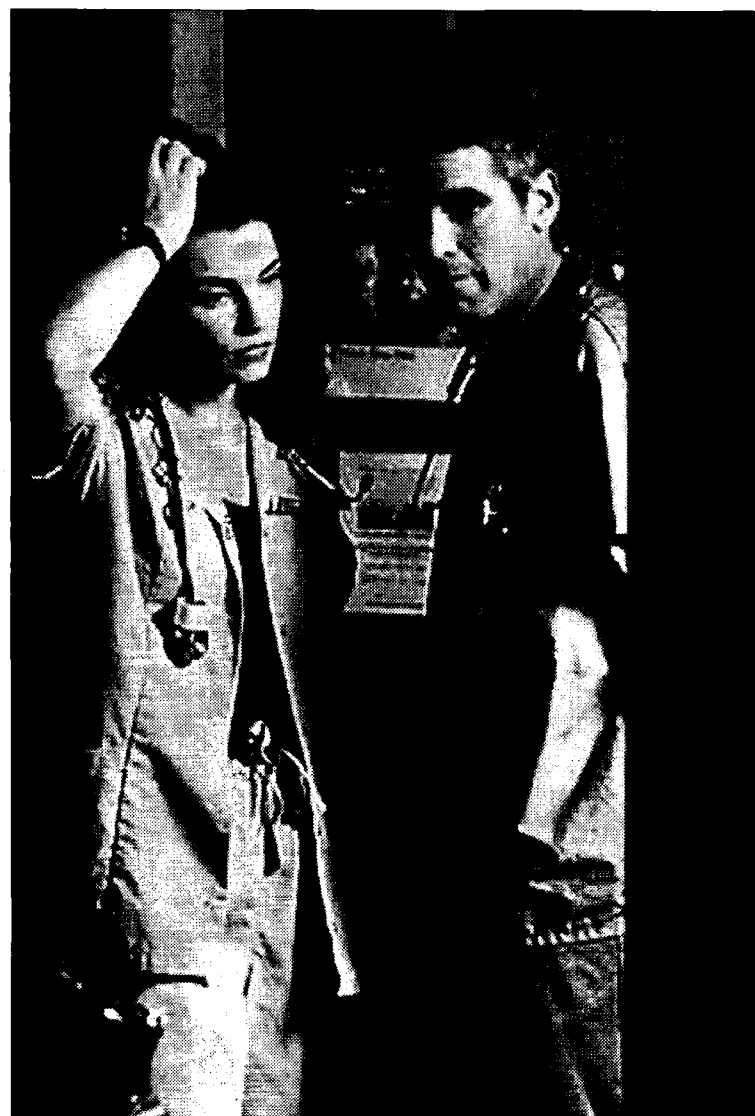


Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Julianna Margulies (left) will follow in George Clooney's (right) footsteps by leaving the show that made them famous, "ER," to pursue movie careers.

though, thank goodness, but a major showdown did happen. Mulder and Scully's lips collided in a New Year's kiss for the millennium. In its final season, it probably isn't long before the special agents are gettin' it on when the monsters are asleep (it is the "X" files).

◆ "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire": Friend of Notre Dame Regis Philbin leads ABC to a November sweeps victory. With the help of some really

easy questions fed to one John Carpenter, the game show finally allowed someone to become a millionaire. With a sarcastic style made only in America, Carpenter fooled viewers across America by using a lifeline on the last question to tell his father he was going to be a millionaire. Now national heros, Philbin and Carpenter returned American greed to the forefront of American pop culture. The show will return to ABC in January.

NIELSEN RATINGS



Photo courtesy of ABC

ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" nabbed three spots in last week's Nielsen Ratings, helping the network to a November sweeps win.

Top Ten

Week of November 22-28

| Show | Rating | Total Viewers |
|---|--------|---------------|
| 1. ER | 17.7 | 17.8 million |
| 1. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Wednesday) | 17.7 | 17.8 million |
| 3. CBS Sunday Movie: One Special Night | 17.5 | 17.6 million |
| 4. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Monday) | 17.3 | 17.4 million |
| 5. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Tuesday) | 17.2 | 17.3 million |
| 6. NFL Monday Showcase | 13.6 | 13.7 million |
| 7. 60 Minutes | 13.0 | 13.1 million |
| 7. NFL Monday Night Football: Oakland at Denver | 13.0 | 13.1 million |
| 9. Frasier | 12.2 | 12.3 million |
| 9. Touched By an Angel | 12.2 | 12.3 million |

ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

ACC jumps out to 3-1 lead over Big Ten in Challenge

Observer Staff Report

BALTIMORE

Terence Morris went 8-for-8 and scored 20 points, and Juan Dixon had 18 points as No. 24 Maryland defeated Iowa 83-65 Tuesday night in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Playing its first regular-season game against a Big Ten opponent since the 1985-86 season, Maryland scored the first 10 points and never trailed. The Terrapins (5-1) led by 11 at half-time and used a 10-0 run early in the second half to go up by 19.

Kyle Galloway scored a career-high 18 points for the Hawkeyes (2-3), who have lost three of four since opening the season by beating defending NCAA champion Connecticut.

Lonny Baxter had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Terrapins, who were coming off a third-place finish in the Preseason NIT. The only shot Morris missed was at the foul line, where he went 4-for-5.

Iowa, limited to 35 percent shooting in the first half, scored the opening basket of the second half. Morris then made three straight baskets, including a dunk, before Baxter added a dunk and Danny Miller scored inside to make it 52-33 with 16:24 left.

Maryland hit seven of its first nine shots in the half to open up a 20-point lead. But the Terrapins, who blew most of an 18-point lead against Notre Dame in the NIT consolation game, let Iowa back in the game.

Wake Forest 67, Wisconsin 48

Darius Songaila had 16 points and six rebounds and Wake Forest combined overpowering defense and rebounding for a victory over Wisconsin.

The Demon Deacons (4-0) held Wisconsin to 38 percent shooting and had a 40-24 rebounding edge.

Wake Forest's Craig Dawson added 12 points, and the Demon Deacons also got 11 from Robert O'Kelley and eight points, seven rebounds and two steals from Niki Arinze.

Mark Vershaw had 14 points for the Badgers (3-2) in their first-ever game on an ACC team's home floor. It turned out to be a forgettable experience for Wisconsin, which fell behind by as many as 22 in the second half.

The game was similar to the Badgers' last visit to North Carolina, a first-round loss to Southwest Missouri State in the NCAA Tournament at the Charlotte Coliseum in March. Wisconsin scored just 32 points in that game, the lowest output in any NCAA Tournament contest since the introduction of the shot clock in 1986.

Duke 72, Illinois 69

Duke couldn't call on Elton Brand, even though he was seated close to their bench Tuesday night. So, the 17th-ranked Blue Devils turned to Chris Carrawell to beat Illinois.

Carrawell scored 21 points, including two free throws with 14 seconds left, as Duke won its fourth straight after two losses opening the season, beating No. 16 Illinois before a raucous crowd at the United Center.

After Carrawell's two free throws put the Blue Devils (4-2) ahead by three, Illinois' Frank Williams missed a 3-pointer, Duke's Jason Williams rebounded and was able to dribble out the clock.

Jason Williams added 17 points and Shane Battier had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Duke. Cory Bradford and Frank Williams scored 14 points each for Illinois (2-1).

Brand, the Chicago Bulls' No. 1 pick in the NBA draft after leaving Duke early, showed little emotion as he watched his former team pull out the victory after trailing by five at the half.

