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Wadsworth resigns

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Michael Wadsworth's five-year reign as athletic director at Notre Dame will soon end, Wadsworth and University president Edward Malloy, announced yesterday.

"We have come through the NCAA matter," Wadsworth said. "We are reaching the end of the current five-year plan in the athletic department, and my personal five-year commitment to the University also is about to end."

Malloy said the University is restructuring the administration of the athletic department in response to the violations found by the NCAA in the Kimberly Dunbar investigation. Notre Dame lost two scholarships and received probation due to the improper gifts given to Irish football players by Dunbar, a former booster, who embezzled more than \$1.2 million from her employer.

"Mike Wadsworth and I have reached this agreement based on a number of factors," Malloy said. "I stated in December that the University's response to the recent problems in our football program had included a comprehensive external review of our athletic policies and procedures."

"As a result of that review, I have decided to institute a substantial restructuring of administrative responsibilities in athletics," he continued. "In light of this restructuring, Mike's five-year commitment, and the conclusion of the current five-year

plan in athletics, he and I agree that now is the time for a fresh start for us both."

"Reflecting on the timing of all these events with the restructuring that Father Malloy intends to carry out," Wadsworth said, "I believe it's in both the University's and my best interests to end my tenure this year."

Wadsworth met with coaches and staff of the athletic department to announce his resignation Monday. The news was unexpected, according to members of the athletic department.

"I think we're all saddened that we're losing a great boss and a great leader for the department," associate athletic director Melissa Conboy said.

Head track and field coach Joe Piane added his surprise at the announcement of Wadsworth's departure.

"[It's] probably a little bit of surprise," Piane said. "He's done a fine job. Too much has been made of one or two small incidents, but under his five years, the athletic department certainly has flourished. Restructuring is upon us."

Wadsworth's role as athletic director was questioned last year when



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Athletic director Michael Wadsworth resigned yesterday due to "a number of factors." President Malloy said a committee will be formed to determine who will replace Wadsworth.

University officials rejected his endorsement of Utah coach Rick Majerus to replace men's basketball coach John MacLeod.

Some Notre Dame fans also criticized Wadsworth when legendary

football coach Lou Holtz resigned in 1996, to be replaced by Bob Davie. Davie has a 21-16 record during his three years at the helm for the

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Despite appeals, committee gives Renner/Nagle the win

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

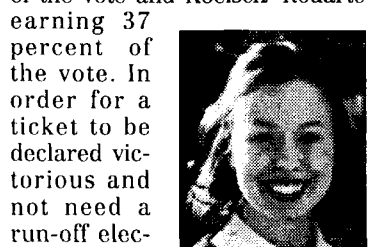
After an election period filled with an unprecedented tie and two appeals, Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagel will lead Saint Mary's as the 2000-2001 student body president and vice president.

The Board of Governance election appeals board denied an appeal filed Monday by the presidential ticket of Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte in response to the decision made Sunday night by the Election Committee Sunday night to nullify the results of Friday's election and award victory to the ticket of Renner and Nagle.

The decision of the election appeals board rendered the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious. The decision is final, said current student body president Nancy Midden.

"The board decided that in an event of a tie, to revert to the election results from Monday [Jan. 31]," said Midden.

The Monday, Jan. 31 election featured four tickets with Renner/Nagle taking 43 percent of the vote and Koelsch/Rodarte earning 37 percent of the vote. In order for a ticket to be declared victorious and not need a run-off election, the ticket must earn 50 percent plus one vote. However, the Election Appeals board decided to take the raw vote from Jan. 31 and award victory to the ticket that received the plurality of the votes, said Midden.



Renner

"We did discuss that there were four tickets involved in Monday's election [of Jan. 31] and it wasn't just between the two tickets that made it to the run-off," said Gina Gueresso, a member of the Election Appeals board.

"However, we don't know how those people would have voted if they hadn't had the other options

or if they would have abstained so we made the decision we thought was best."

"We looked at the vote from Monday's initial election [on Jan. 31] and who had the majority of the votes. We decided that is who ended up winning."

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket filed an appeal Monday, stating that the decision to use the raw votes from the Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 2 elections was not a valid representation of the wishes of the student body. The appeal also stated that if Renner's appeal was submitted after 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, it was invalid. The Koelsch/Rodarte appeal cited section D.4.j of the Student Government Association Election Bylaws that states "official results will be confirmed within 48 hours of the closing of elections."

Voting ended Friday at 7 p.m. and the tickets were informed of the results by 7:30 p.m., therefore if the results were official as of Sunday at 7:30 p.m., the Renner appeal would be invalid.

Rodarte was skeptical of the Renner appeal.

"Emily and I don't believe in the appeal," said Rodarte. "Not having provisions in the constitution in case of a tie was a lack of foresight on the part of student government. We feel we are basically being punished for that. Because this is something that none of the tickets could control, we don't see this as being very fair."

Comprised up of three seniors, the Elections Appeals board was without one of its members Monday night who was out of the country.

However, Elections Commissioner Bridget Heffernan submitted Gueresso's name as a replacement and the Board of Governance executive board approved the appointment Monday night. Members of the election commission are "knowl-

edgeable of the constitution and have the background to make informed decisions," said Midden.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket initially secured victory in a second run-off election Friday, carrying 51 percent, after the first run-off election between the two tickets on Wednesday was declared a tie. The student government constitution does not have bylaws regarding what to do in the event of a tie. Student activities director, Georgeanna Rosenbush authorized Friday's election.

"It is a matter of how you interpret the bylaws," said Rosenbush. "My interpretation could be different than yours. We have a system of checks and balances in place and the Elections Committee disagreed with my decision and met to consider the appeal made by Crissie."

"I support their decision." Renner appealed the decision to have a third election Sunday night before the 48 hour deadline for election results to be official was imposed.

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Koelsch

INSIDE COLUMN

Nothing but talk

Even the casual reader of The Observer can see that there hasn't been a whole lot of warm and fuzzy discourse in the paper lately. Most banter has been between the "you don't belong here" folks and the "Oh my goodness, like everyone here is so conservative!" crowd. Most of us fall somewhere in between these two camps, thank goodness. In fact, I even chose to make this column a bit more suitable to atheists and certain theology graduate students by using "goodness" in place of "God."

Despite my mushy, feel-good fence-sitting, I have to take issue with a particularly asinine comment made in a recent letter to The Observer: "The Democrats are far superior to the Republicans regarding race relations, the environment, and opposition to the School of the Americas."

Allow me to translate for the trust fund-brats, war-mongers and other Republicans out there: because you do not support I-feel-your-pain, take-a-hit-from-the-bong legislation that only further complicates things, you are, in effect, big meanies. It's a good thing so many buy into this logic; otherwise Democrats would have to find another way to attract the vote.

Regarding race relations, there is little doubt to the leading contribution of liberals to the cause of civil rights in the 1960s. But taking a closer look reveals that party lines are not completely relevant. These so-called contributions by Democrats often amount to nothing more than flawed affirmative action programs and broken promises. Racism and discrimination have never been monopolized by either party, as some will have you believe. And it does little good to crow about your party's contributions, lest someone decides to point out a few minor holes in your argument. Out of curiosity, what were the political leanings of that guy Wallace who proclaimed "Segregation now, segregation forever"?

Environmental issues aren't likely to pick up strong support on the right either, at least not in the manner they are presented. Once again, the strongest case for ignoring Republicans' equal concern for the environment stems from the idea that not supporting ineffective legislation means not caring. We "greedy" types would like to see changes made without causing economic disaster or relying on anything Al Gore writes in his tree-petting diatribe "Earth in the Balance." This book, as many recall, lectured us about the evils of the automobile, resulting in wasting a lot of healthy trees to print half-baked horror stories. Unfortunately, it has not dawned on Mr. Gore to curb pollution (and political BS) by staying home instead of running around campaigning.

Most issues gravitate towards one party or another, at least in the eyes of the general public. Democrats are presumably skilled in race relations, education, interior decorating and dancing. Republicans are considered superior in crime prevention, taxes, skeet shooting and golf.

These are nothing more than generalizations, and buying into them gives us a harsh dose of reality when it comes time for presidential or congressional action.

To put it another way, saying that Democratic policies towards race relations and the environment are superior to those of the Republicans is akin to saying Wilt Chamberlain's "policies" towards his 10,000 concubines was good for gender relations. Both policies feature plenty of sweet-talk, but in the end, everyone gets screwed.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We were joking early that there would be a dead tie, but never thought it would happen."

Bridget Heffernan
elections commissioner
on the results of the first
Saint Mary's presidential
run-off election

"The students in our programs come back with their lives changed."

Michael Francis
assistant provost for
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on studying abroad

"I thought being gay was about sex. It wasn't until I left here that I realized it was about culture."

Vivian Ostroski
homosexual
Saint Mary's alumna

"I want to do mission work later on in life and I was scared I wouldn't be able to do it. So I went to test myself."

Ryan Carlson
summer service project
participant

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Columbia student murdered in dorm room

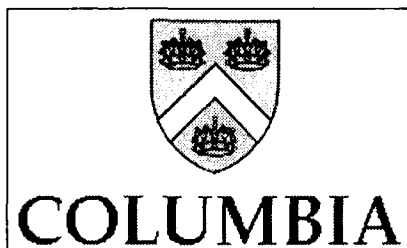
NEW YORK

Amid emergency meetings and messages, swarms of squad cars, and controversial news coverage, the Columbia University community struggled with grief, depression and shock over the weekend after the murder of one of its students and the death of her apparent killer, a Columbia student on academic leave.

Columbia sophomore Kathleen Roskot was killed in her dorm room by a stab wound to the throat on Saturday, police said; that afternoon, the only suspect in the case, Thomas Nelford, jumped in front of an oncoming subway train.

Roskot, who grew up in Bay Shore, N.Y., was a midfielder on the women's lacrosse team.

In a eulogy given last night at St. Paul's Chapel, Maureen Koons, described her lacrosse teammate as



an outspoken leader dedicated to her sport and to her team.

Nelford wrestled for Columbia's varsity team before being asked to leave the College for academic reasons in the fall of 1997, according to Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo.

Nelford's friends describe him as an artist and musician who was primarily introverted and generally passive.

According to the police, Roskot's coach and teammates were concerned when she did not show up to her early morning practice.

Roskot's residence advisor entered Roskot's room with a security guard at approximately 2:05 p.m.

She was pronounced dead on the scene by the police, who found the murder weapon in the adjoining bathroom.

Observers told the police that Nelford leaped in front of an oncoming train at a New York City subway station at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Saturday. The police added that Nelford had Roskot's wallet at the time of his death.

Friends of both Nelford and Roskot said that the two had been dating since the middle of last semester and often spent time together, although they may have split in recent months.

UCLA students join Gap protest

LOS ANGELES

About 25 people exposed their half-naked bodies Sunday in Los Angeles because they would rather "wear nothing than wear Gap." They stripped in protest of the alleged deforestation done by the Fisher Family, one of the Gap's largest investors, as well as the alleged sweatshop labor practices used by the company. "We're against all kinds of slave labor, and Gap kind of represents that," said Mark Flowers, a first-year student at UCLA. But Alan Marks, a spokesman for Gap, Inc. said the clothing company does not privately own any manufacturing plants and has strict measures to make sure child labor or sweatshop practices do not occur. He said there are 60 employees who monitor such factories world-wide. If factories are found to be in violation of the Gap's policies, they may be reprimanded depending on the seriousness of the violation or the Gap may take their business elsewhere. "We're constantly monitoring factories to make sure they follow all our guidelines," Marks said. "We're in the factories on a constant basis."

Student sues UVA over honor code

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

The latest and heftiest lawsuit against the University of Virginia and the Honor Committee has brought the issues of due process, student self-governance and racial bias in the University's renowned student-run honor system into the public light. Former student Ayola Greene, a 1992 graduate of the Architecture School, filed a lawsuit Jan. 1 seeking \$10.5 million from the University and the Honor Committee for racial discrimination and for violating her constitutional due process rights in a trial that took place nearly seven years ago — a trial that resulted in the revocation of her undergraduate degree. Greene had been charged with writing a series of bad checks totaling \$150 from a closed New York City-based bank account while she was a student at the University. The Honor Committee defined this as lying and cheating and therefore adequate grounds for taking away her degree. In 1995, the University and the Honor Committee formally rescinded Greene's degree, a decision which Greene and her attorney asked to be repealed, but to no avail.

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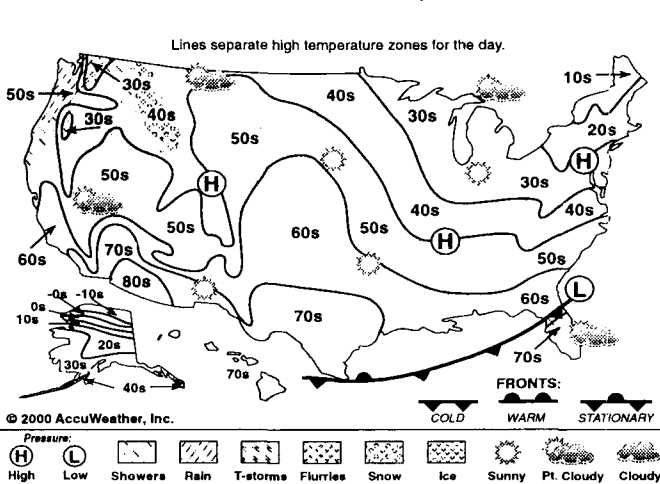
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Saturday	31	16



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Chicago	34	26	New York	32	28	Tampa	68	48
Cincinnati	35	28	Philadelphia	45	20	Washington DC	39	29

Campus Life Council discusses 24-hour space discrepancies

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Campus Life Council planned to fine-tune a resolution on 24-hour space in residence halls during Monday's meeting.

"There's a big difference between male and female dorms," said Student Union Board manager Ross Kerr.

Submitted by the CLC Committee on Gender Issues, the "Resolution of the Definition of 24-Hour Space Regarding Social Space in Residence Halls" is the most recent version of a resolution originally drafted by the Gender Relations Committee of Student Senate last semester.

"We've made it stronger," said Kerr.

The resolution addresses varying implementation of 24-hour space among dorms. The common problem involves hall monitors who ask male guests to leave at 6:30 a.m. when the night shift ends, thereby reducing the time that space is available to male students.

While student members of CLC discussed different incidents when they have encountered this problem, rectors also offered opinions.

Pasquerilla East Sister rector Mary Ann Mueninghoff was reluctant to support the resolution in its current form because in PE she has not encountered problems with monitors; students can use social space 24 hours a day.

