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Saint Mary's reps to help shape fledgling WRC

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

As Saint Mary's College takes its first step in the fight against sweatshops, representatives from the College will travel to the Worker Rights Consortium founding conference this weekend.

The college joined the Consortium on March 29. Representatives from the investigative working group on sweatshops will attend the first meeting of the consortium this Friday in New York City.

"This weekend, the WRC will become a reality and will begin its task of empowering workers to improve conditions in factories around the world," said Katie Poynter, a junior attending the conference. "As a founding member and conference participant, Saint Mary's has the opportunity to help shape the way in which the WRC will operate."

To date, 28 colleges and universities have joined the consortium with Saint Mary's. This weekend's conference will serve a number of informational and administrative purposes. Current WRC members will elect the governing board. According to the bylaws of the WRC, the governing board will consist of three voting com-

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Conference explores pro-life movement

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Taking a revolutionary stand in the pro-life movement at the collegiate level, the Right to Life clubs of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will host a conference entitled "Our Duty to Serve, Our Call to Lead" this weekend.

"This is the first time anyone has ever tried to host a national collegiate pro-life conference," said Emily Moriarty, president of Saint Mary's Right to Life. "It's really exciting that we're a part of this."

Moriarty and Right to Life member Rachel Richmond are co-chairing the event. U.S. Representative Chris Smith (N.J.), Co-Chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, will deliver the keynote address on Friday night in which he will discuss pro-life leadership and human rights abuses. A strong advocate of human rights and child health, Smith is known for his legislative victories banning overseas groups that perform and



Smith

promote abortion from receiving federal family planning funding. Smith has also advocated legislation for maternal and child welfare in the developing world and has initiated legislative measures dealing with adoption and maternal health.

"A lot of people think that pro-lifers are extremists," Moriarty said. "But that's not what the pro-life movement is about."

Several other noted members of the pro-life community will also speak at the conference.

Janet Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas, will speak on "Abortion, Contraception and Our Culture" and present pro-life arguments against the contraceptive mentality. Smith founded the Women's Care crisis pregnancy network in South Bend in 1984.

"We had a meeting to try to find different pro-life leaders who had a Christian focus," Richmond said of the selection process for speakers.

Father Matthew Habiger, President Emeritus and Chairman of the Board of Human Life International, will give a talk on "Constructing a Culture of Life," to teach students how to spread the pro-life movement in society. Human Life International is the

largest pro-life organization in the world.

"It's really good that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are taking the lead in this and underscoring how important all life is at all stages, born and unborn," Moriarty said.

Dr. John Crosby, professor of philosophy and Chairman of Graduate Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, will address the "Dignity of Human Persons, Both Born and Unborn," pursuing the abortion debate from a philosophical context. Crosby is the author of "The Selfhood of the Human Person."

Father Joseph Howard, director of the American Bioethics Advisory Committee, will teach

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"Our Duty to Serve, Our Call to Lead"

- ♦ Series of pro-life lectures
- ♦ Friday through Sunday
- ♦ College of Business Administration

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Students serve as 'good neighbors' to local community

♦ ND and SMC volunteers help El Buen Vecino impact families

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

One year ago, a 2-and-a-half year old boy wandered away from his South Bend home, quite curious about the cars he saw whizzing by him.

He walked about three blocks before a woman found him standing near the side of the road. Because she spoke only English and he spoke only Spanish, she had to take him to the police station. Police officers were eventually able to find his parents — immigrants from Mexico who spoke no English. Authorities charged the parents with neglect and took the boy away from them.

The family was eventually able to regain custody of the child, in part through the help of Sara Haber.

Haber, a Cuban immigrant, has worked for over 30 years with Hispanics in the United States. Eight years ago, she founded El Buen Vecino, which means "The Good Neighbor." It is now located in its own building in South Bend and offers numerous programs to families

in the area, including tutoring in English and assistance filling out job applications.

"I want to help our community to better the life of our families," said Haber. "El Buen Vecino is unique in the community because [it] is the only agency that assists the low income families — mostly Hispanics — that come to the community ... The family needs all the support [it] can get."

Haber runs much of the organization herself, but also relies on the assistance of student volunteers from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Notre Dame junior Susan Palladino decided to serve at El Buen Vecino at the beginning of her sophomore year after spending time in Mexico. She has volunteered on a weekly basis ever since.

"The place is never boring - there's always something going on. It's always so busy that your head spins on some days," Palladino said.

At first, Palladino primarily tutored adults and played games with children. This year she is involved in program administration and grant writing. When she started volunteering at El Buen Vecino, she knew she wanted to be a business major but did not have a specific career goal. After



PHOTO COURTESY OF EL BUEN VECINO

A Notre Dame student helps children with a craft project at El Buen Vecino in South Bend. Many students at the University and Saint Mary's College volunteer regularly at the organization.

working there, she decided to pursue management of non-profit organizations.

"I think working there really solidified my direction," Palladino said. "The non-profit world has a different pace than the business world. They're

attuned into the community, where often times the business world falls short."

"Susan has been a daughter to me," Haber said. "It's amazing how she's helped me."

Other residents of Palladino's dorm, Howard Hall, often vol-

unteer at the organization alongside her. Campus groups, such as Circle K, send volunteers every week. There is also one intern from Notre Dame who is earning credit for his work at El Buen Vecino, and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Apple Juice

"Why can't we name her apple juice, Mom? It's my favorite drink and I think it's a great name."

It has been 20 years since my sister requested to name me Apple Juice. I'm not exactly sure of her reasoning, but thank God my parents did not to give in to her pleading.

"Oh no! Elizabeth! I can't get the wagon to stop! We're definitely going to fly off the bridge into the creek!" I don't understand how 12 years have passed since my sister and I decided to take our little red wagon and go-cart down the huge hill on Redbud Lane.

"Mom! Laura poured glue in my hair! It's gross and she's laughing!" It's hard to believe that it's been almost eight years since I ended a fight with my sister by opening an Elmer's bottle and emptying it in her hair.

"Uh, Elizabeth ... I'm not sure how to tell you this, but my head's bleeding — BAD. The stereo speaker must've knocked me in the head when it fell from up there."

Can someone please explain to me how four years has flown by since I visited my sister, attended a freshman dorm party and ended up with staple stitches in my head?

For 20 years now I have fought with, yelled at and even resented my sister. We've grown apart and back together again. We've shared a room, telephone privileges and even Michael Thompson, the boy that gave both Elizabeth and I our first kiss on the cheek. There was a time in my life I never could have imagined becoming friends with my sister, much less best friends.

For 18 years, I did everything possible to avoid the path she took. She played basketball; I was a cheerleader. She was smart; I acted dumb. She listened to rock; I listened to country.

And, yet now in about a month, I will get the separation from Elizabeth I wanted for so long. She will graduate from Notre Dame, move on to her real life, and we will see each other only during short visits and holidays.

I realize from this moment on, I will never live down the hallway from Elizabeth and most likely I won't even live in the same city. Now the day has come when I wish more than anything that Elizabeth could continue living on this same campus. For the first time in my life, I am so proud to follow her footsteps.

Last week in one of my classes my teacher accidentally called me 'Elizabeth.' That alone was the single reason I almost did not attend Notre Dame. I was sick of the comparisons. And yet last Tuesday, being called the wrong name did not bother me at all. For the first time in my life, I took it as a compliment, as if I'd been told I resembled a famous model.

Elizabeth, I've always complained about following your footsteps and what a burden it's been on my life. But now I'd like to thank you. Thank you for everything. Thank you for always letting me tag along and welcoming me into your world. Thank you for always listening and giving sound advice.

Most of all, thank you for letting me follow your footsteps. It's a wonderful path you've left behind.

And Elizabeth? You can even call me Apple Juice if you want.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: "The Problem of State — Building in Postcommunism," Venelin Garvey, Kellogg Visiting Fellow; 12:30 p.m. Hesburgh Center ◆ Event: Acoustic Cafe; 9 p.m.; LaFortune	◆ Lecture: "New Challenges for Urban Governance in a Global Context;" Saskia Sassen; 3 p.m.; Hesburgh Auditorium	◆ Event: Junior Mom's Weekend; Saint Mary's ◆ Event: 5K, 10K, plus 2-mile walk; Proceeds benefit Christmas in April; 11 a.m.; Register in advance at Rolfs	◆ Event: Junior Mom's Weekend; Saint Mary's ◆ Concert: Notre Dame Collegium Musicum; 8 p.m.; Basilica of the Sacred Heart

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Nike contracts threatened by WRC

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof's decision last month to join the Worker Rights Consortium might eventually lighten the University's pocketbook by more than just the price of WRC dues.

Last Thursday, Nike terminated its contract with Brown University after school officials tried to renegotiate their contract in accordance with the WRC code of conduct, a set of standards championed by students, sweatshop activists and organized labor groups nationwide.

In anticipation of this Friday's founding WRC meeting, the move has raised more than a few eyebrows at universities nationwide.

Nike officials say the WRC is counterproductive because corporations are not allowed to sit at the consortium's bargaining table, an exclusion



they say creates distrust between all invested parties.

Simon Pestridge, Nike's labor practices manager, says the corporation prefers their membership in the Fair Labor Association, an alternative labor-monitoring group criticized by activists and organized labor for catering too heavily to corporate interests.

"We've been involved with these labor issues for a long time, and we know how to make improvements in

the factories," Pestridge said.

"What you're saying with the WRC is that we don't know how to do that."

So far Brown, a founding WRC member, is the only institution to face repercussions because of their involvement.

Pestridge said Nike will deal with each university on a per contract basis. But the University of Minnesota, whose men's and women's basketball and hockey teams and football team all sport uniforms bearing the company's trademark swoosh, could find itself in the same precarious position once the WRC is fully established.

At issue, in part, is the structure of each individual contract. Brown University was in the second year of a three-year deal that provided equipment to their men's hockey team at wholesale prices.

Fruit fly genome found

BERKELEY, Calif.

University of California-Berkeley scientists announced last week in the journal Science that they have succeeded in mapping the vast majority of the fruit fly genome — a success which researchers said could help them cure human diseases. In solving the map of the drosophila melanogaster genome, researchers discovered that many of their genes are similar to those in humans and that much of the same genetic material appears in both organisms. A genome is all of the DNA in a set of chromosomes. The Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project, headed by UC Berkeley professor Gerald Rubin, is part of a nationwide effort to map the entire genome of several model organisms. The same set of hundreds of scientists from around the nation announced last year that they had completed sequencing the full fruit fly genome. In part because of its fast replication cycle, the fruit fly has long been used as a model organism in biology, and was used to lay many of the foundations for the field of genetics. For example, the fruit fly was used in 1916 to prove that genes lay on chromosomes.

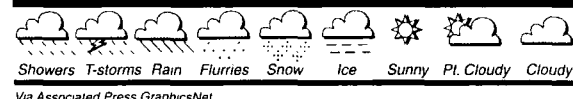
UA students protest to join WRC

TUSCON, Ariz.

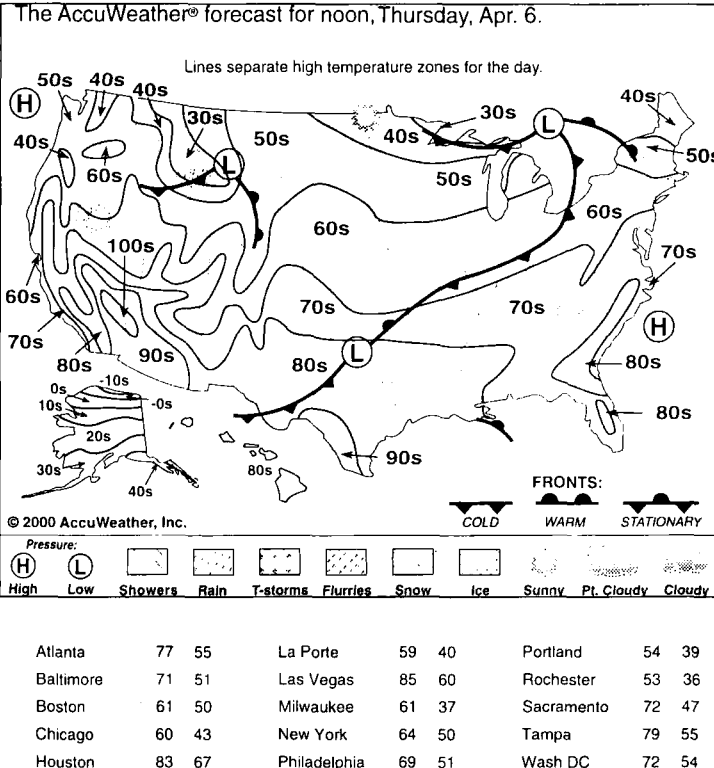
University of Arizona Students Against Sweatshops members kicked off their three-day educational forum — which will include spending nights in front of the administration building. "This is not a sit-in," SAS president and spokeswoman Lydia Lester said. "We're here because we want the university to join the WRC now." In celebration of National Student-Labor Solidarity Day, SAS set up a "College of Workers' Rights" booth, informing the campus on workers' rights and their push for UA to join the Worker Rights Consortium, a group made up of 35 universities and non-governmental organizations that plans to monitor factories. UA is a member of another group, the Fair Labor Organization, which includes corporations, non-governmental organizations and a university representative. There are more than 130 universities in the FLA, which is under the U.S. Department of Labor. In almost 90 degree weather, SAS members chanted, toted signs and carried out various activities, such as showing WRC support to UA President Peter Likins through signing ribbons to tie on the chain-link fence next to the administration building.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast				
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NATIONAL WEATHER



Blood drive honors Seattle girl

Observer Staff Report

The Arnold Air Society is sponsoring a blood drive today in LaFortune Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the name of Patty Collins, a Seattle girl suffering from a rare form of liver cancer.

Blood drive

♦ Today, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

♦ LaFortune Ballroom

♦ Sponsored by Arnold Air Society in name of young cancer patient

Collins' parents, Bill and Kathy, graduated from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's respectively and are organizing blood drives nationwide to raise 1,000 pints of blood in the girl's name. She was diagnosed with the cancer in September, and has received several blood transfusions.

Thirty students gave a pint at an Arnold Air Society drive for Collins on Nov. 31, 1999. Organizers expect 50 students tomorrow. Nurses will come from the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank to draw the blood.

Most people in good health who are more than 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate.

Students who would like to do so but cannot come tomorrow can contact the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank Monday through Saturday downtown at 234-1157 or in Mishawaka at 273-8879.

STUDENT SENATE

New officers debate parliamentary nomination

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Last night's Student Senate meeting was the first for the new officers and vice president Brooke Norton. Although the agenda included very few items, the meeting lasted nearly two hours due to a lengthy debate over the nomination for parliamentarian.

"I'm not sure why there is so much debate over a simple nomination for an office like parliamentarian," said former Judicial Council president Kelly Folks. She continued by advising new senators that this type of debate for a routine nomination was "not normal."

Earlier in the week, current council president Tony Wagner had nominated John Osborn, Board of Trustees Chair, as parliamentarian.

"There were two applicants for the position. We carefully read over the applications, conducted interviews and decided John would be best for the position. It was a hard decision to make because both candidates were qualified. However, John brought some experience outside student government and there is the argument that student government simply replicates itself, so we thought it would be good to have a fresh face," Wagner said.

Some senators thought that Paul Sladek, former St. Edward's Hall senator, the other applicant, was better qualified for the position.

"We have a duty as an oversight group to just not simply stamp everything that comes across our desk," said Audra Hagan, Pasquerilla West senator.

"If a nominee is not qualified, we should reject the nomination," said Katie Thompson, the McGlinn senator. "I know as a new senator, I may not know the constitution well, but it is the parliamentarian's job to know it intimately and I think it would be better to have someone who actually worked on putting this constitution together."

However, several senators disagreed. "I do not know [Osborn] well at all,



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue and vice president Brooke Norton preside over the Student Senate for the first time on Wednesday.

but he seems extremely intelligent and qualified for this position," said Grant Gholson, Keenan senator. "If we can get anyone to do this job, I think that is good. I think we should respect the nomination, I do not see any reason to reject it. He seems willing to learn and it will not be hard to get the rules down."

Others agreed.

"We're questioning a judicial council decision here. Personally, I think we should respect other parts of the student union," Luciana Reali, Lewis Hall senator. "I know John Osborn very well and I can attest to the quality of his character," said Ryan Becker, Zahm hall senator. "He is dedicated and does care a great deal about student government. He wants to stay involved and I feel this is a perfect way. I am confident he can serve in this task."

The recent

acquaintance rape on campus was another topic of discussion at last night's meeting.

"When I read the Viewpoint article in The Observer, it is clear that this is an issue that affects many students," said Reali. "It is a difficult issue to deal with on this campus because people are not willing to talk about it."

Reali recommended that the senate form a committee to create an education system for the campus to educate students on the issue.

"I believe we should form a committee immediately to try and solve some of this issue," Reali said. "We must start to raise awareness."

Reali said that senators should talk to administrators, students and rectors in order to get a complete understanding of problem and what can be done.

In other senate news

♦ Nominations were presented last night as following: Trip Foley for secretary of the student union, John Osborn for student senate parliamentarian, Mark Lesheey for chaplain of student senate, Jay Smith for office of the president chief of staff, Susan Roberts for academic delegate and Matt Clark for office of the president controller.

♦ Senate passed a resolution establishing a Sophomore Signature Event Planning Committee.



Appalachia Seminar



NEED: LEADERS FOR APPALACHIA SEMINAR TASK FORCE

The Appalachia Seminar is currently seeking members to join the Appalachia Task Force for the 2000-2001 school year. The Task Force consists of eight undergraduate students who form a leadership team responsible for planning, implementing, and creating new opportunities within the Appalachia Seminar. The Task Force is dedicated to experiential learning as a means to enhance higher education. We are in need of interested, enthusiastic, and committed persons to join us.

If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the Appalachia Task Force.

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Pro-life

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students about "Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics."

From the Notre Dame community, law professor Charles Rice will also speak. Rice has led and advised numerous pro-life organizations around the country, including the Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life. He will share his experience with the design and advocacy of the Human Life Amendment.

"It's an effort to bring people in from various college campuses to provide mutual education on right to life issues," Rice said of the conference. "I think it's a great idea. It's a very useful opportunity for Notre Dame students to become informed on the issue."

Along with the lectures, the planning committee has scheduled workshops to empower students to deal with issues ranging from death row ministry, the death penalty, post-abortion trauma counseling, crisis pregnancy centers and aid for low income mothers, bioethics, stem cell research, international adoption, euthanasia and moral concerns, pro-life ethics and strategies for pro-life student organizations.

"The purpose of the confer-

ence is to bring colleges and universities together for spiritual education, to share ideas with other students and to spread the pro-life culture," Moriarty said. "Our workshops will be on a wide range of topics to help students make their clubs more effective on campus and to generate more enthusiasm for the movement."

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, worked with the students when they approached him initially with the idea of host-

ing a conference.

"We were supportive from the beginning," Poorman said. "All of our reservations were logistical, but [the planning committee] rose to the challenge."

"He was completely supportive of our objective," Moriarty said. "The administration has been very supportive throughout the whole process. I would expect we'd have a lot more obstacles at a public university. There would probably be protests."

According to Antkowiak, the

conference was designed by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to provide students nationwide with the practical message to spread the pro-life message on their campuses, and to propose the formation of a national pro-life network. Students from at least 10 other institutions of higher learning are expected to attend.

The conference was also sponsored by the ND Center for Ethics and Culture, Jacques Maritain Center, Amnesty International, St.

Thomas More Society, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata, Knights of Columbus, Jus Vitae, Campus Ministry, and Notre Dame's Department of Theology. Most lectures will be held in Jordan Auditorium in College of Business Administration.

"This conference will equip and motivate students for their critical role as leaders in the new millennium," Antkowiak said.

Conference Schedule

All events will be in the College of Business

Friday, April 7th, 2000

5:30 pm - Registration and Social
7:15 pm - Constructing a Culture of Life, Father Matthew Habiger
9 pm - Pro-Life Leadership and Legislative Issues, Representative Christopher Smith
10:15 pm - Prayer Vigil for Life at the Grotto

Saturday, April 8th, 2000

9:30 am - Abortion, Contraception and Our Culture, Janet Smith
11 am - Workshop Session #1
1 pm - Law, Politics and the Right to Life, Charles Rice
2 pm - Workshop Session #2
3:15 pm - Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics, TBA
6 pm - Dignity of Human Persons, Both Born and Unborn, John Crosby
7:15 pm - Social Event
9:30 pm - Evening of spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession and spiritual direction

Sunday, April 9th, 2000

10:00 am - Mass for Life: Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Scene is now accepting creative writing entries from seniors reflecting on their time at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. Poems and short stories should be of reasonable length and will appear in the senior edition of the Observer. E-mail pieces to scene@nd.edu or call 1-4540 for more information.

