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Finnigan's bust nets some students \$100 fines

♦ **ND ResLife hands out punishment to minors cited in Oct. 13 bar raid**

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Several students cited in the Oct. 13 raid of Finnigan's Irish Pub received a \$100 fine shortly after returning from Thanksgiving break, according to students who were in the bar when it was raided by the Indiana State Excise Police.

The students reported that they and their parents received letters from the Office of Residence Life stating that the fines would be charged directly to

their student accounts.

"The University expects that all its students will act responsibly in their off-campus social conduct so as to reflect favorably upon themselves and the University community," read letters received by two students from director of Residence Life Jeff Shoup. "Conduct which results in your arrest is clearly below the standard of off-campus conduct the University expects of its students."

"As a result of your involvement in this situation, a [\$100] fine will be assessed to your student account."

One student who was received a letter felt that charging student accounts was an inappropriate way to collect the fine.

"If they want to hold students responsible, make the students pay it."

I know I did something wrong," she said. "My parents were really angry because they had to pay for my mistake, and that just perpetuates this irresponsibility."

Shoup said that both the parent and students names appear on student accounts bills. Students may also pay fines by cash or check in the Residence Life office.

Shoup said that fines are one means used by his office to sanction students found to have violated duLac. Other possible punishments could include community service or an alcohol

assessment.

"There's a range of sanctions ... for violations that range from a verbal warning to a permanent dismissal," he said.

In choosing which sanction to enforce, the office considers past cases involving similar situation and consults duLac for specific disciplinary guidelines.

Shoup declined to speak specifically about the Finnigan's cases and assistant vice president for Residence Life Bill Kirk said that he

"Conduct which results in your arrest is clearly below the standard of off-campus conduct the University expects of its students."

Residence Life letter

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Going the distance for a child

SMC professors look overseas to fulfill their adoption needs

By JESSICA NEEDLES
News Writer

For many couples, adoption offers a chance to begin a family. Several Saint Mary's professors have made additions to their lives via other countries, adopting children from overseas.

Marc Belanger of the political science department is one such professor. In the fall of 1993 he traveled to Guatemala for the adoption of his son, who is now 8-years-old. Though not looking for any particular ethnicity or gender, Belanger leaned towards Guatemala because his wife and he share knowledge of that part of the world.

"At the time we had traveled to Latin America a lot, so we had some understanding of the culture and history of where the child was from, as well as the issues," Belanger said.

According to Belanger, it is important for a child to know himself while developing, questioning their identity. Therefore it was necessary to Belanger that he be prepared to answer his child's questions.

Living in Massachusetts at the time of the adoption, Belanger was aware of a yearly conference with panels on international adoption. Applying to two specific international adoption agencies, Belanger and his wife arranged for a social worker to do a mandatory home study that determines if the person wishing to adopt is fit to be a parent by demonstrating emotional and financial stability.

"In terms of adopting, we wanted to be parents and that was the only way we could be," Belanger said.

Mary Ann Traxler, a professor in the Education department, has had more than a little experience with the processes of adoption as well. Traxler has four children whom she has adopted from Korea. Her oldest son, Nikolas, now 15, was brought home at age 3 months. Elizabeth, now 12,