St. Edward's rector Father Dave Scheidler said he has heard that some hall monitors tell students to keep both feet on the floor and deny access to 24-hour space because they were in pajamas. Scheidler called these rules "ridicu-



Student body president Micah Murphy discussed the issue of student transportation and use of the CSC vans at last night's CLC meeting. The council also addressed the issue of 24-hour space and how dorms deal with rules differently.

lous" and "archaic."

Coalition Council representative Michael Fierro suggested hall monitors learn rules about 24-hour space when they receive training.

"We can certainly instruct monitors on this," said William Kirk, assistant vice

president of Residence Life.

Although the major complaint with 24-hour space is about hall monitors, representatives some dorms, such as Badin and Sorin, reported residents feel their space is inadequate. Obtaining a large area of 24-hour space in these dorms would like-

ly mean some renovation.

Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer mentioned the need for adequate social space in his report to the CLC, "Review of the Colloquy 2000," on student life. The report addressed major CLC concerns like social space, housing concerns for married students and the role of rectors, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns [CSC] in student life.

CLC also discussed the CSC's problems with controlling student groups' transportation. CSC must keep track of van drivers and destinations for any group requesting use of University vans.

"It's a scheduling problem for them," said Meyer.

"That transportation issue is a recurring nightmare," Kirk added.

According to Kirk, this problem might continue because it has not been a high priority.

"It's one of the things we've learned to deal with, but I think it's something we definitely need to look at," said student body president Micah Murphy.

In other CLC news:

•Kerr, SUB chair, reminded CLC members that the Office of Student Affairs helped make student movies in DeBartolo 101 possible. However, the recent theft of the DeBartolo picture is an action that reflects poorly on the students and SUB, said Kerr.

"I want student to understand that [viewing movies in DeBartolo] is a privilege," said Kerr. "I don't want to see it ruined."

•Fisher hall senator Phil Dittmar suggested a survey about the reasons students move off campus.

Alum's lecture focuses on unfairly imposed death penalty

By MICHAEL De La ROSA
News Writer

The death penalty is imposed in a biased and unfair fashion, said lawyer Greg Wiercioch in a Monday lecture discussing the planned federal execution of Juan Raul Garza, the first since 1963.

Wiercioch, an '86 Notre Dame alumnus, is a member of the nonprofit Texas Defender Service, which provides post-conviction representation to people sentenced to death.

Wiercioch represents Garza, a Mexican-American sentenced to death in 1993 under the federal drug kingpin statute. Garza was convicted of three murders that tied into a marijuana smuggling and distribution ring based in Brownsville, Texas.

Wiercioch said the death penalty is unwarranted in this case. Garza was treat-

ed unfairly at the sentencing phase of the trial, Wiercioch said.

During the trial, no physical evidence was given to link Garza to the murders; the verdict was based on testimony of three accomplices who received reduced sentences in exchange for testifying, explained Wiercioch. The government also introduced evidence that Garza had committed four additional murders in Mexico, although he was not convicted.

Wiercioch noted bias in capital punishment cases, especially those involving minorities. He pointed out that of 133 defendants authorized for death penalty from 1988-98, 76 percent were members of racial minorities.

There have also been inconsistencies in what crime merits a death penalty, Wiercioch said. He asked attendees to write letters to President Clinton asking for executive clemency in the Garza case.

New SAB coordinator named

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Allison Webb, current marketing chairwoman

of the Student Activities Board at Saint Mary's has been named SAB coordinator.

Webb exhibits "a real understanding through her experiences," said Janet Horvath, current SAB coordinator. "She has done an excellent job and has many new ideas for upcoming events." As the new SAB coordinator, Webb will be overseeing the activities of each chairwoman. Her responsibilities will include facilitating events, signing contracts and providing resources for the six committees under SAB's juris-

diction.

Webb's new ideas mainly focus on the organization of SAB. "Cutting down on committees, from four positions to two positions, will allow each to have a larger budget, in turn allowing us to have larger events," Webb said.

"In keeping up with traditional events such as Twilight Tailgate, Jamaica Shaka, bands and the drive-in, we hope to put our funding towards making them bigger, as well as including new events," said Webb.

SAB now has openings for nine positions such as chairwomen. Applications will be available Feb. 14 and are due Feb. 25.



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Fighting Irish football team.

But perhaps the biggest complaints came when Notre Dame's commitment to ethical standards was questioned. The University received probation from the NCAA for violations in the Dunbar case, and was found guilty of age discrimination in the firing of former assistant football coach Joe Moore.

"There is no denying that problems often lead to accomplishments being overlooked, and that certainly has been true with respect to

Mike Wadsworth, whose contributions to Notre Dame have been substantial," Malloy said. "As I said in December, Mike and Father Beauchamp and I all are committed to doing everything we can to uphold Notre Dame's high standards for the conduct of athletics."

Wadsworth, a former Notre Dame football player, laid out a five-year plan for Irish athletics upon taking the position of athletic director.

During Wadsworth's tenure, Notre Dame made its debut in the Big East conference. Notre Dame has won the Big East com-

missioner's trophy for men's athletics every year since joining the league, as well as the women's trophy each of the past three years.

Wadsworth helped strengthen women's athletics at Notre Dame, adding lacrosse and crew to the list of varsity sports. Since Wadsworth took over at athletic director, the women's soccer and women's basketball teams advanced to the final four, with the soccer team qualifying for the finals twice. The University also increased the number of scholarships for women's sports by 22.

Notre Dame continued its commitment to athletics and academics, with 35 athletes earning Academic All-American status since Wadsworth became athletic director. Notre Dame shared the distinction with Stanford of being the only universities to rank in the top 20 of the U.S. News

& World Report survey of educational excellence and average at least a top 20 finish in the Sears Directors' Cup standings for all-sports accomplishments.

No names have been released as possible Wadsworth replacements.

"I will soon appoint and chair a committee to conduct a search for a new athletic director, who will report to me," Malloy said.

"He's done a fine job. Too much has been made of one or two small incidents, but under his five years, the athletic department has flourished."

Joe Piane
head track and field coach

Elections

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"I was informed two hours before the deadline that the decision to hold a third election Friday was not made by the appropriate committee according to the election bylaws," said Renner. "I wasn't seeking a victory, I was more concerned with upholding the rights of student government."

"All I wanted was for the Election Committee to decide if it was right to have a third election and if that was their decision, then so be it. But I wanted to know. This wasn't the kind of victory we had hoped for, though."

Renner said the election Friday was also not valid because constitution bylaws state that a separate voting place for off-campus students must be provided and this was not done.

The two tickets met Monday morning to discuss options, after which Koelsch and Rodarte filed their appeal.

At the meeting, Renner said she suggested appointing Koelsch to be her vice president since her running mate, Nagle was ready to step down because she felt it would be in the best interest of the student body. Nagle did not file the appeal with Renner.

However, the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket did not want to melt the two tickets into one.

"We decided that if we take office, we are taking office

together or not at all," said Rodarte. "We chose to run with each other because we feel we complement each other well. We respect Crissie's decision and she respected ours."

With combining the two tickets no longer an option, Koelsch/Rodarte filed their appeal Monday.

After learning of the Election Appeals board's decision on Tuesday morning, Rodarte expressed disbelief.

"Emily and I are pretty much shocked," said Rodarte. "We never ever would have thought this would be the final decision. We are upset that 20 percent of the Saint Mary's student body was discounted by using Monday's vote."

"We can't understand why Monday's voting tally [from Jan. 31] was used and we don't think it is a fair representation of the wishes of the Saint Mary's student body and what they wanted for student government."

Gueresso disagreed that the voice of the student body wasn't heard in the board's decision.

"I would ask those people that think their voices weren't heard why wasn't the voice of the student body heard in Monday's election [of Jan. 31]?" she said.

Renner said she believes the student body's voice was not ignored throughout the election process.

"I believe the student body's voice was heard," said Renner. "There were obviously two strong tickets and the committee had to weight what they

thought was the best option. It's unfortunate that there wasn't anything in the bylaws about what to do in case of a tie but it was up to the committee to make the decision if it wasn't in the bylaws."

For Koelsch, the situation is disappointing.

"I'm very disappointed with how this was handled," said Koelsch. "Neither Rachele or I were treated with respect. We weren't even informed that the appeals board was meeting tonight. I can't see how the student body will be happy with this decision because as far as we are concerned, the interests of the student body are not represented by tonight's decision."

Midden disagreed with the assessment.

"In light of a very difficult situation, I think student government handled the situation with grace and maturity," she said. "I think they did a phenomenal job and made well-informed decisions."

Although Nagle was not available for comment, Renner said early Tuesday morning that Nagle will serve as vice president.

"Our biggest concern is to do what is in the best interest of the student body," said Renner.

Rodarte and Koelsch are investigating their options.

"We don't know if we can do anything because the board's decision is final," said Rodarte. "We wish Crissie luck next year. Our fate has been completely changed in the past 24 hours and we don't know what our options are."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Former officers criticize Venezuelan president

CARACAS, Venezuela
Three former officers who helped President Hugo Chavez stage his famous 1992 coup attempt are lashing out at the president and his inner circle, threatening to carve a division in Venezuela's leftist governing coalition. The ex-coup leaders last week used the eighth anniversary of their revolt to publicly warn Chavez that his year-old government may be betraying the revolutionary goals that prompted them to take up arms. They offered details. But on Monday, retired Lt. Col. Francisco Arias Cardenas, considered the intellectual author of the 1992 coup, said Chavez's Fifth Republic Movement political party is in crisis.

Triple-murder could warrant federal death penalty

WASHINGTON
Attorney General Janet Reno opened the door Monday for the first federal death penalty conviction in the nation's capital in a notorious triple-murder case. Reno agreed to allow federal prosecutors to seek the death penalty in their case against Carl Derek Cooper, 30. He faces murder and racketeering charges in the 1997 killing of three Starbucks coffee shop employees that police said followed a botched robbery. There has not been an execution in the District of Columbia since 1957. The city council outlawed capital punishment for local convictions in 1981. But execution is possible under federal charges. In only two other cases has the federal government sought the death penalty in the district. Both ended with guilty pleas.

U.S. hopes to reduce Russian nuclear proliferation with deal

WASHINGTON
The Clinton administration has agreed to give Russia an additional \$100 million to safeguard nuclear materials and conduct research in return for Russia's promise to stop making plutonium from civilian reactor fuel. Arms control advocates praised the agreement as a significant step toward reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation and the first attempt to deal with the huge volume of used fuel, and tons of weapons-grade plutonium, from Russia's civilian reactors. Some details of the agreement in principle remain to be worked out, and some of the money for nuclear research is linked to Russia's ending its transfers of nuclear technology to Iran, U.S. officials said. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson called the tentative agreement "a very exciting new initiative" that will reduce the amount of Russian plutonium exposed to potential theft or diversion.

CROATIA



AFP Photo

Stipe Mesic raises his hands to celebrate his victory in Croatia's runoff election for president Monday. Mesic will succeed the late Franjo Tudjman and hopes to end the nation's political corruption and authoritarian past.

Mesic defeats Budisa in election

Associated Press

ZAGREB
A candidate who pledged to lead Croatia away from its authoritarian past won the country's presidential election Monday, his opponent said, conceding the race hours before the first results were to be announced.

Stipe Mesic is the victor in the runoff election to succeed the late Franjo Tudjman, former Communist dissident Dragan Budisa acknowledged shortly after polls closed. Mesic is a former member of Yugoslavia's collective presidency.

"I think the moment has come for me to congratulate

late Mr. Mesic on his victory and to wish him a lot of success in carrying out the presidential duties," Budisa said after early, unofficial results available to both parties showed Mesic with a 10 percent lead.

The two candidates differed only slightly in the policies they supported during the campaign, leaving voters with a choice based largely on personality and presentation.

Voting took place in more than 7,000 polling stations in the country and 48 in embassies abroad. The first preliminary results were expected early Tuesday.

The vote was the third

national election in just over a month. In watershed parliamentary elections on Jan. 3, Croats ousted Tudjman's nationalists in favor of a left-leaning coalition supporting democratic reform and integration into the European mainstream.

Voters returned to the polls Jan. 24 for presidential elections that widened the break with Tudjman's corruption-ridden legacy. Mesic, 65, and Budisa, 51, emerged victorious out of a nine-contender field, but neither mustered an absolute majority, forcing a runoff.

The new president will have key influence in national security matters and in shaping foreign

policy. But he will face a reduction of executive powers, with a new parliament committed to restoring its role as the central decision-making body.

Legal analysts say Tudjman, who led the country to independence in 1991 and ruled until his death on Dec. 10, abused his powers.

Croats exhausted by Tudjman's authoritarian rule and imperial styles apparently looked for a personality completely opposite to his. Mesic fit that role — projecting an easy-going attitude, offering quick solutions to problems and speaking in terms ordinary Croats could understand.

Train crash in Germany injures 149

Associated Press

BRUEHL, Germany
Rescue workers today began untangling train cars from a weekend crash south of Cologne that killed at least 149 people and injured 149 others.

The overnight express carrying 300 people from the Dutch city of Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, derailed early Sunday. Authorities say it was going 76 mph in a 25 mph zone when it hit a switch and jumped off the tracks.

The last of the bodies of

the eight confirmed dead, including seven men and a woman, were removed from the wreckage today, said Cologne police spokesman Wolfgang Beus. He said the woman was identified as a German, but he had no information about the other victims.

Although the number of confirmed dead was revised downward from nine, "it is possible we will still find more bodies," said another Cologne police spokesman, Juergen Goebel.

Police said the victims' severe injuries made identification difficult.

Goebel said the workers'

first task today was to cut apart the two most severely damaged cars from the nine-car train.

The number of known injured was listed today at 149, 89 of them seriously.

The head of Germany's Deutsche Bahn train system said today that mechanical defects played no role in the crash. He wouldn't rule out human error as the cause.

Hartmut Mehdorn told ARD television that all engineers were well-trained and had their schedules staggered so they could get sufficient sleep for the job.

The head of the German rail union, Norbert Hansen,

called on the government to set standard criteria for training engineers.

The issue of train safety is particularly sensitive after the June 1998 derailment of a high-speed train near Eschede that killed 101 people — Germany's deadliest train accident ever. In a report released last month, the cause of that crash was determined to be a broken wheel.

The train in Sunday's derailment had left Amsterdam at 8 p.m. Saturday and barely pulled out of Cologne heading south when the accident occurred.