Thursdays are students night. Students receive 25% off meal price with your student I.D.

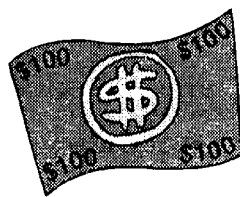
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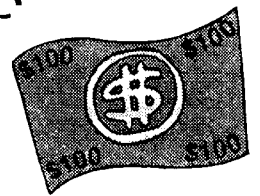
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Wild fires burn near Everglades

MIAMI
Smoke enveloped areas of western Miami-Dade County on Wednesday as wind worked against firefighters battling a 2,000-acre blaze at the edge of the Everglades. Late in the day, nearby residents were asked to stay indoors, keep windows and doors shut and turn on their air conditioning. That was "due to toxic fumes from the fire in the area," according to an advisory issued by Miami-Dade police department. The fire broke out Saturday, according to the Florida Division of Forestry, and a strong northwesterly wind pushed it through an undeveloped, swampy area on Wednesday. No residences or businesses were threatened by fire, but smoke hampered visibility for drivers on nearby Tamiami Trail, Okeechobee Road and Florida's Turnpike, said David Utley, Everglades district manager for the state Division of Forestry.

CIA returns former German spy files

BERLIN
The CIA has given Germany a first batch of spy files obtained from the former East Germany that could expose many agents who operated in the West during the Cold War. The archive, said to contain 320,000 names, was obtained by the U.S. intelligence agency after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, though the circumstances have never been officially explained. Government spokesman Uwe-Karsten Heye said Wednesday that the first CD-ROM arrived at Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's office last Friday. It was still sealed and had not yet been analyzed, he said. Some 1,000 further discs are to follow over the next one and a half years, Heye said.

15-year-old boy will stand trial for shootings

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta
A 15-year-old boy who shot two students at his high school last year is mentally fit to stand trial in either adult or juvenile court, a judge ruled Wednesday. The shooting in Taber, Alberta, occurred eight days after the Littleton, Colo., school shootings in which two students killed 13 people before turning the guns on themselves. Balfour Der, the boy's lawyer, said Wednesday his client fired the shots that killed Jason Lang, 17, and wounded another youth in the hallway of W.R. Myers school in April 1999. "We will not change our position that he pulled the trigger," Der said. "It's never been an issue." By law, the boy's name cannot be released because he is a minor. Der has said his client was reacting to bullying at school and also was affected by the Colorado shootings. After his arrest, the boy underwent open-heart surgery to correct a previously undetected birth defect.

Market Watch: 4/5

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President Bill Clinton puts his arms around Microsoft founder Bill Gates and World Bank President James Wolfensohn during the White House conference on the economy Wednesday. Leading economists and industry experts discussed world economic trends and predictions at the meeting.

Clinton boasts strong economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton boasted Wednesday that America is enjoying its strongest economy in history but heard warnings about stock market turbulence, the threat of rising inflation and the huge U.S. trade deficit with other countries.

In the ornate East Room, Clinton presided over a daylong White House conference on the "new economy," a meeting that fell one day after Wall Street suffered its wildest one-day swing in history.

The president was joined by Wall Street gurus, investment bankers, economists, thinkers and high-tech entrepreneurs. "We meet

in the midst of the longest economic expansion in our history and an economic transformation as profound as that that led us into the industrial revolution," Clinton said.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan vowed to remain vigilant about inflation. "We need to be careful to keep inflationary pressures contained," he said.

"The evidence that inflation inhibits economic growth and job creation is too credible to be ignored."

Billionaire Bill Gates was warmly introduced by Clinton — just two days after Microsoft Corp., which he co-founded, was found guilty of violating antitrust laws. Gates spoke of technological breakthroughs yet to

come, such as computers that can listen and learn. "The magic has really just begun ... the best is yet to come."

Abby Joseph Cohen, the respected chief investment strategist for the investment firm Goldman, Sachs & Co., said she has been enthusiastic about the outlook for U.S. stocks for the past decade. "And we remain so," she said.

Some participants predicted economic troubles ahead.

Investment banker Roger Altman said there already are signs of a stock market correction. "If there is going to be a correction," he cautioned, "it's probably going to be a sharp one at least in terms of technology equity values. Not all companies will be affected; the

Intels, Ciscos and Microsofts should be less affected."

Yale University economics professor William Nordhaus said he was concerned about inflation and overvalued stocks. "Even though inflation has been well behaved," he said, "it seems unlikely you can continue the current growth rate without inflation."

Furthermore, he said stock prices were unrealistically high. "Overvalued markets make us feel good but they are not healthy for us," Nordhaus said.

International economist C. Fred Bergsten said he was troubled by "the huge and growing trade deficit," which hit a record high of \$267.6 billion last year.

JAPAN

Mori to continue successor's policies

◆ Election of new Prime Minister resolves leadership crisis

Associated Press

TOKYO

Ruling party insider Yoshiro Mori took control as Japan's new prime minister Wednesday, squelching speculation he would call early elections and promising to plow ahead with his predecessor's economic recovery plan.

The election of Mori by Parliament resolved a leadership crisis in the Japanese government triggered Sunday when Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi suffered a stroke and went into a coma. Obuchi remained hospitalized on

life support.

At his first news conference as prime minister, Mori brushed off suggestions that opposition pressure would force him to call a general election before July, when leaders from the Group of Eight nations will hold a summit in Japan.

Mori, the former second-in-command in the Liberal Democratic Party, said bolstering the economy and preparing for the summit were his priorities, not elections. The government must call elections by October.

"I have other major tasks to carry out and I have to make sure that I execute those tasks in a proper manner," he said.

Mori, 62, took office with a promise to keep up the policies of Obuchi, who mounted a huge public spending campaign to jar Japan out

of recession. He kept Obuchi's Cabinet intact, with all the ministers the same except for the top spot.

Mori said his first job would be to end Japan's decade-long stretch of malaise, and especially to boost private consumption, long considered the central weak spot in the economy.

"I will be following the path of Prime Minister Obuchi," Mori declared. "I will finish what he has started and left unfinished."

A former trade minister, Mori won solid majorities in votes Wednesday in both houses of Parliament following his installment earlier in the day as president of the LDP. He and his Cabinet were sworn in by Emperor Akihito. Mori emerged as the most viable replacement as prime minister shortly after Obuchi's stroke.

WRC

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ponents. There will be three student representatives elected by the United Students Against

Sweatshops, three college and university representatives elected by the participants and six representatives from the already existing Advisory Council. These three groups will serve as the governing body of the Consortium and will vote on future decisions for the WRC.

In addition to Poynter, students Maureen Capillo and Callie Kusto, along with the director of the bookstore, Sandy VanderWerven and Besty Station, the coordinator of the working group, will be attending.

VanderWerven hopes that, aside from learning about the functioning of the WRC, the group can gather some information on the manufacturers the college uses when producing collegiate apparel.

"My expectations are just [to] learn more about how I, as a buyer for the campus, will be made aware of what is occurring," she said.

Currently the College buys from the corporations Jansport and Gear. Both Station and VanderWerven hope that, eventually, the WRC will make it possible for colleges and universities to know all of the vendors various manufacturers use in order to assure they are treating their workers fairly.

"We hope to learn how [the WRC] is going to work

when we have a question about a certain vender," Station said.

Because Saint Mary's is a small college, the amount of apparel sold by the college is not as substantial as some other members. Many representatives, however, feel

that the educational benefits the student body will receive from the WRC are as important as information on apparel manufacturers.

"[Even though Saint Mary's is small], it's still important to take a stand," Station said. "[The WRC] has important symbolic and educational significance."

Poynter agreed that the Consortium has educational significance.

"We are also attending the conference so that we can become more informed about the WRC and can get plugged into the network of campuses that care about sweatshop issues," Poynter said. "We also hope to bring back information which we can use to educate the rest of the Saint Mary's College community about this issue."

Aside from electing the governing board, the weekend will provide informational sessions on both sweatshops and the WRC. Congressman George Miller will be addressing the participants, and there will be a panel discussion with representatives from universities and anti-sweatshop advocates.

After the initial conference this weekend, the WRC will meet three times a year.

"This weekend, the WRC will become a reality and will begin its task of empowering workers to improve conditions in factories around the world."

Katie Poynter
Saint Mary's junior

Vecino

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two Saint Mary's students intern there for the work-study program.

"There are tons of opportunities for one-time service," Palladino said, adding that individuals or entire dorms can get involved without a weekly commitment.

Another junior, who asked that his name not be used, originally went to El Buen Vecino this year because he owed 40 hours of community service. Instead of fulfilling that obligation through unrelated, one-time only service projects, he completed all 40 hours at El Buen Vecino. After finishing his requirement, he still volunteers regularly there.

"I just got involved with it ... I liked the organization, so I kept on going," he said.

There are also benefits for the volunteers themselves, according to Palladino.

Many students who serve as tutors at the organization are not fluent in Spanish but are able to practice speaking the language with members of the community who come to be

tutored, Palladino said.

More volunteers would be beneficial to the organization as well, said Palladino, especially for a family-oriented program, Care for Our Children.

The program specifically aims to help families to deal with cultural issues and includes seminars for adult family members in areas such as health, child-development and the proper organization of a home.

"In order to live better you have to have that house organized ... Everyone can live in a healthy [and safe] environment," Haber said.

It is important to include all members of the family — not just the parents of the children — in these seminars because Hispanics tend to live in extended family groups, according to Haber.

In addition to family-oriented seminars for adults, Care for Our Children offers family counseling and separate seminars for children dealing with

issues such as sharing, discipline and helping with household chores.

El Buen Vecino began this program in 1998 after receiving a grant from the Indiana Children's Trust Fund, a division of Family and Social Services. The grant is funded from the sales of "Kids First" license plates.

"We are asking all the students ... everybody from Notre Dame ... to buy the plate,"

Haber said. "We need support from the staff, faculty and everyone who lives in Indiana."

As with all programs at El Buen Vecino, the families

"This place is never boring — there's always something going on. It's always so busy that your head spins on some days."

Susan Palladino
junior

who participate in Care for our Children are not committed to attend all events related to the program.

"They are not obligated to come here. They come when they can, when they have time," Haber said.

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SMC group presents at national conference

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Saint Mary's College was well represented last week at the National Meeting of American Chemical Society in San Francisco.

Seniors Julie Bower, Anne Pangilinan, Katie Goolsby and Laura Carroll, along with junior Emily Koelsch and professors Deborah McCarthy and Philip Bays, attended the four-day conference directed towards learning and presenting chemical research. Of the 16,000 in attendance, only about 2,000 were undergraduate students. The four Saint Mary's seniors each presented a poster on research they had conducted.

Anne Pangilinan's research title was "Comparison of DRIFT FTIR for Quantitative Determination of Silica and Phosphorus Pentoxide in a Mixture". She got the idea for research from her advisor, McCarthy, who has been working since 1997 with Honeywell Aircraft Landing System in South Bend.

"I just continued the research they started back then," Pangilinan said. "I was able to begin working on it this past summer through SSTAR grant through Saint Mary's."

Her fellow colleague, Carroll, researched ionic competition in Lymphoblastoma cells, using a technique known as Fluorescence Spectroscopy.

According to Carroll, the conference is like a "giant science fair with people that know way more than you walking around asking questions." The students were questioned about their own research and were also allowed to question other students and learn more about other research projects.

"People come up with questions you've never thought of in another direction," said Carroll. "I learned

a lot about communication skills — communicating what you've researched, communicating with other scientists — and a lot about networking. It really exposes you to different things you can do."

Pangilinan expressed excitement about some of the information she required from other professors for help on her research.

"I benefited a lot," Pangilinan said. "I think we represented Saint Mary's very well. There are stereotypes that chemistry majors are geeks. You can be cool and a chemistry major."

Saint Mary's Affiliates of American Chemical Society (SMAACS) also presented a poster. Koelsch and Carroll are co-presidents of the club.

"[Koelsch] went with us to go to leadership workshops and present the SMAACS poster with us," said Carroll.

The group received an outstanding achievement award in 1999.

Although the poster presentation is not a requirement for chemistry senior comprehensives at Saint Mary's, it is valued for the experience. Koelsch went as a student affiliate to attend workshops and learn about what other chemistry chapters are doing. She noted that the chemistry field includes great diversity.

"We discussed stereotypes of chemistry and how to break those down. It was very obvious to me, that there is no stereotype for chemistry. There were a lot of minorities [at the conference]," Koelsch said.

Koelsch also learned about the apathy of many chemistry students, who work hard and then do not benefit from it.

"We learned how to deal with apathy and what to do when you get tired of chemistry and it's your job," Koelsch said.

FACULTY SENATE

Group evaluates classroom use

♦ Members also discuss student transcripts, academic honors

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
Senior Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution encouraging the Academic Council to investigate the efficient use of classroom space and sent another resolution back to the committees on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs regarding information reported on students' transcripts and the awarding of honors at graduation at its April meeting Wednesday.

The resolution requesting the investigation by the Academic Council into the under-utilization of available classroom space came from the committee on Student Affairs. The creators of the resolution intended for the resolution to acquire information on the issue about the shortage of classrooms during peak hours of the day.

Furthermore, the resolution states that "the costs of increasing number of classrooms to remedy these 'shortages' divert University funds from real needs [increased faculty, tuition reduction]." The resolution also states that more than 15 percent of the classrooms that are used Monday and Wednesday are not used on Friday.

The Faculty Senate debated the relevance of the resolution, but after members from the committee on Student Affairs explained that the

purpose of the resolution was to request information and not regulation, the resolution passed 23 to three.

The committee on Student Affairs proposed another resolution regarding the increase in cumulative grade point averages throughout the University and address the discrepancy among the colleges in regards to awarding graduation honors.

According to the resolution and University of Notre Dame Fact Book, the mean undergraduate cumulative grade point average for seniors increased from 3.198 in Fall 1995 to 3.299 Spring 1999. Also, in Spring 1999 the median cumulative grade point average in the college of Arts and Letters was 3.363 while in the college of Engineering, it was 3.178. According to the resolution, this disparity resulted in a "disproportionate award of grade point average-based honors."

To aid in resolving these issues, the resolution called for the University to require the "numerical value of the mean grade assigned to all students" to be placed on the transcripts of all students next to the individual students assigned grades. During debate, the Faculty Senate also requested that the size of the course to be placed on the transcripts.

The resolution also suggested the restriction of the awarding of honors at graduation and in deans' list recognition to the top 25 percent of students in each particular college.

During debate on this resolution, it came to be known

that the committee on Academic Affairs was currently working on a similar issue. Since both committees had been working on the issue and there was a lot of debate on the resolution itself, the Faculty Senate, by a vote 29 to one, decided to send the resolution back to committee. Both the committee on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs will work on the resolution jointly.

Finally, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution proposed by the Executive Committee regarding the Faculty Senate's input into any changes to the Academic Articles regarding the Faculty Board on Athletics.

According to the resolution, the senate requested that a copy of any proposals for change to the Academic Articles submitted by the President of the University regarding the Faculty Board on Athletics be sent to the Faculty Senate. Furthermore, the resolution asked the Academic Council to allow the Faculty Senate to add their input before the Academic Council decides on any changes to the Academic Articles in regards to the Faculty Board on Athletics.

The resolution passed unanimously 27 to zero.

In other senate news

♦ In her chair's report, Jean Porter announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to nominate the candidates for committee chairs and officers for next year's senate.

♦ Porter also announced that the final Faculty Senate Forum on Academic Life will convene on Monday, April 10 from 3-5 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The topic will be "Diversity and Community" and presenters will be Associate Provost Carol Mooney, Professor Jimmy Gurule of the Law School and Adela Penagos, coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs.

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House bans 'partial-birth' abortions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Republican-controlled House voted anew Wednesday to ban what critics call "partial birth" abortions, eager for an election-year veto show-down with implications for the presidential campaign as well as the battle for control of Congress.



Hyde

The vote was a bipartisan 287-141, the third time in five years the House has backed the ban. And while the majority was wide enough to override President Clinton's threatened veto, the bill's supporters appear to be short of the strength they would need to prevail in the Senate.

"God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and to cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., one of the staunchest opponents of abortion in the House. "Today we must choose sides."

Several supporters of the measure offered graphic descriptions of the procedure the bill would ban.

"Everybody in this room knows this is wrong. It is not legally or morally defensible," said Rep. Rick Hill, R-Mont., describing a procedure in which he said a fetus is partially delivered, then its "brains are extracted with the suction device."

Democratic opponents countered that by focusing the debate on one gruesome procedure, Republicans were seeking political gain without giving up on their long-term struggle to ban all abortions.

"Proponents of this bill are not just chipping away at the right to choose, they are taking a jackhammer to it," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y.

Added Rep. Jim Greenwood, a Pennsylvania Republican who supports abortion rights: "This is all about politics. It's not about saving lives. It's about winning hearts. It's about saving seats in the Congress."

As drafted, the House bill seeks to ban abortions in which a doctor "vaginally delivers some portion of an intact living fetus until the fetus is partially outside the body of the mother" and "kills the fetus while the intact living fetus is partially outside the body of the mother."

The only exceptions would be in cases in which the life of the mother was threatened.

The vote came a few weeks before the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on a ban of such abortions passed by the Nebraska legislature, a law rejected by a federal appeals court.

While there is no direct connection between the court case and the legislation, sponsors say the measure was crafted to meet objections raised in the appeals court ruling in the Nebraska case.

Numerous Democrats complained that the GOP leadership was more interested in political gain than in reducing abortions. Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., accused the GOP of trying to exploit a "wedge issue in this election year," a reference to the extent to which the measure

causes many Democrats to part company with organizations that support abortion rights.

Still, the discomfort of Democrats was evident. The party's leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, did not participate in the debate and voted for the bill, as he has before.

Given one opportunity to seek a change the bill, Democrats sought to create a new class of exceptions from the ban for cases in which the mother might suffer "serious long-term physical health consequences."

It marked the first time that opponents of the measure had dropped their long-standing demand for exceptions based on mental health. Even so, their attempt was rejected, 289-140.

A bipartisan group of opponents of the measure also sought a vote on an alternative that would ban "post-viability abortions" except in cases where the woman's life or health were in jeopardy. The GOP leadership successfully prevented the measure from coming to a vote.

Clinton has vetoed the so-called "partial birth" bans twice in the past, each time saying he would sign a bill that provided exemptions for both the life and the health of the mother.

The impact of the abortion issue on the campaign is unpredictable.

George W. Bush, the GOP nominee-in-waiting, has sought to soft-pedal his opposition to abortion at points, but has repeatedly said he would sign a "partial birth" abortion ban.

"God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them."

Henry Hyde
R-Ill.

Former inmates seek to ban death penalty

◆ Men declared innocent after years on death row visit Capitol

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Three men who spent years in jail waiting to die for murders they didn't commit came to the Capitol on Wednesday to seek a halt to all U.S. executions until stronger safeguards are in place to ensure innocent people aren't executed.

"You cannot bring a man back from the grave after you find those errors," Darby Tillis said. He and co-defendant Perry Cobb are among 13 men freed from Illinois' death row since 1987 after being found innocent of the crimes that sent them there.

Tillis, along with former Illinois death-row inmates Ronald Jones and Gary Gauger, support an execution moratorium bill sponsored by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill.

The legislation would immediately suspend all executions by the federal government and the states for seven

years. To resume executions, states would have to provide access to DNA testing to everyone on death row.

Competing measures in the House and Senate also seek protections for capital defendants but do not call for a moratorium.

Illinois Gov. George Ryan, who rekindled a national debate over the death penalty in January when he halted executions until a commission could find out why more people were freed than lethally injected in his state, released a statement praising Jackson's measure as a step toward "ensuring that everyone accused of a crime is

treated fairly before the law." Though there has not been a federal execution since 1963, the number of people put to death by the states is increasing, including 26 so far this year. There are 3,600 people on death rows nationwide.

Meanwhile, 87 have been freed since 1973, according to the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center. Some were cleared with new trials. Some had their convictions overturned on appeal. Some had DNA prove their innocence.

Tillis and Cobb were arrested for the murder of two men during a 1977 robbery at a Chicago hot-dog stand. Because of a lack of physical evidence and dubious witness testimony, it took three trials to send them to death row.

Their convictions eventually were overturned, another trial ended in a hung jury, then a judge acquitted the men — after they spent nine years, one month and 17 days in jail.

Gauger was convicted of slitting his parents' throats on their Illinois farm in 1993. Police told him they had evidence linking

"You cannot bring a man back from the grave after you find those errors."

Darby Tillis
former death row inmate

him to the crime and he made what he said was a hypothetical statement about blacking out that was taken as a confession. A state appeals court overturned his conviction in 1996, and two gang members from Wisconsin have since been charged with the murders.

Jones confessed to the 1985 rape and murder of a young mother of three and was convicted. He later recanted, saying he made up a story so police would stop beating him, but he went to death row anyway.