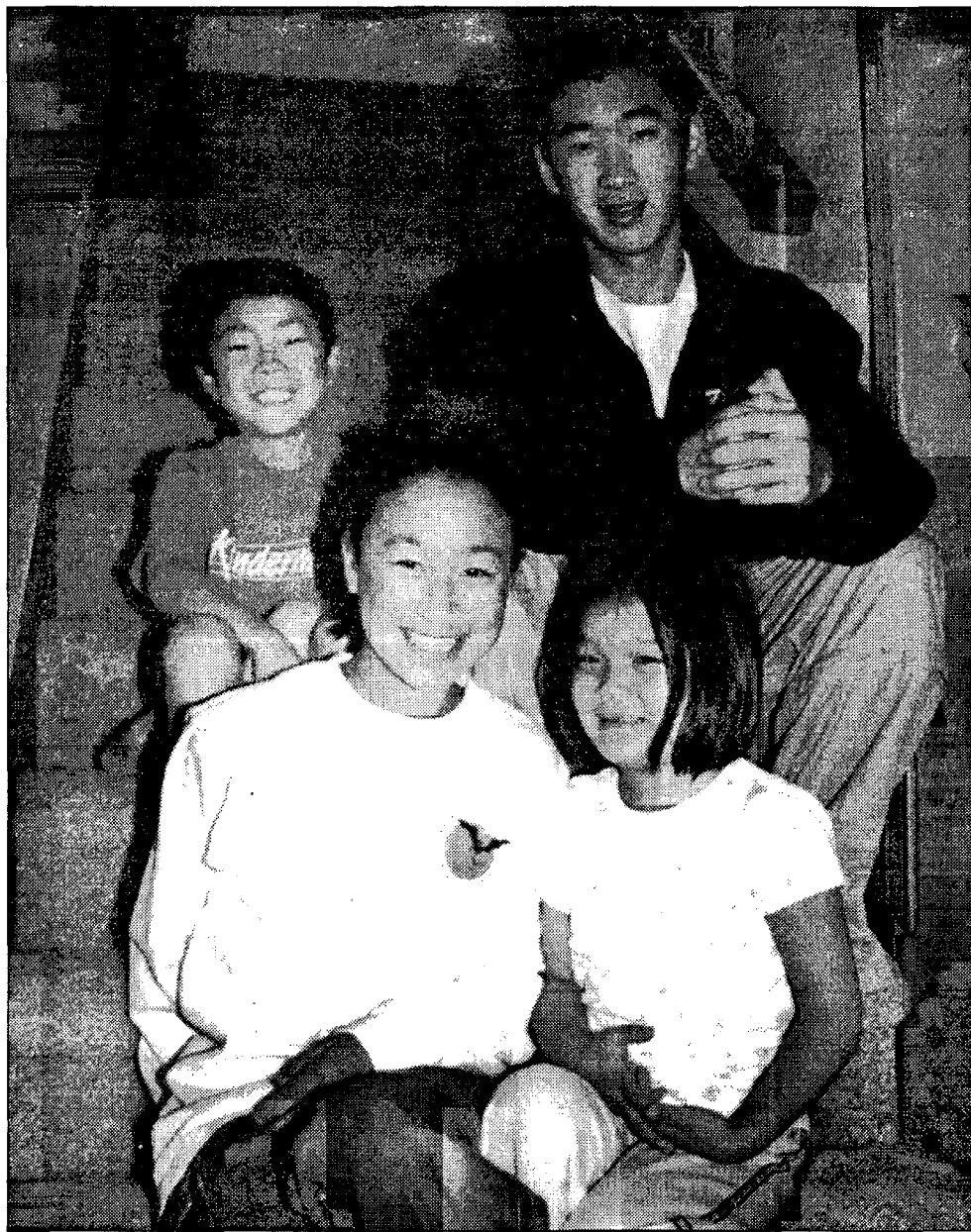


Photo courtesy of Curt and Mary Ann Traxler

Adopting four Korean children "just sort of happened" for Saint Mary's education professor Mary Ann Traxler and her husband Curt. Pictured clockwise are the couple's four children: Nikolas, 15, Emily, 5, Elizabeth, 12, and Alex, 10.

was brought home at 3 1/2 months and 2 weeks. Traxler's son Alex, now 10, was brought home speaking fluent Korean at the age 3. Finally, the youngest, turning 6 in December, is Emily, who was brought to

the U.S. at age 9 months.

Like Belanger, Traxler was not looking for a specific ethnicity.

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STUDENT SENATE

O'Donoghue gives union address

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue told the senate Wednesday night that the Student Union is "stronger than it has ever been." In his State of the Student Union address, O'Donoghue noted the highlights of his term since he took office April.



O'Donoghue

"We have seen the rise of the Rector's Fund, the beginnings of the Greatness Grant and more access to the Board of Trustees than was dreamed possible four years ago," O'Donoghue said. "Events like Founder's Day were still unheard of and considered unaccomplishable."

O'Donoghue praised the staff of the office of the president, "whose names you never read in the newspaper or hear about."

O'Donoghue said his administration still has projects it wants to accomplish.

"There is still much to do and much more to dream," he said. "Issues of diversity and gender remain our most daunting opponents, but we believe."