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Negotiations continue over hijacked plane

Associated Press

STANSTED, England — Authorities held "fairly calm and businesslike" negotiations over long hours Monday with apparent Afghan dissidents holding a planeload of at least 150 people hostage at an airport outside London.

Officials did not disclose what political demands, if any, the hijackers put forth. But a diplomat familiar with earlier negotiations when the airliner landed in Moscow said those holding the plane sought to free a prisoner held in the Afghan city of Kandahar.

An Afghan media speculated the hijackers were dissidents who sought the release of Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement. Khan is a member of Afghanistan's opposition alliance, which still rules roughly 10 percent of the war-shattered country.

Once in Britain, the hijackers requested only food, water, unspecified medical supplies and that the lavatories on the Afghan state-run Ariana Airlines plane be emptied, said John Broughton, assistant chief

constable of the Essex Police. He characterized the negotiations, conducted in English, as "fairly calm and businesslike" and said authorities were patiently working toward a peaceful solution.

"Negotiations remain our favorite option," said Joe Edwards, another assistant chief constable. "I will say it could be a very protracted technique. It could go on for days."

He said that eight captives released Monday at Stansted, Britain's designated airport for handling hijackings, "tell us they were very well-treated while they were onboard."

Earlier Monday at a news conference in Moscow, one of 10 passengers set free there, Mohammad Basher Mahal, said there were eight hijackers, and they

appeared to be Afghani because of their language and clothes.

"They were all young — around 25-30 years old, dressed in traditional Afghan costume — and to begin with they were threatening," he said in Pashtu, the principal language of Afghanistan. "But slowly, their aggression subsided and they treated us quite well. No one was beaten or insulted. Relations were good."

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assistant chief constable

Small planes crash in L.A., four dead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Two small planes collided over Los Angeles Monday, one crashing in flames on a golf course and the other falling into trees near a freeway. All four people aboard were killed.

No one on the ground was hurt.

Two men were killed in the plane that plunged through power lines and landed on the golf course, and a couple believed to be in their 60s died in the other plane, which fell into trees near busy Interstate 5, said Fire Department spokesman Bob Collis.

Golfers on the sixth fairway at Cascades Golf Club scattered as burning debris fell out of the sky over the San Fernando Valley.

One group of golfers was talking about last week's Alaska Airlines crash off the Southern California coast when the planes collided overhead about 9:50 a.m.

"We heard a loud popping sort of sound," said Jeff Childers, 50. "It immediately exploded on

the lines, then fell to the ground and burned intensely. You could smell the seat materials and fuel burning."

The single-engine Bellanca Citabria, was patrolling oil pipelines between Bakersfield and Los Angeles when it collided with the couple's Questair experimental plane, said George Petterson, investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

The Citabria is a high-wing plane, and the Questair a low-wing aircraft. Petterson said it is possible that the combination made it difficult for the pilots to see each other.

"A wing does block your view, and it is a seen-and-be-seen concept of flight," Petterson said.

NTSB investigators were trying to determine altitude information about the planes and recover a flight recorder, Petterson said.

Both planes contacted Van Nuys Airport just before they collided about nine miles north of the airport, Petterson said. The Questair pilot told controllers the plane was going to land there, but it had not yet been given clearance at the time of the crash, he said.

Australian girl escapes crocodile

Associated Press

DARWIN,

A young girl escaped from the jaws of an 8-foot crocodile when her little brother distracted the beast by grabbing its tail, their father said Tuesday.

Roy Harrington said his daughter Martina, 8, and son Paul, 5, were hunting for

turtles on Saturday in a creek near in Australia's Northern Territory, when the animal seized her and began dragging her into the water.

"I could see it pulling her down," Harrington told reporters. "Paul grabbed the tail of the croc and he threw his head up — that gave Martina a chance to get her feet out of his mouth."

Harrington said he then attacked and killed the crocodile with an ax.

Martina was treated at a clinic for bite wounds and released, he said.

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Bush parents back on campaign trail

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WASHINGTON

George W. Bush's parents are hitting the trail again this week on his behalf despite criticism over whether they are appropriate campaign surrogates.

Former President Bush will make a two-day swing to Michigan, while former first lady Barbara Bush was spending Monday and Tuesday in South Carolina before heading to Virginia.

George W., the Texas governor and Republican presidential front-runner, made his first joint campaign appearance with his parents in New Hampshire on Jan. 29. Three days later, he lost the state's GOP presidential primary to Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

The decisive defeat prompted some criticism on editorial and op-ed pages that Bush had been trying to capi-

talize on his family name. The charge was fueled, in part, by the elder Bush's boast in New Hampshire that, "This boy, this son of ours, is not going to let you down."

Asked about his parents after losing last week, the governor said: "If people expect me to distance myself from my family, they got the wrong candidate."

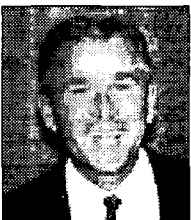
Bush's father was appearing in Sterling Heights, Mich., on Tuesday, and in Livonia, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids on Wednesday. The state holds its GOP primary Feb. 22.

Mrs. Bush spent Monday in Columbia and Woodruff, S.C., and was appearing Tuesday in Anderson and Rock Hill, S.C. She travels to Virginia on Wednesday for stops in Charlottesville, Vienna and Glen Allen. South Carolina holds its GOP primary Feb. 19, followed by Virginia's on Feb. 29.

In recent weeks, Bush's parents have gone into a primary state to lay the groundwork for their son or have visited after he left to campaign elsewhere. The governor is asked about his parents wherever he travels, and frequently is given copies of their books or photos to autograph.

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George W. Bush
presidential candidate



Bush

ISRAEL

Air strikes launched against Lebanon

Associated Press

♦ Warplanes strike to retaliate deaths of four soldiers

BEIRUT, Lebanon

Israeli warplanes struck a guerrilla stronghold and power stations across Lebanon early Tuesday, causing widespread blackouts in apparent retaliation for Hezbollah attacks that killed four Israeli soldiers.

The strike came after a week of bloody attacks by the Muslim guerrillas and graphic footage of wounded Israelis on the evening news in Israel.

The bloodshed prompted talk that Israel will expedite a planned withdrawal from Lebanon, but it also created fears of increased violence near the Israel-Lebanon border. Sirens ordered residents into shelters in Israeli border towns Monday, and heavily armed troops reported to their commanders at border crossings.

Jets began concentrated attacks in Baalbek in eastern Lebanon, unleashing several air-to-surface missiles and plunging the city immediately in darkness, witnesses said. Planes also hit a power station in the mountains east of the northern port city of Tripoli, and followed it with a strike on the Jamhour substation on a hill overlooking Beirut. There was no word on casualties.

Beirut, the Lebanese capital, was plunged into darkness soon after the raid as Israeli jets

roared over the city for about half an hour. A huge ball of orange flame and clouds of smoke rose from the Beirut station.

The same station was hit twice before — once in June, when Israel previously punished Lebanon by targeting power stations, and once in 1996.

The impacts blew out windows and doors of apartments in Baalbek as jets roared over the Shiite Muslim-populated city, also home to world-famous Roman ruins. Soon after the second sortie, ground gunners opened up with anti-aircraft fire on the raiding jets.

The Israeli army said the attacks on three power plants in Lebanon were in response to "the severe escalation in the activities of Hezbollah and other organizations in south Lebanon."

"Those who have harmed us, will be harmed," Barak said Monday.

But Israeli officials' attention also turned to the longer-term impact of the violence. Ministers in Barak's Cabinet said Monday it was becoming clear that a withdrawal from Lebanon without Syria's agreement was likely.

In 1985, Israel established a buffer zone in south Lebanon to protect nearby northern Israeli towns from guerrilla attacks. But Islamic Hezbollah guerrillas have been fighting to drive the Israelis out ever since, and Barak said last July 7 that Israel would withdraw within a year.

Barak had hoped a pullout would be through an agreement with Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon. But Israeli-Syrian peace talks broke down last month.

"There is no point in waiting until July, unless someone thinks that by then we can achieve an agreement [with Syria]," said

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Barak's tourism minister and one of his lead Syria negotiators.

Barak's Police Minister, Shlomo Ben-Ami, said Israelis should not rule out an

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Silvan Shalom
Likud lawmaker

earlier withdrawal.

Some warned that a unilateral withdrawal would be counterproductive, bringing the Hezbollah within firing range of the Israeli towns arrayed along the border.

"It's easy to call for a unilateral withdrawal when you don't consider what will happen the next day among the northern border communities," said opposition Likud lawmaker Silvan Shalom.

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ENGLAND

Police negotiate supply delivery with hijackers

Associated Press

STANSTED, England
Police and hijackers were arranging food and medicine today for 165 hostages aboard an Afghan airliner at Stansted airport outside London after the plane was forced on a dramatic journey across Central Asia and Europe.

Negotiations were under way with the hijackers of the Ariana Airlines Boeing 727, which touched down just after 2 a.m. and came to rest at an isolated spot about half a mile from the airport's main terminal.

The hijackers first asked for tea bags, soft drinks and a generator to run the airplane's air-conditioning, said Essex Police Deputy Chief Constable Charles Clark. They had released 22 hostages in return for supplies during earlier stops they had made on their journey, but had not agreed to release any hostages in London, he said.

As dawn broke, hostage negotiators were discussing with the hijackers the provision of food and medicine to the plane. Police said one of the passengers has a kidney illness that requires special treatment.

"At the moment, we are discussing with the people on board exactly how the medication should be delivered," said John Broughton, Essex police assistant chief constable. He said the supplies requested earlier were being delivered to the plane and that the doors had been opened to allow fresh air to circulate.

Broughton said there were 122 men, 20 women, and 23 children on board the plane, and an Essex police department spokeswoman said the hijackers were not included among them. Authorities were not saying how many hijackers were on the plane.

Negotiations seemed to be going well, Broughton said, but he could not confirm the number or identity of the captors, nor the nationalities of the passengers.

"At this stage we are in discussions with them regarding the welfare of those people on board," he said.

Clark said that in general, Britain does not allow hijackers diverted to British airports to take off again. "But, of course, that's very much a matter for negotiation," he said.

The hijackers, seized the aircraft Sunday morning en route from Kabul to the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif. At each of the three stops the plane made before landing in London, the hijackers released some hostages and demanded fuel, food and cleaning of the lavatories.

The plane stopped first in Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent, where 10 passengers were allowed to get off.

It then went to the Kazakstan city of Aktyubinsk, where three more hostages were released.

After that, the plane landed in Moscow, and the hijackers released nine more passengers before the aircraft took off again.

It was unclear who the hijackers were or what they wanted.

One of the hostage negotiators in Moscow, an Afghan who declined to give his name, said the hijackers were seeking the release of a prisoner from the

Afghan media earlier had speculated that the hijackers wanted the release of opposition figure Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement. He reportedly is being held in Kandahar.

An Afghan opposition spokesman, identified only as Abdullah, denied that the Afghan opposition was responsible for the hijacking, saying, "We condemn any act of terrorism."

"Whoever is behind this act shall realize that their initiative amounts to an act of terrorism and blemishes the name of Afghanistan and dishonors the Afghan people," said a statement issued by Afghanistan's opposition alliance, which rules roughly 10 percent of the war shattered country.

In Islamabad, Pakistan, the Taliban, who rule the rest of Afghanistan but are not recognized by the British government, vowed to neither negotiate nor cede to the demands of the hijackers.

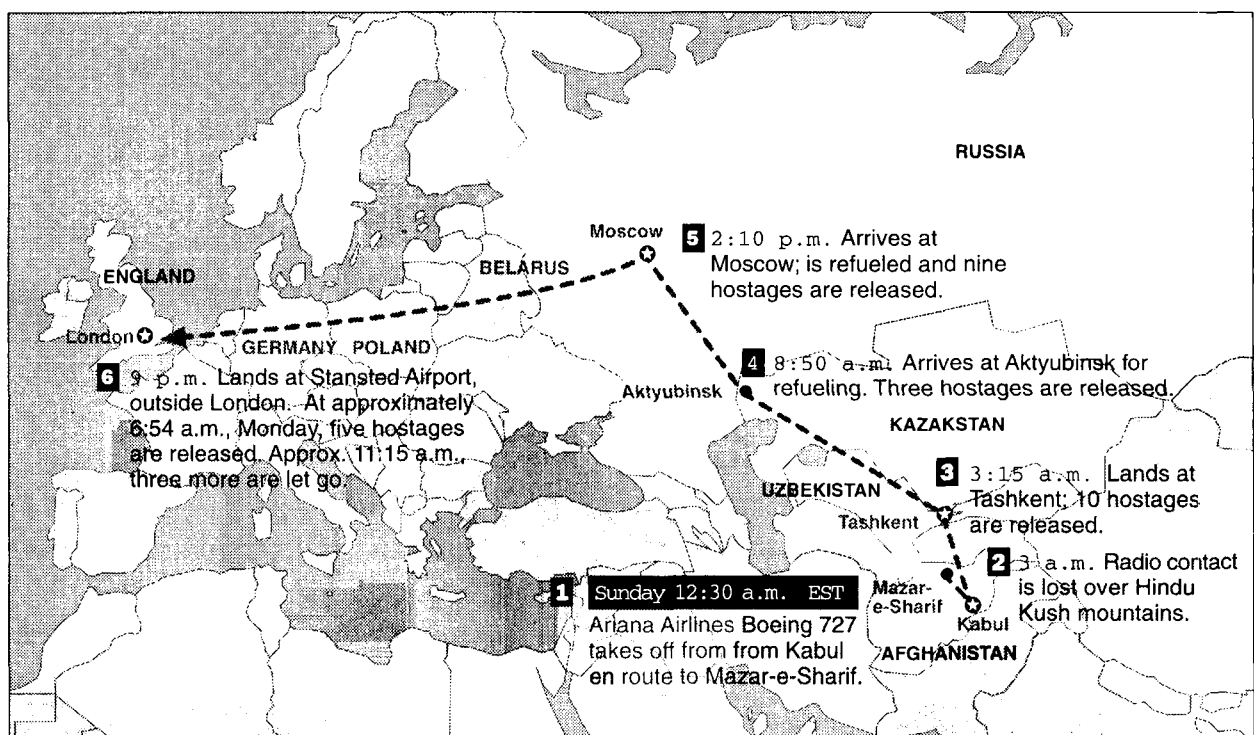
"Terrorism is strongly condemned by us and we will never negotiate with the hijackers and we will never accept their demands," Sayed Mohammed Haqqani, the Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan, told a news conference in the Pakistani capital.