He was released last year after a DNA test proved he didn't do it.

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Senior Retreat #3 (April 14-15) Sign-Up

Deadline to sign-up is April 12
103 Hesburgh Library

Freshmen Retreat #29

Friday-Saturday, April 7-8
St. Joe Hall

RCIA: Rite of Reception into Full Communion

Sunday, April 9, 11:45 Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel

What is it about this place? Jim Lies, C.S.C.

I find myself wanting to say something about Notre Dame and about what this place means to me and to so many. Not only because our seniors are inevitably consumed by thoughts of their imminent departure; but because I myself am preparing to leave Notre Dame at the end of this academic year. I have been given the blessing of my religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to take my leave of this place and to pursue doctoral studies in moral psychology. I don't need to tell the seniors that this leave-taking comes with mixed emotions. There is in me great excitement at being able to pursue that which I've long wanted to; but at the same time, there is more than a tinge of sadness at the thought of leaving this place which I have of late called home.

What is it about this place that makes it so hard to leave? There are as many answers to that question as there are people who've been faced with leaving here. There are undoubtedly some among us who won't find it difficult at all, a few who've looked forward to this day for a long time. And then there are those who can't imagine life beyond it. And then there are most of the rest of us who fall somewhere in the middle, pained at the prospect, but excited, and grappling at the same time at making the best of these remaining days.

I find myself reflecting a good deal personally on why this place might mean so much to me. Clearly, it is the relationships with the many in this place who fill the everyday of my life that I will most miss. There are numerous encounters each day which leave me a better man for each. There is also the sense of this place as being bigger than any one of us, and even bigger than the collective, a spirit which takes all of us beyond ourselves. There are circumstances lately that have brought this home to me more powerfully than I might otherwise have appreciated. The most obvious are the events surrounding Conor Murphy's relatively recent diagnosis with leukemia and the remarkable love and support that have been expressed for him. Clearly, the marrow donor drive, which garnered the participation of so many, was evidence enough of our collective willingness to stand together in times of adversity, and to support one another in a time of need.

As a rector and a campus minister on this campus, I have most enjoyed the opportunity that it has provided me to enter into the lives and stories of so many fine people, young and old. I am humbled and honored to have walked with so many through some of the most important days of their lives. As I write, it is the anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. I suspect there is no other gift for which I am more thankful as I reflect on my days of ministry here at Notre Dame. There is a richness to our sacramental life and to our shared faith that leaves me speechless with gratitude before God. This evening I will offer a Mass at the Log Chapel to yet again give thanks for the many blessings that I, and all of us, have known in this place.

Not long from now, I will miss being able to wander out in the middle of any night to spend some time at the Grotto; I will miss the ceaselessly joyful liturgies which grace our beautiful Basilica; I will miss many things, but most of all, I will miss the people. I will miss the multitudes who make up this place, the people who challenge me every day to be more than I am, whether they be students, faculty, staff or administrators. As I prepare to leave this place, I do not apologize for being sentimental about it; I am sad, I am excited, I am moved and I am grateful. There is simply a lot of sentiment in that!

I want to close with a prayer that has meant much to me ever since my theology studies in Berkeley. They are the words of Teilhard de Chardin, but so much the thoughts of my heart in these days, for myself, and for you. His words might encourage us to be present to each moment, even as they are numbered.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way
to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability -
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow.
Let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstance
acting on your own good will)
will make of tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 8 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. John E. Conley, C.S.C.

Sunday, April 9 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. James K. Foster, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

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

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Jer 31:31-34 16, 19-23

2nd Reading Heb 5:7-9

Gospel Jn 12: 20-33



Annan welcomes U.S. flexibility

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday he welcomed a U.S. decision to be more flexible in talks on expanding the 15-member U.N. Security Council. But diplomats cautioned that reform of the most important U.N. body was still bogged down by competing national and regional demands.



Annan

Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told the General Assembly's Open-Ended Working Group on Monday that Washington was dropping its demand for any expansion of the council to have a ceiling of 20 or 21 members.

"The U.S. is now prepared to consider proposals that would result in a slightly larger number of seats than 21," he said, without giving a new ceiling.

Annan, speaking to reporters in Rome on Wednesday said he was encouraged by Holbrooke's announcement.

"I think it will facilitate transaction among member states for reform in the council," he said.

The Security Council, the only U.N. body with power to enforce its decisions militarily or economically, has five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — and 10 non-permanent members

whose terms rotate every two years.

Holbrooke stressed that the U.S. position during future negotiations would be based on the need for the Security Council to be reformed and strengthened, not merely expanded.

"While progress will not be easy, if we approach this discussion with a spirit of openness, we can energize this debate and begin to build common ground," he said.

The United States and France favor adding five new permanent seats — Japan, Germany, and one member from Asia, Africa and Latin America, to be selected by their regional groups. Those regions are a long way from agreement on a single country to represent them.

Many industrialized and developing countries oppose any expansion of the permanent members, who have veto power. And proposals for the size of the council go up to 26 members.

As Italy's U.N. Ambassador Sergio Vento told the working group, adding new permanent members would be discriminatory and would further divide the council and make decision-making more difficult.

China's deputy U.N. ambassador Shen Guofang said Beijing is flexible on the number, but is concerned about maintaining the council's efficiency and wants to ensure "the representation of the developing countries."

"It's a step in the right direction," said Namibia's U.N. Ambassador Martin Andjaba, a non-permanent council member.

Sun, six planets to align in May

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Don't put away that Y2K survival kit just yet.

Next month, the sun and six of the planets, including Earth, will line up like cosmic billiard balls — an alignment that has doomsayers predicting the end of the world. Again.

Some astrologers believe the alignment could shift the Earth's poles, trigger earthquakes and ruin the stock market.

Tonight, in a celestial preview, three planets and the crescent moon will appear close together in the sky as they march toward the grand alignment.

Astronomers say there is no need to worry. They, too, are bracing for the May 5-16 alignment. They will be busy debunking end-of-the-world predictions, just as they did in 1982 and 1962. Such alignments occur about once every 20 years.

"If people are determined to be anxious about something, I think it would be a lot better if they were anxious about their driving on the freeways," said E.C. Krupp, director of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.

Tonight, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will appear bunched up in the sky of the western United States. Remember, there's no risk of a collision: The moon is 239,000 miles away from Earth; Mars 216 million miles away; Jupiter 543 million miles away, and Saturn 927 million miles away.

The May alignment will involve the sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It won't be visible because of the sun's glare.

"It's very pretty," said Dennis Mammana, astronomer at San Diego's Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. "I think that's the limit to the significance of this thing."

Every planetary alignment brings a new round of doomsday predictions.

A book called "The Jupiter Effect" received wide attention with its false prediction that California would be rocked by a major earthquake indirectly caused by the 1982 alignment.

Another book, ominously titled "5/5/2000: Ice, The Ultimate Disaster," predicts the alignment and increased solar activity will unleash a complex chain of events causing the Earth's crust to slide and poles to shift.

"Quite frankly, it would be a geological Armageddon," author Richard Noone said. "You'd have volcanism going on globally. Earthquakes beyond the scale anything Richter ever dreamed of."

Tsunamis hundreds of feet high, sweeping hundreds of miles inland."

The 390-page book uses "pole shifting" to explain everything from the disappearance of the civilization that built the pyramids to why woolly mammoths appear to have been flash-

frozen in Siberia. Noone has moved his family to safety in Georgia.

Astronomers say there's nothing to worry about because the extra pull and stretching from the aligned planets is a small fraction of the moon's tidal and gravitational strength.

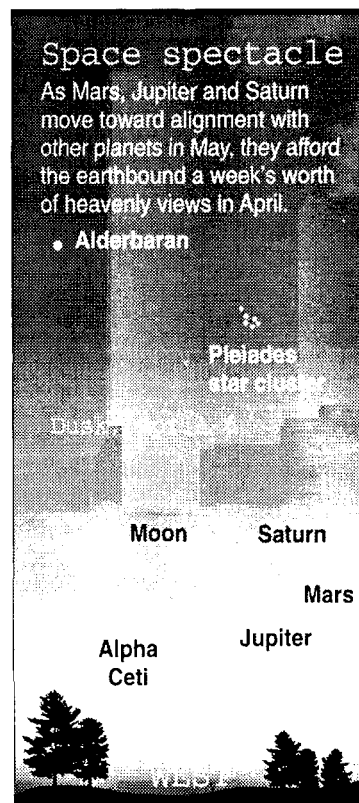
Astrologers also say the planetary alignment signals a change from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius.

That's not a good thing.

The "pileup of energy" is going to lead to "some very serious rever-

sals in the stock market," said astrologer Norman Arens. He also predicts cataclysmic quakes, floods and volcanoes as well as a movement away from 2,000-year-old Christian principles.

Mammana countered that nobody has ever been able to explain how rocks in space can influence lives.



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GOP blocks drug coverage amendment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Senate Republicans rebuffed Democratic efforts Wednesday to bolster prescription drug coverage and schools at the expense of tax cuts in votes underlining each party's election-year effort to embarrass the other.

As the Senate debated the Republicans' \$1.83 trillion budget for next year, lawmakers rejected an amendment that would have erected procedural hurdles to senators even voting on the GOP's coveted tax cuts unless prescription drug coverage is enacted first.

Hours later, the Senate killed another Democratic provision that would have shrunk the GOP's proposed \$150 billion tax cut over the next five years by \$28 billion and used it to boost spending for schools. Only Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., crossed party lines as the measure was defeated 54-46.

Democrats were hoping that even in defeat, the votes would let them grab the political high-ground on a pair of issues that are widely popular with voters. Their goal was to cast Republicans as more covetous of tax cuts than of helping senior citizens or students.

"There's no guarantee" in the GOP-budget that "you are ever, ever, ever" going to push prescription drug legislation through Congress, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., told Republicans.

He contrasted that with budget language ordering congressional committees to write a tax-cutting package later this year, saying, "Why is it there's absolute certainty for tax cuts."

Republicans fired back that there was enough room in the budget to both cut taxes and extend Medicare coverage to prescriptions. And they said

that before adding another benefit to the health-insurance program for the elderly, lawmakers should secure its solvency.

"It is deceptive, it is not right" to do otherwise, said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "Seniors deserve better."

The Senate also defeated a pair of amendments — one by Democrats, the other by conservatives — that would have sharply increased the money set aside for debt reduction at the expense of the tax cuts and spending.

The budget sets tax and spending totals but leaves details for later legislation. The House approved a similar spending plan on March 24. President Clinton's signature is not required.

The GOP budget would set aside up to \$40 billion for a new Medicare drug benefit if one is created. Though they have yet to write specific legislation, Republicans would bar coverage for higher-income people while President Clinton and Democrats prefer universal coverage.

The vote was 51-49 for the prescription drug provision. But it died because under a GOP parliamentary move, it needed 60 votes to prevail.

In a measure of how thoroughly politics pervaded the debate, Democrats let the amendment be sponsored by Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., who faces perhaps the toughest re-election fight of any Democratic incumbent this fall.

And of the six Republicans who voted for Robb's proposal, four face the voters this fall: Spencer Abraham of Michigan, Conrad Burns of Montana, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and Mike DeWine of Ohio.

The other two Republicans voting "yes" were Sens. Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

States investigate gun industry

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn.
Smith & Wesson was lauded by many for exercising corporate responsibility earlier this year for agreeing to make its weapons more childproof.

Gun groups and competitors, however, protested the deal. One group, Gun Owners of America, even urged its 200,000 members to boycott Smith & Wesson and to ask their dealers to stop carrying the company's products.

Now prosecutors in at least six states are investigating whether the gun industry is illegally trying to punish Smith & Wesson. Under antitrust law, it would be illegal for companies to collude to deprive Smith & Wesson of business opportunities.

"Exercising corporate responsibility should not be reason for your competitors to put a bull's eye on your back," said Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

More than 20 subpoenas have been issued for firearms

manufacturers, distributors and others, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Wednesday. He said the federal government also is studying the issue, but the Justice Department did not return a message seeking comment.

Smith & Wesson last month agreed to include safety locks with all handguns — external locks at first, and internal ones within two years. New guns will not

accept magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Additionally, the company agreed to invest in "smart gun" technology that allows only the owner to pull the trigger, and to eliminate advertising that might attract children or criminals.

In exchange, a number of municipalities, states and the federal governments agreed not to sue the company over gun violence.

Now, Blumenthal said he had received reports of communication among companies, Internet postings, conversations or threats involving a ban on magazine ads for Smith & Wesson, and attempts to discourage lawyers from representing the manufacturer.

Blumenthal and the attorneys general of New York and Maryland began the investigation last week. Blumenthal said that California, Florida and Massachusetts are joining the probe.

"The indications are sufficiently strong that we believe a full-scale effort is justified," Blumenthal said.

"Exercising corporate responsibility should not be reason for your competitors to put a bull's eye on your back."

Nathan Barankin
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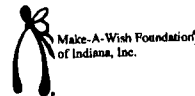
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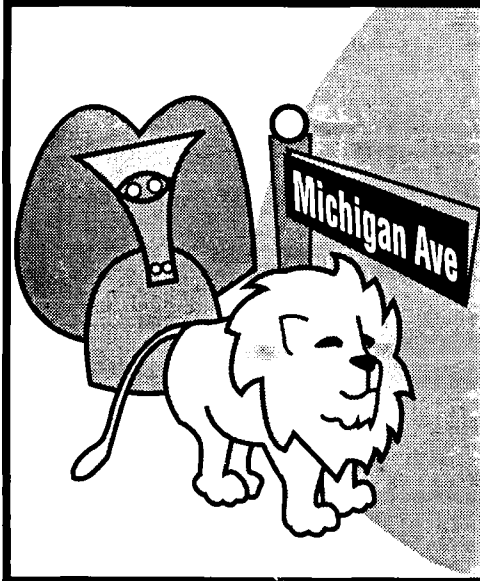
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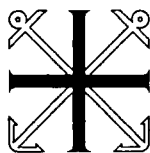


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Minister: U.S. needs actions, not words

♦ Albright's remarks could rebuild U.S.-Iran relations

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran
Iran's foreign minister on Wednesday welcomed a recent overture by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to begin reversing decades of mistrust, but said words needed to be supported by actions.



Albright

Albright's comments last month contained some positive points, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

In a speech March 17 in which she abolished a U.S. ban on imports of Iranian luxury goods, Albright said that the United States wanted a "new relationship" with Iran.

Albright said the shah, whom the United States had backed until it was overthrown by the 1979 revolution, had been brutal to Iranians, and that Washington had been "regrettably shortsighted" in its tilting toward Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88.

"Neither Iran, nor we, can

forget the past," Albright said. She also condemned the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and criticized Iran as a supporter of terrorism, an opponent of Middle East peacemaking and as bent on acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Kharrazi said Wednesday that his ministry would give a detailed response to Albright later. But he said Washington's apparent intention to improve relations needed to be demonstrated in practice.

"If the United States is really for an improvement of ties with Iran, it should take practical steps in this regard and show that it has abandoned its hostile policy," Kharrazi told a joint press conference with Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen.

Kharrazi called for the release of Iranian assets that are frozen in the United States.

"There is long list of issues which Iran believes should change before any talks with the United States. Before anything else, we want to see sincerity from the United States through changes in Washington's foreign policy," he said.

Asked whether his remarks showed a shift in Iran's line on the United States, Kharrazi said: "What I said was that Mrs. Albright's speech revealed some changes in Washington's attitude toward Iran, but it still contradicts what the U.S. government does in practice."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students are talking about sex

This is in response to the April 4, Inside Column. First, I and a lot of other Notre Dame students have no problem acknowledging that we are sexual beings. Second, the statement that sex equals penetration is a "male-centered" opinion is a gross misrepresentation of males and the attitude of sex at Notre Dame in general.

The major factor as to why sex and penetration are so highly correlated here is due to Life Policy Four on page 124 of *dul.ac*. That's the one that says "sexual union" is not allowed and if you do it you "shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal." That's a pretty big deal — analogous to excommunication if one sees Notre Dame as a "church" like community. So you can see why sex and penetration might be so often equivocated, as they hold the most direct repercussions beyond personal ones.

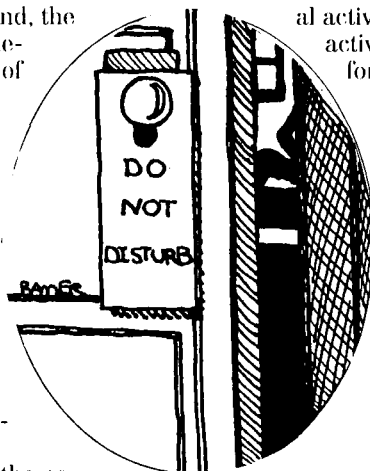
This policy is unrealistic and entirely lacking the necessary means to be enforced. Likewise, it serves only to pre-

serve the facade of Notre Dame being a shining example of Catholicism, while failing to address the gray areas of sexual activity. Ultimately, it condemns one form of sexual activity and gives no recourse to acceptable, if any, forms of sexual expression.

Lastly, most people have an accurate estimation of their closer friends' level of "purity." To make assumptions about anyone you do not know in this matter is useless and only a reflection of one's own naïveté towards human nature.

Students do talk about sexuality here. Some are reluctant to start the conversation, but are more than willing to participate. The problem of not talking or listening falls predominantly on the shoulders of the administration.

Michael Campbell
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April 3, 2000



Living is earning a sufficient wage

One of the remaining questions that the University's Task Force on Sweatshop Initiatives must address is that of the living wage. My own position is that we should uphold the living wage. The first reason for doing so is the improvement such a wage would bring about in the lives of the workers. The second is that the living wage has been a standard part of modern Catholic social teaching from its inception with Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* through the latest documents. Both of these reasons are often cited.

There is a third reason, however, that is often missed: the lack of a living wage severely curtails and even violates a person's right to life. This fact is substantiated in a wide range of studies that have appeared in journals from The New England Journal of Medicine to The British Medical Journal. Such studies appear under academically inflected titles such as "The Increasing Disparity in Mortality between Socioeconomic Groups in the United States, 1960 and 1986," but the point is sufficiently clear: If you deny someone a living wage, you rob them of a significant portion of their life.

What leads to this loss of life is a variety of factors — for instance, long-term stress, illness, malnutrition, lack of health care — with different factors becoming predominant in different circumstances. Just how much of a person's life he or she is denied is hard to determine in any specific instance, but studies like the above can generalize and estimate that in the circumstances of the U.S. 20 years or more can be lost (The circumstances are frequently worse abroad.). What the studies miss are the instances of increased infant and child mortality in families that do not earn a living wage. In a family where there is no living wage, more than one person is denied years of life.

The American Catholic Bishops recognize the ways in which the lack of living wage and the frequently attendant lack of adequate health care impact children. "The lack of basic healthcare — and factors tied directly to poverty — have been documented in the tragic reality that poor children are twice as likely as other children to have physical or mental disabilities or other chronic health conditions that impair daily activity. Our nation's continuing failure to guarantee access to quality health care for all people exacts its most painful toll in preventable disabilities, deaths, and sickness of our infants and children." When death is involved in these cases, much more is lost than 20 years. A living wage would cover such health care.

Catholic teaching often distinguishes between "quality of life" issues on the one hand and "right to life" issues such as abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment on the other. What the research data indicate and what the teaching also affirms is that even with quality of life issues there is a floor beneath which the lack of quality becomes a matter of a right to life. This is the force behind the Second Vatican Council's admonishment "to remember the saying of the Fathers: 'Feed the man dying of hunger, because

if you have not fed him you have killed him.'"

The American Bishops put the matter into their own words in reference to the global economy: "In our hearts, we know something is wrong as we watch children die on the nightly news. We need to link those heartbreaking pictures of hunger and desperation to the structures of debt and development, conflict and violence which contribute — directly or indirectly — to the death of those children."

The lack of a living wage is part of the current global "structures of development." The living wage identifies that floor beneath which persons begin losing not simply this or that quality of life but also life itself.

What goes under the name of mere sustenance is not sustenance at all because it does not, in fact, sustain persons over the long haul. Eking out survival on substandard rations day after day takes its toll and eventuates in premature death for oneself and one's loved ones. The living wage — that wage which can support and sustain a life of dignity — is necessary. It is, ultimately, a matter of the right to life. That is why it is called a "living" wage.

There are a number of objections to the living wage both as a concept and as a concrete desideratum. Critics claim that it cannot be calculated and that if calculated that it would be wrong to implement. I will take up these concerns and others next time.

Todd David Whitmore is an assistant professor of Theology. His column appears every other Thursday.