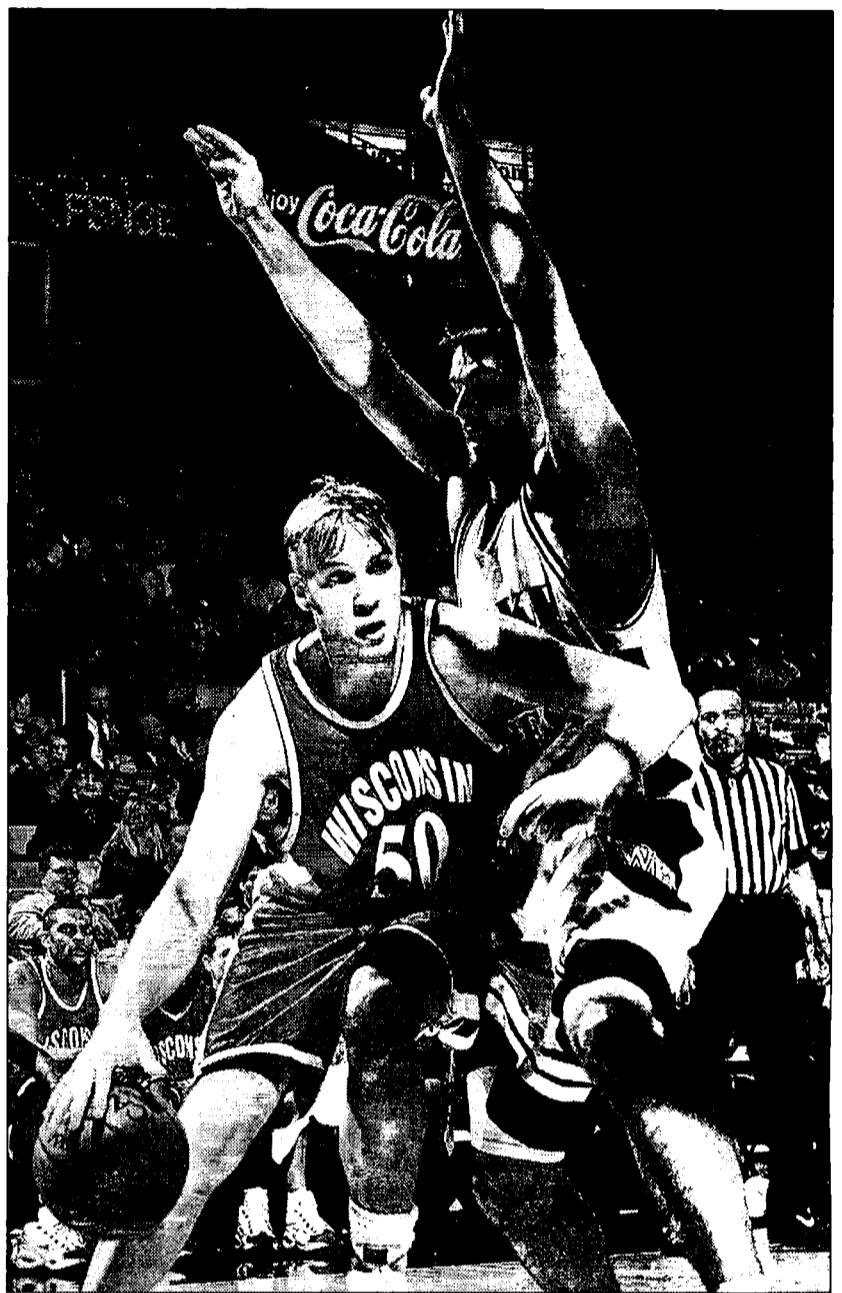
Carrawell, Duke's lone senior, made two free throws to put the Blue Devils ahead 70-66 before Bradford hit two for the Illini to make it a two-point game with 1:37 remaining.

A charging foul on Jason Williams gave the Illini the ball with 55 seconds left. Robert Archibald made one of two at the line, leaving the Illini a point behind with 41 seconds left.

Carrawell's game-tying three-point play started a quick 10-0 Blue Devil run and put Duke up 57-50 with 9:18 to go.

Minnesota 74, Virginia 62

The Golden Gophers outscored the Cavaliers 34-26 in the second half to pull away and pick up the Big Ten's only win on the first day of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.



Mark Veshaw of Wisconsin tries to dribble around the tight defense of Wake Forest's Rafael Vidaurrets. Veshaw led Wisconsin with 14 points.

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How 'bout 'dem FCs?

Chuk ... the quest failed...
We are pretty pathetic

Turner —My tight end owned you
all day You can't stop the offense
when you throw to the tight end.

wish Bob would learn that

Got to get the ball to Jabari

M-Shan, Krupa, KD, Connolly and
Kerry The west coast will never be
the same

ACC rules over Big 10 forever

"Matthew— Better than all the rest,
better than anyone I met ...
IN THE SUMMER!
-Shayna

Rie- how ya been? I've missed ya.

Gator — sorry, but I need to post-
pone my appointment at the Ghetto
Salon. Will sometime today work?
Let me know.

Hey, dirty

Girls, what's up? The backer is
missin' us!!!!

What happened to the good ol'
days when they had carpeting?

pq,
happy birthday to you
happy birthday to you
happy birthday se-or patrick
happy birthday to you

ahhh-ja.

what do you get someone who's
OLD?

ahhh-ja.

Daily —Too much work is not good
for you.

Break out.

Dance.

Break dance.

PL-what?

Stick to pictures. They're more fun.

Plus, they let you go to San José.

I'll wave to ya, study boy.

Hey Chicas! Let's go CABO!
What was that about playas and
bebidas? I believe "hombres" was
omitted from the list?!?
What's up with that?

Hey Jess. You go.

Rent is due today. Opps.

Hey ND boys: Did you miss your
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dling skills with three cuddling-
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Roses are red.
Violet are blue.
I'm schizophrenic.
And so am I.

--The SinNot

NCAA FOOTBALL

\$1.2 million lures Saban to LSU

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. Nick Saban left bowl-bound Michigan State on Wednesday for LSU, a job that will nearly double his salary and make him one of the country's top-paid coaches.

He signed a five-year contract for about \$1.2 million annually, joining a select group of millionaire coaches that includes Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Steve Spurrier of Florida and Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee.

Saban succeeds Gerry DiNardo at a football-mad school that just completed a 3-8 season for its second straight losing year. DiNardo was fired with a game left.

"I liked the challenge of this football program," Saban said. "I think there is great tradition. I think the Southeastern Conference is a very competitive, outstanding football conference. There's a challenge to being part of that conference that kind of intrigued me."



Saban

Saban, a former NFL assistant, guided No. 10 Michigan State to second place in the Big Ten. The Spartans are headed to the Florida Citrus Bowl, their first Jan. 1 game since the 1989 Gator Bowl.

Saban said the Michigan State administration will decide who coaches the team for the bowl game.

Saban earned \$697,330 a year at Michigan State. His contract at LSU calls for a base salary of \$250,000, with the balance coming in radio, TV and Internet appearances, plus other pay.

"Security is always something that's important to you and to your family," Saban said.

"But it's not the reason I came here."

Michigan State spokesman Terry Denbow said there was "absolutely no bidding war" to keep Saban.

Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Michigan State alumnus, said he had hoped that Saban was going to become "part of the MSU family for a very, very long time."

Saban, with tears in his eyes and his voice shaking, recalled speaking to his Michigan State players earlier in the day.

"I like college football

because when I talked to my team today, the effect that you have on some of the players, their lives, means something," he said.

Saban said he had two previous offers to leave Michigan State — from the New York Giants and the Indianapolis Colts. But he did not consider leaving until LSU called.

The school is redesigning its stadium in which its capacity will be raised to 91,700, making it the fourth-largest on-campus stadium in the nation.

At LSU, Saban will run the state's top college football program. At Michigan, he was always in the shadow of Michigan.

"It was always UM this or that," he said. "If I'd gone to Ohio it would have been Ohio State; Indiana it's Purdue; Chicago it's every other school in the Big Ten. In the East it's Penn State. Wherever you go you're looking at someone else when you're recruiting, trying to catch up, trying to convince someone you're up there."

Saban was at Michigan State for 10 years, first as the defensive coordinator and for the past five years as head coach. He has a 43-26-1 record as a college coach and a 34-24-1 record at Michigan State

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Naked drills lead to suit against Rutgers

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.

Two former Rutgers' basketball players and a team manager filed a civil rights lawsuit Tuesday accusing the coach of making them do wind sprints naked during a practice.

The three agreed to shed a piece of clothing for every missed free-throw shot at the 1997 practice, but they said they expected it would stop at under-shorts.

"Well, I thought it was funny when we were taking free throws ... but no one was laughing at the end," said Earl Johnson Jr., a sophomore player at the time. "We did not want to do it."

The suit, filed in Superior Court, said coach Kevin Bannon allowed other players to skip free-throw rounds or replace clothing. He rigged the contest against players and student managers recruited

by his predecessor, Robert Wenzel, the lawsuit said.

Bannon threatened grueling drills for the entire team if the group didn't cooperate, said Richard M. Winograd, the lawyer for the three.

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Earl Johnson Jr.
Rutgers player

Specifically, the suit charges violation of the state's discrimination law, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and invasion of privacy.