Reading from a statement issued by the Taliban's supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, Haqqani accused Afghanistan's former defense minister and leader of an anti-Taliban alliance, Ahmed Shah Massoud, of masterminding the hijacking drama that began on Sunday.

However Haqqani said he did not know what evidence Omar had to link Massoud to the

Afghan hijacking route

Authorities at Stansted Airport, outside London, are negotiating with the hijackers of an Afghan Ariana Airlines jet that was taken over in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday and forced to make stops in Central Asia, Russia and England.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

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know the identities of the hijackers nor have they received any demands, he said.

In December, the Taliban criticized India for refusing to negotiate with five hijackers of an Indian Airlines plane that was held for more than a week in Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar.

India eventually opened talks with the hijackers after they threatened to start killing passengers. The hijacking ended peacefully on Dec. 31 with the release of three pro-Kashmiri

militants. The hijackers were allowed to leave the airport and were given 10 hours to leave Afghanistan. They have not been seen since.

Kim White, a spokeswoman for the local Essex police department, said authorities at Stansted airport, located 25 miles north of London, are well prepared for hijackings.

It has become routine for Stansted to be designated by British authorities because there is enough space to isolate the planes with minimal dis-

ruption to the rest of the airport's activities.

In August 1996, seven Iraqis took control of a Sudan Airways plane en route from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum to Amman, Jordan, and forced it to land at the British airport.

The hijackers, who were seeking political asylum in Britain, surrendered to police at Stansted after seven hours of negotiations. All 193 passengers and crew members were released unharmed.

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Statue of Liberty's origins questioned

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Statue of Liberty has long stood as a beacon of hope to immigrants. But National Park Service researchers are looking into the possibility that Lady Liberty may have been intended, at least in part, as a monument to freed black slaves.

And if that's true, it could lead to a change in how the park service portrays the 114-year-old monument's history.

An unsourced text began appearing on the Internet several years ago and quickly spread the theory that the widely accepted history of the Statue of Liberty is not true, says Rebecca Joseph, a Boston-based park service anthropologist.

The Internet report said that the statue "was intended as a monument to the abolition of slavery in the United States and that the original model was a black woman," according to Joseph.

The park service's official history of the Statue of Liberty holds it was proposed by French historian Edouard Laboulaye in 1865 to commemorate the friendship between France and the United States born during the Revolutionary War.

But Laboulaye was also a leader of the French abolitionist movement with a commitment to fighting slavery, notes Diane Dayson, the statue's

superintendent.

"Our history states that he was an abolitionist, but we still don't know whether or not it was relative to the Statue of Liberty," she says. "The important thing for us is just to validate the history one way or another."

Joseph is now combing archives and libraries here and in France to find out whether Laboulaye also wanted the statue to honor the recently freed slaves. Dayson says he may have conceived the statue with both the slaves and Franco-American friendship in mind.

Richard Newman, a research officer at Harvard University's W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research, says it is widely

believed in academic circles that Laboulaye meant for the statue to honor the slaves, as well as mark the recent Union victory in the Civil War and the life of Abraham Lincoln.

However, by the time sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi's 151-foot statue was erected in New York Harbor in 1886, European immigration had begun to rise

dramatically and the statue took on a whole new symbolism, he says.

"It was entirely related to slavery, and not about immigration at all," Newman says. "The 'liberty' was the freedom of the slaves."

Joseph also is checking into the possibility a 21-inch model of Lady Liberty completed by Bartholdi in 1870 may have been based on the likeness of a black woman. That model, now in the Museum of the City of New York, has a broken chain around its hand; the statue in the harbor has a

more discreet broken shackle on its foot.

Joseph refused Monday to say what she has discovered so far. Her final report is due for release this summer.

"Those people who are looking for a report that's going to support the most traditional interpretation of the Statue of Liberty are going to be disappointed," she said, "and those who are looking for a report that will support the rumors in their entirety will also be disappointed."

"History is much more complicated than that. It's not a sound bite."

"Our history states that [Bartholdi] was an abolitionist, but we still don't know whether or not it was relative to the Statue of Liberty."

Diane Dayson
superintendent,
Statue of Liberty

Pope stresses museums' importance

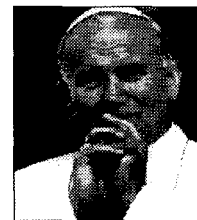
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VATICAN CITY

Giving his blessing to yet another Holy Year project, Pope John Paul II on Monday inspected the new entrance to the Vatican Museums and stressed the church's determination to keep close ties to the world of culture.

The museums, which include the Sistine Chapel, are one of the most heavily visited tourist attractions in Italy. To mark the 2000 Holy Year, the Vatican built a new four-story entrance and atrium to ease crowding and long lines to get in.

John Paul, who appeared in good spirits, noted that



John Paul II

"Truly one can say that the museums constitute, on the cultural level, one of the most significant doors of the Holy See open to the world."

John Paul II
pope

when the Vatican started its museums in the late 18th century, the visitors were "a very narrow elite group."

But "today they number in the thousands each day, from every social and cultural stripe and from every part of the world," he said. "Truly one can say that the museums constitute, on the cultural level, one of the most significant doors of the Holy See open to the world."

The revamped entrance symbolizes "the renewed will of the Church to dialogue with humanity in the sign of art and of culture, making available to all the heritage that history entrusted it with," he said.

In other Holy Year projects, the Vatican oversaw the cleaning of the facade of St. Peter's Basilica and the completion of a Sistine Chapel restoration.

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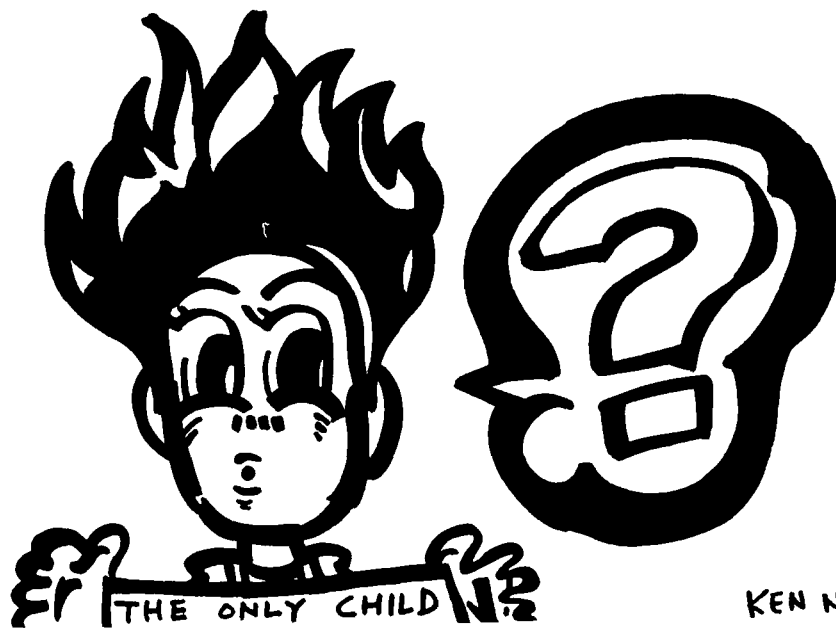
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What happened to the value of family?

One of the most hurtful things anyone has ever said to me came from someone I had considered one of my closest friends. She was frustrated by my inability to pay for many of the things she thought we should buy for our room. My family could have made some better choices so I could afford more things, she told me. It was my parents' fault for having so many children.

Laura
Antkowiak

Guest Column

The comment stung. I do not remember how I replied, as I have tried to forget the exchange. But I know what I would tell her now. I have six younger brothers and sisters, and I would not go through life without a single one of them for any amount of money, much less new lofts and couches.

It used to be that my friends seemed somewhat envious of my family. I always had someone to play with, and most neighborhood activity revolved around my house. Every few years, I got to hold and cuddle a new baby. Long after I stopped believing in Santa Claus, children in my house still keep the magic of Christmas alive.

But with increasing frequency, I have encountered more negative reactions to my family life. My peers wonder how I tolerate the noise, how I survive on breaks without my own room, how I got by without some luxuries they enjoyed. The response I now hear more often is an emphatic, "That's why I believe in birth control."

This saddens me; to think that we need to keep the birth of children under "control," like termites or mosquitoes, sounds so wrong. Yet to many of my peers, my parents are the backward ones. They are behind the times because they won't use technology to control the size of our family. They are therefore financially and socially irresponsible. I am planning a career in public policy, and sectionmates have

asked me how I intend to do so if I am popping out a baby every year or two. They have told me they pity the 20 children I am sure to have because they will grow up poor in a crowded house with a busy mother.

Granted, big families might not be for everyone. But God really does know what is best for us, and He has a way of working things out. Of course we need to be responsible ourselves about when we have sex and how we view it. We are rapidly losing respect for the procreative aspect of sex.

I have learned a lot from my sectionmates in Lewis 2-South. According to them, sex is fun but children and pregnancy definitely are not. Pregnancy will ruin their bodies, and children will thwart their fun and their careers. The women of whom I speak share an obsession — or at least a fascination — with "getting some." This growing cultural selfishness is a significant obstacle to rekindling healthy attitudes about sex and the family. So when this kind of "giving" is so clearly undesirable, why would anyone want to undertake the self-sacrifice demanded by bearing and raising a child, much less seven of them?

At one point, I looked down upon my stay-at-home mother. I saw her as the antithesis of the modern woman. She wasted many of her talents, and her obvious delight in serving her family often bordered on the embarrassing. I have since matured and developed a more understanding relationship with my mother, one that leaves me admiring her as nothing short of a goddess or a saint. She, along with my father, has done an absolutely amazing job raising my siblings and me and keeping our home in order. She has displayed selflessness that I once thought beyond my capacity.

Could I one day put all my plans and my own pleasure on hold to go through a pregnancy and raise a child? My culture tells me I am crazy to say yes. But if God wills it, I know now that I will

find this strength. It may be one of the most important things I ever do.

But I'll need help — we all will. We need responsible fathers. Employers must offer more generous maternity and family leave policies. Our community, with resources and rhetoric, needs to support motherhood as something honorable, not a curse women must grudgingly bear.

Being from a big family definitely has its drawbacks. People gawk when all nine of us walk into church or a restaurant together. Janine rarely returns the clothes she borrows from me. While I tried to sleep through one car trip, Renee kept swatting my head, insisting, "I know you're awake!" When I was a child, I never went skiing or to Disney World. I wore hand-me-down clothes. I didn't have cable or many expensive toys, but I do have happy memories of playing with He-Man action figures with my brother Chris, or soccer in our Baltimore City alley with the neighborhood kids, or dancing around the living room with my parents to their favorite 1970s records. And I know what it's like to have Brian and Meghan fling themselves at me in the Baltimore airport, or to have Michelle climb into my bed at 4 a.m. and cling to my arm, whimpering that she is afraid of the dark.

Is this backwards? Is it contrary to all your ideas about what personal fulfillment should involve? It's hard to believe that family bonds can become outmoded so quickly, and one day we all may know how sweet it is. As fun as making babies may be, we all know that big families are a lot about working and about giving, not all about "getting some." At least, not that three-letter word that we like to get, but something else. Something better.

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DILBERT



SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The Family! Home of all social evils, a charitable institution for indolent women, a prison workshop for the slaving breadwinner, and a hell for children."

August Waterhouse
author, The Son of a Servant

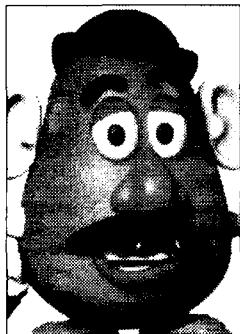
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Scene asks about love in a series of columns
leading up to Valentine's Day.

~ Today: Boy Bands vs. Teen Divas ~

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THE GUY



SCOTT LITTLE

Music is either good or bad. It doesn't really matter who's making it, male or female. It seems to me, though, that unless a girl pop star is a sex icon, guys could rarely give a crap. I don't know many guys who like the Indigo Girls or Ani DiFranco. And if they say they do, they are probably just saying that to make girls like them.

Guys like sex-icon girls (e.g. Jessica Simpson, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Debbie Gibson) because when girls are singing it's fun to pretend that they are singing to you. As a guy, our thoughts are like, "Hey, I know what a girl wants and what a girl needs," or "Hey, I drive girls crazy," or "Hey, people want to love me forever," or "Hey, I've got the moves to make the world go around, Electric Youth!"

Plus these songs are littered with sexual references which guys have no trouble digesting. For instance, Britney Spears:

"I'm so excited, I'm in too deep." Or Jessica's "Pour yourself all over me and I'll cherish every drop here on my knees." Oh yeah, and "Hit you with what one more time?" There isn't any mistake about it. I'm pretty sure old men wrote these types of songs that are still in touch with the way they felt when they were young and ugly and could only dream about girls like Britney or Jessica. They are just trying to make the ugly men of today less frustrated. A noble task.

And girls have their little fantasy musical men, too. Like 98 Degrees, The Backstreet Boys, NKOTB and Meat Loaf, among others. The same goes for them, except I'm pretty sure that the same old men write their songs too.

Some really good girl bands that I like are September 67, Barbara Manning and Chug.

p.s. Check out the Olson twins. I know they aren't in music, but they keep getting hotter!



THE GAL



ERICKA RAVETTINE

Something a little interesting about yesterday's introductions: The "He" described what he wanted in a woman while the "She" gave a little background. You gender studies people out there might want to make a note. Oh, and Scott, not even movie stars and Russian supermodels look like that in real life, not all women are looking to simply snuggle, and we're a little too busy with reality to constantly worry how to make men happy.

One more thing, if I had to wait for the guys here to protect me, I would wind up in a lot of bad situations. I'm sure these sentiments will be echoed and expanded upon by some letters to the editor so I'll get on to the task at hand. Don't be too harsh ladies — he is still just a sophomore.

Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, N-Sync, BSB ... all products of the New Kids on the Block formula. As a female student at Notre Dame you think that this might be one of my favorite topics, but actually I admit that a male Domer might have better insight for one major reason: He is generally far more enthusiastic about guy/girl bands. My male

neighbors host seemingly weekly karaoke shin-digs where you hear guys belt out the "intricate" lyrics of Britney Spears, 98 Degrees and many others late into the night.

Yes, both guys and girls know the words to "Hit Me Baby One More Time" or "Everybody," but seriously, how many girls at Notre Dame do you know who have posters of boy bands up on the walls? Posters of Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears, however, plaster the walls in male rooms.

We can also look at Halloween as an example. Granted two years ago there were a number of Spice Girls, but this Halloween we saw very few female Britneys and Christinas. Instead, there were a bunch of Joeys, Nicks and AJs.