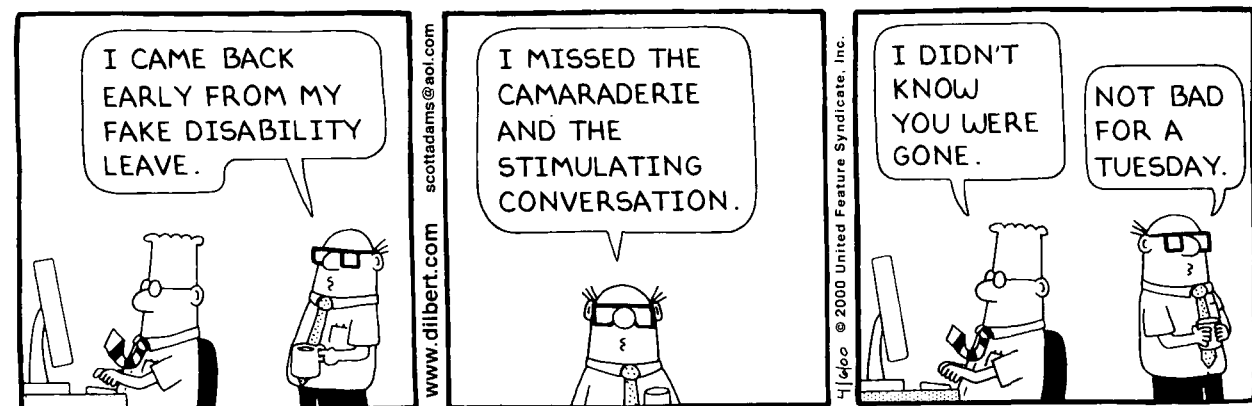
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Show mercy and turn the other cheek

I am not voting for George W. Bush. The main reason for this is his record down in Texas for killing folks. In his years as governor of Texas, the number of death row prisoners executed has increased almost logarithmically.

I truly hold Mr. Bush personally accountable for those deaths because he could have called the prison and commuted those sentences. He had direct control over those murders, and he chose not to use it. If a man watches another man kill someone and does nothing to stop it, he is called an accessory. But in our government, such a man is called a leader.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again

I have a number of objections to the death penalty, both moral and legal. My moral objection is simple — I am against murder, in any form, by anyone. Just because they are the government of the United States does not mean that murder is okay. Just because he is a murderer or rapist does not mean that murder is okay. There is an ancient saying every parent says to every child who thinks the correct thing to do when hit by a sibling is to hit that sibling back, and that is "two wrongs don't make a right." Death penalty supporters could use a dose of that advice.

For those who want to go to the Bible to argue the point, it is true that the Old Testament distinctly supports the idea of killing murderers. But then Jesus came along and said a lot of things that weren't in the Old Testament, like forgive one another, turn the other cheek and love your enemies. I cannot understand how any Christian person could say they espoused Jesus' teachings and then ignore them so completely as to support the death penalty.

He didn't come to tell us to love the people that were easy to love but to tell us to love the ones that are hard to care about.

My legal worry stems from the permanence of death. If you kill someone and later realize they didn't do it, it is hard to take death back. The state of Illinois has removed more people from death row for retrials or acquittals than it has killed: 13 people have been taken off the row, 12 have been killed. If more people on death row didn't do it than did, how many of the people who have been killed really did it? And how will we ever know?

I spent last summer in Chicago at a journalism course at Northwestern University. I heard a journalism professor give a lecture there that I will remember for the rest of my life. He had made a sort of hobby of investigating death row cases that were referred to him to determine if there was enough evidence for the convictions and if there was more information to be dug up.

He told us the story of four men who had been arrested 20 years ago for murder and found guilty. The only witness was a woman who had been with them that night. The police walked this woman around the crime scene, near the blood pools, and asked her over and over what she had seen the men do, suggesting ideas all the way. Finally she broke down and began telling them what they wanted to hear.

Those four men were convicted, and two were sentenced to death. 18 years later, this professor came on the scene and began to understand what a terrible miscarriage of justice had occurred. He worked long and hard to correct it, and after 18 years on death row, the two men were released.

I met one of these men, and I don't think I will ever forget listening to him speak. He told us about spending 18 years 200 feet from the room he thought he would die in, living with the knowledge that he could be killed at almost any moment. All for a crime he didn't commit. He missed most of his 20s and 30s. He went in as a young man and came out middle aged.

No one can give him that time back, but at least the state was able to give him his future back. If those men had died, no one could have restored anything to them. And despite the successful ending of this story, it has to make you wonder how many people on death row are equally innocent but are murdered anyway.

In the Bible, Abraham manages to wheedle God down to saving Sodom and Gomorrah if there are just 10 good people in the entire city. We already know for a fact that there have been more than 10 innocent people on death row. How many innocent human beings are we willing to kill before we, too, have mercy?

Marlayna Soenneker is a freshman psychology major. Her column appears every other Thursday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loan forgiveness benefits the poor

I graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1996 and practice law as an assistant federal public defender in South Texas along the Mexican border. I chose to attend Notre Dame because I wanted a good education and because, as a practicing Catholic, I wanted to attend a school that would allow me to grow spiritually. However, attending Notre Dame has unfortunately made it difficult for me and others to practice law in keeping with our Catholic faith.

As you are undoubtedly aware, attending Notre Dame is expensive. As of this year, it costs approximately \$21,000 per year in tuition to attend Notre Dame Law School. Adding living expenses to the total, the typical law student graduates from Notre Dame with a student loan debt of over \$90,000.

The price of Notre Dame Law School's tuition is comparable to other top law schools. The tuition they can command is a consequence of the demand from students who compete for the opportunity to attend a good school. It is also a reflection of the salaries its graduates can earn upon graduation. The average annual salary of a Notre Dame Law School graduate going to work for a large law firm, for example, is approximately \$90,000. A person earning this income can afford to make his or her student loan payments. If, however, a graduate wanted to practice law as an attorney helping the poor, his or her salary would not be large enough to make his or her student loan payments. As a result, many students are prevented from pursuing a career in public interest law.

In my class alone, approximately 25 percent of the class wanted to practice public interest law, but only approximately seven percent could afford to do so. I chose to try to do so and have faced significant financial difficulties — without a family to support. I am single and have no dependents. Even so, my student loan payments make it difficult for me to pay for rent, utilities and food. After practicing public interest law for almost four years, my student loan payments still consume over one-half of my net take-home pay.

The need for attorneys willing to help the poor is real. People are illegally evicted from their apartments because of their race, refused their rights under contracts, denied basic educational opportunities and taken advantage of in a variety of ways. The poor in our communities are always the most vulnerable. When a person cannot afford to hire an attorney to help them, their rights, the same as yours and mine, go unprotected. As a result, people suffer.

As Catholics, we believe that we have a moral obligation

to serve the poor. Jesus called us all to recognize our responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves. When we appear before him, Jesus said that he will ask us, "When I was thirsty, did you give me something to drink? When I was hungry, did you give me something to eat? When I was alone, did you come to visit me?" If not, we will not be recognized as his followers. Whatever we do, or do not do, for the least among us, we do to Jesus himself.

Some law schools, many of them secular, have recognized their duty to produce law students who are able to help the poor as well as the rich protect their legal rights. They do so by offering loan forgiveness. If a graduate decides to forgo higher paying job opportunities to practice public-interest law, his or her law school will help them make their loan payments. Law schools are able to do so because running a law school is a lucrative business. Law schools, including Notre Dame, make millions of dollars each year from the tuition they charge. In essence, these law schools charge all of their students a high tuition because they will earn large salaries, but set aside a portion of the tuition for loan forgiveness for those students who are willing to work for the poor and will not be making a large salary.

Working to help its students serve the poor is of course in keeping with Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university. As one of the most prominent Catholic universities in the country, Notre Dame is in a unique position to take a leadership role in recognizing the responsibility law schools have to the communities they serve. In doing so, Notre Dame will be setting a Christian example for others to follow. As the Bible advises us, they will know we are Christians by our love.

I encourage everyone in the Notre Dame community to support the development of a loan forgiveness program at Notre Dame and to help raise awareness of this need by attending a rally being held by Notre Dame Law School students and professors. It will be held this Friday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Main Building. I understand that the implementation of a loan forgiveness program is a top priority for the dean of the law school and others within the university. Help make it a reality.

Fred Tiemann

Class of '96

Southern Texas

April 5, 2000

Justifying abortion leads to increased injustices

I was greatly troubled by the April 5 Inside Column by Lauren Berrigan, "Assess abortion cases separately." Her arguments seep with logical contradictions, drastic generalizations and a most shocking disregard for the truth.

So, what is the truth? The language used by Berrigan attempts to veil the reality of what is occurring in an abortion. She says, "Her baby's health forced doctors to perform a medical abortion." Is killing the patient a sound means of "protecting the health" of the baby? Indeed, the health of the baby is not what this young woman had in mind when she and her doctor chose (not, "were forced") to kill him or her.

It is evident in Berrigan's value system that human life must first be scrutinized to determine its relative convenience, comfort and level of dependency before the person is allowed to live. If we use these criteria before giving someone the right to life, there will be no end to the violations of life. Those lives that are vulnerable, those who cause inconvenience to another may then be discarded. Not just the unborn fall into this category, but soon the sick, the aged, the poor and the handicapped. If human life is not valued regardless of the circumstance, then no one is safe.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing about Berrigan's article is her satisfaction with contradictions. She is

perfectly happy using words like, "baby" and even goes as far as to say, "I do believe that the rights of the unborn child should be protected." However,

after admitting the truth of the personhood of the unborn child, she then sees nothing wrong with killing him or her for the sake of "future opportunities." If you agree that the unborn child is a person and has rights, how can you then proceed to allow him or her to be killed in any circumstance?

Allowing the circumstance to dictate whether or not killing a person is permissible is a frightening prospect when considering morality. One need not think to hard to discover an example when the circumstances of having a 6-year-old child present a burden to the parents' "future opportunities." The only difference between this case and the case of abortion is the child's stage of development.

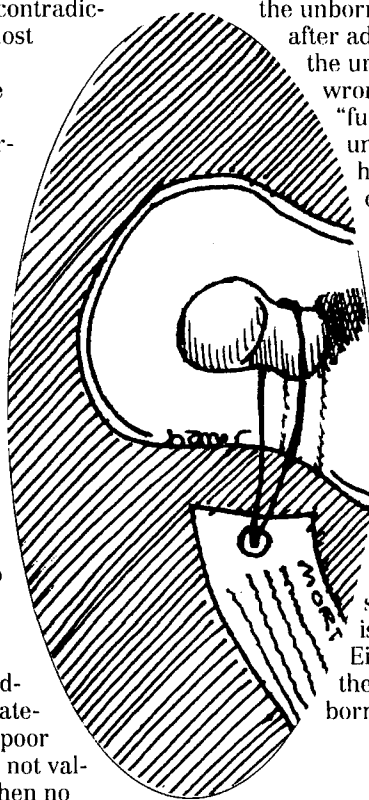
Where do you draw the line? Birth? Viability? Both of these are slippery lines. The former is a mere matter of spacio-temporal location, and the later is subject to technological advancement. Either human life is always protected, or there will be no end to the treacheries born from human cruelty.

Erin Rockenhaus

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Lyons Hall

April 5, 2000



MOVIE REVIEW

Cusack and co. lend sharp humor to 'Fidelity'

By JILLIAN DEPAUL
Scene Movie Critic

The offbeat romantic comedy "High Fidelity," directed by Stephen Frears and adapted from the novel of the same name by Nick Hornby, is a delightfully fresh coming-of-age story about a 30-something slacker named Rob Gordon, played by John Cusack (who also co-wrote and co-produced the film).

The credits of "High Fidelity" read like a game of Six Degrees of John Cusack: It stars his sister, two-time Oscar nominee Joan Cusack; it is directed by Frears, who directed John Cusack's 1990 film, "The Grifters;" and it was written by Steve Pink, D. V. DeVincentis, Steve Rosenthal and Cusack, who collectively wrote John Cusack's 1997 film "Gross Pointe Blanke," a film which dared to ask the question "How does a hitman handle his 10-year high school reunion?"

It has seemed, throughout his career, that Cusack has been drawn to characters with similar hang-ups, such as an uncertainty about the future and fear of their own potential. Rob is no different. He would certainly appreciate the "I don't want to buy anything, sell anything or process anything" monologue delivered by Cusack's Lloyd Dobbler (the originator of the boom-box serenade) in 1988's "Say Anything."

Rob would also appreciate the fact that "Gross Pointe Blanke's" Martin Blanke became a professional killer to avoid going to college.

Gordon is an underachieving owner

of a record store in downtown Chicago, whose insecurities about the reality of his potential manifest themselves in ranked lists and an over-the-top love of music (specifically, his own record collection).

"High Fidelity's" story actually takes the form of a relationship history for the commitment-phobic Rob, who, after breaking up with his latest girlfriend, ranks his top 5 toughest break-ups. He decides to revisit these women with the hope of finding out why he is doomed to be alone forever. To make matters worse, Rob is trying to get back together with his latest break-up, Laura (newcomer Ibene Hjejle) and trying to hook-up with musician Marie de Salle (Lisa Bonet).

Throughout the film, Rob addresses the audience directly, offering his quirky musings on life and love. This does wonders for his character, allowing him to be seen as endearingly insecure, instead of shallow and selfish. He offers some wonderful insights into the world of relationships, such as, "It's not what you are like, but what you like. Books, films, music. These things are important."

Another extra special moment is when Rob explicates the intricacies of making a successful compilation tape. These, among many others, are memorable moments created by a genuinely original and clever script. And Cusack delivers them with an uncommon sincerity that allows him to shine despite his unfortunate haircut.

The film features a few big-name stars in bit parts, such as Catherine

"High Fidelity"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Stephen Frears

Starring: John Cusack, Ibene Hjejle, Jack Black, Todd Louiso, Catherine Zeta Jones, Lisa Bonet and Tim Robbins



John Cusack (left) and Todd Louiso star in "High Fidelity," a smart romantic comedy about one man's struggle with life and love.

Zeta-Jones as one of the five dreaded ex-girlfriends and Tim Robbins as the spiritual guru with whom Laura shacks up with after she leaves Rob.

The standout supporting stars of "High Fidelity," however, are Rob's two employees: Dick and Barry.

Relative newcomer Jack Black plays Barry and Todd Louiso, who some will recognize from his "child technician" role in "Jerry Maguire," plays Dick.

Each of these music-obsessed employees lacks something in his life and overcompensates it with his excessive love for music. Dick is a sensitive guy who longs to share his feelings with more than a record player and Barry secretly dreams of rock-and-roll fame. When these two get together and

discuss music, usually in a series of challenges to come up with the "top 5" of some obscure category, their banter is priceless.

The real supporting character of "High Fidelity," however, is the record store itself. Named "Championship Vinyl," it takes on a distinct persona to which contributing factors are the interaction of the employees, the decor and the music itself. This is appropriate since the film communicates in the language of music.

Even though "High Fidelity" never truly reaches the heightened emotional level of which it is capable, it is a funny and intelligent movie. It's a shoo-in for the "top 5" of that rare breed: smart, romantic comedies.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

'Clowns' displays humor and insight ahead of its time

By JASON HAMMONTREE
Scene Movie Critic

A friend once suggested that the perfect way to begin a film collection would be to buy every Best Picture nominee. He had movies like "A Thousand Clowns" (nominated in 1965) in mind when he said it.

"A Thousand Clowns" was a film years ahead of its time. When you say the words "comedy in black and white" most conjure up images of Capra-like sentimentality, or Marx-esque slapstick.

But "Clowns" is instead a modern comedy, with punchlines as funny and as full of irony and meaning as anything from "Seinfeld" or "The Simpsons."

The film tells the story of Murray Burns (played by Jason Robards), a Kramer-like eccentric (to continue the Seinfeld comparison), who refuses to play society's game.

Murray is a writer who has just quit his job as head writer for the "Chuckles the Chipmunk" show, finding the work completely unsatisfying. Instead, he spends his days raising his 12-year old nephew Nick (an Oscar-

deserving performance by Barry Gordon) and doing as he pleases. This includes going to the Statue of Liberty (for the one-hundredth or so time), playing in the park and waving good-bye to people on the ships in New York Harbor — even though he doesn't actually know anyone on the boats.

He goes about having fun, enjoying life on his terms and hassling others for their boring lifestyles.

For example, this is how he answers the phone: "Hello, is this someone with good news or money? (pause) No." Hangs up.

But a team of social workers, concerned by Nick's increasing absence from school, come to Murray and try to convince him to fall back into the fold and rejoin normal society — because that is the proper environment in which to raise a child. And they threaten to take Nick away if he doesn't.

So, the central conflict for Murray becomes the question

"Will he 'sell-out' and get a normal job, lead a normal life, for the sake of his relationship with Nick?"

While it deals with this fairly serious topic, it does so in a very funny manner. It is a classic film because of its ironic humor. This is a result of

"A Thousand Clowns"

Director: Fred Coe

Starring: Jason Robards, Barbara Harris, Martin Balsam, William Daniels and Barry Gordon

Herb Gardner's stellar writing and the actor's wonderfully rich characters.

"A Thousand Clowns" works because it avoids making Murray a hero or making everyone else who does live a more orthodox life the bad guys. Instead, every character gets an opportunity to try to convince Murray to settle down, without the script making a joke of them. Even the uptight social worker (William Daniels) honorably gets a chance to defend his life choices, and he does so very convincingly.

Martin Balsam, who won a Best Supporting Actor award for his role as Murray's brother, Arnold, gives an impassioned speech to Murray,

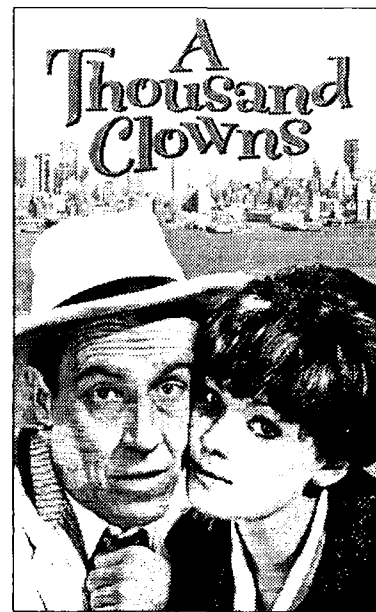
arguing that a job is the sacrifice one makes to be with and support one's family. He claims he is the best Arnold he can be because he does just that.

Nick, who idolizes the life of his uncle, tries at first to convince Murray to be like everyone else. Nick then starts to get upset when Murray actually does so, because it means an end to the carefree life they both had lead.

It is this complexity of story and characters that adds poignant meaning to all the jokes.

The film's modern message and humor make it seem out of place for a 1965 black and white movie. In fact, this reviewer's reaction upon first seeing it was, "I didn't know they made movies like this back then." In a time when both parents are forced to work, and when the work-week seems to get longer and longer, the questions raised in this film seem even more relevant today.

Despite all this, "A Thousand Clowns" remains a little seen film, rarely shown on TV or cable. But its intelligent humor, wonderful performances and profound



Jason Robards and Barbara Harris star in "A Thousand Clowns," a funny, insightful comedy-drama that garnered a Best Picture nomination way back in 1965.

meaning that lies beneath the surface, as well as its "unknown" status make it a shockingly delightful surprise — well worth a drive to Blockbuster. Or better yet, take my friend's advice and add it to your collection.

MOVIE REVIEW

Secret societies, killer provosts abound in 'Skulls'

By MIKE McMORROW
Scene Movie Critic

"The Skulls" receives two shamrock halves: one for the fact that it does make one laugh on many occasions (although they're unintentional), and another for the fact that any movie that contains a killer provost deserves at least some credit.

Yes, folks, director Rob Cohen's new film has a character who is the chief academic officer of an Ivy League university but spends more of his time giving ludicrous insane looks rather than lectures. This will be treasured for a long time.

The Skulls is a secret society at an anonymous Ivy League school, but the film does enough to flat out call it Yale (the school's logo is a big "Y"). That makes sense, because the Skulls society is most likely based on the Skulls and Bones society to which George Bush supposedly belonged.

The film frames the story around the character of Luke McNamara (Joshua Jackson), a fantastic rower for the crew team. Luke is not rich. He is from New Haven and attends on the basis of his rowing skills.

After a big victory, Luke receives a phone call asking him, "Are you ready to be reborn?" No prizes for guessing that it's the beginning of the Skulls initiation process, which consists of stealing the mascot of another secret society at the university. Soon, Luke is an official member of the Skulls — so he thinks.

This is some club. Each member gets a huge living room and bedroom in a home similar to a frat-house and gets \$20,000 automatically deposited into

their bank accounts. They also get a car, a girl "who knows everything about you" and connections beyond imagination. In addition, each inductee is paired up with another inductee and the two are declared "soul mates." Luke has the misfortune of being paired with Caleb Mandrake, who happens to be the son of one of the group's elder leaders.

Everything hits the fan, people die and accusations are made. Luke wants out but can't because, of course, they can do anything they want to him.