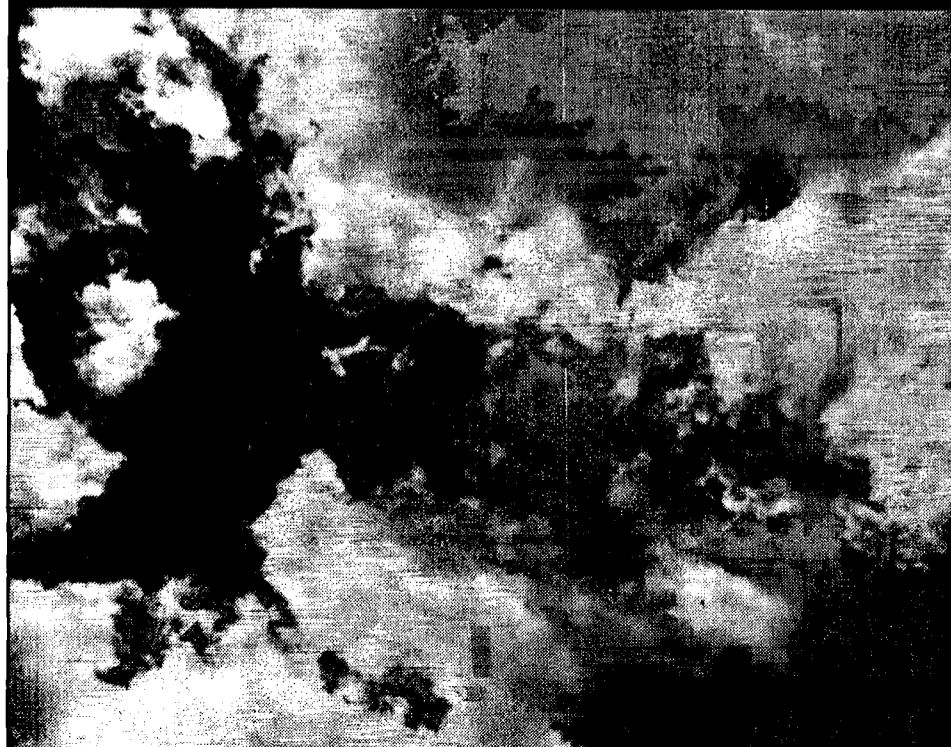
Only one of two managers involved, Juan Carlos Pla, joined the lawsuit.

Johnson and 7-foot center Josh Sankes left Rutgers after the 1997 season.

"This was a humiliating experience," Winograd said. "It served no useful purpose whatsoever, and it should not have happened."

The school believes the suit is "without legal merit," Rutgers counsel David B. Scott said.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Orange Bowl selects Michigan

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Michigan accepted a bid Tuesday to play in the Orange Bowl in Miami on New Year's Day.

The ninth-ranked Wolverines (9-2) will appear in the game as an at-large member of the Bowl Championship Series and will most likely face the winner of the Southeastern Conference title game between Florida and Alabama.

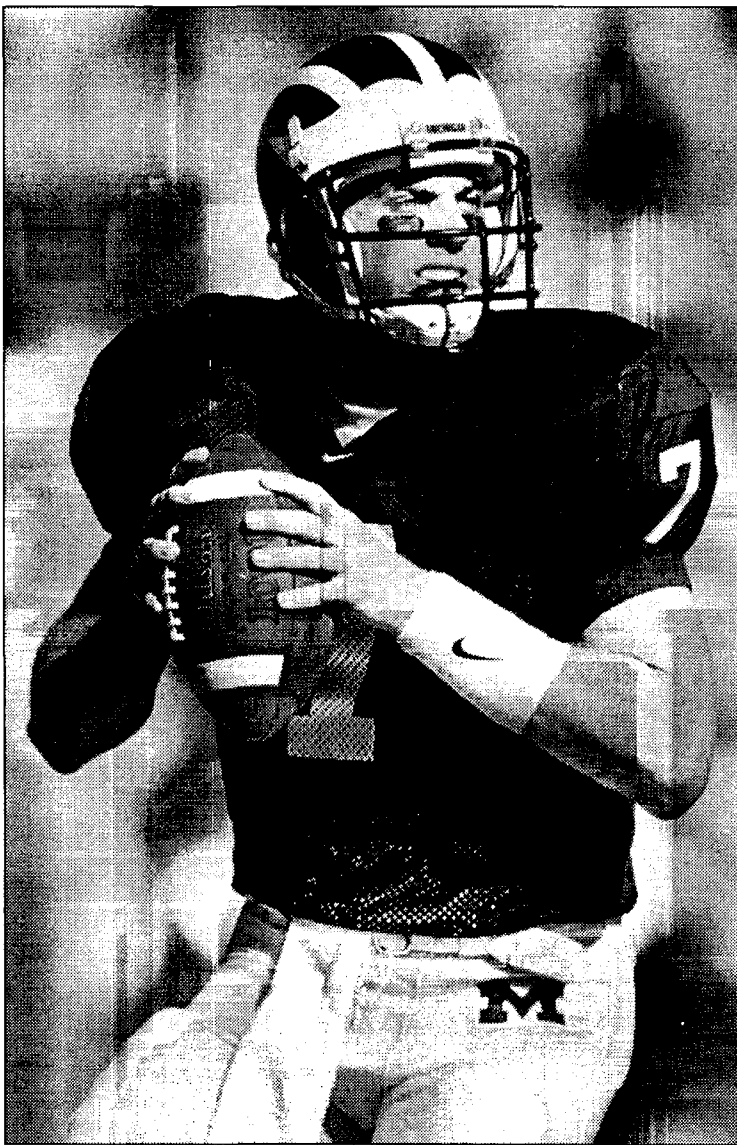
The final matchup for the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl will be determined Sunday.

"This is a great opportunity to play in one of the four BCS bowl games and to meet one of the top contenders in the country," Michigan athletic director Tom Goss said. "Our team, coaches and fans are looking forward to spending time in sunny, warm south Florida over the holidays and playing an outstanding opponent on Jan. 1."

The BCS standings, which determines the teams for the national title game, are based on a formula that considers The Associated Press media poll and the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength of schedule and losses.

This will be the 25th consecutive bowl appearance for Michigan.

The Wolverines, whose opponent has not yet been determined, last played in the Orange Bowl in 1976, losing to Oklahoma 14-6.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Michigan quarterback Tom Brady led the Wolverines to a 9-2 record and a bid in the Orange Bowl. The Bowl Championship Series berth is the first for Michigan since 1997.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

St. Louis hires Leyland as scout

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Jim Leyland wasn't out of work for long, signing a contract Tuesday to be a major league scout with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Leyland resigned as manager of Colorado Rockies at the end of the season, with two years to go on a three-year, \$6 million contract, because he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said Leyland will scout mainly out of his home area in Pittsburgh, and will also track the American League from Cleveland and be available for special assignments.

"With his relationship with Tony and myself, I think this will be a great addition to our staff," Jocketty said. "It's another great resource for us as we try to put together a championship organization."

Leyland, 54, was on manager Tony La Russa's staff with the Chicago White Sox in the early 1980s and the two have remained close. La Russa said he spoke to Leyland three times the last four days about the job.

"This guy is so perceptive," La Russa said. "If you add Jim Leyland to your organization, some day, some way he's going to help you a great deal."

The Rockies were 72-90 last season under Leyland, 54, who was a manager for 14 seasons and three times won the manager of the year. He managed the Florida Marlins to a World Championship in 1997 and led the Pittsburgh Pirates to three NL East titles from 1990-92.

The Cardinals also announced that the coaching staff, minus Rene Lachemann, will return from last season. Lachemann took a coaching job with the Chicago Cubs in order to spend more time with his family in Arizona during spring training.

Marty Mason, 42, the pitching coach for Triple-A Memphis last year, was promoted to bench coach with the Cardinals.

Mason has been in the organization for 14 seasons.

"Mason has paid a lot of dues and he's really worked well with our pitchers coming up," La Russa said. "He deserves this chance."

La Russa said it was undecided whether Jose Oquendo, the bench coach last year, or first base coach Dave McKay would take over for Lachemann at third base.

"Who gets first, who gets third, we've got a little time to decide that," La Russa said. "Either way, it'll be good for us."



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two steals for the evening.

The 25-point loss did not reflect the effort of the team,

according to sophomore forward Anne Blair.

"We are much better than we played," she said. "We took good shots and played hard defense, but their shots fell and ours didn't. That's the difference."

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Minnesota awaits sanctions

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Although the media frenzy over academic fraud in the University of Minnesota men's basketball program has subsided, another process has just begun.