O'Donoghue said the office is planning a community-mentoring program that will bring

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INSIDE COLUMN

PBS 2000

The familiar music, the little model trees, the sudden camera shot to the porch, and then to the inside of an unopened door. A jump back into the 60's. A step back into my childhood.

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day in the neighborhood, would you be mine? Would you be mine? I have always wanted to have a neighbor, just like you to come with me and live in the neighborhood. So, let's make the most of this beautiful day, since we are here we might as well say, 'Would you be mine, could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor? Hello Neighbor.'" Hello, Mr. Rogers.



Kelly Hager

Copy Editor

Immediately I was back into the routine. I guess Mr. Rogers never left. He never moved into a retired living community or updated the curtains in the house. He, along with his quirky habits, remained untouched by the outside world since I had left him, some 15 years ago.

I watched him walk to the closet, exchange his jacket for a button down sweater. I watched him take his tennis shoes off and walk to the bench. I watched him take off his loafers, exchange shoes and tie up the sneakers. In spite of my absence, the routine didn't change.

First, the jacket change, next the little talk on the bench, and then, the feeding of the fish. The memories continued. The timeless conversation between Mr. Rogers and the chimed bell voice of the Trolley. The Land of Make Believe. Lady Elaine Fairchild. King Friday. Mr. McFeeley.

Who can forget the picture that magically turned into a big television that would lead adventures to unknown territories? I remember my favorite place Picture Picture took us — the Crayola Crayon factory. I loved to watch the little crayons get labeled and packaged. How fun!

But, as soon as it had begun, he was putting away the toy tree and castle and walking past the fish through the doorway into the living room. I knew it was about to be over. And, almost instinctively, a mn, part of my brain turned on that obviously had not been used in quite a while.

"It's such a good feeling to know you're alive it's such a happy feeling, growing inside, and when you wake up ready to say, I'm going to make a snappy today. It's such a good feeling, a very good feeling. Know that I'll be back when the day is new, and I'll have more ideas for you. And, you'll have things you will want to talk about, I will too."

I admit, I sang loudly enough to bring onlookers. But, they didn't stare — they sang along. The singing led to an hour-long discussion of our Mr. Rogers memories and the related stories of our childhood. It was really funny. I was not alone. And better yet, I wasn't the only person who remembered all the words to the song.

Later that evening, I called my mom. She laughed and commented; "I'm not surprised; you always loved him." Mom also informed me of the Crayola Factory, and how I was still on the waiting list to take the tour. But, Mom was also the bringer of bad news. There would be no more new adventures in Make-Believe, no more speedy deliveries to the Roger house. However, luckily, the deliveries will continue in the form of reruns for many years to come.

For Mr. Rogers — 33 years and more than 1,000 episodes. For me, a lifetime of mesmerizing priceless entertainment. So long, neighbor.

The neighborhood won't be the same without you.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Acoustic Cafe: 9 p.m., LaFortune	◆ Concert: "A Christmas Vision," Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium	◆ Asian Allure: 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ Bus Trip: Trip to Michigan City outlet mall, tickets available at LaFortune for \$2, bus leave at 9:45 a.m. return at 5 p.m., Library Circle
◆ Event: "Experience the Extraordinary," with Craig Karges, 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium	◆ Billiards: Tournament, sign-up 7:45, play begins at 8:30 p.m., LaFortune	◆ Play: Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," 7:30 p.m., Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies	◆ Advent Lessons and Carol: 7:15 p.m., Basilica

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

University of Washington TAs to strike Monday

SEATTLE After nearly two years without recognition by the University of Washington administration, the Graduate Student Employee Action Coalition (GSEAC) plans to strike next Monday, if the administration does not voluntarily recognize the TA union by the end of this week-end.

"We're giving [McCormick] a deadline of Sunday," said Melissa Meade, GSEAC organizing committee member. "If [McCormick] voluntarily recognizes the union, the strike can be overed."

Without voluntary recognition by the administration, UW teachers' assistants will turn in all their materials and will forgo their duties, beginning Monday morning, Meade

"There's no reason why [the administration] can't recognize us. It's the right thing to do."

Melissa Meade
GSEAC committee member

said. "We'll be picketing all over campus," Meade said.