The movie is so poorly paced, acted and written that it's hard to care even the slightest about any of the plot occurrences or motivations. Never has there been a time when a movie that takes itself so seriously fails so miserably at its attempt to uncover any kind of complexity in its characters.

This is a fundamental problem, but it's worsened by the fact that it moves along so gracelessly in the first place. There is no continuity or smoothness between scenes (which is something that can be used deliberately, but certainly not here), and consequently there is really no mounting suspense. It turns out to be an exercise in unintended parody of everything that can be poorly done in a movie.

The film's actors are really given nothing to do, thanks to the horrid lack of development, but even in their vapid roles the acting here really leaves something to be desired. Paul Walker is wooden as Caleb, who could have at least been a one-sided love-to-hate boor (which would have made the audience dislike him). But people were laughing at his appallingly unsteady delivery and altogether unconvincing



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Paul Walker (left) and Joshua Jackson are members of a dangerous clandestine society in the would-be thriller "The Skulls."

style.

Jackson gives no depth to Luke, who could have at least shown some conviction before the obligatory moral-high-grounded ending, which comes off as especially unearned and hokey.

Truth be told, though, I enjoyed Craig T. Nelson's portrayal of Litten Mandrake, the evil and conniving father of Caleb. Nelson accomplishes two things: One, he makes the audience finally react to a character; and two, makes one wish "Coach" was still on the air.

Of course, it wouldn't be appropriate to leave out the killer provost, who by his very nature steals every scene he's in. If the whole movie had been about

the killer provost, there might have been something worth watching.

To close a review of "The Skulls" on a serious note is tough, but here is one thought: was there a movie to be made at all here? The plot and the set-up are ludicrous, but it may have worked had the movie been self-aware. Perhaps if the script required more panache from the actors (with the notable exceptions of the killer provost and the evil "Coach" Nelson), it could have worked as, what Roger Ebert terms, a Good Bad Movie: a movie that's aware of its ineptness and relishes in it. Or they could've just given the lead to the killer provost and had the first Oscar-winner for "Best Actor in a Parody."

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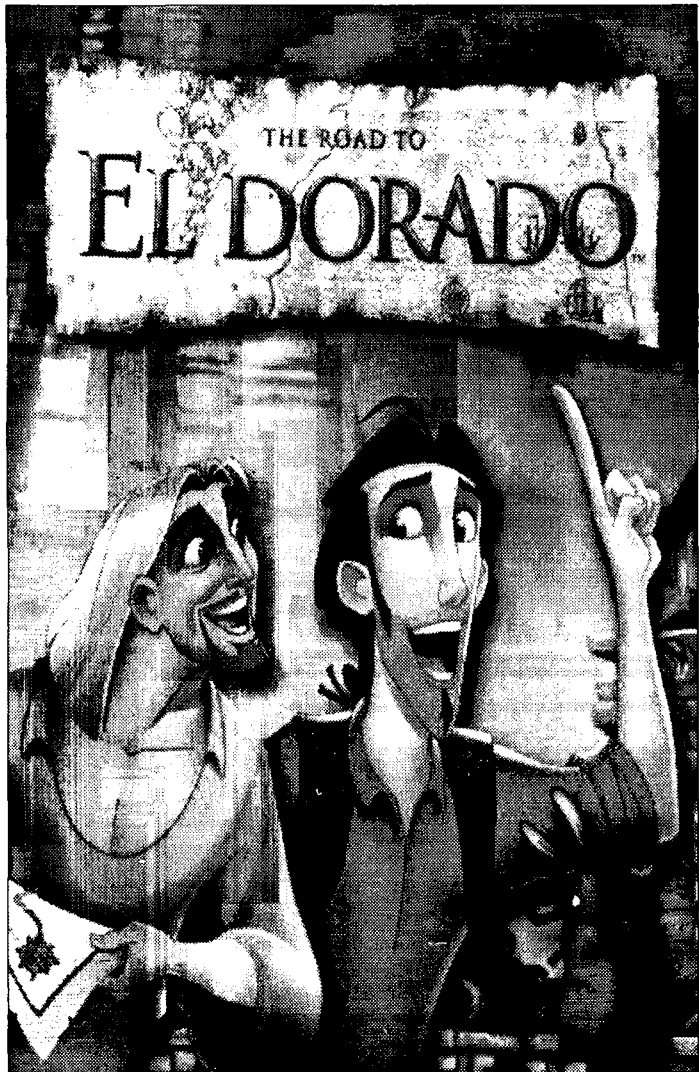


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TOP TEN Weekend of Mar. 31 - Apr. 02

Movie Title	Weekend Sales		Total Sales	
1. Erin Brockovich	\$ 13.8	million	\$ 75.8	million
2. The Road to El Dorado	\$ 12.8	million	\$ 12.8	million
3. The Skulls	\$ 11.1	million	\$ 11.1	million
4. Romeo Must Die	\$ 9.4	million	\$ 38.8	million
5. High Fidelity	\$ 6.4	million	\$ 6.4	million
6. American Beauty	\$ 5.4	million	\$ 116.7	million
7. Final Destination	\$ 5.4	million	\$ 28.3	million
8. Mission to Mars	\$ 3.3	million	\$ 54.5	million
9. Here on Earth	\$ 2.3	million	\$ 7.9	million
10. Whatever It Takes	\$ 2.2	million	\$ 7.3	million

Source: Yahoo!

Though "Erin Brockovich" proved no April Fool, winning the first position at the box-office for the third weekend in a row, the animated adventure "The Road to El Dorado" opened strong thanks to its family audience appeal. The big surprise though was the lightly promoted Joshua Jackson teen-thriller "The Skulls," which defied expectations with a very impressive opening. Appearing on significantly fewer screens, the critically acclaimed John Cusack film "High Fidelity" debuted in fifth place with a decent 6.4 million.

NBA

Indiana takes New Jersey with help from Rose, Miller

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Jalen Rose made three free throws and Reggie Miller hit two — all in the final 17 seconds — as Indiana held off the New Jersey Nets, 105-101.

Keith Van Horn had 26 to lead an injury-plagued New Jersey team which was playing without leading scorer Stephon Marbury for the first time this season and lost Evan Eschmeyer with a sprained left ankle early in the second quarter. Marbury didn't make the trip because he is scheduled to have an MRI on a sore right knee on Thursday.

Rik Smits scored 17 of his 25 points in the first quarter to give Indiana a lead it never lost.

New Jersey trailed by as many as 20 points in the second half, but reduced its deficit to 98-97 on a 3-pointer by Van Horn with 47.7 seconds remaining.

Sam Perkins then found Dale Davis open underneath the basket for a dunk with 33.4 seconds left. Davis was fouled on the shot, but missed the free throw and New Jersey got the rebound.

Scott Burrell missed a layup off a drive and Rose snared the rebound. He was fouled and made both free throws, giving Indiana a 102-97 lead. Kendall Gill's driving layup brought New Jersey to within three again until Miller sank two free throws with 11.2 remaining. Van Horn got a dunk with six seconds to go and then Rose made one-of-two free throws with 5.2 remaining.

Johnny Newman scored 20 for New Jersey, while Gill and Elliot Perry had 14 apiece.

Indiana had five players in double figures. Rose finished with 17 and 10 rebounds. Davis also had a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards, while Mark Jackson scored 16.

The victory reduced Indiana's number for clinching a second consecutive Central Division title to any combination of two Pacers victories or Charlotte losses. It also put Indiana 2 1-2 games ahead of Miami in the race for home court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Indiana appeared to have broken the game open as it scored 14 consecutive points in an 18-2 run early in the third quarter.

Rose had six points during Indiana's 14-point run, starting with a jumper with 10:59 left in the period. His 19-foot jumper with 7:59 remaining ended the run, giving the Pacers a 62-47 lead.

Pistons 111, Celtics 106

Grant Hill had 27 points and eight rebounds and the Detroit Pistons survived a 17-0 run to beat Boston sending the Celtics to their ninth straight loss.

The Pistons, winners of three straight, moved within one game of Toronto for sixth place in the Eastern Conference.

Jerry Stackhouse had 22 points for the Pistons, while Lindsey Hunter added 18.

Kenny Anderson led Boston with 24 points, including eight in the final 90 seconds, while Paul Pierce added 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

The Pistons led by as many as 13 in the first half, but the Celtics wiped that out with a 17-point run midway through the second quarter.

Detroit led by 11 with 2:30 to go, but the Celtics kept coming and two 3-pointers by Anderson pulled Boston to 108-105 with 20.4 seconds to go.

Boston fouled Jerome Williams, and he missed the first free throw before hitting the second to make it a four-point game. Antoine Walker was fouled, but could only split the free throws. Stackhouse then hit two from the line to finally clinch the game.

Boston led 50-46 at the half and increased its margin to as many as seven early in the third, but couldn't find a way to stop Hill, who finished with 13 in the period.

Six of those came in a 12-3 run that helped Detroit take a 73-68 lead, and the Pistons also scored the final six points of the period to take an 80-71 advantage.

76ers 107, Hawks 86

Allen Iverson scored 30 points and Toni Kukoc asserted himself in the offense as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Atlanta Hawks.

Despite a broken left toe that left him with a slight limp, Iverson had all of his usual explosiveness as the Sixers ended a three-game losing

streak.

Kukoc had one of his best all-around games since joining the Sixers with 10 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. He teamed up with Iverson for a couple of brilliant court-length passes.

Tyrone Hill had 21 points, one shy of his season-high, and reserve Matt Geiger contributed nine points and 10 rebounds. The Sixers took sole possession of fourth place in the East ahead of idle Charlotte.

The Hawks, playing without injured starter Jim Jackson, have lost four in a row, seven of eight and 10 straight on the road. Rookie Dion Glover led Atlanta with 18 points. Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points, 16 rebounds and a season-high five assists.

After the Sixers squandered a 10-point first-quarter lead, Kukoc and Iverson showed how dangerous this team can be in the playoffs. Kukoc dished to Hill for a short jumper that made it 70-61, and Hill scored again on a fastbreak layup before Kukoc made the play of the night.

The 6-foot-11 swingman grabbed a defensive rebound and spotted Iverson sprinting toward the other basket. He threw an 80-foot, one-handed baseball pass that hit Iverson perfectly in stride for a layup and foul. Kukoc pumped his fist three times, and Iverson missed the free throw for a 74-61 lead with 2:23 left in the third.

The Sixers closed the quarter with their biggest lead to that point, 81-66, on a three-point play by Hill.

Moments later, though, it became clear that the Sixers are still having trouble adjusting to Kukoc. Loping past the 3-point line, Kukoc shouted to an immobile Iverson, "Move!"

Iverson did, and Kukoc drove to the basket leading to a put-back, by Geiger for an 83-66 lead with 11:23 left.

The Sixers built a 10-point lead in the first quarter, shooting a season-high 70 percent (14-for-20). They capped the flurry with two plays that symbolized how easy the night would be.

Kukoc got the ball at the foul line, faked an underhanded pass to a cutting Iverson and hit a jumper to make it 24-16. Then

Iverson made a steal, drove the floor and flipped to Kukoc for a dunk that gave Philadelphia a 26-16 lead.

The Sixers then seemed to lose interest for a while. Bimbo Coles scored five points during an 11-2 run, and the Hawks eventually tied it at 40 on a 3-pointer by Glover.

Lakers 111, Warriors 104

Despite the happy ending, Kobe Bryant might have had more fun at the movies.

A day after catching the film "Romeo Must Die" while sitting out a one-game suspension, Bryant was held to 16 points as the Los Angeles Lakers struggled to a win over the woeful Golden State Warriors.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 49 points as the Lakers won their 11th straight game and clinched homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs. Los Angeles has won 30 of its last 31 games.

Devean George hit all four of his 3-point attempts and scored 14 points for the Lakers. The rookie had hit just 10 3-pointers all season before Wednesday night.

Bryant, suspended for fighting New York's Chris Childs on Sunday, went 5-for-14 from the field and was held six points below his average. The Lakers trailed for most of the game, regaining the lead only in the final second of the third period.

Donyell Marshall had 32 points and 18 rebounds for the Warriors, who lost their season-high eighth straight home game.

Golden State has lost 10 straight overall, and 18 of 19. This is the second time the Warriors have had a 10-game losing streak this season — they lost 12 straight in December and January.

After trailing 51-47 at half-time, the Lakers pulled ahead 77-75 entering the fourth quarter as O'Neal scored 18 points while going 5-for-5 from the field in the third period. Bryant hit a 3-pointer with one-tenth of a second left in the third to give Los Angeles its first lead since the opening quarter.

Brian Shaw and George hit consecutive 3-pointers to open the fourth period and give the Lakers an 83-75 lead, and two straight baskets by O'Neal made it 87-77. Another 3-pointer by

George made it 95-81 with 6:21 remaining.

Marshall hit a 3-pointer with 2:50 left to cap a 15-7 run that pulled the Warriors within six points, and Sam Jacobson's follow shot with 2:13 left pulled Golden State to 102-98. But O'Neal added two more baskets and Bryant hit five foul shots as the Lakers held on for the win.

Rockets 118, Trailblazers 105

Shandon Anderson had 30 points and 10 rebounds as the Houston Rockets used a blistering third quarter to stun the Portland Trail Blazers.

Cuttino Mobley added 22 points and Steve Francis and Walt Williams each scored 18 for the Rockets, who broke a nine-game losing streak and beat a winning team away from home for just the second time this season.

Houston's last road win over a team currently above .500 was back on Nov. 12, a 97-81 defeat of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Steve Smith scored 24 points and Rasheed Wallace had 21 to lead the Trail Blazers, who had won three straight.

Houston trailed by three at halftime but surged to a 13-point lead by making 10 of its first 11 shots in the third quarter while the Blazers started 1-for-10. The Rockets shot 67 percent in the period, with Anderson making all six of his shots and scoring 15 points.

The Blazers managed to cut the lead to 85-80 by the fourth, but Houston stayed hot. An awkward, leaning jumper off the glass by Matt Bullard pushed the lead to 95-88, and a 3-pointer by Francis made it 98-89 with 6:44 left.

A layup and foul shot by Anderson made it 106-93 with 4:30 to go.

Houston shot an amazing 73 percent in the second half, going 25-of-34, including 11-for-13 (85 percent) in the fourth quarter.

The Blazers led by as many as six points in the second quarter but fell flat in the third, missing nine straight shots after Wallace hit a short jumper to put the Blazers ahead 55-52.

Williams started the Rockets' 15-0 run with consecutive 3-pointers, and Kenny Thomas added a 3 and a fastbreak layup to help widen the lead to 67-55.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Orioles' Erickson returns to mound

Associated Press

BALTIMORE Scott Erickson, striving for an earlier than expected return from the disabled list, tested his right elbow Wednesday by throwing for 16 minutes off a mound.

Erickson entered spring training as the No. 2 man in the Baltimore Orioles' starting rotation, but he has been sidelined since having bone chips removed from his elbow early last month. The right-hander said three weeks ago that he would like to return in May, but his latest session has the Orioles thinking he might get back sooner.

"It was very encouraging," pitching coach Sammy Ellis said. "I don't know if this puts us any closer, but his throwing looks pretty good to me. Everything bears straight ahead."

Erickson has been working feverishly to get back into a rotation that currently features Calvin Maduro and Jose Mercedes, both of whom spent all last season in the minors.

"The plan is to get (Erickson's) velocity where it should be," manager Mike Hargrove said. "We're looking at arm strength as much as anything."

The Orioles' biggest worry is Erickson will push himself too hard.

"You don't want to be too frisky," Ellis said. "You've just got to keep building,

keep adding a little bit."

The rehabilitation process will probably end with at least two starts in the minors.

"It depends on how he does in the first one," Hargrove said.

Erickson's absence from the rotation means No. 3 man Pat Rapp will start Thursday in the finale of the Orioles' three-game series against Cleveland.

All things considered, Rapp would have preferred to make his Baltimore debut against anyone but the Indians.

"They've hit me pretty good in the past," Rapp said Wednesday. "When I faced them last year, they got five runs without getting an out. Then Travis Fryman hit a bullet that bounced off my leg right to the first baseman. I settled down after that."

Rapp has a 1.64 lifetime ERA in four games at Camden Yards. He hopes that won't change dramatically now that he's pitching for, not against, the Orioles.

"I don't think it will be any different," he said. "I'll just try to pitch my game. Everything feels kind of normal now, but I'm sure it will get more intense when I get out there."

Rapp was 2-1 with a 3.96 ERA in six games this spring. Best of all, he had a 3-2 strikeout to walk ratio. Over the past two seasons, he had 222 strikeouts compared to 176 walks.

Average salary hits \$2 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK

These days, a \$2 million baseball player is just average.

Just eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached \$2 million on opening day, falling just short at \$1,988,034, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

"I don't know if it is negative or positive for the game," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said. "It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they do."

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made \$126,000. This year, he's making \$12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Dodgers pitcher Kevin Brown is No. 1 at \$15,714,286, only slightly less than the \$16,519,500 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson is second at \$13.35 million, followed by Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle (\$12,868,670), New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Colorado outfielder Larry Walker (\$12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. is only 19th at \$9,329,700, which includes \$7 million in salary,

\$625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and \$1,704,700, which represents the 2000 value of \$5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract, \$57.5 million is deferred and won't even start earning interest until 2009.

"If the salaries continue to escalate and you don't have revenues that come close to staying even, then you're in trouble, and that's where we are," said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, who pays Johnson every two weeks. "I don't think anyone could say it's a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That's just clear and distinct."

The average went up 15.6 percent from \$1,720,050, nearly as much as the 19.3 percent increase last season.

Salaries have increased 85.6 percent from the end of the 1994-95, when the average was \$1,071,029 on opening day. The NBA average is \$3.5 million this season, and the NHL average was \$1,297,000 in 1998-99, the last season for which figures are available. In the recently completed season, NFL players averaged \$1,043,000.

"It's just part of revenue," Texas shortstop Royce Clayton said. "When they're selling organizations for more than \$300 million, that's a lot of money and a lot of wealth to be spread around. It's not greed; we are not trying to take more than what's in the pot. It's in the pot, so we just distribute it however they feel each player's worth is."

The New York Yankees, at \$92,538,260, have the highest payroll for the second straight

year, followed by Los Angeles (\$88.1 million), Atlanta (\$84.5 million), Baltimore (\$81.4 million) and Arizona (\$81.0 million).

Last year, all eight playoff teams were among the top 10 spenders. If that holds this year, the cutoff would be Tampa Bay, 10th at \$62.7 million.

However, trades and other roster moves and performance bonuses change payrolls during the season, and St. Louis, Colorado, the Chicago Cubs, Seattle and Detroit all have payrolls between \$58 million and \$62 million.

The Yankees' payroll is nearly six times the size of Minnesota's. Also near the bottom are Florida (\$20.1 million), Kansas City (\$23.4 million) and Pittsburgh (\$28.9 million).

The number of players at \$1 million or more rose from 348 to 377, 44.8 percent of the 840 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists. Those at \$2 million rose from 254 to 277.

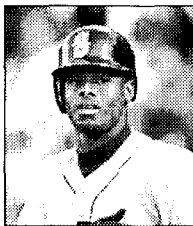
At the top of the scale, the number of players making \$9 million or more doubled to 20.

The median salary—the point at which an equal number of players are above and below—was \$750,000, up from \$700,000 last year and \$275,000 at the end of the strike.

Those at the \$200,000 minimum, which is higher than the average prior to 1982, dropped from 68 to 46.

"Sure it's a lot of money," Texas first baseman David Segui said. "But look, the stadiums are full and look at the money they are making off television. The industry generates that kind of revenue and without the players, who's going to watch? Joe Blow can't play at this level."

Contract figures were obtained by the AP from various player and management sources and include a player's 1999 salary plus a prorated share of any signing bonus or guaranteed income not attributed to a specific year. Portions of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.



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Athletes see benefits of corrective eye surgery

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux had laser surgery to correct his vision in July. He won nine of his next 10 games.

Tiger Woods had the operation in October. He won his next five PGA tour events.

Coincidence?

No one knows for sure, but hundreds of athletes in sport after sport — baseball, golf, auto racing and even kickboxing — are turning to the surgery to boost their performance.

Seizing on an obvious marketing tool, eye doctors are touting their athlete-customers, helping accelerate public acceptance of the surgery.



Woods

"This is the best thing I ever bought myself," said Maddux, who now has 20-15 eyesight and says he can focus on home plate better than ever.

This year about 1.5 million blurry-eyed Americans are expected to have the operation in hopes of throwing away their glasses and contacts, up from 1 million in 1999.

The most popular type is called LASIK, which stands for laser in-situ keratomileusis. It refers to the process of cutting a flap in the cornea — the eye-ball's outer coating — and reshaping it with a sharp laser beam. It costs about \$1,500 to \$2,500 per eye.