Tonya Moten Brown, chief of staff for President Mark Yudof, presented findings of the University's independent investigation to NCAA officials in Indianapolis, Ind., last Tuesday.

Brown then hand-delivered a letter to Yudof from David Price, NCAA vice president for enforcement, officially beginning the NCAA investigation that will end with final sanctions this time next year.

The letter expresses the NCAA's desire to complete its investigation by April 2000. The University would prepare a response to accompany the new report before the NCAA infractions committee in June. Final sanctions would be issued six to 10 weeks after the committee meeting.

Possible NCAA penalties include further postseason bans, scholarship loss and indefinite probation. Forfeiture of profits and of games in which players deemed academically ineligible participated is also possible.

The ultimate penalty for any misconduct in an athletics

program is the "death penalty," in which a sports program is deemed so thoroughly corrupt that it is ended completely.

In 1987, Southern Methodist University was the last school to receive the death penalty, following allegations of widespread academic fraud in its football program. Though the program was reinstated one year later, the team has had only one winning season since then.

The NCAA is keeping open the possibility of conducting its own interviews, including with former academic counselor Alonzo Newby, who refused to speak with the University's independent investigators.

Brown said she hoped Newby would speak with the NCAA or others to clarify murky portions of the report.

"We would hope maybe he sees the NCAA as more of a neutral party than previous investigators. In the sense that he has a story to tell, we are prepared to follow up if and when he chooses to talk," she said.

University investigators concluded some Gophers basketball players were academically ineligible during each of the past five seasons, leaving the door open for the NCAA to retroactively forfeit games, including the 1997 Big Ten championship and Final Four appearance.

Yudof said he considered the possibility of forfeiture, but it was not his main concern when he announced the resignations of McKinley Boston, vice president of student development and athletics, and Mark Dienhart, men's athletics director.

"I think it would not be a good thing," Yudof said last week. "It would be largely symbolic. I think the report showed a systematic breakdown in procedure, and I was largely concerned with that."

Yudof also said the overhaul in the men's basketball program was not an attempt to appease the NCAA and avoid future penalties. He pointed to his one-year ban on post-season play.

"It was not a big factor," Yudof said of future NCAA sanctions. "I wanted to do the right thing, but I was also trying to send a message of good faith. The chips will fall where they may with the NCAA."

Brown said the meeting in Indianapolis went well.

"I think it's fair to say they did appreciate the president taking aggressive action," Brown said. "The findings of the report clearly warranted new management."

Pending approval from the Board of Regents, Brown will become vice president of administration and oversee the athletics departments.

Brown said while she would not want the University to forfeit the 1997 Final Four, other sanctions might be in order.

"Certainly, I think forfeiture would be damaging, but there are rules we play under, and they exist for a reason. The University must compete fairly," she said.

TENNIS

Healthy Sampras defeats Agassi

Associated Press

HANOVER, Germany

Pete Sampras has no argument with Andre Agassi being No. 1 in the world. Looking up at Agassi in the rankings just gives Sampras another reason to beat him.

In a year curtailed by back problems, Sampras had little chance of extending his record six-year run of finishing the season as No. 1.

But he is healthy again, as Agassi found out Sunday when Sampras won 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 to capture the ATP Tour World Championship, the season-ending tournament that features the top eight players in the world.

"The ranking isn't quite as significant. It's nice, but beating Andre, who's had a phenomenal year, is what I am most pleased about," Sampras said.

"After the U.S. Open, I kind of accepted the fact that I wasn't going to be No. 1. I've done it longer than anyone," said Sampras, who missed the U.S. Open.

Agassi, enjoying the best year of his career, won the French Open and the U.S. Open and lost the Wimbledon final to

Sampras. He will finish the year at No. 1 for the first time.

"He had an incredible year and deserves to be No. 1," Sampras said of his biggest rival.

Sampras completed only eight tournaments this year, but won five of them. "That's a pretty good percentage," he said.

In round-robin play earlier in the tournament, Agassi beat Sampras 6-2, 6-2.

But Sampras, coming off a three-month layoff because of hip and back injuries, was at his best Sunday and showed no sign of rustiness.

"I was humiliated a few days ago and I wanted to prove that I still have it. I was very pumped up, ready to go," he said.

"Today was a big match and I've always believed in myself, that I can rise to the occasion," Sampras said. "I really saved the best for last." Agassi did not hide his disappointment.

"It was a bad day to be flat," Agassi said. "I was really unhappy with the way I played."

"I've won enough to feel pretty good about my year, to say the least. I do take a lot of pride in this year, but it's disappointing today. I was really unhappy with the way I played."

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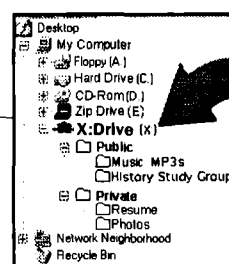
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HOCKEY

Notre Dame falls to New Hampshire, defeats Vermont

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame hockey team took advantage of Thanksgiving break to enter the Conference Classic in Durham, N. H.

The two games resulted in a split for the blue and gold with a 2-1 loss to New Hampshire overshadowed by a 5-1 win over Vermont.

The eighth-ranked Wildcats preyed on the two main weaknesses for the Irish: first-period scoring and difficulty on the road. New Hampshire drew first blood four minutes, 23 seconds into the game when UNH freshman right wing Josh Prudden lifted a shot over Irish freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski for his first career goal. Sixty-seven seconds later, junior defenseman Eric Lund took a rising shot to Zasowski's glove side to give the Wildcats an early 2-0 lead.

"We've just had problems there," senior defenseman Sean Seyferth said about the team's troubles in the first period. "We've just had trouble coming out slow. We were able to prevent that against Vermont, but it's something that we've been working on all season."

The Irish played to a different tune in the second period, taking a 16-4 shot edge and using three power-play chances to knock the raucous home crowd out of the game. The team's offense finally struck home 18:39 into the period, when freshman right wing John Wroblewski sent a pass into the left corner for Fraser. Fraser sent a pass to freshman center Connor Dunlop at the top of the crease, who took a low shot that just missed Wildcat goaltender Ty Conklin's left skate.

Both teams traded shots late in the third period until UNH senior left wing Mike Souza was called for an interference penalty with 1:36 left to play. Notre Dame pulled Zasowski for the closing minute, but the 6-4 advantage wasn't enough to get a shot to strike home.

In Sunday's game against the Catamounts, the Irish got over their first-period struggles with four first period goals to put

the game out of reach.

Senior Joe Dusbabek got things started 3:37 into the game. After receiving the puck off passes from senior Ben Simon and sophomore David Inman, Dusbabek slapped the puck at the right side of the crease by sophomore Tim Peters for his third goal of the season.

It took a little more than a minute for the team to strike again, when junior left wing Dan Carlson took a pass from Wroblewski around a defender before hitting a rising shot from the top of the right circle.

Seyferth earned his first goal of the season at the 7:01 mark, taking a shot from a crowded crease area that found its way to the back of the net. Senior left wing Andy Jurkowski and sophomore center Brett Henning each earned an assist on the play.

"It was just kind of a scramble," Seyferth said about the goal. "Andy was able to get the puck to me and I was able to get a shot off."

A few minutes later, he added an assist to his total with a pass to Simon which set up an Inman goal.

Freshman Shawn Conshafter took over the Catamount net after the first-period slaughter, but was unable to stop a 5-3 Irish power play midway through the second period. Junior right wing Ryan Dolder slid the puck to senior defenseman Sean Molina at the top of the left circle. Simon picked up Molina's rebound and tipped the puck just out of Conshafter's reach to increase the Irish lead back to four.

Five different players scored for Notre Dame, while 10 had at either a goal or an assist in the win. Up until Sunday, the Irish had managed only four first period goals in 13 games this season.

The victory against the Catamounts also saw a return for sophomore goaltender Jeremiah Kimento. In his first start in over a month, Kimento recorded over 24 saves, only blemished by a Catamount power play goal midway through the first period to cut the lead to 3-1.

"He just played a great game," Seyferth said about



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Nathan Borega, shown here against Alaska-Fairbanks, and the Notre Dame hockey team went 1-1 over Thanksgiving with a win over Vermont and a loss to New Hampshire.

Kimento's play. "He stopped a couple of breakaways and came up with a bunch of big saves."

With the weekend complete, the Irish move to 5-7-2 on the season and set their sights on possibly the most important series for the month of December — a two-game series against CCHA leader Michigan State.

"Last weekend was really important for us," Seyferth said. "It got us prepared, and Michigan State's going to be a tough team. We've just got to win a couple league games and move up in the standings."