Several groups of guys took up the task of being an entire boy band. We all know that the focus has turned away from musical talent and moved toward the entertainment value of the bands. This makes me wonder, what is the male Domer's obsession with the cookie cutter, media savvy member of a girl/guy band besides the physical attraction?

Tomorrow's topic: Commentary on the opposite sex in the Notre Dame family

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Transoms, Doc Brown	Benchwarmers	Feb. 18
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Vertical Horizon & Stroke 9	Stepan Center	Mar. 1
Kenny Wayne Shepherd	Heartland	Mar. 28

Indianapolis

Alan Jackson	Conseco	Feb. 11
Paula Cole	Vogue Theatre	Feb. 29
Fiona Apple	Murat Theatre	Mar. 7

Chicago

Macy Gray	House of Blues	Feb. 9
Saw Doctors	Metro	Feb. 11
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Joni Mitchell - Both Sides Now

February 15

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The Cure - Bloodflowers
The Suicide Machines - The Suicide Machines
The Who - The BBC Sessions

February 22

Michael Hutchence - Michael Hutchence (V2)
Violent Femmes - Freak Magnet

February 29

Smashing Pumpkins - MACHINA
Oasis - Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Miller scores 32 as Indiana tops Philly, 109-84

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Four years ago, Larry Brown coached the Pacers to a franchise record 17 consecutive victories at home. On Monday night, he was an unwilling spectator as Indiana broke

the record by defeating Philadelphia.

"They were great," Brown said of the Pacers, who shot 54 percent, outrebounded the 76ers 43-39 and blocked 12 shots. "They shot well and defended well."

Reggie Miller overcame a slow start to score a season-high 32 points despite sitting out the fourth quarter,

and the Pacers limited Allen Iverson to just 14.

"Reggie was just sensational," Brown said.

Iverson, who matched his career high with 50 points Sunday in a 119-108 triumph over Sacramento, made only 6-of-19 shots.

"Naturally the emphasis was to stop him and make sure he didn't get easy looks at the basket. I thought we did a great job of swarming to the ball each time he put it on the floor," said Travis Best, one of four Indiana guards that helped hold the league scoring leader 17 points below his average.

Iverson declined to credit the Pacers for their defensive effort.

"The only person who could stop me is myself. I made some bad shots early and had some bad judgments," added Iverson, who often had Miller defending him with help from teammates.

Orlando 120, Golden State 100

Doc Rivers worried that the Orlando Magic might be ripe for a letdown after beating two of the best teams in the Eastern Conference.

But there was no cause for alarm Monday night with the Golden State Warriors playing more like the team that lost 12 straight in December and January than the club that recently won four in a row.

"After beating New York and Indiana back to back, this game scared me a little bit," Rivers said after the Magic never trailed in a rout of the team with the third-worst record in the NBA.

"I think the last three or four games we've really hit a nice stretch defensively, which has scored a lot of points for us. It's all about defense, and tonight we never let up."

Second-year center John Amaechi scored a career-high 25 points, all but two in the first half. His backup, Michael Doleac, had a season-high 23 points, while Ron Mercer scored 18 in his second game since joining the Magic in a trade last week.

"We were very concerned about this team because we just played two tough teams," Amaechi said. "We were smoked by these guys last time (113-100 at Golden State on Jan. 17), so we knew we had to play."

Charlotte 95, New York 85

Contrary to how it may have appeared, Eddie Jones said his performance was nothing personal against the New York Knicks and Kurt Thomas.

Jones scored a season-high 34 points — one short of his career-best — to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a victory over the injury-ravaged Knicks on Monday night.

"It was one of those nights when I think I just wanted it a lot more than

anybody else," said Jones, who made 13 of 20 field-goal attempts, including 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

Jones was facing New York for the first time since a hard foul Dec. 20 by Thomas left him with a torn ligament in his left elbow. The injury sidelined Jones for 10 games.

"It was something that didn't have to happen, yeah, but I wasn't upset," Jones said. "We can't control some of the things that we do."

Jones, voted a starting guard for the Eastern Conference in next weekend's All-Star game, helped the Hornets make a season-high 10 3-pointers.

"Eddie was outstanding," coach Paul Silas said. "Every time we needed it, he stepped up. He hit big 3-pointers, he drove to the hoop, he got steals. If he'd missed a couple of shots, New York would have been right back in it. I think it was his best game by far."

The Hornets helped their cause by getting Patrick Ewing into foul trouble. Ewing, coming off a 44-minute outing Sunday in which he had 25 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Knicks over Miami, followed it up against Charlotte with 15 points, 10 rebounds and four fouls in 38 minutes.

Portland 115, Milwaukee 111

Steve Smith scored 24 points and Rasheed Wallace added 17 to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks at the Bradley Center. The Blazers won their third straight and their ninth in the last 10 games.

Glenn Robinson scored 27 points and Ray Allen poured in 26 for the Bucks, who lost their second in a row and their third in the last four games.

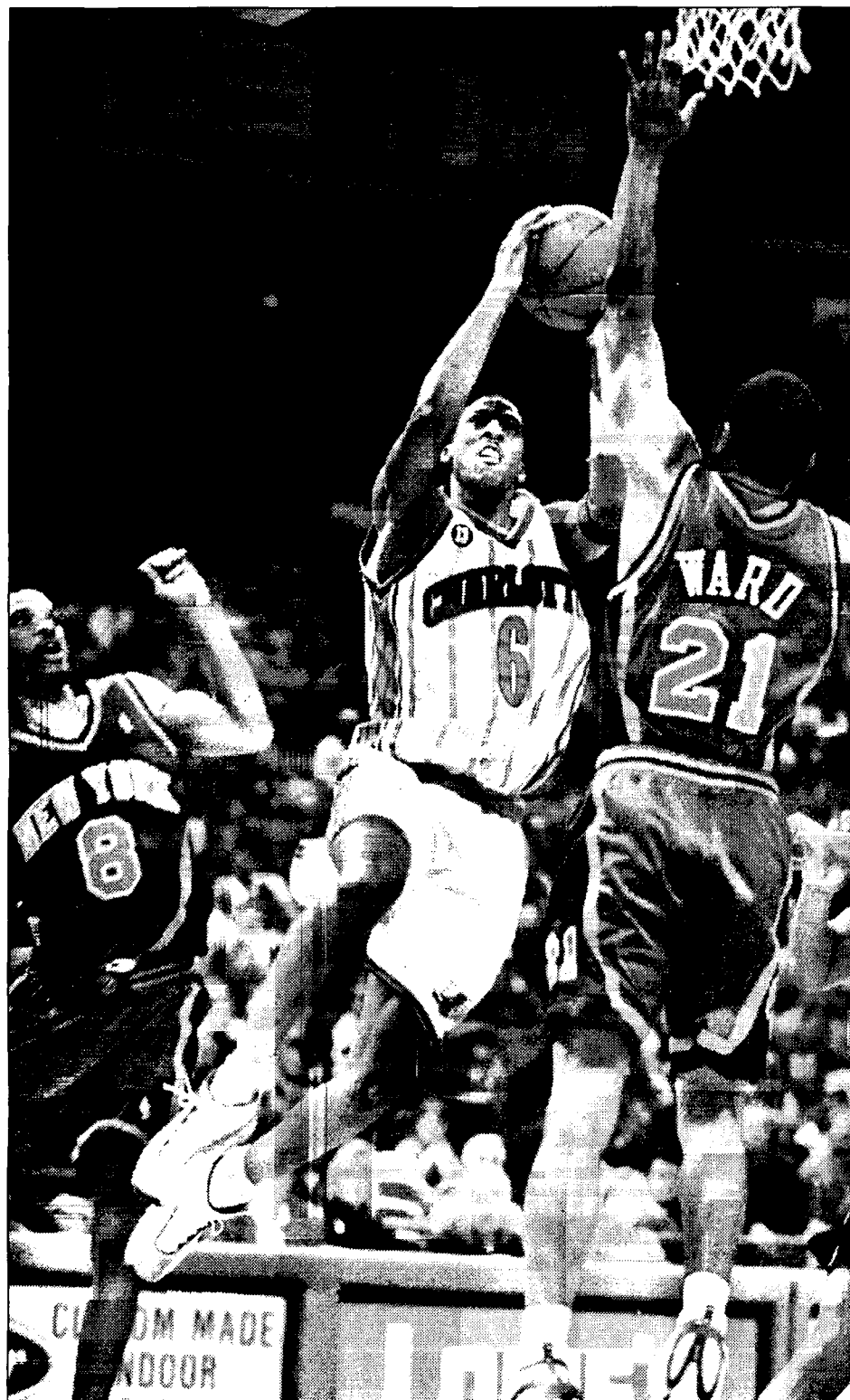
Milwaukee led 84-78 after three quarters, but Portland opened up the fourth with a 13-4 run to take the lead. Detlef Schrempf canned a jumper with 9:21 left to pull the Blazers within one and then made another basket with 8:55 remaining to put them up 89-88.

Schrempf then sank a pair of free throws with 7:55 left to cap the spurt and put Portland up 91-88. But a three-pointer by Robinson at the other end tied the game at 91 apiece with 7:25 to go.

The contest was knotted at 97-97 before Greg Anthony buried a three-pointer with 4:49 to play, putting the Blazers up for good at 100-97.

A three-point play by Allen with 18 seconds left pulled Milwaukee within 111-109, but Brian Grant gave the Blazers a four-point lead by hitting a pair from the charity stripe with eight seconds remaining.

A layup by Robinson at the other end again brought the Bucks within a basket, but Smith sealed the victory for Portland by sinking two free throws with two seconds left.



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Charlie Ward (21) goes up for a block on Eddie Jones (6) in Monday's game. Charlotte defeated the New York, 95-85.

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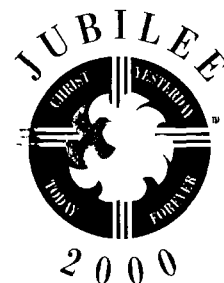
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NFL

Police continue Lewis investigation

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Police searched Ray Lewis' home in suburban Baltimore on Monday, but would not disclose what they were looking for or what they found in connection with the murder charges facing the NFL star.

Officers could be seen carrying large plastic containers from the home and loading a computer into a van.

Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley confirmed a search warrant was executed, but he would not elaborate on the search by Atlanta and Baltimore County police.

While police sought clues in Lewis' home, his lawyer said all the passengers in the limousine that fled the scene of the two fatal stabbings contend his client was not part of the post-Super Bowl brawl.

Don Samuel told The Associated Press on Monday that he and other defense lawyers and investigators have interviewed all six men, including Lewis.

"We're all hearing one voice — Ray was not involved in knifing anybody or attacking anybody," Samuel said. "We have not interviewed the driver, but everyone else says Ray wasn't the one."

The Sun in Baltimore reported Monday that 51-year-old limo driver Duane Fassett told police that Lewis threw at least one punch in the fight that resulted in the two deaths.

The affidavit police used to obtain the arrest warrant against Lewis cited an unidentified witness who said Lewis participated in the "punching, beating, and stabbing" of the two men.

The Baltimore Ravens player is in Atlanta Detention Center on murder charges stemming from the deaths of Jacinth "Shorty" Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Decatur.

Samuel said interviews have not shed light on who actually stabbed the two men. He would not release the names of the other limo passengers.

Atlanta police have said they want to interview two men thought to have been in the limo — former University of Maryland football player A.J. Johnson and Kwame King, a friend of Lewis.

Johnson, who says he was at home in Laurel, Md., during the Super Bowl weekend, said Sunday that Atlanta investiga-

tors had interviewed him.

Samuel said the defense team has interviewed more than 30 people, and accounts as to what happen vary wildly.

"We've heard everything from it was a war zone and there was fighting everywhere to that there were four total involved, including the two victims," Samuel said.

Atlanta television station WSB-TV reported Monday that investigators Monday also visited The Sports Authority location in Duluth where Lewis held an autograph session the day before the Super Bowl.

The store sells hunting knives, and previously published reports have said that receipts for knives were found in Lewis' hotel room, but the store was not known.

Police and store officials would confirm or deny that investigators visited the store.

A lawyer for the limo driver, said his client should not be seen as "a star witness against Ray Lewis."

"He's told police what he saw. And he's told police what he didn't see," David Irwin said.

Irwin would not comment on what Fassett has told police. But he said Fassett has periodically driven for Lewis during the past year and is "friendly" with the 24-year-old player.

"He's very distraught about the trouble that has befallen Ray," Irwin said.

Irwin would not comment on previous reports that knives and blood were found in the limo.

Samuel said Fassett may have seen Lewis trying to break up the fight.

"We don't know what his vantage point was or what he actually saw," Samuel said.

He also said that because someone shot at the fleeing limo and bullet holes in the car were evident, someone other than the victims might have been involved in the fight.

Samuel said prosecutors have not approached Lewis with the possibility of lesser charges if the player identifies the actual killer.

"Our conversations haven't gotten there yet," Samuel said. "They can find that out without needing Ray's help. Everybody who was there will figure out who else was in car sooner or later, and from there, it's not going to be any great mystery."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Foreigners dominating game

Associated Press

TORONTO

The next time commissioner Gary Bettman delivers one of his state of the NHL speeches, perhaps his foreign affairs department should write it.

As the World team's dominating 9-4 All-Star victory Sunday over North America emphasized, there is a new world order in what now is the inappropriately named National Hockey League, whose regular season resumes Tuesday.

The brightest stars in a league once ruled by Lemieux and Gretzky, Richard and Howe now are named Bure and Jagr and Hasek. And the NHL is finding those stars not in Kanata and Medicine Hat, but Kladno and Moscow.

A quarter-century ago, 90 percent of the NHL was North American born and bred, now only 65 percent is.

This torrent of European talent, let loose a decade ago when the Berlin Wall tumbled down and Communism collapsed in the Soviet Bloc, has altered not only the NHL's statistics sheet and its standings, but its very personality.

The balance of power clearly

shifted to the East during the European-dominated 1998 Olympics in Nagano, won by the Czech Republic. Canada didn't even medal in its most popular sport, and the only mark left by the United States was on its dormitory room walls.

The trend that began in Nagano is playing out in the NHL. One year after the league was stuck in a defensive mode, unable to free itself from its own neutral zone trap, scoring is up — a byproduct not only of the European influence, but the 4-on-4 overtime format that has significantly cut down on ties.

Scoring leader Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh so likes 4-on-4 — it has so speeded up overtime, perhaps it should be called 4-on-the floor — that he proposed the league play it for 60 minutes, every game, every night.