While LASIK is fast and painless, for the most part, there can be complications for a small number of patients. The American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates that 1 percent to 5 percent develop such problems as blurred vision and nighttime glare. In addition,

the long-term consequences are impossible to know because the procedure has only been on the market a few years.

Experts also caution the surgery is not for everyone.

While teenagers might want to emulate their favorite athlete, doctors discourage it for anyone under 20 because their eyesight may still be changing.

Also doctors rule out some people because of the curvature and thickness of the cornea.

As the number of doctors performing the procedure has increased, consumers are seeing more advertising with celebrity endorsements.

TLC Laser Eye Centers, based in Ontario, Canada, has signed endorsement deals with Woods and LPGA golfer Se Ri Pak.

"The average Joe is very scared of it," said TLC chief executive Elias Vamvakas. "But when they see athletes like Tiger do it they think it must be effective if they go to the right place," he said.

Woods, who is the favorite to win the Masters that starts Thursday, had the

surgery at a TLC center in Florida.

Woods had worn contacts throughout his career, causing him problems when allergies kicked in. He also said it had been difficult to gauge long putts, but the eye surgery gives him a clearer view of the course.

"Now that I'm normal, one of the things that appears to me is the slopes are bigger, objects

are bigger," Woods said in a recent interview. "The hole is bigger, the ball is bigger, clubs are bigger."

Dr. Robert Maloney, a Los Angeles ophthalmologist, said celebrities are a distinct drawing card.

"The acceptance by professional golfers has brought a huge number of amateur golfers into our practice," said Maloney, who has also performed the procedure on musicians Kenny G. and Barry Manilow.

New York Yankees slugger Bernie Williams said he carefully researched the procedure before having it done in November.

"It's nothing short of miraculous," Williams said. "I saw the success a lot of people have had with it. I did some research. I talked to doctors, other patients, other players who've had it, and I got enough confidence in the whole thing to get it done."

NFL

Vikings still atop George's wish list

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn.

Jeff George's agent said Wednesday that Minnesota remains his client's destination of choice despite flirtations from the Washington Redskins and the Vikings' dalliance with other quarterbacks.

"There's an impasse in negotiations, but we're not going to willingly walk away from Minnesota," agent Leigh Steinberg said. "One question that is troubling is what if Jeff George takes the Vikings to the Super Bowl?"

Coach Dennis Green has said Daunte Culpepper will be his starting quarterback in 2001 and has insisted he won't budge from his one-year offer to George, who was 9-3 for the Vikings last year.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder bumped into Steinberg during last week's NFL meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., and initiated talks about George. The Redskins reportedly are dangling a two-year offer for about \$4 million for George to back up starter Brad Johnson.

So, it comes down to this: Would George rather make more money to be a backup in Washington or swallow his pride and start again in Minnesota, knowing he'll basically be shopping himself to other teams all next season?

"Jeff's preference is still Minnesota," Steinberg insisted. It's just a matter of finding common ground on the contract, he said.

A source close to negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Vikings have offered George a \$500,000 contract, slightly more than the league minimum for a 10-year veteran, with \$1 million more available in incentives.

George wants more than a one-year deal.

George signed a one-year, \$400,000 last year and made about \$1.1 million in incentives after replacing Randall Cunningham and guiding the Vikings into the playoffs, where they beat Dallas and lost to St. Louis.

George expected the Vikings to offer a multi-year deal, but Green instead offered the starting quarterback job back to Cunningham, who refused a massive pay cut and will likely be waived June 1.

Green then offered the job to Dan Marino, who retired instead, and then insisted Culpepper would be his starter in 2000.

Green then relented, saying George could sign a one-year deal for minimum money and start in 2000 while serving as a mentor to Culpepper, the 11th pick in last year's draft.

Either way, Green insists the job is Culpepper's in 2001.

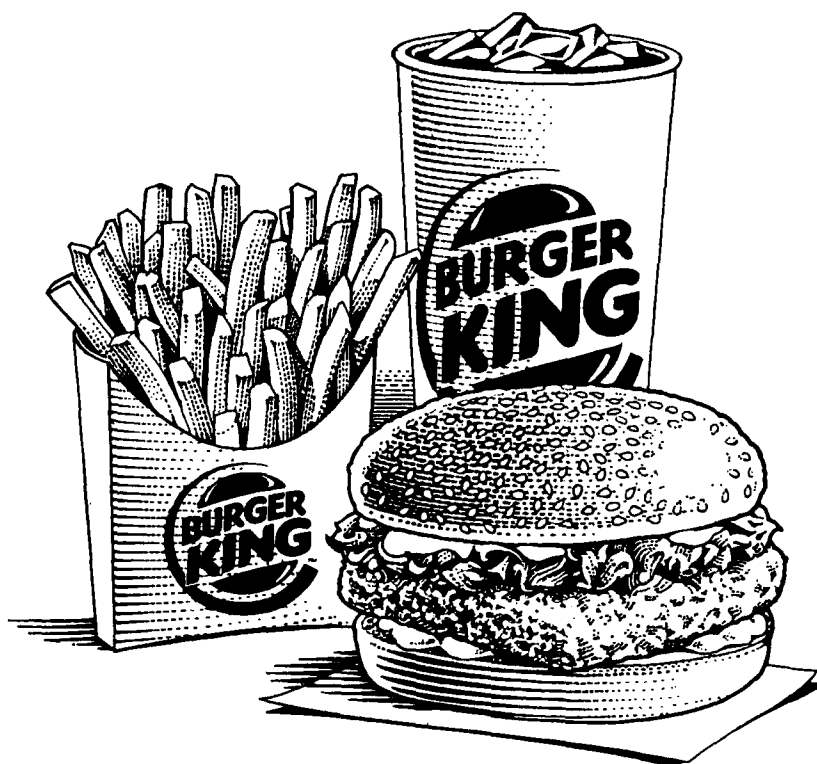
"That's the other troubling aspect. Let's suppose Jeff takes them to the Super Bowl next year. Who's the quarterback for the year after?" Steinberg said.

The Vikings are growing impatient with George's failure to accept their hard-line offer and are pursuing other options such as Bobby Brister, who would be Culpepper's backup.

Steinberg said he believed the situation will be resolved one way or another by week's end.

If the Vikings rescind their offer or sign another veteran, Steinberg said he would call back other teams that inquired about George two months ago. Steinberg has said he rebuffed four teams because he was sure the Vikings were just clearing cap room to offer his client a long-term deal.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Johnson, Belle homers boost Orioles above Indians

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Charles Johnson homered twice and drove in five runs Wednesday night as Baltimore beat the Cleveland Indians, 11-7, giving Mike Hargrove his first victory as manager of the Orioles.

Johnson's second homer, a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former Oriole Scott Kamieniecki (0-1), snapped a 7-7 tie. He also hit a three-run homer to give Baltimore a 7-6 lead in the sixth.

Last year, Johnson struggled against Cleveland, going just 2-for-27 with one RBI, and also started the season in a slump, hitting .176 with one home run.

Albert Belle hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, who rebounded from an opening day loss to Hargrove's former team. Cal Ripken went 0-for-4 and remained eight hits short of 3,000.

Charlie Manuel, Hargrove's replacement in Cleveland, was ejected in his second game as a major league manager. Manuel was complaining about the strike zone from the dugout when home plate umpire Ed Rapuano ousted him in the third inning.

Jim Thome homered and Omar Vizquel had three hits for the Indians, who scored two runs on wild pitches and two on bases-loaded walks.

Belle's homer off Chuck Finley put the Orioles up 3-0 in the first inning. The Indians scored five runs in the second and led 6-4 in

the sixth before Johnson connected off Steve Reed to give Baltimore a short-lived lead.

Cleveland made it 7-7 in the seventh when Kenny Lofton reached on an error, took third on a single by Vizquel and scored on a wild pitch by Chuck McElroy.

Will Clark hit a one-out single in the eighth and Johnson followed by driving a 2-1 pitch deep into the left-field seats. B.J. Surhoff iced the victory with a two-run, two-out double off Tom Martin.

B.J. Ryan (1-0) got the last out in the eighth to earn his second major league win.

Finley, making his debut with Cleveland after spending his previous 14 seasons with the Angels, allowed four runs on four hits in five innings but was in position to get the victory before Johnson homered off Reed.

Cleveland batted around in the second, using three hits and three walks to go up 5-3. After Sidney Ponson issued successive bases-loaded walks, David Justice scored on a wild pitch before Vizquel hit a two-run double.

Royals 4, Blue Jays 3

Joe Randa homered twice and Jose Rosado allowed just two hits in six innings Wednesday night, leading the Kansas City Royals over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Randa, who drove in three runs, homered in the second inning for Kansas City's first run, then made it 3-0 in the seventh

with a homer off the facing of SkyDome's third deck in left field. He walked with the bases loaded in the eighth against Paul Quantrill, the reliever's third straight walk.

Rosado (1-0) took a shutout into the seventh before a walk to Carlos Delgado followed by Tony Batista's RBI double off the glove of center fielder Carlos Beltran. Alex Gonzalez's bloop single off Jose Santiago made it 3-2, but pinch-hitter Darrin Fletcher grounded out and Shannon Stewart flied out.

Rosado, who allowed 12 runs in 11 innings during spring training, allowed two runs and three hits in six-plus innings.

Ricky Bottalico got three outs for his first save, allowing Batista's third homer of the season. Jose Cruz Jr. then walked with one out, stole second and took third when catcher Brian Johnson's throw bounced into center field for an error. But Gonzalez grounded to third, and Cruz got tagged out in a run-down as Gonzalez took second, and Fletcher grounded to first, ending the game.

Chris Carpenter (0-1), chased from his last spring training start by a line drive off his right elbow, gave up three runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings.

A's 8, Tigers 2

The Oakland Athletics are built for power, with five players who hit more than 20 homers last season. Little did they expect that 5-foot-9 Frank Menechino would be their leading slugger after three games.

Menechino, playing in place of the injured Randy Velarde, hit his second homer in three games and added a run-scoring groundout in a three-run third as the A's defeated the Detroit Tigers.

Menechino, who spent seven seasons in the minors before making his major league debut with the A's last September, is tied with Jason Giambi for the team lead in homers and tops the A's with a 1.100 slugging percentage.

Eric Chavez also homered for the A's, Matt Stairs had an RBI single and Giambi, Ben Grieve and Ramon Hernandez all added sacrifice flies.

Omar Olivares allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings as the A's, who took two of three from Detroit, won their opening series of the season for the first time since 1993.

Tony Clark drove in the Tigers' first run with a sixth-inning single, but Olivares avoided further trouble by getting Damion Easley on an inning-ending, double-play grounder with two on.

Detroit added another run in the eighth on an error by short-stop Miguel Tejada. But Mike Magnante relieved Olivares and got Clark to hit into an inning-ending double play with runners on first and second.

Twins 10, Devil Rays 7

Matt Lawton's three-run homer off Rick White with nobody out in the ninth inning lifted the Minnesota Twins to a victory over the stunned Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Lawton's first homer capped a comeback that began with the Twins down 7-1 with just six outs to go. It was the 11th time the Twins had overcome a six-run deficit.

White (0-1) gave up singles to Todd Walker and Cristian Guzman before Lawton's 417-foot shot to right field made a winner of Eddie Guardado (1-0), who struck out two in one inning of work.

It was the second come-from-behind victory for the Twins in 24 hours. On Tuesday night, the Twins had a two-run ninth-inning rally to beat Tampa Bay.

Estaban Yan made the most of his promotion to Tampa Bay's starting rotation, scattering three hits in seven innings and leaving his bullpen a 7-1 lead that it frittered away in the eighth.

Yan, who spent his first two seasons with Tampa Bay in the bullpen, gave up an unearned run, walked one and struck out three.

The Devil Rays were cruising with a 7-1 lead before the bullpen surrendered six runs in the eighth.

Butch Huskey hit a run-scoring double off Dave Eiland, bringing on Jim Morris, who surrendered an RBI single to Corey Koskie. That made it 7-3 and the Devil Rays summoned Albie Lopez, who loaded the bases by walking Ron Coomer before Jacques Jones' infield single made it 7-4.

Pinch-hitter Midre Cummings hit a three-run double that barely eluded the grasp of Dave Martinez in shallow right field.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Aurilia lifts Giants over Marlins, despite sloppy play

Associated Press

MIAMI

Rich Aurilia hit a three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants came from behind twice to beat the Florida Marlins 11-9 Wednesday night.

Trailing 9-7, the Giants started the ninth with singles by Barry Bonds, Jeff Kent and pinch hitter Felipe Crespo to score a run against Antonio Alfonseca (0-1). Following a forceout, Aurilia hit his first homer on the first pitch.

The Giants overcame a 5-4 deficit on Kent's three-run homer in the fifth. They blew leads of 3-0, 4-1 and 7-5.

The sloppy but exciting game drew a crowd of 8,365, the smallest at Pro Player Stadium in the Marlins' eight-year history.

John Johnstone (1-0) gave up one run in 1 1-3 innings. Robb Nen pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Florida scored three runs in the seventh and took advantage of a two-out passed ball on a strikeout to take an 8-7 lead. With the score 7-all, Mark Kotsay swung and missed on a 2-2 pitch from Felix Rodriguez, but the pitch glanced off catcher Bobby Estalella's glove and sailed over his head to the backstop.

The Marlins made it 9-7 on Derrick Lee's RBI single in the eighth, their 12th hit. San Francisco had 15 hits.

Kevin Millar had a two-run

homer and an RBI single for the Marlins.

The Giants scored three in the first against Vladimir Nunez. Bill Mueller doubled, Bonds walked and Kent doubled home a run. Ellis Burks hit a sacrifice fly, and J.T. Snow drove in a run with a two-out single.

San Francisco added an unearned run in the second. Estalella doubled, took third when Nunez bobbled a sacrifice bunt for an error, then scored on Marvin Benard's groundout.

Luis Castillo led off Florida's first with a triple and scored on a two-out single by Mike Lowell. Mike Redmond led off the second with his first triple in 364 career at-bats, then scored on Nunez's groundout.

Florida tied the game in the third when Cliff Floyd singled and Millar homered on a 3-2 pitch with two out.

The Giants' Kirk Rueter walked the bases loaded in the fourth and was replaced by Aaron Fultz, who walked Preston Wilson to give Florida a 5-4 lead. Kent homered in the fifth to put the Giants ahead 7-5.

Expos 6, Dodgers 5

Rondell White hit a two-run single off Jeff Shaw in the ninth as the Montreal Expos beat the Los Angeles Dodgers after wasting a two-run lead an inning earlier.

On a night when Orel Hershiser made his first appearance for the Dodgers since Aug. 7, 1994, the Dodgers trailed 4-2

until pinch-hitter Dave Hansen's three-run homer in the eighth off Ugueth Urbina, who led the NL with 41 saves last season.

The drive off a speaker suspended from the Olympic Stadium roof above right field was Hansen's his seventh career pinch homer.

But Shaw couldn't hold the lead, and the Dodgers lost for the first time in three games. Following a 5-1 start last year, Los Angeles lost nine of its next 14 and dropped out of contention.

Trace Coquillette singled leading off the ninth, Peter Bergeron reached on a bunt single and Jose Vidro, who earlier doubled twice, got on when second baseman Mark Grudzielanek mishandled his grounder.

White then singled up the middle, easily scoring the tying and winning runs.

Anthony Telford (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win, allowing two hits.

Hershiser, who signed with the Dodgers during the offseason as a free agent, allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. Last July 22 at Olympic Stadium while pitching for the New York Mets, he got his 200th career win.

Expos starter Javier Vazquez, who threw a one-hitter last Sept. 14 at Dodger Stadium, allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings, giving up a solo homer to Adrian Beltre in the sixth.

Lee Stevens went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk for the Expos. Stevens, acquired from

Texas on March 16 in a three-player trade that sent first baseman Brad Fullmer to Toronto, hit an RBI single off Hershiser that put Montreal ahead 2-1 in the first. He added a bases-loaded, two-run single off the 41-year-old right-hander in the fifth.

Expos manager Felipe Alou pointed his finger and shouted at Hershiser after he hit Vladimir Guerrero on the left shoulder with a pitch that loaded the bases in the fifth.

With Alou continuing to yell at Hershiser from the dugout, Stevens blooped a 1-1 pitch into left field for a 4-1 lead.

Beltre went 3-for-4, including a double in fourth. Needing a triple to hit for the cycle, he grounded to first in the eighth.

Gary Sheffield tripled off the center-field wall to drive in his fifth run of the season in the first inning. Vidro's RBI double tied the score in the bottom half.

Brewers 8, Reds 5

Kevin Barker, Tyler Houston and Geoff Jenkins homered but Ken Griffey Jr. remained 0-for-Cincinnati as the Milwaukee Brewers overpowered the Reds.

Seven different Brewers scored and seven had at least one hit as Milwaukee improved to 2-0 under first-year manager Davey Lopes.

While the Brewers got the most out of their 10 hits, the Reds again wasted opportunities. They were 2-for-16 with runners in scoring position,

leaving them 3-for-26 this season.

Griffey walked, grounded out three times against Milwaukee's infield shift, struck out and stranded two runners on third. He's 0-for-10 in three games and has yet to get a ball out of the infield in his hometown.

Cincinnati's Dante Bichette misplayed a hit to right into a triple for the second straight night, but got a solo homer for his first hit as a Red and threw Marquis Grissom out at home as he tried to score on a fly in the seventh.

Pokey Reese had four of the Reds' 13 hits with two singles and two doubles. Eddie Taubensee also had four hits for Cincinnati.

After getting a 3-3 tie and a 5-1 loss while wearing red sleeves, the Reds went back to the black ones that they had success with at home last year. Their last game in black was the 5-0 loss to the Mets in the tiebreaker for the NL wild card in October. Steve Parris started that game and lost.

Same sleeves, same starter, same result Wednesday.

Parris (0-1) gave up a solo homer in the third to Barker, beginning a streak of Brewers runs in four consecutive innings. Houston hit a two-run shot in the sixth off Gabe White, stretching the lead to 7-2.

Jenkins led off the eighth with another homer off Danny Graves and became the only Brewer to score more than once in the game.

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FOOTBALL

Tickets on sale for Blue and Gold game

Special to The Observer

Tickets are now on sale for the 71st annual Blue-Gold controlled football scrimmage, the culmination of the Notre Dame's spring practice period.

The Blue-Gold scrimmage is set for 1:30 p.m., April 29, in Notre Dame Stadium.

The game is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley and helps raise funds for that organization's scholarship fund.

The game itself is a controlled, intrasquad contest for the 2000 Irish squad on the last of its 15 allotted days of practice this spring. Notre Dame began its spring drills this week.

Following the Blue-Gold scrimmage, an autograph session will be held involving all members of the current team.

Prior to the Blue-Gold contest, a flag football game will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. involving Notre Dame football alumni. The Stadium will open at 11 a.m.

General admission tickets in advance are \$8 for adults and \$6 for youths 16 and under. On game day tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for youths. Gold seats are \$12 each. Group sales of 25 or more tickets are available at \$5 per ticket. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are admitted free with identification. All parking is free of charge for

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The Irish return 13 starters this spring (including punter Joey Hildbold), seven on offense and five on defense.

On offense, the returnees are Jim Jones and Mike Gandy at guard, Jordan Black and John Teasdale at tackle, Jabari Holloway at tight end, Tony Fisher at tailback and Joey Getherall at flanker.

Defensively, the starters back are tackle Anthony Weaver, end Grant Irons, inside linebacker Anthony Denman, outside linebacker Rocky Boiman and cornerback Clifford Jefferson.

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NCAA HOCKEY

Frozen four survive rocky road to Providence

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. For Boston College, the closest call was in the regional semifinals against Michigan State, when the Eagles scored with 50 seconds left in regulation before winning in overtime.

North Dakota lost eight times in the regular season, costing it an unprecedented fourth straight conference championship. Maine has trailed in six of its last nine games.

And all St. Lawrence needed was four overtimes — more than six hours of hockey — to survive the East Regional final against Boston University and advance to this weekend's Frozen Four at the Providence Civic Center.

"It's been a great ride," St. Lawrence coach Joe Marsh said Wednesday as the teams prepared for the NCAA hockey semifinals, a weekend that has been dubbed the "Frozen Four."

North Dakota will play Maine at 2 p.m. Thursday and Boston College will take on St. Lawrence in the other semifinal at 7 p.m., with the winners playing Saturday night for the title.

Whether it's basketball or badminton, men or women, the final four teams are always happy to be around. But this

group of coaches is probably happier than most, considering that all survived scares that could have left them home this weekend.

"We had a couple of lucky bounces, and we were 50 seconds away from our season ending," said Boston College coach Jerry York, who is in his third consecutive Frozen Four. "We were a heartbeat away from winning the national championship in each of the last two seasons."