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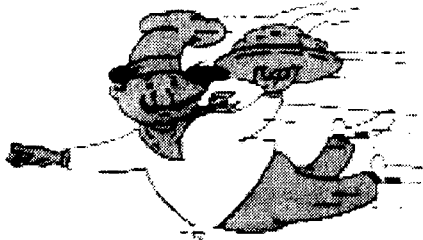
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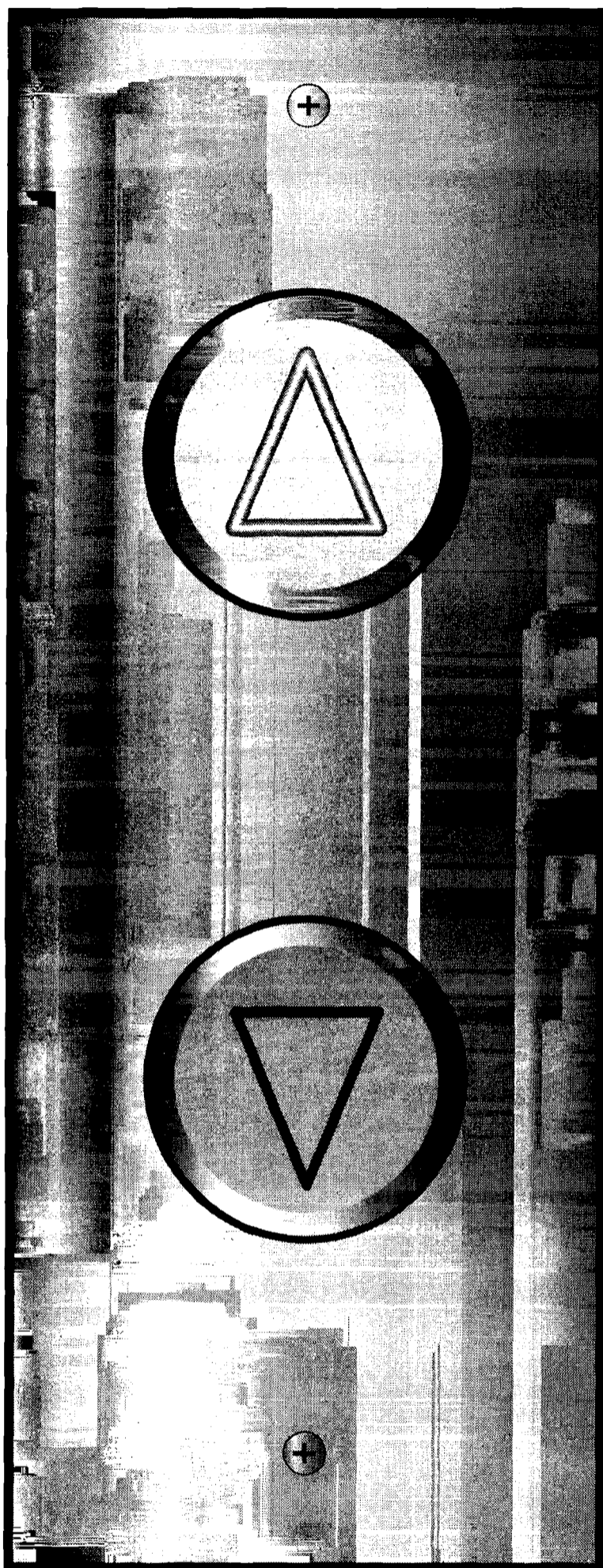
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulldogs visit JACC for Irish home opener

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team matches up against the Bulldogs of Butler tonight in the first Irish home game of the year.

The Irish look to improve their 1-1 record against a 3-1 Bulldog team that has not lost since its season opener.

Even though the Irish have only played two regular season games this year, they are already showing hints of a potent attack spread throughout the court. Offensively, the Irish are evenly balanced in the front and back courts.

Junior center Ruth Riley looks to dominate at the post position this season. The preseason first-team All-American selection had some trouble in the opening games of the season, but still managed to prove that she can be a force on the court.

Despite sitting out most of the game because of foul trouble, Riley was the top scorer in Notre Dame's loss to No. 15 Illinois with 16 points in just 16 minutes. Riley was held

scoreless in the season opener win over Toledo as she spent most of the game in foul trouble.

Although they are aware of the importance of staying in the game and not committing costly fouls, Riley and junior forward Kelley Siemon agreed that referees have a tendency to call tighter games early on during the season, which could partially account for Riley's number of fouls.

"Sometimes the refs do call more fouls early on in the season," Riley said. "But that is no excuse — it's something we need to be aware of."

In the back court, the Irish possess a strong set of guards that will keep their opponents scrambling. The experience of seniors Niele Ivey and Danielle Green will be key because some talented freshmen will see a lot of action early on this season.

Freshman guard Alicia Ratay was the leading scorer against Toledo and came up with nine points against Illinois.

"The freshmen have been doing a great job so far," Riley said. "They come in and play hard — and that's what we need — every-

one to play hard and improve throughout the season. Alicia and Monique [Hernandez] especially have really done well."

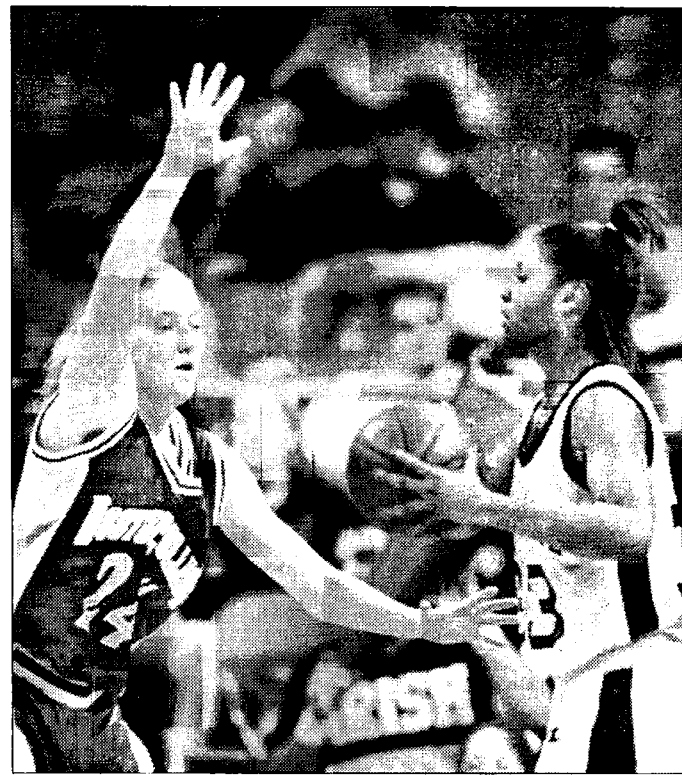
The Irish defense has not performed as well as its offense. While the Irish were able to hold off a tough Toledo team, mental mistakes cost the Irish too many points against Illinois.

"We definitely played better against Toledo," Riley said. "Our defense overall was not good against Illinois. We made too many mistakes."

The Irish defense allowed Fighting Illini guard Amanda Curtain to score 28 points, leading her team to a 10-point victory. The Irish need to work on their transition defense in particular if they plan on beating the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs are riding a three-game winning streak, although the No. 7 Irish will be their first true test of the season.

Led by sophomore forward Kelly Kuhn, the Bulldogs will rely on their inside game to upset the Irish. Kuhn led the Bulldogs to a championship title at the University of Missouri Kansas City Thanksgiving Classic last weekend.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior point guard Niele Ivey, shown here against Boston College last year, leads the Notre Dame women's basketball team against Butler tonight.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke jumps into poll

Associated Press

Duke faced a rebuilding job after losing three starters from its 1999 women's Final Four team.

With hustle and desire, the Blue Devils are doing what they can to make that task easier for coach Gail Goestenkors.

"This team plays with more heart and intensity than any team I've had," said Goestenkors, whose team returned to The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday at No. 22. "They're willing to run through a brick wall to win a game."

Duke (4-1) was the lone newcomer in the poll, which still has Connecticut on top. The Huskies, who have been No. 1 from the start, got a boost from two straight 100-point games and received a season-high 40 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Losses by 10 ranked teams — all to other members of the Top 25 — triggered a realignment in the poll, with only Connecticut and No. 25 Wisconsin remaining in the same spot they held last week.

The poll had 26 teams because Virginia Tech tied Wisconsin for the final spot. No one dropped out.