"The players now are so big and strong and the rinks are too small," Jagr said. "If I was going to make hockey better, I would either make the rinks bigger or play 4-on-4 all the time. It's more exciting for the fans, they stand the whole five minutes in overtime."

Jagr (Czech Republic) and Pavel Bure (Russia) are heating

up a scoring race that previously looked to be a Jagr runaway and now features four Europeans among the top 10 scorers.

Bure and St. Louis forward Pavol Demitra combined Sunday for five of the nine World team goals, all of them scored by Eastern Europeans. Of the game's 13 goals, only four were by Canadians or Americans.

The NHL could even gets its first European-born coach as early as next year, when Czech Republic coach Ivan Hlinka is expected to replace Herb Brooks in Pittsburgh.

Uh, oh, Canada.

Wayne Gretzky, now simply the Retired One, thinks he knows why the Canadian influence no longer dominates what now is a league of many nations.

"The one thing that we seemed to have lost that the Jean Beliveaus, Bobby Orrs and Gordie Howes of the world had is creativity and imagination," Gretzky said. "That creativity was basically founded by the fact they would go to ponds and skate for six, seven, eight hours a day, choose up sides, have two nets and no goalies, and away you go."

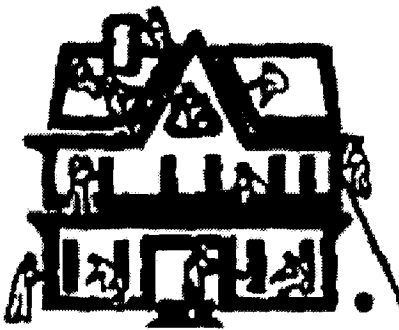


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NCAA BASKETBALL

Seton Hall knocks off undefeated Syracuse

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Fourth-ranked Syracuse finally met its match.

Darius Lane hit a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left Monday night to lift Seton Hall to a 69-67 victory over the previously unbeaten Orangemen, whose season-opening win streak ended at 19 games.

Despite hitting just 2-of-13 3-pointers, shooting 37.3 percent and getting only seven points combined from starters Damone Brown, Ryan Blackwell and Tony Bland, Syracuse (19-1, 9-1 Big East) hung in until the end.

With the Carrier Dome crowd reaching deafening levels, Blackwell scored his only points of the game with 1:07 left, hitting two free throws to put Syracuse ahead for the last time, 67-66.

Lane, who finished with 20

points, won it with a long 3 from the left side, and the Pirates survived a 3-point try by Preston Shumpert and close-in shots by Blackwell and Etan Thomas in the final 10 seconds.

Shaheen Holloway had 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for Seton Hall. Rimas Kaukenas had 16 points and Ty Shine 10 for the Pirates (16-4, 8-2).

Jason Hart led Syracuse with 14 points but had no assists. Thomas had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Shumpert had 12 points and DeShaun Williams 11.

The game was rescheduled from Jan. 22 because of a dormitory fire at Seton Hall that killed three students.

Seton Hall, which used some great passing in the first half — the Pirates had 10 assists — reverted in the second half to the long-range shooting that had crushed West Virginia 97-

66 Saturday.

After Shumpert's three-point play put Syracuse ahead 47-46 with 11:36 to go, the Pirates began hitting 3s. Holloway hit the first, and Shine and Lane each had two to put the Pirates back on top 60-55 with 5:58 remaining.

Williams led Syracuse on an eight-point surge with a steal and fast-break layup and a 3 to move the Orangemen within 64-63. And when Lane missed two free throws, it appeared Syracuse might again escape as it had a week earlier against St. John's.

But even a tremendous save by Williams to Thomas, who then fed Hart for a layup with 1:41 left to keep the Orangemen's hopes alive, was not enough.

Seton Hall held the Orangemen in check with some tough man defense all game. Syracuse hit only three of its first 13 shots while the Pirates

were 6-of-9.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Lane and Kaukenas staked Seton Hall to an early 12-6 lead, and the Pirates kept the edge despite some early foul trouble for Samuel Dalembert.

Syracuse's depth allowed the Orangemen to stay in the game.

Coach Jim Boeheim rotated nine players in and out in an effort to find a hot hand, and Kueth Duany responded. Used sparingly during the season, Duany hit three layups off some crisp passing to keep Syracuse close.

Al Harris, who had a career-high 10 points, did the same for the Pirates, coming in for Dalembert when the big freshman center was called for his second foul with 12:28 left in the period.

Harris scored six straight points to maintain the Pirates' five-point lead at 22-17 with 8:28 to go.

RACING

President, CFO face charges

Associated Press

HOUSTON

The president and chief financial officer of a renowned thoroughbred farm were convicted of conspiracy, fraud and bribery Monday for paying off a banker to win large unsecured loans for their stables.

J.T. Lundy and Gary Matthews were convicted of four counts each of conspiracy, fraud and bribery. Sentencing is set for late April.

Lawyers for the two did not return calls seeking comment.

Lundy and Matthews once ran one of the most celebrated thoroughbred stables in the world, Calumet Farm. Prosecutors painted a picture of the men's life in the late 1980s as one of prime seats at the Kentucky Derby, forays to France, priceless art and fast money.

The good times came to a screeching halt in 1991, when the Lexington, Ky., stables declared bankruptcy. It was sold at a 1992 auction for \$17 million.

The government spent the past three weeks describing financial schemes they say were carried out behind the scenes during the years leading to the collapse.

While Calumet's fortunes secretly evaporated, prosecutors say, Lundy and Matthews paid First City Bancorporation vice chairman Frank Cihak a \$1 million bribe.

The Calumet officials also presented the Houston banker with a pair of mares and breeding rights to Alydar, the stable's most esteemed stud, the government alleged.

In exchange, First City loaned the stables \$65 million without checking the farm's credit or value, prosecutors said.

During closing arguments Monday, defense lawyers told the panel the government failed to demonstrate the duo's guilt.

"If time has distorted the evidence to the point where [proving guilt] can't be done, that is their problem," Lundy's attorney Dave McGee said, wagging a finger at the jury. "Not ours."

First City struggled after Calumet, one of the bank's biggest loan clients, folded. Shortly after the stables declared bankruptcy, the Houston bank failed.

Cihak and four associates were convicted on fraud and money laundering charges. Cihak was sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison in 1994.

Even the fate of the stallion Alydar took a tragic turn. Calumet gave Alydar, the runner-up to Affirmed in all three Triple Crown races in 1978, a lethal injection after he prized stud's leg was broken inexplicably.

Calumet cashed in a \$35 million insurance policy on the stallion. The FBI is investigating the horse's mysterious death.

OLYMPICS

Difficult road ahead for committee

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

If gold medalists Michael Johnson and Amy Van Dyken can spend countless hours preparing for the Olympics, the new chief of the U.S. Olympic Committee expects nothing less of his employees.

Welcome to the USOC under Norman Blake.

"There's no free ride here," Blake said Monday as he offi-

cially began work as chief executive officer. "I never want our athletes to feel like we're hangers-on, that we're an unnecessary overhead — a weight on their back. I want them to look at us and say, 'Wow! They really helped me be the best I can be, and they're busting their butt just like I am.'"

"If you have to work on weekends, if you have to work at night, that's just what an athlete has to do to get ready

for a competition. This is a competition."

Those who followed Blake when he was CEO at insurance giant U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty, and chief of Promus Hotel Corp. are familiar with his competitive nature. They say the 58-year-old Purdue alumnus has a reputation for being a master motivator who can convince his executive staff to embrace his vision and carry it out with efficiency.

"It's pretty fair to say part of

his success in the past has been the ability to put a good face on the future and build a following on that," said Michael Smith, a New York-based analyst who follows the insurance industry for Bear Sterns.

"The first change you can expect is a change in the number [of staffers]. He's very focused on expenses and running a lean ship."

Blake has promised changes in the way the USOC is managed, but the details probably won't be finalized until the spring. He has set a 90-day timeline to establish goals and objectives, and outline his plan of execution.

"The USOC staff is very hierarchical. There are a lot of assistants and I believe in a flat organization with clear lines of accountability," Blake said. "It doesn't mean that people are going to necessarily be dismissed, but it does mean structurally it's going to change."

This much is certain: success will be measured in gold, silver and bronze. Blake wants the work of his staff to be reflected in the medal count at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, and the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

"That is going to be the bottom line," he said. "That's what the USOC is all about — better enabling our athletes to compete to the best of their abilities."

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PGA

Tiger claims sixth straight with win at Pebble

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. With an astonishing comeback to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Tiger Woods on Monday moved a step closer to Byron Nelson's "untouchable" record of 11 straight victories.

Seven strokes behind with seven holes to play, Woods

electrified an otherwise gray afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula by holing a 97-yard wedge for eagle on the 15th and making birdies on two of the last three holes for his sixth straight PGA Tour victory.

Woods became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six straight tour events and took an unbelievable leap closer to Nelson's record, which was set in 1945.

It was a command performance, filled with spectacular shots that have defined Woods' young but spectacular career. It ended with Woods watching from the 18th green as Matt Gogel missed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th that would have forced a playoff.

Woods closed with an 8-under 64, the lowest final round by a champion in the 53-year history of Pebble Beach. He finished at 15-under 273 and earned \$720,000.

"I figured if I birdied the last four holes, I might have a chance," Woods said.

Gogel, the 28-year-old tour rookie, made birdie on five of the first seven holes to seemingly turn the final round into a rout.

Instead, he turned in a shocking collapse — a 40 on the back nine — that will only be forgotten because of a miraculous comeback by a player who never ceases to amaze.

So shaken by his failed birdie putt, Gogel missed a 3-footer for par on the 18th and wound up in a tie for second at 13-under 275 with Vijay Singh. Gogel closed with a 71, while Singh had a 70.

"I said it yesterday, he's going to be there at the end," said Notah Begay, an ex-teammate at Stanford who finished three behind. "It adds to the whole mystique of Tiger."

It was the 17th career PGA Tour victory for the 24-year-old Woods. Among active players not on the Senior Tour, only Ben Crenshaw (19) and Greg

Norman (18) have won more.

What Woods has proved during his PGA Tour winning streak — even as far back as his three straight U.S. Amateur titles — 5 is that he can never be counted out until he's no longer on the golf course.

Woods was five strokes behind to start the final round, which was pushed back to Monday because of high winds and rain earlier in the tournament. Despite the relatively serene conditions, he managed only three birdies through the first 11 holes and was running out of time.

Not only was he seven strokes behind, five other players were in front of him.

Woods needed some help, and Gogel obliged. Five under after his first seven holes, Gogel came unglued after his first bogey of the day — on No. 11 — and handled the spotlight like a deer on the highway.

But this day will be remembered more for the spectacular play by Woods.

The guy who folded his arms and stared blankly across the ocean for most of his round suddenly unleashed one of those famous fist pumps when his wedge on the 15th landed four feet to the right of the hole with just enough spin to slide across the grain and into the cup.

One hole later, he missed another eagle when his wedge landed an inch in front of the cup on its second bounce, setting up a 2-foot birdie.

He missed the green to the

right on the par-3 17th, not far from where Tom Watson chipped in to win the U.S. Open in 1982. He nearly matched Watson's heroic shot, the ball turning away at the last turn.

Woods came up short on the par-5 18th, hit a nice flop shot to 3 feet, and then had to wait about 30 minutes to see if Gogel could catch him.

He only had two decent birdie chances, and none of those came very close.

Next up for Woods is the Buick Invitational this week in San Diego, where he is the defending champion. Should he continue to win, he would surpass Nelson at the tournament where the Woods legend took root — the Masters.

For Gogel, it was another lesson to be learned from playing in the final group on the final day. He was there two weeks ago in the Bob Hope Classic, came out conservatively, and was quickly passed.

This time, he started with three straight birdies, and moved to 5-under for the round with a 25-foot birdie from just off the green at No. 7.

The 10th hole is the last one that runs south down the Pacific coast, ending a terrorizing six-hole stretch where the tournament is more often lost than won. When Gogel walked off No. 10 with a par, he had a five-stroke lead over Singh, and Woods was nowhere to be found.

That changed as quickly as clouds replaced sunshine at the start of the round.



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Tiger Woods shot a final round 64 to take the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am by a single shot over two players.

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HOCKEY

Carlson named CCHA player of the week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior left wing Dan Carlson has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association player of the week — the first Irish player so honored this season — after factoring in all three Notre Dame goals during the split at Ohio State on Feb. 4-5.



Carlson

Carlson's power-play goal in the opening game of the series cut OSU's lead to 2-1 early in the third period, before the Buckeyes added an empty-netter for the 3-1 win.

The next night, Carlson assisted on Michael's Chin's power-play goal for an early 1-0 lead before sending home Chin's deflected shot in overtime-giving the Irish a 2-1 victory with 0:55 left to play.

The three-point weekend leaves Carlson atop Notre Dame's season charts in points, goals, power-play goals and game-winning goals. His recent heroics include scoring two huge goals in the 4-3 win over Western Michigan on Jan. 21, as he forced overtime by scoring with 1:23 left in regulation before netting the game-winner in the first minute of overtime.

His recent timely play makes Carlson just the second player in Notre Dame hockey history — and the first in 28 years — to score two overtime goals in the same season. Junior winger Paul Regan scored two overtime goals during the 1971-72 season.

Carlson's goal at OSU held even extra significance, as it marked the first time that the Irish have scored a game-winning goal in the final minute of regulation or overtime in seven years-since Matt Osiecki found the net with 55 seconds left in overtime to give the Irish a 5-4 win at Kent State on Feb. 14, 1992. Since that time, Notre Dame has been on the losing end of 12 last-minute, game-winning goals.

Notre Dame players have been recognized in the weekly CCHA awards four times in 1999-2000, with freshmen center Connor Dunlop (Oct. 18) and freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski (Nov. 1, Jan. 24) both earning rookie-of-the-week honors.

Carlson — who has scored or assisted on five of Notre Dame's 12 winning goals this season — suddenly has moved into a tie for 10th all-time at Notre Dame with seven career game-winning goals (just seven players have totaled 10-plus, with Brian Urick and Dave Poulin sharing the record of 13). Carlson's four game-winning goals this season are tied for eighth in the Irish record book.

NCAA FOOTBALL

PSU's Paterno promotes Ganter

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Rip Engle cleared the path for Joe Paterno in 1964. Paterno insists he is not doing the same for longtime assistant Fran Ganter.