Jerry York
Boston College coach

Boston College lost 3-2 to Michigan in overtime of the 1998 championship game in Boston. Last year, Maine beat the Eagles 2-1 in the semifinal at Anaheim, Calif.

That means Maine is going for consecutive titles. It's been 27 years since a college hockey team has won consecutive titles — a span that is the longest of any sport in NCAA history.

"At this point, it's an opportunity. In the middle of the season, it was a hurdle that put a little pressure on us," said Maine coach Shawn Walsh, whose Black Bears won just once in a seven-game span in January.

"It's been a long season, but now that we're closer we've talked about the possibility of a legacy."

North Dakota has taken the title six times, winning in both 1980 and 1982 in Providence. It is the only team of the four that

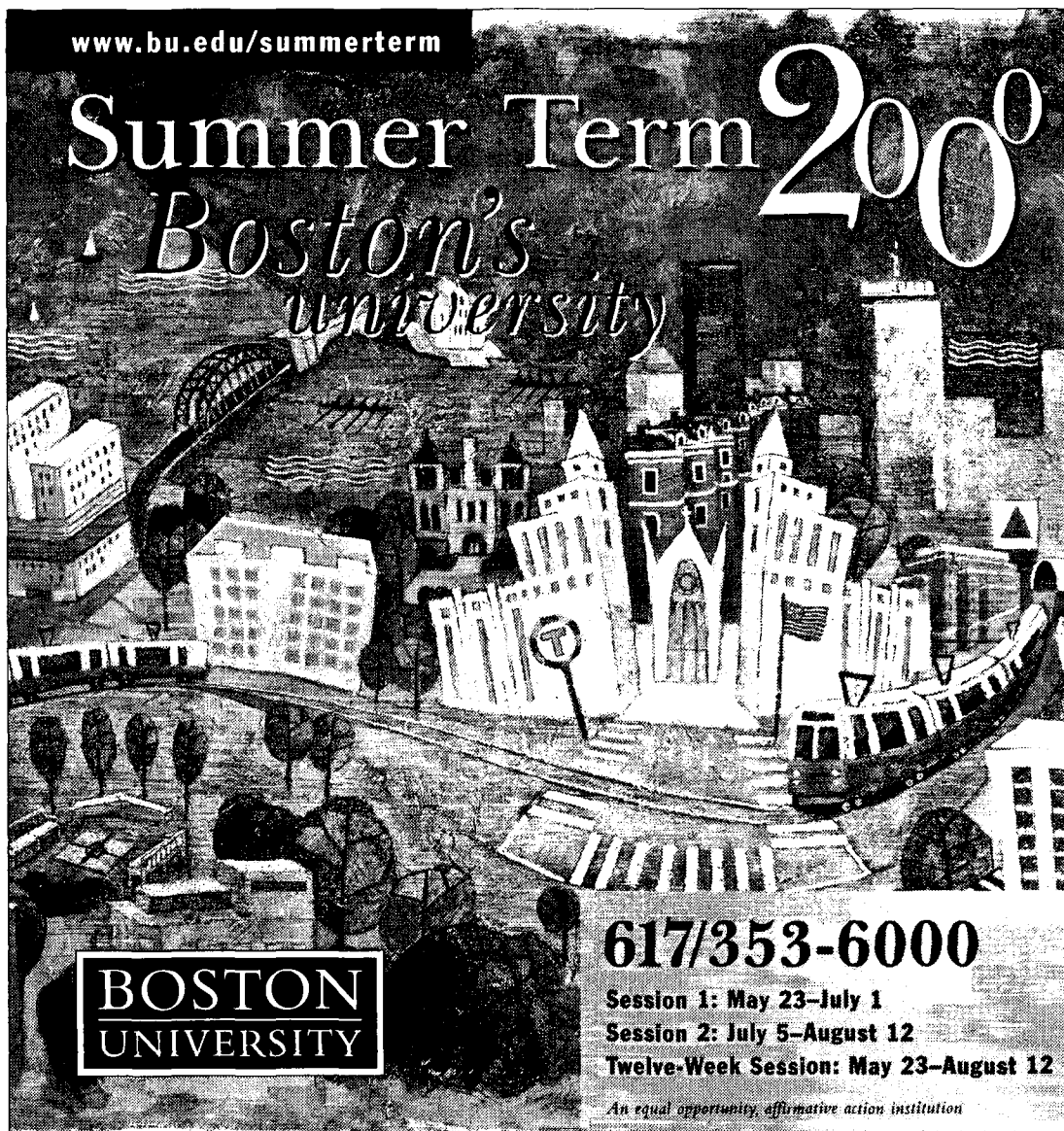
has won a championship in Providence, which has played host to the final four seven times.

But, like his Frozen Four brethren, Fighting Sioux coach Dean Blais credits his team for surviving struggles.

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Doherty

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however, the prime physical shape necessary to make a run at a Bookstore title surprised Doherty a year ago.

"I didn't know it was full-court. I thought it was half-court," Doherty said. "We're going to definitely be prepared this time. I need to get in shape."

Doherty emphasizes conditioning on his Irish team. He once forced the players to run 304 wind sprints while he sat on the sidelines sipping a glass of water. That coaching regimen won't get him in shape for Bookstore. Doherty claims to be doing early morning conditioning to get in shape for the 2000 tourney, a boast his players and assistant coaches would be glad to test him on.

Several may get the chance, as outgoing seniors Jimmy Dillon, Skylard Owens and Todd Palmer are all eligible to compete in Bookstore Basketball.

"They don't want to go up against me," Doherty warned with a smile.

Shocker's first game will be Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. on the Stepan basketball courts. Doherty's team will go up against a squad called "Who's the Animal?" comprised of five women from Lewis Hall.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gwynn elbow injury not serious

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Tony Gwynn was out of the lineup Wednesday night because of an injured right elbow, but there was good news for the San Diego star: X-rays were negative, meaning no trip to the disabled list.

"He could play in a day or two," Padres assistant trainer Jim Daniel said.

Gwynn had feared a broken bone after being hit by a pitch from Al Leiter in Monday's opener against the New York Mets.

"If it's a hairline fracture, you're probably talking DL out for two weeks," the eight-time NL batting champion said before the Padres took batting practice.

X-rays taken at Shea Stadium, however, showed no crack. The results were announced after the

clubhouse was closed.

Gwynn left the ballpark Monday with his arm in a sling. The Padres were off Tuesday, and Gwynn's right arm was taped and bandaged Wednesday.

"I want to play. I didn't fly 3,000 miles to put on the pom-poms," he said. "I think I could play if I had to. I probably could sneak down to the batting cage for a few swings."

"It feels a lot better today. The fact that I can almost straighten it out tells me it might not be as bad as we thought it was," he said. "But you want to be careful, and I'm listening to the doctors."

Gwynn, 18th on the career hits list with 3,067, made two trips to the disabled list last year because of a strained calf and missed 44 games.

"To me, my only goal this year was to stay healthy," said Gwynn, who turns 40 on May 9. "To work so hard in the winter and then get hit on opening day, that's one thing. To have them tell

you it's cracked, chipped, whatever, it just sucks all the air out of you. I was just so bummed."

Initial X-rays on his elbow Monday were inconclusive. The Padres waited another day before taking further tests to allow swelling to subside.

Gwynn was nicked in the fourth inning and stayed in the game. He finished 0-for-3.

"When it first happened, I'm just thinking, 'I got hit. It's sore. It will be OK,'" Gwynn said. "I didn't really feel bad until my last at-bat. I got a fastball away and extended my elbow, and my fingers went numb. I probably wouldn't have been able to hit after that."

Gwynn hit .338 last season, one point below his career average. He has batted .300 for 17 straight years, tied with Honus Wagner for the most in NL history.

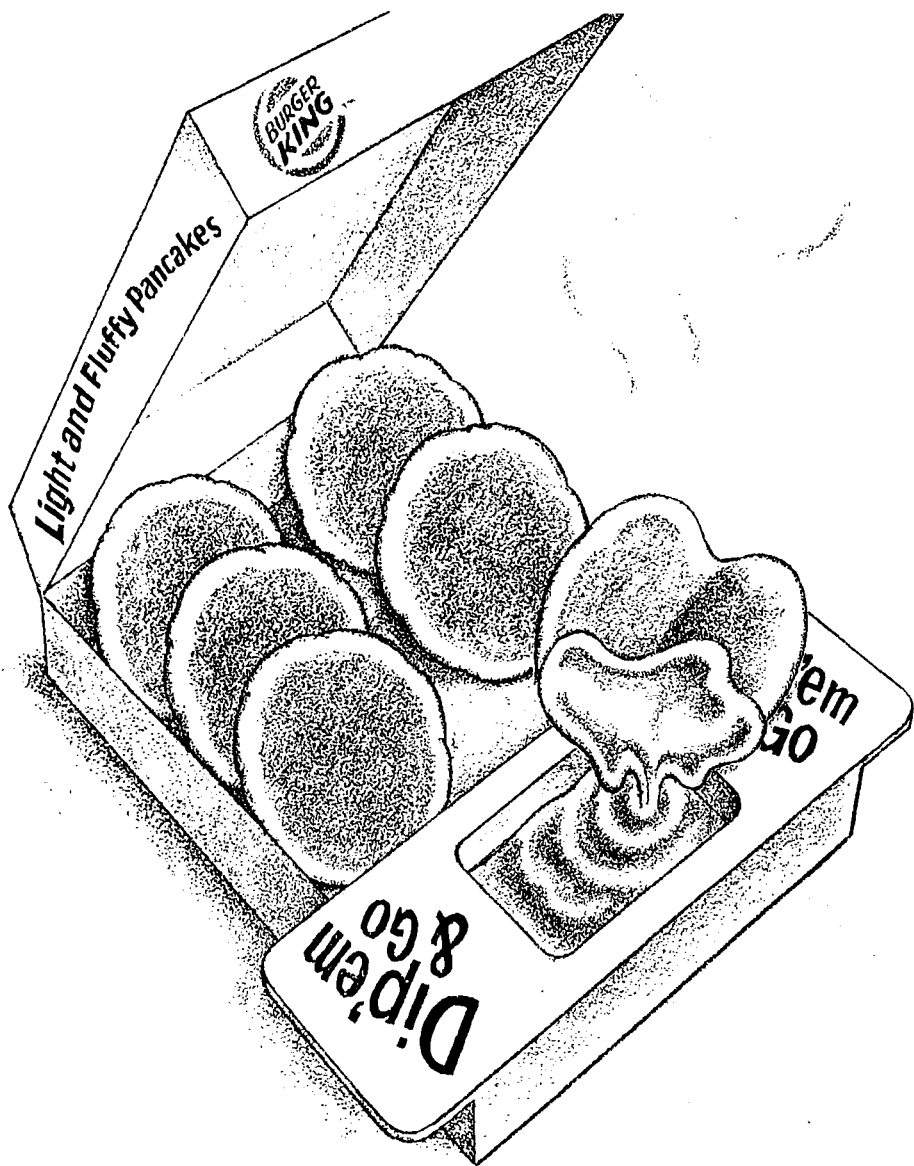
The Padres play the Mets again Thursday, then go to Montreal for a weekend series. Gwynn got his 3,000th hit last Aug. 6 at Olympic Stadium.

"It feels a lot better today ... But you want to be careful and I'm listening to the doctors."

Tony Gwynn
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hewitt succeeds Cremens at Tech

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Mirroring a move that occurred 19 years ago, Georgia Tech turned to a relatively unknown coach to rebuild its basketball program.

Sienas Paul Hewitt agreed to succeed Bobby Cremens as the Yellow Jackets' coach. The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

A source familiar with the search, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hewitt would be introduced during a news conference Thursday. In Albany, N.Y., Hewitt boarded a plane for Atlanta but declined comment.

Officials at Georgia Tech and Siena also would not comment.

Hewitt, 71-27 in three years at Siena, becomes the first black basketball coach at Georgia Tech.

He rebuilt a Siena program that went 23-59 in the three years before he arrived. His contract at the Loudonville, N.Y., school runs through the 2002-2003 season, but includes a buyout provision that allowed him to take the Georgia Tech job.

The Macon Telegraph reported that Tech athletic director Dave Braine flew to Albany, near the Siena campus, to finalize the deal with Hewitt on Tuesday.

Cremens was a 33-year-old coach at tiny Appalachian State when Georgia Tech hired him as coach in 1981. He pushed the Yellow Jackets to national prominence, recruiting such players as Mark Price, John Salley, Kenny Anderson, Dennis Scott and Stephon Marbury.

Under Cremens, Tech went to the NCAA tournament nine years in a row and 10 times overall, including the 1990

Final Four. The Yellow Jackets fell on hard times during the latter stages of Cremens' 19-year tenure, reaching the tournament only once the last seven seasons.

At Siena, meanwhile, Hewitt guided Siena to the NCAA tournament in 1999, its first appearance in 10 years. The Saints finished 24-9 this year, losing to Penn State in the second round of the NIT.

Hewitt, a 36-year-old former assistant at Villanova and Fordham, is known as a strong recruiter and favors a running, up-tempo style popular with fans. Siena averaged more than 6,500 per game over the last two years to lead the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in attendance.

Georgia Tech leaned heavily toward hiring a minority coach. In addition, Hewitt was able to recruit effectively, a factor for a school like Georgia Tech with high academic standards.

Hewitt takes over a program that has fallen to the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference. To make matters worse, the Yellow Jackets (13-17) lose Jason Collier, their top scorer and rebounder, and shot-blocking center Alvin Jones may enter the NBA draft a year early.

Cremens announced Feb. 18 that he would not return, saying the Tech program needed a new direction. He accepted \$1.5 million to buy out the final three years of his contract.

Hewitt was a late entry into the coaching search after higher-profile candidates Leonard Hamilton of Miami and Bill Self of Tulsa agreed to contract extensions.

Among the others mentioned as candidates for the Tech job were Appalachian State's Buzz Peterson, Delaware's Mike Brey and Dayton's Oliver Purnell.

THE MASTERS

Nicklaus returns to Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga.

After a one-year layoff, Jack Nicklaus returned to Augusta National to find a course he hardly recognized.

There's roughness. Several holes have been lengthened. Trees have been planted and replanted.

In each case, the changes were designed to make things tougher after Tiger Woods' record-setting Masters victory in 1997. Nicklaus, admittedly a traditionalist, seems a bit perturbed that club officials decided to tinker with the masterpiece created by Bobby Jones and Alister Mackenzie.

"From a nostalgia standpoint, I don't like to see it happen," Nicklaus said Wednesday after a practice round. "But it's their golf tournament. If they make a change and I don't like it, it doesn't matter a damn."

The 60-year-old Nicklaus, a six-time champion at Augusta National, finished an electrify-

ing sixth in the 1998 Masters, beating players less than half his age. But he sat out last year after undergoing hip-replacement surgery.

Upon his return, he commented on the changing face of the course, originally designed to resemble a seaside links amid the Georgia pines.

"They've changed the nature of the golf course," Nicklaus said. "The Masters has always been a different golf tournament than any other tournament. It's had open fairways, it's had hard and fast greens."

"Bobby Jones wanted a second-shot golf course," Nicklaus continued. "He loved St. Andrews and that style of golfing, second-shot golf courses. I think the concept of the golf course had changed greatly. It's looking more like a U.S. Open golf course than a Masters golf course."

At 6,985 yards, Augusta National is not much of a distance test for today's long-hit-

ting players, so club officials feel they must remain vigilant to prevent their course from becoming a pushover.

This year, for instance, they altered the contour of several greens, narrowed the 10th fairway and planted trees along the 14th fairway and between Nos. 15 and 17.

"We get some criticism about changes every year," Hootie Johnson, chairman of Augusta National, said. "I'd say this tournament has a reputation for its tradition and customs. And I think we've maintained those pretty well."

Nicklaus believes the changes will serve their purpose.

"I do not believe you'll see a lot of record broken this week," he said. "That's probably what they were trying for, trying to put a little more fire into Augusta National. I certainly am not here to complain about it, by any means. My time at playing Augusta National has long passed. I'm here to have fun."

Dayne leads Sullivan nominees

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne and Georgia's basketball twins Kelly and Coco Miller are among the finalists for the Sullivan Award to be presented Thursday night.

Dayne, who led Wisconsin (10-2) to the Big Ten Conference title and a Rose

Bowl victory over Stanford, ran for 1,834 yards and 19 touchdowns in 1999. The 5-foot-10, 252-pound tailback from Berlin, N.J., is major college football's career leading rusher with 6,397 yards.

The Miller twins, from Rochester, Minn., led the Lady Bulldogs to the NCAA women's Final Four in 1998-99, and helped them reach

the final eight this season. Both are junior guards, with Kelly Miller earning Southeastern Conference player of the year honors. Kelly led Georgia (32-4) with 15.4 points per game; Coco was next at 15.3 per game.

The other finalists are wrestler Stephen Neal of Cal State-Bakersfield; softball player Stacey Nuveman of UCLA; and diver Mark Ruiz.

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terback. He began last season as a fourth string tight end and quarterback but after Eric Chappell was dismissed from the team, only two scholarship quarterbacks remained. Godsey was thrust into the role of third quarterback behind Jarious Jackson and Arnaz Battle.

He may have not seen any playing time but Godsey believes his freshman year was beneficial to his growth as a quarterback.

"Last year was a learning experience," Godsey said. "It helped me out watching Jarious and Arnaz. A lot of

being a quarterback is mental and by watching how they handled themselves on and off the field was beneficial."

In the off-season, Godsey and the rest of the Irish worked out with strength coach Mickey Marotti. He lost 15 pounds, trimming down to 240 pounds to get ready for the spring.

"I got quicker and faster for this offense," Godsey said. "It's

hard to tell after the first few days but I think I'm doing pretty well."

Godsey also spoke with his brother George, who is expected to start for Georgia Tech next fall. The Godsey brothers are in similar positions, with both of their teams

"Last year was a learning experience. It helped me out watching Jarious and Arnaz. A lot of being a quarterback is mental."

Gary Godsey
Irish quarterback

looking for replacement at quarterback following the graduation of Jackson and Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton.

"We talk a lot now," Godsey said. "At first I didn't have an understanding but now I do. We run pretty similar offenses so it's fun talking with him."

As of now, Godsey and Battle are vying for the starting spot. But come August, four freshman quarterbacks will add some competition to the mix. There is still a good chance that Godsey may be switched again to tight end.

But for the spring, at least, Godsey will be wearing the red jersey assigned to the quarterbacks.

"Coach Davie said I'm going at it [quarterback] 100 percent," Godsey said.

The culmination of Godsey's freshman season comes April 29 when he'll compete in the Blue-Gold game.

In just 2-1/2 years he's gone from never playing the position to possibly being the starting quarterback at Notre Dame.

"This is what I wanted," Godsey said. "It's always been my dream."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Junior Maura Doyle takes part in a contest last season. Doyle and Notre Dame fell to Georgetown 14-4 Wednesday.

Hoyas start strong, down Irish 14-4

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Georgetown Hoyas came out fast and never slowed down, defeating the Irish 14-4 in women's lacrosse action Wednesday. The Irish fall to 3-5 with their fifth loss in a row, while the home team improves to 7-2 on the season.

The Hoyas scored five unanswered goals in the first half and then continued their aggressive play with streaks of four and five goals in the second half. Freshman attacker Angela Dixon was the first and only Irish player to get past Hoyas goalie Bowen Holden in the first half. Dixon's goal, off an assist by her classmate, midfielder Danielle Shearer, brought the score to 5-1 at the half.

In the second half, the Irish fared better, allowing only four goals before answering


with two of their own. Irish sophomore Alissa Moser scored off an assist by Dixon two minutes into the half. Dixon scored for a second time just 20 seconds later to bring the score to 9-3.

Georgetown went on its final scoring run after Dixon's second goal, a run stopped when Irish tri-captain Kathryn Perrella scored with 17 seconds left in the game.

Dixon came off the bench to lead the Irish with two goals and one assist. Junior All-American midfielder Sheehan Stanwick tallied a game-high four goals and added an assist to lead the Hoyas over the Irish.

Irish goalie Tara Durkin made 19 saves while Holden finished the game with eight. The Irish were outshot 41-27 and won seven draws to 13 for the Hoyas.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Singles play assures Notre Dame victory over Purdue

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

On paper it looked like a mismatch. On the court it was.

The 14th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team continued its impressive play on Wednesday with a 9-0 victory over the Purdue Boilermakers.

The only thing that made the afternoon somewhat difficult for the Irish was the West Lafayette weather. Playing in their first outdoor match of the season, Notre Dame was forced to brave unseasonably cold temperatures and brutal winds as it attempted to pound Purdue.

"It was really freezing out there," sophomore Becky Varnum said. "Our coaches pulled us aside though and told us not to worry about it and just go out and play our games."

The weather, evidently, was not much of a factor. For the Irish, the match went exactly according to plan. Junior Michelle Dasso was tested, just as she thought she would be. In her No. 1 singles match against Purdue's Jennifer Embry, the Irish junior won a close one in three sets. From there, Notre Dame put it on cruise control as they raced home to their 16th win of the season against just five defeats.