Duke, out of the poll for one week, has come back strong after losing to Boston College in the second round of the pre-season NIT. The Blue Devils beat Vanderbilt 68-59, then defeated Florida A&M and then-No. 9 Penn State to win Duke Classic.

Georgia Schweitzer, one of the two returning starters, led the way with 18 points in the 63-49 victory over Penn State.

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to play.

Dillon, who had only scored two for Notre Dame, put in a trey to close the score to within two.

The Irish shut the Hoosiers down on defense the next time down the court, allowing Dillon to break to the basket to tie the game at 62 with two seconds on the clock.

Indiana couldn't get off a good shot, and the game went to overtime.

The Hoosiers, minus the fouled-out Haston, ruled the extra period led by senior guard A.J. Guyton. They had a 15-0 run to start the overtime period.

Guyton scored eight of his 20 points during overtime. He hit four free throws, had back-to-back steals and added two baskets in the bonus five minutes. Lynn Washington and Larry Richardson each put in four overtime points for the Hoosiers.

Indiana had taken a 77-62 lead before Murphy got Notre Dame's only points of overtime with 1:12 remaining. Murphy had his fifth double-double of the season with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

The Irish dug themselves a deep hole by turning the ball over 12 times in the early going and shooting 30 percent to the Hoosiers' 64 percent at the 6:30 mark in the first half.

With the loss, the Irish dropped to three and three on the season.

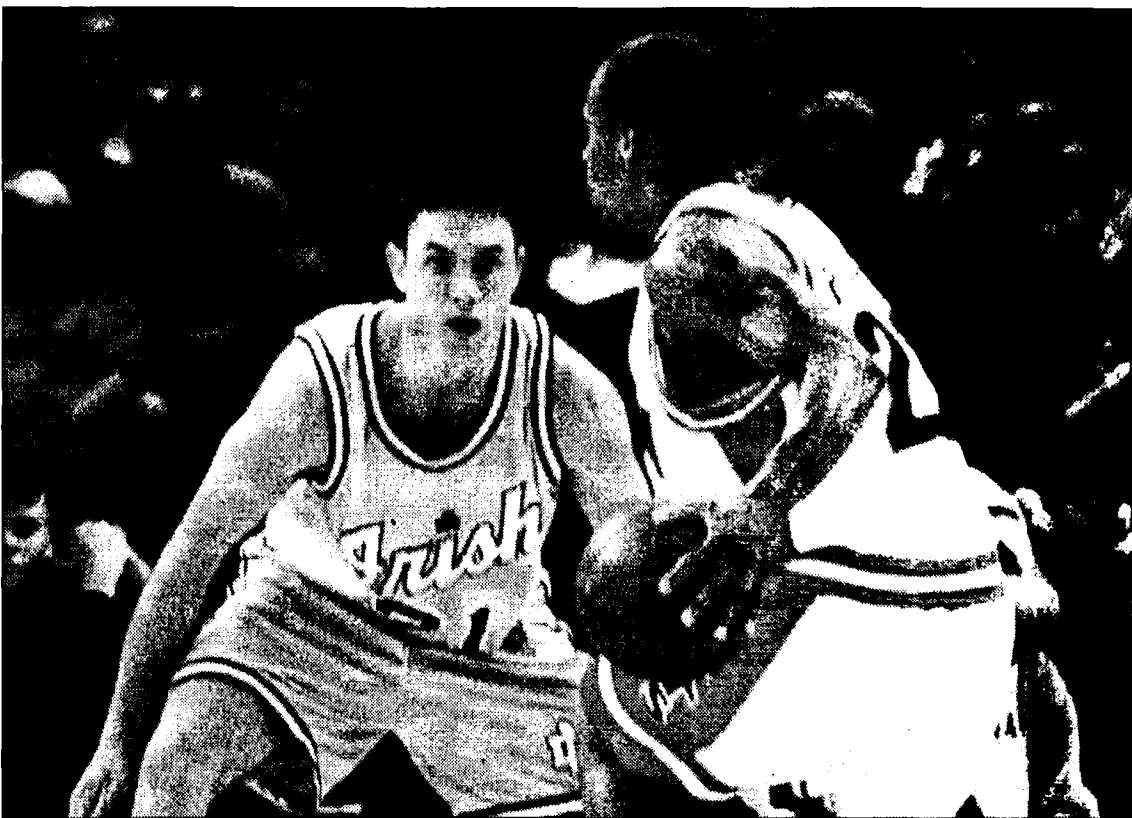
Game notes:

♦This is the first time Notre Dame has ever played four ranked teams in November. The team beat Ohio State 59-57, lost to Arizona 76-60 and fell to Maryland 72-67 prior to its game against Indiana.

♦The Irish had 28 turnovers to the Hoosiers' 10.

♦Indiana had four players in double digits, while Notre Dame only had two — Murphy and Macura with 13.

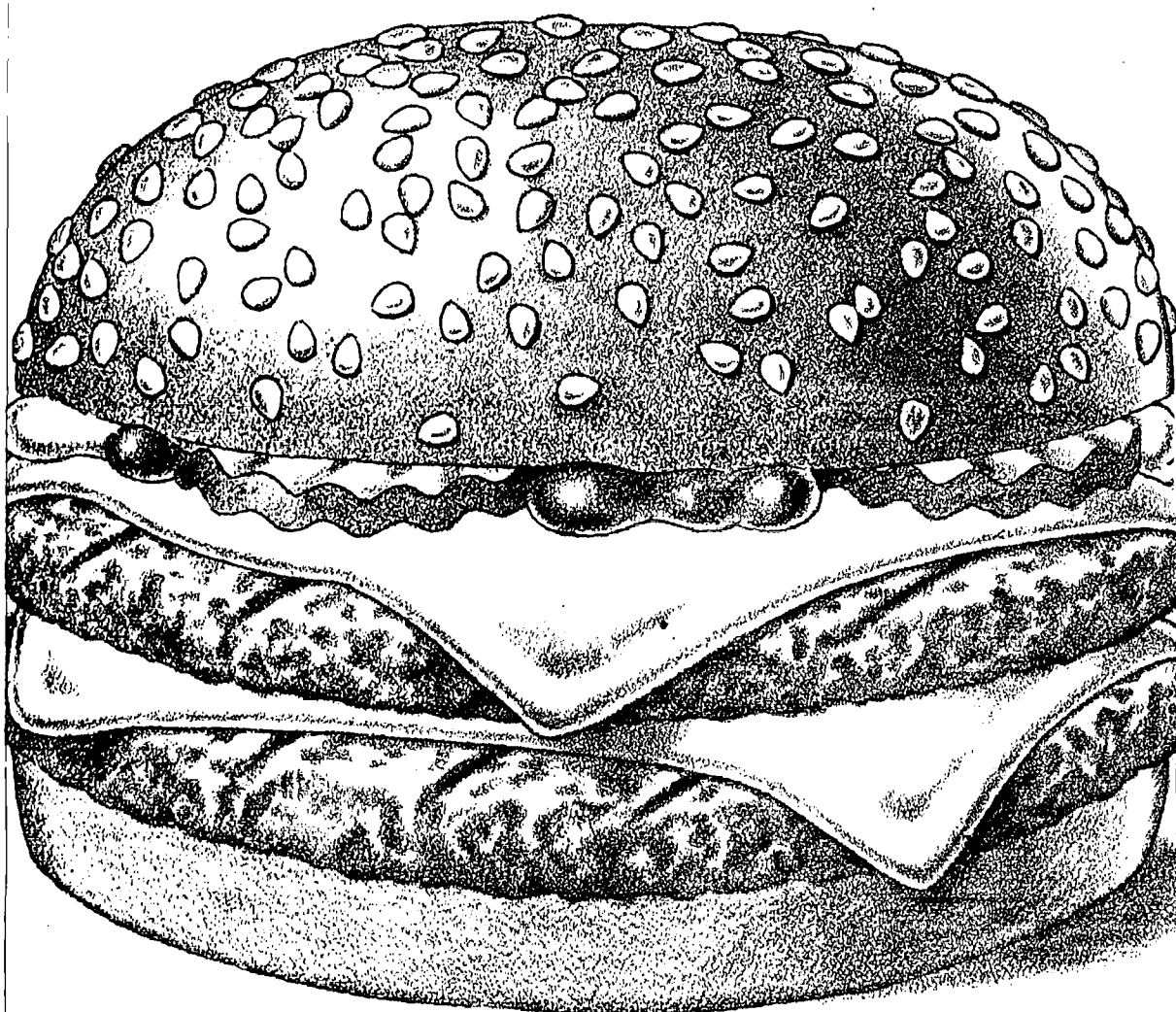
♦The Irish host Vanderbilt Saturday at 2 p.m.