"There's no reason why [the administration] can't recognize us," Meade said. "It's the right thing to do. We've made our choice and we're asking McCormick to honor that choice. One thousand TAs want collective bargaining."

Despite potential effects of the strike, president Richard McCormick reiterated that the university would not officially recognize GSEAC without legislation that defines TAs as employees and enables them to engage in collective bargaining with the Board of Regents.

There are three main reasons for not moving forward without a legislative framework, McCormick said. Most significantly, it is illegal for the University to enter into a collective bargaining agreement without the benefit of a law, McCormick said. Secondly, a legal framework would be a mutual benefit for both entities, he added. He also said that there are 33 unions representing different factions of University employees, which are set up through legislation.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Students seize campus building

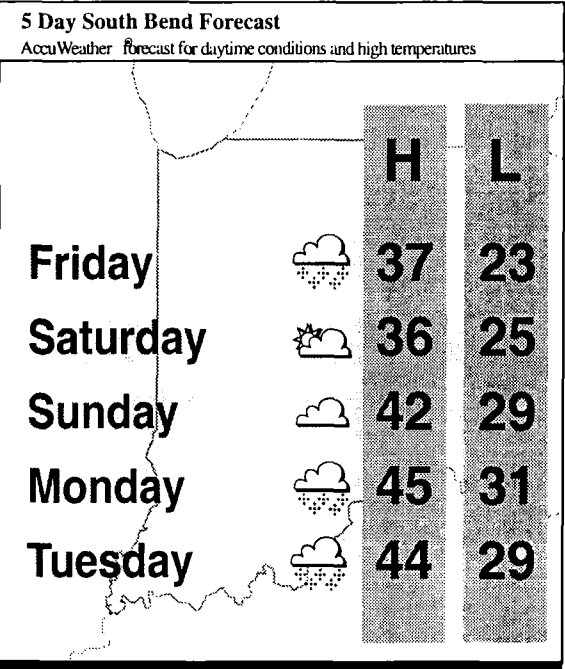
Twenty-five Tufts University students barricaded themselves inside a key campus administrative building Tuesday, vowing to stay until the university's president strengthens a non-discrimination policy. As of early Wednesday morning, 16 protesters were occupying Bendetson Hall, which is in the center of campus, despite threats of arrest from police. The students came prepared with enough food and water to last through the week. They entered the building around 9 a.m., according to witnesses, and gave Tufts staffers a type-written note explaining the reasons for the sit-in. They also gave displaced staff members a batch of home-made cookies. Their letter demands that university president John DiBiaggio clarify and strengthen the school's nondiscrimination policy. The takeover is the latest episode in a yearlong debate over whether a bisexual student was unfairly denied a leadership role in the Tufts Christian Fellowship (TCF).