Ganter, Penn State's offensive coordinator since 1984 and a Paterno assistant for nearly 30 years, became assistant head coach Monday, a new title that seals his status as the favorite to replace the 73-year-old Paterno when he retires.

"People should not read too much into this thing, as far as Fran being my successor," Paterno said. "I don't think it's fair to Frannie or anybody else on the staff. Fran's done a heck of a job for this program, a great job. I think it's only appropriate that he get that title."

In 1964, Engle, then the Nittany Lions' coach, made Paterno associate head coach. When Engle retired the next year, he designated Paterno his choice as successor.

Paterno said he is not making any decisions for the university for "five years from now." But he said, "certainly Fran would be a great candidate if I were to retire tomorrow."

With Sandusky's retirement after 34 years, Ganter became Paterno's most senior assistant.

The expected changes come two weeks after Penn State said Paterno signed a five-year contract extension. The first such announcement in Paterno's 50 years at the university. He said he plans to continue coaching at least through 2004.

Also Monday, defensive backs coach Tom Bradley was promoted to head the defense, replacing the retired Jerry Sandusky. Bradley has been a Penn State assistant since 1979.

Ganter played fullback on one of Penn State's first Paterno-led teams in the late 1960s, then joined the staff as graduate assistant in 1972. He has coached the running backs and kickers since 1978, and he took over the entire offense in 1984. He will continue to oversee the offense.

But don't call Ganter or Bradley "coordinators." Paterno has pitched those titles, saying they foster the kind of "me-first" attitude he has so steadfastly tried to remove from the program.

"I've always hated that term," he explained. "They assume when he's the coordinator, it's his offense or it's his defense. It's gotten to the point where it takes away from the unity of your staff."

Paterno announced other changes Monday in the biggest shakeup in years.

His son, Jay, will coach the quarterbacks, taking over for

Dick Anderson. Jay Paterno had been coaching tight ends. Anderson will coach guards and centers, while line coach Bill Kenney takes tackles and tight ends.

Defensive ends coach Larry Johnson takes over the line from Joe Sarra, who moves into an administrative position. Sarra will focus on sports camps, agents, pro teams, fund-raising and facilities.

Paterno said Sarra will take over some of the administrative load, giving Paterno more time to coach.

Two former Lions captains join the staff. Al Golden, an assistant coach at Boston College for three years, becomes linebackers coach, previously Sandusky's duty. Bob White, an assistant athletic director at Penn State, joins the team to help with the defensive line and coach special teams.

Golden played from 1989-91, and caught the game-tying touchdown in Penn State's upset over No. 1 Notre Dame in 1990. He spent a year with the New England Patriots and also was an assistant coach at Virginia.

White played on Paterno's national championship teams in 1982 and 1986, then represented the school on educational matters in Washington, D.C., for two years before joining the athletic department in 1994.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Six high school seniors sign letters of intent

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team has signed six high school seniors to national letters of intent. Joining the Irish in the fall of 2000 will be Filippo Chillemi, Justin Detter, Greg Martin, Devon Prescod, Kevin Richards and Chad Riley.

One of the strongest recruiting classes in school history, all six players at one time or another have played with their respective youth national teams.

"This is truly an outstanding class and one of the best in school history," Irish assistant coach Chris Apple says. "The players entering in the fall fill a lot of our needs and strengthen our team in many areas. We've been able to bring in two solid recruiting classes the last two years giving us more balance and depth at all positions."

Chillemi, a 5-foot-10 central midfielder, is one of three incoming freshmen who have spent time training with the under-17 national team pool at the Bradenton Academy in Florida. He was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) High School and Adidas All-America team in 1999 and earned all-South regional honors as well. In addition, he has been invited to the Elite Soccer Program (ESP) Adidas Camp each of the last three years.

Chillemi has vast international experience and has played in several countries. He has been a member of Georgia's Olympic Development Program (ODP) state team since 1994 and the Region III squad since 1996.

Currently playing at Roswell High School in Roswell, Ga., Chillemi has been a member of the United Quest club team and has helped that team capture three state championships in the last four years.

"Fillippo gained valuable experience with the youth national team during his residency at Bradenton," Apple says. "He has the ability to change the point of attack from the midfield and is able to get the ball to players in the final third of the field. Filippo's strengths are his ability to possess the ball in the midfield and his solid ball-handling skills."

Detter, a 6-foot-1 midfielder/defender, is an extremely versatile athlete. He was a member of the under-17 and under-16 national team pools from 1996-1999 and also played on the Region II team for three years.

Detter spent four months (this past August through December) training with the under-17 national team at the Bradenton Academy.

"Justin has improved tremendously over the past year," Apple says, "and that is due in large part to his residency with the national team. He has a strong physical presence on the field and is extremely strong in the air. One of the assets he will bring to this team next year is his ability to distribute the ball from the central part of the defense."

Martin, a 5-foot-8 defender, spent 18 months training at the Bradenton Academy following his sophomore year at Plano High School. He was a part-time starter on the under-17 national team that lost in the semifinals of the Youth World Championships in New Zealand.

Martin has twice earned Parade Magazine All-America honors and was selected to the NSCAA High School All-America team in 1999.

Martin also has been a member of the Dallas Comets club team for years and helped that squad to a fourth-place finish at the national tournament in 1998.

"Greg's improvement has come with the international experience he has gained," Apple says. "He is a tough, aggressive defender with strong tackling ability. Greg has the skill and composure to keep possession of the ball, which is something that will benefit our defense next year."

Prescod, a 5-foot-7 forward/midfielder, led his Lassiter High School team in scoring as a junior with 11 goals and 12 assists. An NSCAA All-America honoree and first-team all-county

selection in the spring of '99, he also is a player with strong international experience. Prescod was a member of the under-16 national team pool in 1996 and was on the ODP Region III team for two years.

Last summer, Prescod attended the ESP Adidas Camp and has played for the United Quest club team for several years. In 38 games last year with United Quest, he was the team's leading scorer with 26 goals and 13 assists. From 1997-99, he captained that squad and led his team to three Georgia Open Cup championships. Prescod also helped his club team to two consecutive semi-

final appearances at the Dallas Cup in both '98 and '99.

"Devon is a truly exiting player to watch," Apple says. "He has the confidence and skill to beat defenders one-on-one and is able to get the ball to players in scoring positions. In addition to his passing abilities, he is going to score his share of goals for the team."

Richards, a 5-foot-9 midfielder, recently was named to the Bermuda National team. For the past three years, he has attended St. Andrews College in Aurora, Ontario where his team has been undefeated the past two years.

"Kevin's promotion to the national team in Bermuda is a testament to his hard work and dedication," Apple says. "He has a tremendous work ethic on the field and is a sound, technical player. One of Kevin's greatest assets is his quickness in the open field."

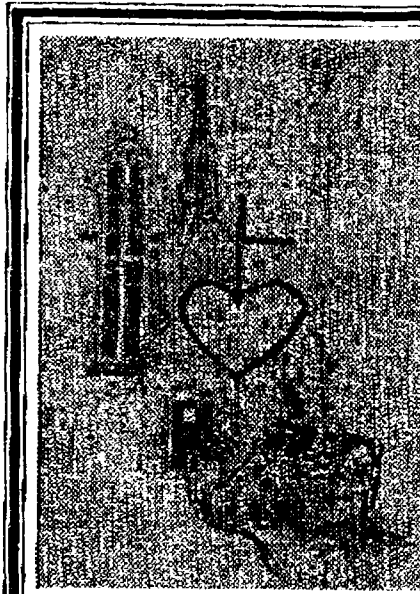
Riley, a 5-foot-8 midfielder, is a native of Houston, Tex. who has been living since August in Weybridge, England. He currently is playing for Walton & Hersham club team there and also has trained with Fulham Portsmouth, one of the top youth club teams in England.

A member of the under-18 national team pool, he played for two years at Cypress Springs High School where he earned All-Greater Houston area first-team honors. Riley served as captain of the Region III ODP team in Houston. He also has been a member of the Houston Hurricanes club team for several years.

"Chad possesses the unique ability to break down defenses because of his vision and passing skills," Apple says. "He is a strong dribbler in the open field and an excellent finisher around the goal."

"This is truly an outstanding class and one of the best in school history. The players entering in the fall fill a lot of our needs and strengthen our needs in many areas."

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MLB

Indian tribe to sponsor Pads

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

An Indian tribe that runs a casino in San Diego County will be the title sponsor of the San Diego Padres' 2000 season.

It's believed to be the first time a major league franchise has sold such a sponsorship. The Sycuan tribe will pay more than \$1.5 million, with some of the money going directly to the Padres and the rest going to radio and TV advertising, two sources familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

San Diego's season will be marketed much like a bowl game or golf tournament is. A logo reading "Padres 2000, presented by Sycuan" will be used on club publications, at the ballpark and in advertising.

The logo, which will include the team's Swinging Friar mascot and palm trees — several palm trees are just beyond the outfield fence at Qualcomm Stadium — will not be worn on

the players' uniforms.

Padres president Larry Lucchino wouldn't confirm the exact amount, but said Monday it was "an attractive deal for us, and a gigantic exposure for them."

Lucchino said the deal is acceptable under baseball's rules because Sycuan's casino does not have sports-book betting. Sycuan and two other tribes with gaming operations, Viejas and Barona, have had prior sponsorships with the Padres, although on a much smaller basis.

"We love this one," said Lucchino, who also helped pioneer exotic road trips in recent years, with his team making two treks to Monterrey, Mexico, and one to Honolulu. "We think of it as a cutting edge advertising arrangement. It's part of an aggressive effort on our part to find new revenue streams wherever we can because of our status in the baseball hierarchy."

The Padres say they have sustained operating losses since software mogul John Moores bought the team in December 1994, with Lucchino as a minority partner.

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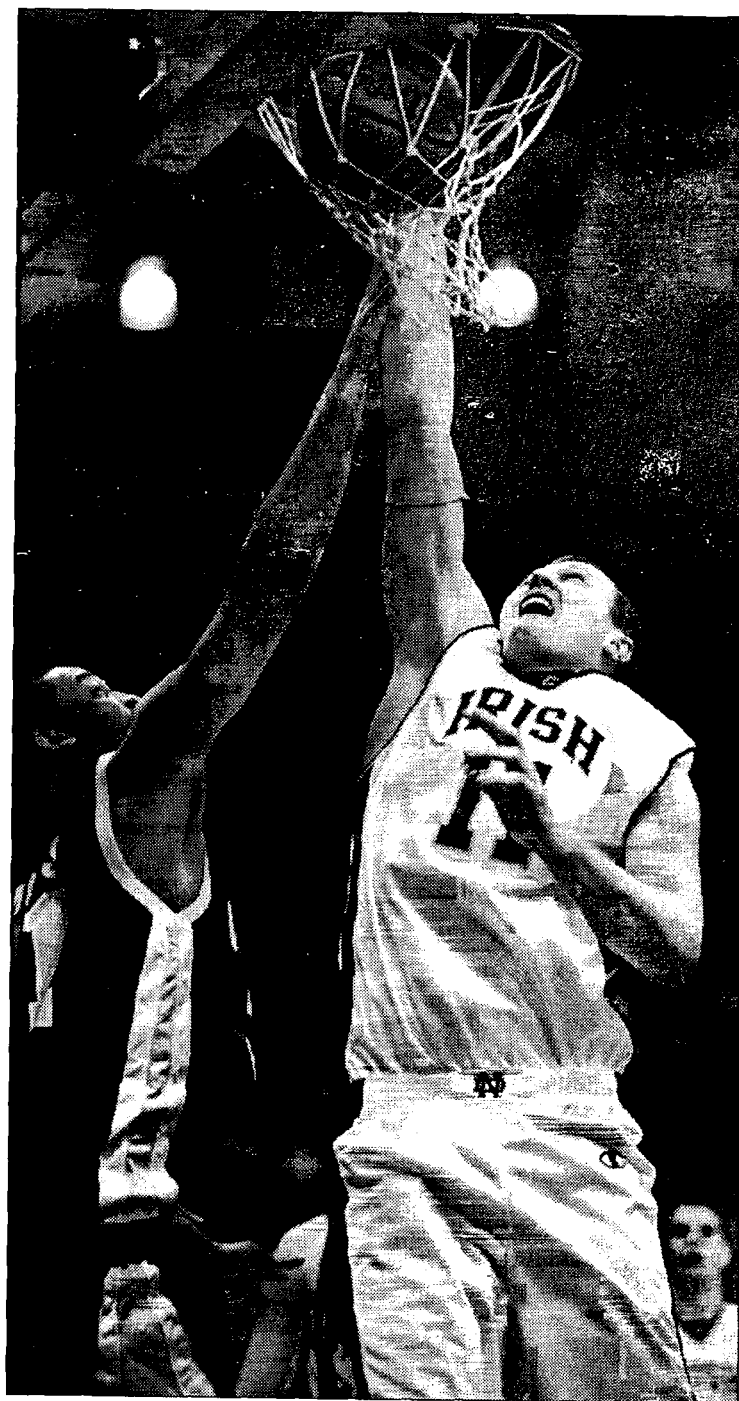
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Freshman center Ivan Kartelo dunks the ball over a West Virginia player in a game earlier this season. Kartelo and the rest of the bench will have to pick up their play if they hope to knock off the Wildcats.

Bball

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ing 9.3 points per game and 7.4 rebounds per contest, is coming off a big game at Georgetown.

The Wildcats knocked off the Hoyas, 72-69, in their last outing. The Wildcats were playing without starting point guard Bobby Smith, who was suspended indefinitely for violating a team rule. Jermaine

Medley scored just three points in his place. Sales led the way for Villanova with 17 points.

Notre Dame is currently sixth in the conference, while Villanova is eighth. The Irish need a win tonight if they hope to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

After the Villanova game, Notre Dame returns home to take on defending national champion Connecticut, before traveling to Seton Hall on Feb. 19.

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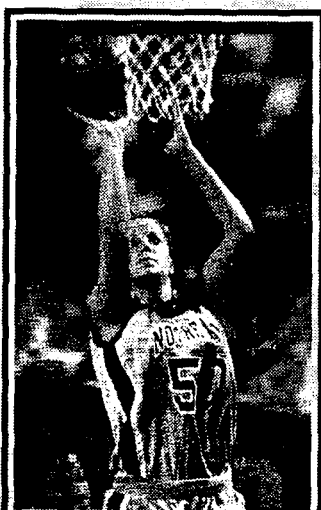
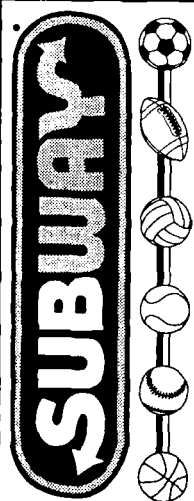
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish doubles fall early at Rolex

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Some things just aren't meant to be.