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Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon, shown here against Arizona in the Preseason NIT, scored the final five points in regulation to send the Irish to overtime against the Hoosiers.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Randle El to sit out basketball season

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Antwaan Randle El, worn out from a season of football, will not join Indiana's basketball team this year unless the Hoosiers need another player because of injuries.

The sophomore quarterback played both sports as a redshirt freshman last year, joining the basketball squad at the end of the football season but seeing little playing time because of a hand injury.

"It was a time for me to get some rest," he said Tuesday night at Assembly Hall before the No. 23 Hoosiers' home opener against Notre Dame. "I talked to coach [Bob] Knight and to coach Cam [Cameron] and we all decided this was the time."

"If anything happens with injuries on the basketball team and the coach needs me, I'm a phone call away."

Randle El set an Indiana record with 3,065 total yards, passed for 17 touchdowns and ran for another 13 TDs. He also became the first sophomore in Big Ten history to reach 5,000 career total yards, finishing the season with 5,633.


He said he considered quitting basketball after the season-ending football game against Purdue.

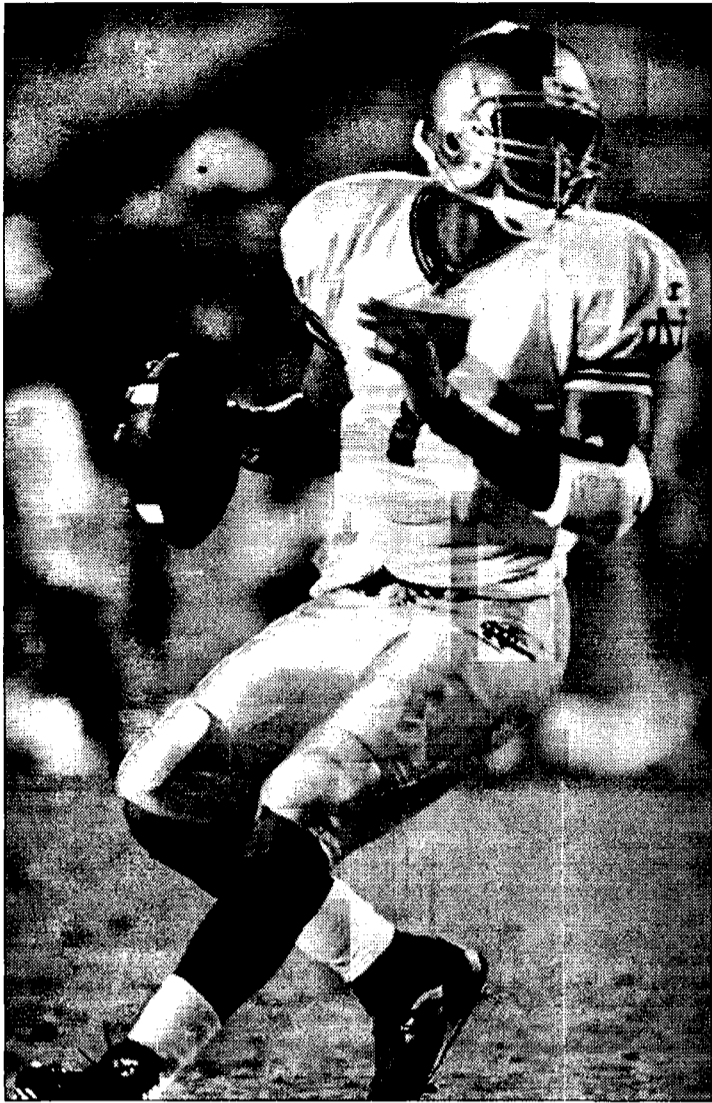
"There was a thought then, but I didn't want to announce it and not be sure. So I just waited and took that Thanksgiving break and came back and actually felt I wasn't ready, I wasn't up to going out and being on the court right away."

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Jarious Jackson, shown here against Stanford, set a new Notre Dame record for passing yards in a season in 1999.

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the one leading the offensive huddle, the locker room and the comebacks. He, as all quarterbacks, was often the first player looked at in a loss.

In the same way, each one of his teammates used their own individual talents for the best of the team. Whether stepping up in the absence of an injured teammate, stepping down because someone was playing better at the time or changing from defense to offense because that's what was needed, these guys did it all.

Many, including Bob Davie, saw that this team was just as talented as many of the top teams in the country, capable of beating any one of them at any given time.

This was Jackson's team, and he represented his teammates with the hard work, skill and drive that characterized them all. It was this way not because he was the only captain. He was the only captain because it was this way.

I watched the game Saturday night because I knew it was the last chance I would get to see Jarious and the rest of the seniors in the Notre Dame blue and gold.

I'm sentimental by nature, but this game really got to me.

Watching No. 7 take his final collegiate snaps in a game played in a half-deserted stadium that couldn't make him and his teammates bowl eligible or give them a winning season made me mad. I can't even imagine how he felt. Taking warm up throws on the sideline, a season once filled with so much promise ended in a sea of empty seats.

I got frustrated and yelled at the TV, not because the outcome of the game mattered but because this was where all these guys who had worked so hard would have their college careers end. It all came down to this Stanford game where there was nothing left for it to come down to.

Watching the Cardinal easily shred through a loose Notre Dame prevent defense for the second time in the game on the way to the game winning field goal, I wondered why this team and its leader didn't get a shot at what it deserved.

Earlier in the season, there were questions as to whether this team's struggles were rooted in inexperienced players or a poor head coach.

After watching the Stanford game, how many of you are still blaming youth?

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish beat Cougars, earn NCAA bid

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

After falling short in their attempt to capture the Big East championship last weekend, Notre Dame locked up a bid in the NCAA volleyball tournament with a convincing win over Washington State.

The three-game win over the Cougars earned the Irish a first round matchup with the Ohio State Buckeyes as an at-large selection in the NCAA tournament.

By losing the Big East championship — and an automatic berth to the national tournament — the Irish faced a must win situation against the Cougars over the Thanksgiving holiday in the Community Bankers Classic at the University of Pacific. A win would help the Irish make the national tournament for the eighth consecutive year.

Christi Gorton led Notre Dame with 10 kills in the match and Mary Leffers contributed eight blocks on the way to a 15-10, 15-4, 15-6 win. It is the first

time that Notre Dame defeated Washington State and improved the Irish record to 20-7 on the year.

Kristy Kreher and Marcie Bomhack each contributed nine kills, helping the Irish hit .356 as a team. The Notre Dame defense was also impressive, holding Washington State to a mere .055 hitting average. Leffers added 10 digs and Denise Boylan finished with four blocks.

After falling behind in the first game, the Irish were able to score six straight points, and then never looked back. Notre Dame held a 9-7 lead on Washington State, before scoring four more points, eventually putting away the Cougars 15-10. Game 2 was similar to the first as the Irish took a fast lead, but this time the Notre Dame defense shut down its opponent, limiting Washington State to only four points in the game to win 15-4.

The final game of the match saw the two teams tied at 5 early on. The Irish once again pulled away and then held the Cougars down. Washington State scored

only one more point the rest of the way as Notre Dame won the Game 3 15-6 and the match 3-0.

On Sunday, Notre Dame dropped its match to fifth-ranked Pacific in the tournament finale. Pacific (20-8) defeated Notre Dame in straight games for the second time this year, 15-9, 15-0, 15-4. Pacific won the tournament with the straight game victory.

Boylan and Leffers were both named to the Community Bankers Classic All-Tournament team.

The loss did not cost the Irish, as they were able to earn a berth into the national tournament with their win over Washington State.

"I think the main thing for us is that we're glad that we're still playing," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "We felt like we were in a good position to get an at-large bid, but of course you never really know."

The Irish face the Buckeyes on Dec. 4 at UCLA in the tournament's central region. The winner of the match will face the UCLA-Eastern Washington winner.