Varnum whipped Shannon Taheny in No. 2 singles, while

Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green and Katie Cunha all netted impressive victories.

"We started strong up top, and just played strong right on through," Varnum said.

With winds whipping all over the outdoor courts, the Irish breezed through doubles play as well.

Though the match was already clinched heading into pairs play, the Irish used the possibility that they might improve in doubles as motivation to keep fighting.

Dasso and Varnum notched an impressive upset victory over Purdue's 20th-ranked doubles tandem of Embry and Taheny by a score of 8-2. The couplings of Green and Zalinski and Cunha and Vaughan also played well in gaining easy decisions.

The Dasso-Varnum effort was significant in that it demonstrated Notre Dame doubles' reloading efforts. After some sizzling early season doubles play, the Irish had fallen off lately when facing quality opponents in the pairs format. The Dasso-Varnum win indicates that the Irish may have recaptured their early season form.

The win over Purdue was crucial, for it allows Notre Dame to enter its much anticipated match against national power William and Mary with momentum.

On paper, that match is shaping up to be as close as they come.



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

Sophomore Becky Varnum played strong against Purdue's No. 2 singles player Shannon Taheny in Wednesday's victory. The 14th-ranked Irish need the talent of both Varnum and No. 1 singles player Michelle Dasso to challenge William and Mary Sunday.

This Sunday, april 9, at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. At this Liturgy, Candidates for Full Communion (those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination or were baptized Catholic and have received no other Sacraments) will complete their Initiation by receiving he Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Candidates have been participating in the RCIA process since September. Please help us welcome them into our Catholic community!

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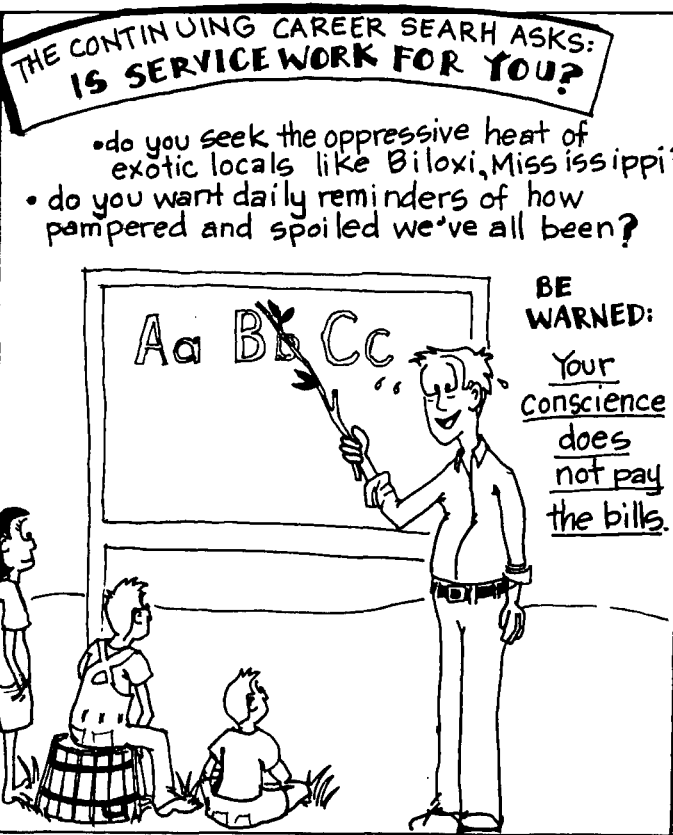
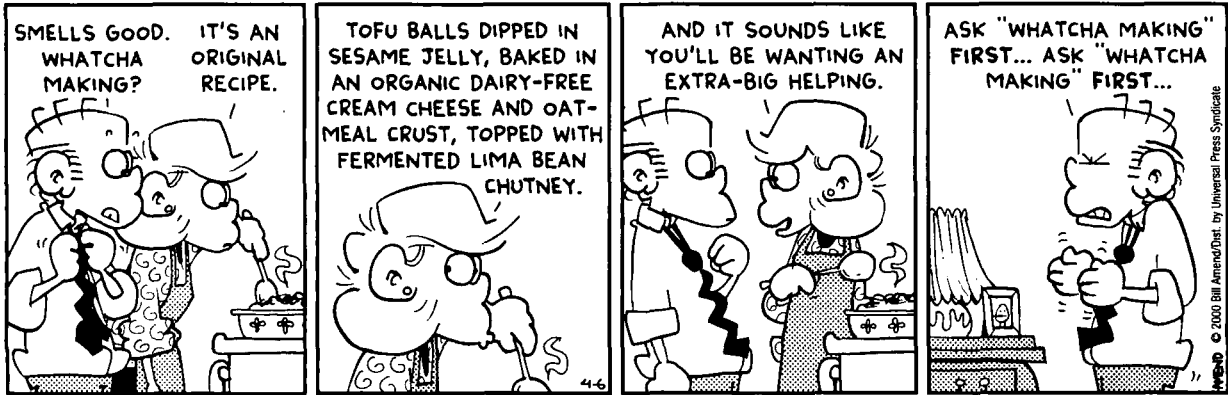
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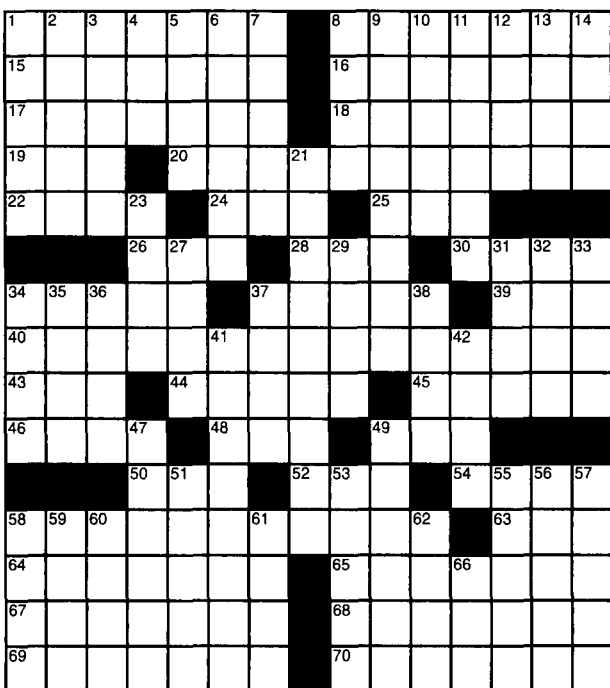
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Den denizen
 - 8 Littermates
 - 15 "Look Back in Anger" playwright
 - 16 Asleep at the switch
 - 17 Toothpaste tube direction
 - 18 Classic exile site
 - 19 Kayoed
 - 20 Kind of tax
 - 22 Dovetail
 - 24 "___ Love You"
 - 25 Chilled drink
 - 26 It delivers the goods
 - 28 Place for court battles?
 - 30 Make permanent
 - 34 Three-time Oscar-winning director
 - 37 Leading
 - 39 "I know what you're up to!"
 - 40 Former name of Belize
 - 43 High rollers?
 - 44 Plant twice
 - 45 In escrow
 - 46 Traipse
 - 48 Prune
 - 49 ___ Accord (1998 peace agreement)
 - 50 Cartoon utterance
 - 52 Nashville-to-Chattanooga dir.
 - 54 Flatboat
 - 58 Thrifty traveler's stop
 - 63 Toothpaste box letters
 - 64 Pest
 - 65 Red Skelton catchphrase
 - 67 Fake
 - 68 Running a temperature
 - 69 In a coarse manner
 - 70 Supermarket section
- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of buddy
 - 2 Suffix with Roman or arab
 - 3 Is adjacent to
 - 4 Preschoolers?
 - 5 Work party
 - 6 Releases a fly?
 - 7 Borscht basics
 - 8 Midwife's exhortation
 - 9 Local personality?
 - 10 Poet Neruda
 - 11 Security
 - 12 Yesterday, in Italy
 - 13 ___ go brag
 - 14 Certain partygoer
 - 21 1959 Academy Award song
 - 23 Offended
 - 27 One and one
 - 29 "Ouch!"
 - 31 Topological shapes
 - 32 Its capital is N'Djamena
 - 33 57-Down carrier
 - 34 Semi conductor?
 - 35 Alice's chronicler

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DECAL RELO AWS
DELUDE ATOM DIM
OCELOT SHOETREE
FLATBUSH GEENA
FAN EPA SCANNER
EROS PATH DARE
DERATS SEEP LSD
CHICKWEED
DID ERIE PRESET
IFAT ENDS THRO
COMRADE TAO EOS
KRAIT EELGRASS
EGGPLANT FLUTIE
NEE AREA RESHOD
STS SEWS ESSEN



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 36 Galileo's birthplace
- 37 Mock phrase of insight
- 38 "Saving Private Ryan" depiction
- 41 Be one's own doctor
- 42 Aspirin has several
- 47 Tools (along)
- 49 Hoer
- 51 "Indeed!"
- 53 Blotto
- 55 Spanish seaport
- 56 "Swan Lake" role
- 57 Puzzle's theme (shown in 20-, 40-, 58-Across and 21-Down)
- 58 Bright side?
- 59 ___ about
- 60 "Render therefore ___ Caesar ..."
- 61 Site south of Paris
- 62 Ring setting?
- 66 Bauxite, e.g.

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Marilu Henner, Dianne Brill, Candace Cameron, Merle Haggard, Michelle Phillips, Ari Meyers

Happy Birthday: You'll gain respect from individuals who can add to your success. You will be willing to fight for your beliefs and stand up for anyone that you feel is worthy of your help. You can make things happen this year if you are relentless in your pursuits, refusing to admit defeat along the way. Your numbers: 10, 16, 22, 34, 38, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be a little on edge. A temper tantrum will not help you sort through the dilemma. You must not let your personal life interfere with your work, or you will be out there looking for a new job. ☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This will not be the day to deal with authority figures, red tape, traffic violations or anything like that. It is best to spend the day with someone you love. Don't worry about what others think. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't trust others when it comes to money ventures. It is best to take care of your own investments. Minor health problems will surface if you have not been taking care of yourself. ☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will get support from your close friends, but your emotional partner will be extremely hard to deal with today. Try not to get on his or her case, as you will only make matters worse. ☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This will not be the day to hang out with peers or relatives. They will not be sympathetic to your needs or concerns. It is best to take on a creative hobby that will bring you satisfaction. ☺☺

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is not the day to get involved in risky financial schemes. Problems with skin, bones and teeth are evident. Take care of such problems at the first signs of discomfort. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something special for yourself. Travel and educational pursuits will help you alleviate the stress you have been under. You need new friends and interests to occupy your time. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Confusion and preoccupation will lead to saying things you shouldn't and carelessness. Keep your car maintenance up to date if you want to keep your car running smoothly. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to read between the lines if you plan on signing contracts today. You will not be in a good position if you are talked into putting too much cash into an investment. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Criticism will set you off. You are having a hard time emotionally and don't need someone nagging at you. Don't let your job suffer because of your personal life. ☺☺☺☺

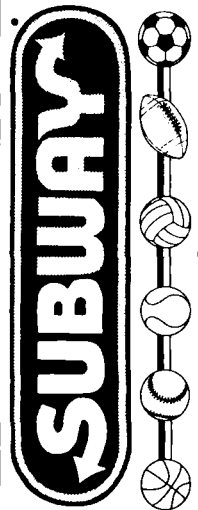
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends and relatives will try to lean on you today. Don't be too accommodating, or you won't accomplish anything else. Someone will give you false information. Do your own research. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can do things with children today; however, be sure to take a little time out for yourself. Your creative talent could make you extra cash. Look into getting your goods out in the marketplace. ☺☺☺☺

Birthday Baby: You will focus on looking the best that you can. You will accomplish more in harmonious surroundings, so you try to keep the peace at all times. You are intent on making the world a better place. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

THIS WEEK

TODAY! vs. IUPUI 5:00pm

Sat. April 8 vs. Boston College (2) noon

Sun. April 9 vs. Boston College noon

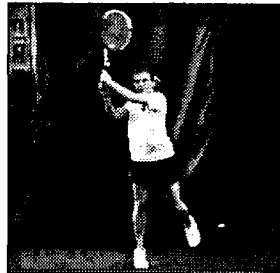
NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

Saturday vs. Rutgers

10:00 am

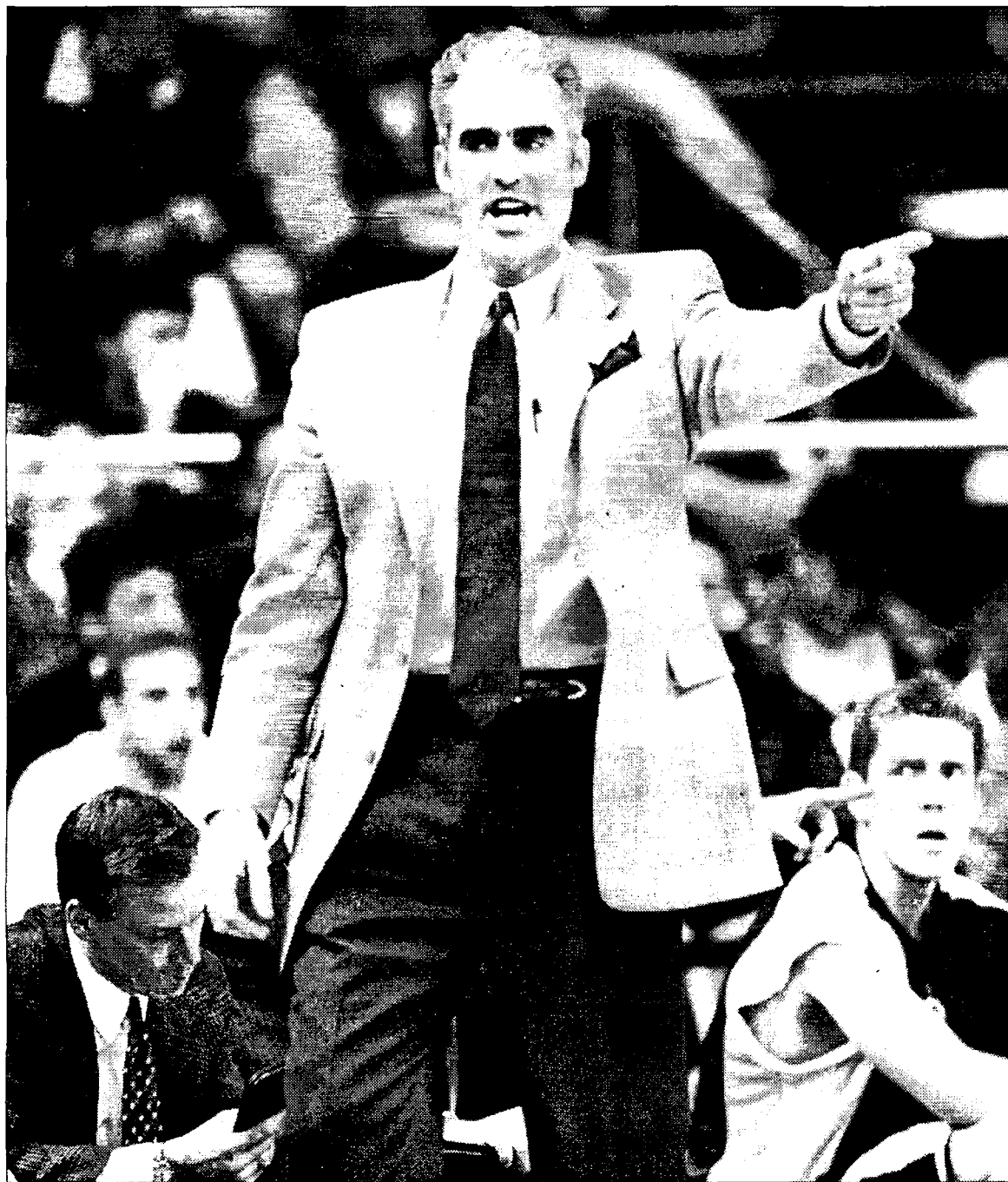
Sunday vs. Villanova

11:00am



BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Coach Doherty suits up to lead Shocker squad



After leading his team to the NIT Championship game, Matt Doherty will once again take part in the Bookstore basketball tournament, playing for a squad called Shocker.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

All season long, men's basketball coach Matt Doherty strove to get the student body excited about his team, and he succeeded. Now students are returning the favor, calling on Doherty to take part in the most popular student basketball tradition on campus, Bookstore Basketball.

Doherty, a collegiate star at North Carolina in the early 1980s, readily agreed to participate. In fact, playing Bookstore Basketball was one of the first things he did after accepting the head coaching position a year ago.

"I want to compete with the students, and have fun with the student body," Doherty said.

In 1999, Doherty played on "Lebo's Legends", a squad named after former Tarheels player Jeff Lebo. That team bowed out in the tournament's early rounds, but Doherty hopes his second try will fare better.

This time around, Doherty and his assistant coaches, who are also playing in the tournament, left the team assignments up to the Bookstore Basketball commissioners. Doherty went to the first team to ask for his services, a freshman-dominated squad called Shocker.

"I needed a big guy, and he's 6-foot-8," sophomore captain John Moravek said. "So I called him and asked him."

Since Doherty will miss some games due to his travels for recruiting, Moravek signed on four freshmen to fill out the roster: Nick Alfermann, Phil Brennan, Brandon Oliver and Kyle Fager. They haven't all

had an opportunity to practice together because of Doherty's travel schedule, but Moravek predicts good things from their 29th-ranked squad.

"I think we have a good chance of making it to the round of 32," Moravek said. "Our strength is definitely our shooting, so hopefully we'll be able to knock down some shots."

As a sophomore at North Carolina, Doherty helped lead his school to the 1982 NCAA Championship. Of course, he had a little assistance from one of the best basketball players of all time — former Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan. Looking back, Doherty jokes that his main weakness as a college player was giving Jordan the ball too frequently.

"I passed the ball too much in college," Doherty said. "I think it's time to make up for that."

With that in mind, the 38-year-old coach set down a half-serious ultimatum for the other guys on his Bookstore team Shocker.

"They better be able to pass the ball and set a lot of screens to get me open," Doherty said.

No matter how much time Doherty spent around basketball this year in coaching the Irish to a 22-15 record, there's only so much a person can do when he's sitting on the bench. That's why he's looking for a return to the more active days of his Division I career. At North Carolina, he became just the second player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to tally 1,000 points, 400 rebounds and 400 assists in his career as a forward.

After 16 years out of college,

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FOOTBALL

Godsey chases dream of leading Irish offense

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

His father was an offensive guard at Alabama under legendary coach Bear Bryant; his brother Greg played at Air Force and another brother George is currently a quarterback at Georgia Tech. Coming out of high school, he was heavily recruited by Tennessee, Purdue and Ohio State.

But when making his college decision, instead of being



Godsey

swayed by any outside influences, Gary Godsey followed his heart.

"I grew up my whole life dreaming of going to Notre Dame to play football," Godsey said. "When you're getting recruited it's unbelievable because all these schools want you. Tennessee's stadium was unreal; Ohio State's facilities are amazing; but when I came here everything was what I dreamed it to be."

Now, a year after committing to the Irish, Godsey is competing for the most prestigious position in college football: quarterback at Notre Dame.

Not bad for someone who just started playing the position two and a half years ago.

It was six games into his junior sea-

son at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla., in the fall of 1997, when Godsey switched to quarterback. He had been a starter at tight end, defensive end, center and long snapper at Jesuit. But Godsey had never taken snaps under center.

"He [the coach] thought I had a good arm and good mechanics so he put me back there [at quarterback]," Godsey said. "Everything worked out."

Forgive the humble Godsey for the understatement. He quickly adapted to the new position, leading Jesuit to the league championship as a junior. Then, as a senior, in his first full year as a starter, Godsey passed for over 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns while throwing only four interceptions.

Despite his success at quarterback, most schools, including Notre Dame were more interested in Godsey as a tight end or defensive end. Some coaches saw his size (6-foot-7 and 240 pounds) as a hindrance for a future at quarterback. Godsey received interest from passing teams like Tennessee and Purdue but when he chose Notre Dame, he knew the Irish coaching staff viewed him as a tight end.

But when the Irish were spurned on signing day a year ago by C.J. Leak, who decided to attend Wake Forest, there was a void at quarterback. Godsey talked to the coaching staff, asking if he could get a shot at quar-

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE



Softball
at Purdue
Today, 1 p.m.



Men's Golf
at Marshall Invitational
Friday-Sunday



Softball
vs. Kalamazoo
Saturday, 1 p.m.



at Connecticut
Saturday, 1 p.m.



Women's Rowing
Indiana Championships
at West Lafayette, Ind.
Saturday