The women's tennis team's foray into the Rolex National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships ended abruptly as both doubles pairings lost early.

The 10th-ranked tandem of junior Michelle Dasso and sophomore Becky Varnum could not rally from a first-set deficit and fell 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 to California's Claire Curran and Anita Kurimay in the opening round.

The coupling of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha fared no better, dropping their first match (6-3, 6-4) to Lindsay Blau and Michelle Gough of Arizona.

Both losses, however, came against sound competitors; California's Curran and Kurimay and Arizona's Blau

and Gough advanced to the finals.

Guy and Cunha were unable to salvage any pride in the consolation round as they dropped a tough match (6-3, 5-7, 6-4) to Southern Methodist's Lindsay Bruce and Megan Russell.

Despite the losses, head coach Jay Louderback was not dissatisfied with his team's effort.

"I thought we played pretty well," Louderback said. "Unfortunately we were in a tough draw, but I thought we fought hard."

Dasso and Varnum qualified for the Rolex invite with their victory in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Region Doubles finals last fall, while Guy and Cunha were selected on the basis of their No. 15 national ranking.

The Irish women look to rebound when regular season play resumes Friday against the Terrapins of Maryland.

CLUB SPORTS

Women ski team captures first place

Special to The Observer

The powerful one-two punch of Nikki Douillet and Molly Munsterer catapulted the women of the ski club to another first-place team finish last weekend at Schuss Mountain in Michigan.

Douillet captured the slalom event, with Munsterer finishing a close second. The two reversed their finish in the giant slalom Sunday.

The entire women's team fared well. Jen Caswell placed fourth in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom, Ellen Block captured eighth and ninth, respectively, and Elisha Hines finished top 10 in the slalom.

The team far outdistanced its league opponents, Michigan State, Grand Valley, Michigan and Western Michigan. The Irish are poised to capture the MCSA divisional championships this week.

Despite the men's team's last-place finish, freshman Mike Ryan's performance portends a promising.

Ryan was third after his first run, but wiped out on the second run to drop to 14th. Eric Hansen and Alex Paul were next for the Irish in the Giant Slalom, finishing 23rd and 24th, respectively.

Water polo

The women's water polo club rebounded from a stinging 12-6 opening loss to Miami (Ohio) to rout the rest of the field in the Midwest Conference Regionals.

Laurie Healy's three goals were not enough as the Red Hawks of Miami garnered a measure of revenge. It was

the Irish who dethroned the three-time champion Red Hawks last year in the championships.

In the second round, Notre Dame defeated Ohio University, 15-6, as Jen Beranek tallied four goals and Liz Parolin three.

Liz Kuzniar found the back of the net six times as Bowling Green fell victim to Notre Dame 15 - 8 in the third round.

Notre Dame closed out competition by handling host Western Michigan 11-1.

This weekend, the Irish will look to even the score at the Miami Invitational, featuring a strong 12-team field. The club opens against Illinois and Maryland in the first two rounds.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics club opened its season at the Miami Cup this weekend with solid showings.

Strong performances propelled the men's team to a third-place standing in a strong field.

Captain Jason Miller earned fifth all-around, based on his third-place finish in the high bar, fourth in the rings and sixth in the vault.

Mickey McGarry claimed the only first-place finish for Notre Dame, winning with a standout effort in the vault.

Ryann Cox's second spot in the bars and Erin Henry's third place in the vault and fifth in the bars highlighted the women's competition.

The Irish next compete in Purdue's Golden Grips Classic on Feb. 19.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Siemon, Ratay earn honors

Special to The Observer

Junior forward Kelley Siemon has been named the Big East co-player of the week and freshman guard Alicia Ratay has been selected the Big East co-rookie of the week after leading the fifth-ranked Notre Dame to a 2-0 last week with a 90-60 win over Providence and 72-59 victory over 18th-ranked Boston College.

Siemon, who shares the award with Georgetown's Katie Smrcka-Duffy, is a first-time honoree. She averaged 17.0 points and 10.5 rebounds last week. Against Providence, Siemon scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds. In the Boston College contest, she recorded her first double-double of the season and second of her career as she scored 11 points and grabbed a personal high 14 rebounds. She shot 15-of-20 from the field in the two games and also played a career-high 36 minutes against the Eagles.

Ratay shares co-rookie-of-the-week recognition with Mandy Wittenmyer of Pittsburgh and earns the honor for the fourth time this season. She averaged 13.0 points and 2.0 rebounds as she scored 14 points and grabbed three rebounds against Providence and then followed that game with a 12-point and six-rebound performance against the Eagles.

Notre Dame is currently 19-2 on the season, 10-0 in the BIG EAST, and has tied a school-record with 15 consecutive victories.



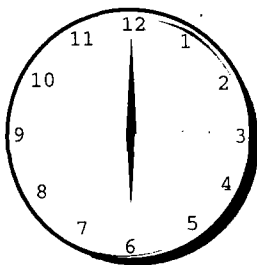
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Kelly Siemon defends Boston College guard Nicole Conway in a game last week. Siemon was named Big East co-player of the week for her outstanding play.

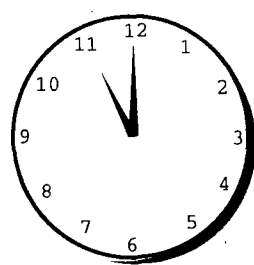


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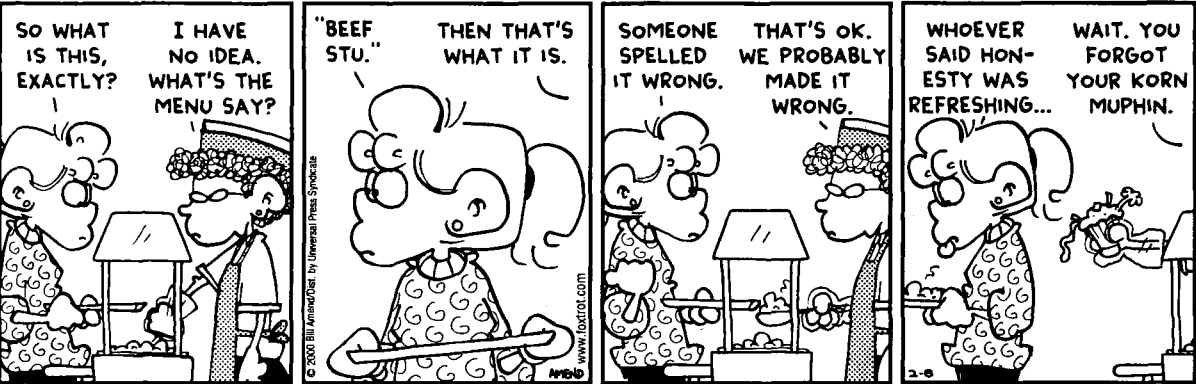


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17 It has a broad side

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19 Lowlands, to poets

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23 Do something

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25 It goes from C to C

29 Analogous

31 "___ Rosenkavalier"
- 34 Detergent target

35 Rose's Broadway beau

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40 "Mrs. Bridge" author Connell

41 Abbr. in many company names

42 Lancelot's attire

43 Room to relax in

44 Peter or Paul

45 On pins and needles

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57 Carry on

58 Opposed

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9 To no avail

10 ___-foot oil

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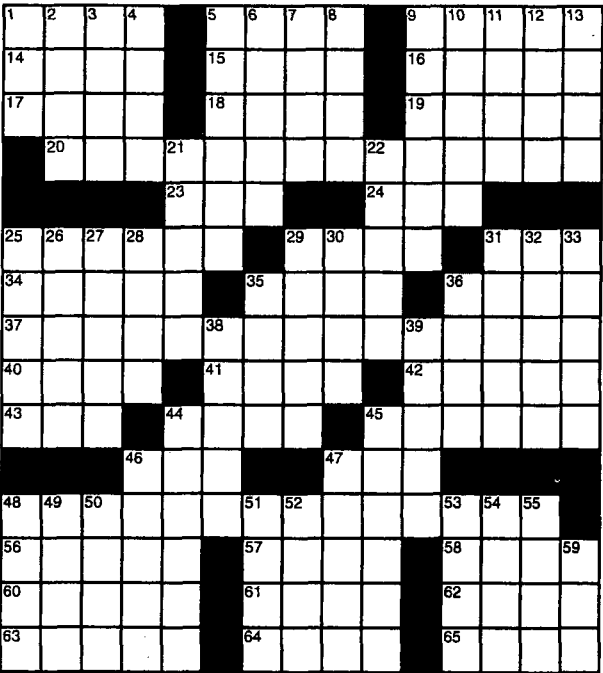
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functions to expand your circle of friends. ○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Matters pertaining to your career will be progressive and to your advantage. You should deal with superiors and make them aware of your intentions. ○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Investments will prove to be costly today. Put your time and energy into self-improvement projects that will be conducive to meeting new friends or lovers. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Private affairs may have preoccupied your time as of late. Anger and disappointment regarding your residence will only cause disruptions in your personal plans. ○○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can decorate or renovate at home today, but you should try to solicit the help of all who reside there. Don't go ahead and make changes without the approval of others. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take heed of the advice given by friends, but make up your own mind. You may want to spend some time re-evaluating your motives. ○○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a good look at your personal papers. Update your insurance policies, wills and other legal documents. Keep the changes to yourself as someone may get upset. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotional instability may be due to the way your partner has been treating you. Try to sit down and talk openly and honestly about your concerns. ○○

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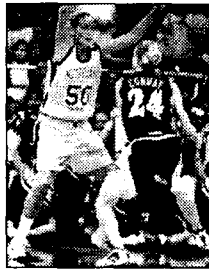
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Award winners
Kelly Siemon and Alicia Ratay were honored by the Big East conference for their outstanding play last week.
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MEN'S TENNIS

Sachire falls to Andersson in Rolex quarters



JOE STARK/The Observer

Senior Ryan Sachire serves in a match at Big East Championships last season. Sachire fell in the quarterfinals of this weekend's Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships to top-ranked Daniel Andersson.

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Ryan Sachire pulled the best aspects of his game together to advance to the quarterfinals of the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, only to be halted by top-seeded and second-ranked Daniel Andersson of Virginia Commonwealth (6-3, 6-2).

Sachire was just one stop on Andersson's road to the championship, which he took away in convincing style with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Florida's Jeff Morrison.

Despite Andersson's hot streak, Sachire stood as a formidable opponent against the top seed. In three of the pair's last four meetings, Sachire proved victorious. Sachire defeated Andersson in the 1997 NCAA first round as a freshman, in the 1997 ITA All-American Championship third round as a sophomore and in the 1999 Rolex National Indoors consolation singles final as a junior.

Andersson's only win against Sachire came in the 1998 Rolex National Indoors consolation singles semifinal.

Before bowing out of the tournament, 14th-ranked All-American Sachire posted an impressive win over Louisiana State University's 13th-ranked Tom Hand (6-3, 6-4) in the second round.

"I thought [Sachire] played extremely well against Hand," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "In order to win the match, he had to return the serve with precision and power, and he did. He played one of his better matches of the year."

Sachire overcame a three-year curse by posting a win in the first round of the tournament — a feat that had eluded him in his first three appearances of the collegiate grand slam. His quarterfinal showing marked his most successful trip to the Rolex National Intercollegiate, and Sachire showed an impressive style

of play and strong desire throughout the tournament.

"I didn't really play quite as well as I was capable of [against Andersson]," Sachire said. "But overall I was pretty pleased with the way I played. It was a good tournament."

Sachire sunk into a deep hole quickly in his quarterfinal match against Andersson, but he refused to fade away easily.

Down 4-6, 0-4, Sachire did not let Andersson walk away with the match. He pulled himself together and finished with some of his best tennis of the day.

"Ryan came out a little off his game and allowed Andersson to get ahead,"

Bayliss said. "But I like the way he finished the match — he could have just hung his head at the end. I think he learned some things there."

The Irish return to dual-match play this afternoon against the 18th-ranked Kentucky Wildcats, looking to improve

on their 2-2 record. The Wildcats post an impressive lineup, with seven of their top eight players returning from last season.

The Irish almost snuck away with victory last year against the Wildcats, and seek to avenge the close loss.

Sachire, now 15-6 in singles play, will match up against Kentucky's Carlos Drada, who also made it to the quarterfinals of the Rolex National Intercollegiate. Sachire squeaked by Drada in their previous meeting, and expects to encounter a close battle when they meet in dual-match play.

The Notre Dame lineup has taken a few hits lately with injuries to key players, but a healthy squad against Kentucky could help Notre Dame gain the needed edge over a tough opponent.

"I expect [Kentucky] will be one of the top 10 in the country at the end of the year," Bayliss said. "It's always a close match with them, but with luck we might have all our guys, which will help us as well."

"I didn't really play as well as I was capable of [against Andersson]. But overall I was pretty pleased with the way I played."

Ryan Sachire
men's tennis player

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame travels to Philly to take on Villanova

◆ Irish guards return home to Philadelphia

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After a devastating loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday, the Notre Dame basketball team must get back on track with a win against Villanova tonight at the First Union Center.

The Irish (14-9, 5-4 Big

East) have struggled on the road all season, posting just a 2-7 record away from the Joyce Center. Villanova (12-8, 3-5) has won six straight against Notre Dame and leads the series, 11-10. The Wildcats are also 2-0 against the Irish at the First Union Center.

Villanova is the only team in the Big East that Notre Dame has not beaten since joining the conference five years ago. Last season, the Wildcats defeated the Irish 85-58 at the First Union Center.

The Irish will go to battle behind sophomore power forward Troy Murphy, who is among the national leaders in

scoring and rebounding.

Murphy is fourth in the country in scoring with 23.6 points per game and sixth in rebounding with 10.7 rebounds per contest. The sophomore sensation is the only player in the country currently to be ranked among the top 10 scorers and rebounders.

David Graves is averaging 12.8 points per contest, and Carroll is averaging 9.7. Dillon is fifth in the conference in assists per game (5.7).

The contest will be a homecoming for three Notre Dame guards; Jimmy Dillon, Martin Ingelsby and Matt Carroll all hail from the Philadelphia area.

Villanova is led by Malik Allen who puts up 13.8 points per game and grabs 6.9 boards per contest. Brian Lynch and Gary Buchanan are also key players on the offensive end for the Wildcats. Brooks Sales, who is averaging

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