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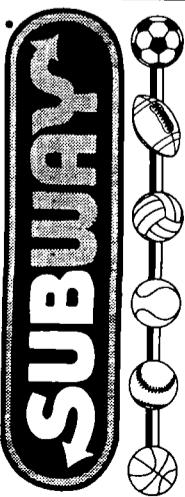
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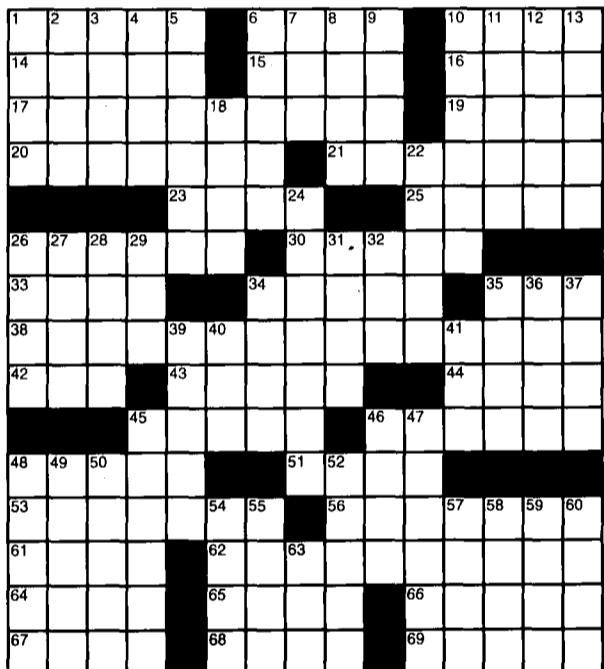
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- Insecticide target
 - New Year's popper
 - Truck stop order
 - "Time in a Bottle" singer
 - Bit attachment
 - Where Lima is
 - With 38- and 62-Across, why the maharishi refused Novocain
 - Place to play blackjack
 - Become balanced
 - Pull out
 - "magnifique!"
 - Goes underground
 - Screech
 - Broadcast
 - Endless years
 - Hardly important
 - Check cashers' cards
 - See 17-Across
 - "My boy"
 - Good going down
 - Legal rights org.
 - Like Vikings
 - Gentle breeze
 - Command to Rover
 - Lead singer for the Belmonets
 - Dispute
 - Horned thing?
 - Lots of laughs
 - See 17-Across
 - Royale
 - National Park
 - Spread served in bars
 - "The Faerie Queene" division
 - Orchard item
 - Grab (onto)
 - John of rock
- DOWN**
- Pine (for)
 - Before: Abbr.
 - Sewing machine inventor
 - "... do better!"
 - Indicate
 - Aegean vacation locale
 - Multivolume ref. work
 - Initiation procedure
 - Fort (gold repository)
 - Abominable
 - Coming up
 - Subsequently
 - Heckling sounds
 - Izmir inhabitant
 - Start of many limericks
 - Like Mother Cabrini
 - Srs.' worry
 - Lifesaver, e.g.
 - Horse of a certain color
 - Caravansary
 - 500 spot
 - Fishing need
 - Snafu
 - Restless desire
 - Emmy-winning Tyne
 - Insulting remark
 - Challenge for a nonnative speaker
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Happy Birthday: Learn to let others lend you a hand, and you'll do far better this year. You will have to take care of issues you may have been reluctant to tend to in the past. Find ways to add some spice to relationships that have become stale. You may need to make a few apologies to get a response from those you care about. Your numbers: 4, 16, 22, 29, 30, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will tend to exaggerate about your home life. Chances to express your ideas and beliefs can bring you added popularity, but you mustn't force others to follow your path, or all will be lost. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take on too much financially. Do things that will improve your attitude and bring you greater self-confidence. You can expect to receive compliments at social gatherings. ☹☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It will be difficult to control your feelings when dealing with family members. You will confuse them, making matters worse. Try to think things through before you take action. ☹☹

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be able to contribute a lot to the groups you work with. Your ability to organize and delegate will be a real asset. Be sure to include your mate in the events you attend. ☹☹☹

Birthday Baby: You are a positive force that can drive everyone around you to strive to be better. You're a joy, an inspiration and a caring and loyal individual. You are a grand master at the art of positive manipulation.

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SPORTS

Take the money and run
Michigan State head coach Nick Saban left the Spartans to become the head coach of the Louisiana State Tigers. By accepting the \$1.2 million offer from LSU, Saban left MSU without a coach for the Citrus Bowl.

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Wednesday, December 1, 1999

Deserving more than 7 losses

He deserved better than that. Jarious Jackson — after three years of waiting, two years of leading and a year of breaking Notre Dame single season passing and total offense records — deserves better than ending his collegiate career at Stanford in a game that meant nothing for either team.



Ted Fox

Fox Sports ... Almost

He was the leader of this 1999 football team. It was his team, and he was a representative for every single guy that went to war each Saturday. What he deserved, they all deserved.

And they all deserved better than going out to Stanford with a 5-6 record to, in the words of an ABC promo, "tune up Stanford for the Rose Bowl."

Jackson was a symbol for the rest of his team.

The wide array of talents he brings to the field is amazing. As a quarterback, if you can complete a good percentage of your passes and run well when called upon, you'll be considered versatile.

But Jackson's talents don't stop there. As a passer, he can throw the short quick strikes to Jabari Holloway or Joey Getherall over the middle.

Or, managing a swirling wind and gripping a drenched ball against USC, he can look at his receivers in the huddle and tell them to just worry about catching it, because the ball would be there.

You want a quarterback who can run?

He'll scramble and elude tacklers from all angles when under pressure. He isn't content to end a run with a slide either. After a scramble, he'll lower his shoulder and drive right through you.

Or, on a busted option against Navy, he'll fake like he's going to plow through a defensive back on the left hash, make a Barry Sanders-type move, cut all the way across the field to the other sideline and outrun a different defensive back for a 57-yard touchdown run.

Away from the action, he was

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish come back, fall flat in overtime

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Tuesday's battle between the No. 23 Hoosiers and the Irish was a game of streaks and droughts that ended in a 81-64 Hoosiers overtime victory.

The men's basketball team, following the recent trend in Irish athletics, went without scoring in the first 13 minutes of the game, spotting the Indiana Hoosiers a 17-0 lead.

The Irish climbed back into

the contest with a second-half surge in which they outscored the Hoosiers 17-2. Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon put up the final five points in regulation for the Irish to force the game into overtime, but Notre Dame collapsed in the extra period, allowing Indiana to score 15 unanswered points.

Down 47-29 early in the second stanza, the Irish came out more aggressive on both ends of the floor.

Sophomore Troy Murphy keyed an Irish comeback with 10 of the next 24 Notre Dame points. The Irish took their only lead of the game with

6:30 remaining on a bucket by freshman Jere Macura.

On the next possession of the game, Hoosier Kirk Haston was fouled and sent to the free throw line to shoot the one-and-one. He missed his first shot, but Macura made the mistake of stepping into the lane a breath too soon, handing Haston a bonus opportunity to score. He made good on the second chance, a point which could have given the Irish the victory.

Free throw shooting was key in the final few minutes of play.

Haston made one for two from the foul line again sec-

onds later, and neither team scored again until Macura made a free throw with 4:33 remaining. Haston added two more free throws on a foul by Notre Dame freshman guard Matt Carroll.

Indiana's Luke Jimenez put his team up 59-53 with a shot from behind the arc.

It was then back to the free throw line for both teams. Carroll hit two free throws for the Irish. Michael Lewis was three of four for the Hoosiers, and Macura added two following Haston's fifth foul. This left the Irish down 62-57 with just more than a minute

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hope College flies over Saint Mary's

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

After a 70-45 loss to Hope College in their home opener, coach Dave Roeder and his young Saint Mary's basketball team have their work cut out for them.

The Belles, who are made up mostly of sophomores, came out fast scoring the first basket of the game. After the Belles opening score, the Flying Dutch of Hope College picked up the tempo to take a commanding 13-point lead.

The Belles answered back with a strong man-to-man, help-side defense and powerful offense to outscore the Flying Dutch 21-10 and trail by just two at halftime, 32-30.

In the second half, Saint Mary's lost its up-beat tempo while Hope came out looking more together. The Flying Dutch had better passing and the outside shooting.

The Belles gave up 10 unanswered points before putting on the press. The Belles defense frequently trapped the Flying Dutch but quick passing by Hope broke the Saint Mary's press.

Along with the strong defense, the Belles offense picked up its intensity. Scrapped for every loose ball, the Belles worked hard for every shot but could not get them to fall.

The defense of the Belles picked up later in the second half. Mary Campion, a sophomore guard, came up with



CHRISTINE KALL/The Observer

Sophomore forward Elizabeth Linkous directs the Belles offense in Saint Mary's 70-45 loss to conference rival Hope College.

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