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

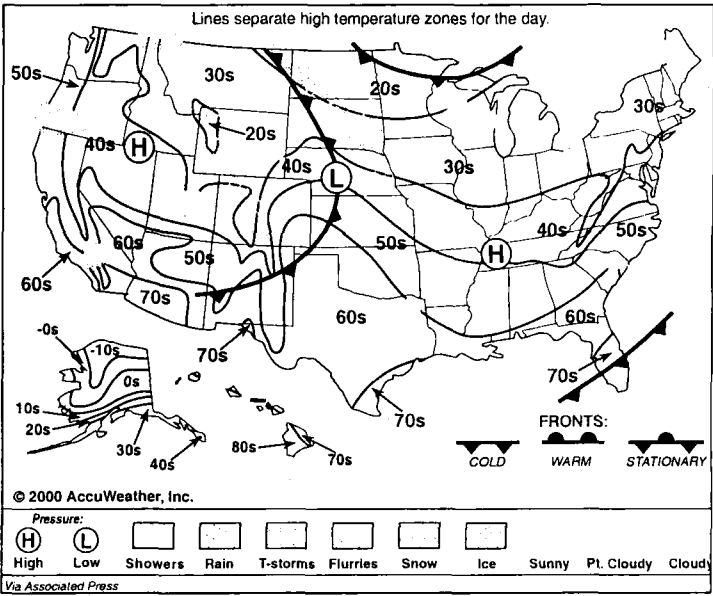
Netanyahu calls off speech

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu canceled his speaking engagement at a Berkeley theater Tuesday night after a crowd of angry anti-Israel protesters stormed the theater's gates. Netanyahu was scheduled to address audiences at the Berkeley Community Theatre as part of a speaker series, but the Berkeley Police Department advised him to cancel the event because of the hundreds of protesters. The crowd, while non-violent, pushed forward as soon as ticket-holders began to line up outside of a square-shaped barricade designed to keep those without tickets at bay. "If you have tickets, go to hell," screamed some of the protesters as community members lined up to enter the theater. Hostilities climaxed when event officials began escorting ticket-holders — one at a time — through the barricaded area and into the theater. Fifteen to 20 people were already inside the theater when Barbara Lubin, director of the Middle East Children's Alliance, and two other women single-handedly broke the barricade.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



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Priests discuss chaplains in military

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

One Wednesday evening almost 10 years ago, Father Bill Dorwart went for a walk along the flight deck of the aircraft carrier where he served.

It was a calm and peaceful evening, eerily so, and the usually talkative aircraft mechanics moved silently among their planes, which sat on the runway, engines off, wings folded.

As the orange sun set down into the Persian Gulf that evening, Dorwart watched three young sailors fasten a bomb to the wing of one of those quiet planes. Before morning came, that bomb would be dropped on Iraq in one of the first sorties of the Gulf War. Dorwart knew this, and he said a prayer.

Dorwart served as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy from 1985 until 1991. Wednesday night he talked about his experiences, and shared his reflections on being a chaplain during the Gulf War, when he was one of three clergy members for 5,000 servicemen on a carrier in the Gulf.

Father Tom Doyle, a chaplain for Notre Dame's ROTC program, also spoke, and the

two discussed the call to minister for the military.

They focused on the importance of pastoral care of young soldiers, of being there for them to talk to, and of being a messenger of Christ among them.

"I think it's important to tend to the hearts of these people who will have a lot of responsibility," Doyle told the audience, a mix of Pax Christi members, ROTC students, seminarians and others at the Center for Social Concerns. "People who are good people, made in the image and likeness of God."

Doyle also discussed the role of a chaplain in the ROTC program. He meets individually with Notre Dame freshmen who are training to be officers, to discuss why they are in the program and what they hope to gain. He and the other three ROTC chaplains also make themselves available to students who have questions about their faith and the military, and who seek guidance.

Dorwart, who had served in the Navy before entering the priesthood, said that he had wrestled with moral questions as a Catholic chaplain during the war. He is personally a pacifist, but said that the call to care for the men fighting, and struggling with the ramifications of that fighting, overrode any anti-war sentiments which might have led him elsewhere.

"I did find myself on occasion wondering whether I should be there, because of the kind of war it was," Dorwart said. "But in the bottom line, it came down to pastoral care of the people there."

"I couldn't abandon those sailors and say 'I'm outta here because I don't believe in what you're doing.'"

The talk was sponsored by Pax Christi - Notre Dame, as part of their ongoing series of dialogues about military service titled "A Way to Peace, or Peace is the Way?" The group will have more dialogues in the spring semester.

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Father Tom Doyle
ROTC chaplain

Ombudsperson acts as adviser at ND

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Notre Dame can seem pristine and magical when first stepping on campus. But the administrative policies deter some members of the Notre Dame family — faculty, staff and students who are facing discrimination. From sexual orientation to gender and race discrimination, University Ombudsperson Kevin Misiewicz hears the complaints.

As an ombudsperson, "I help the person with clarifying their situation and getting a better grasp of their options," said Misiewicz, who is also an associate professor of accountancy.

When faculty, students or staff have a question about their options, they can go to Misiewicz.

However, this non-paid administrative position gives him no authority in administrative change. He likes to refer to himself as a

facilitator usually helping people see their options.

The ombudsperson position was established six years ago when the University was revising its stance with homosexuality.

"The idea was to come up with somebody that people could come to and talk to confidentially," he said. "And [to serve] as an objective source of information for clarification."

Businesses and corporations usually have an ombudsperson, but they generally have more authority to intervene in situations than Misiewicz has at Notre Dame, he said.

In the first year, he worked with 15 faculty, staff and students in their individual cases. A third of these cases dealt with serious experiences

with discrimination, he said. Some people felt discriminated because of their disabilities. Others did not think they were being treated fairly because of their race, gender or sexual orientation.

Most of his cases come from staff members because students and faculty use other outlets.

"Students are more comfortable going to their rector," he said. "If you live in a dorm, you go to the rector. If you live off campus, you tend to go to the Office of Residence Life."

Misiewicz has received a positive reaction from the administration.

"The administrative people were sincerely interested in

the interests of the person subjected to discriminatory harassment. But this does not mean that things always got resolved," he added.

As the third person to hold this position,

University president Father Edward Malloy appointed Misiewicz to the position 2 1/2 years ago.

All three professors had already received tenure when appointed ombudsperson and also have large families. As a tenure faculty, "Unlike anyone else, we are much more secure in our positions," he said. "It's easier for us to ask some tough questions. And we are also more firmly rooted here."

Though he and Malloy have never physically met, Misiewicz is still in the process of sending the University president an overview of his first year as ombudsperson.

"I need to send something to Malloy showing him my first-year experience to make him aware of several things to changes to make in administrative rules, to make the University better," he said. "But that's between me and him."

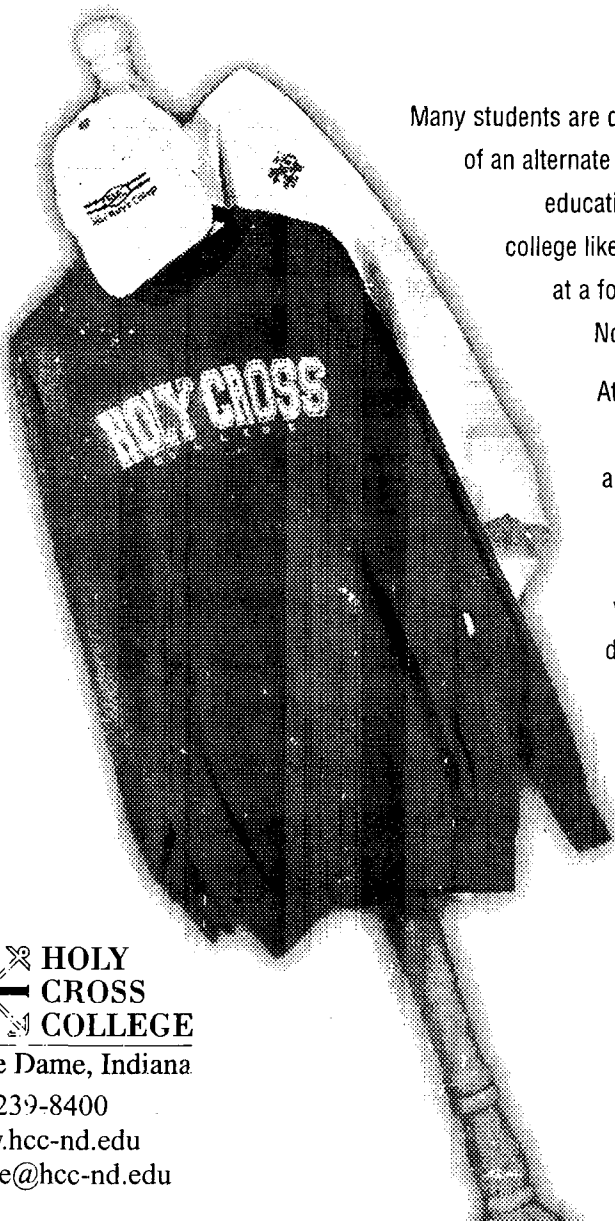
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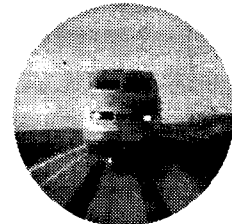
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Adoption

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"It just sort of happened," Traxler explained.

Traxler and her husband used the international adoption agency Bethany, with its headquarters close in Indianapolis. Bethany worked with HOLT, an adoption agency in Korea. Both are reputable and well organized.

"Everything went as expected," Traxler said. "It just seemed like the right choice."

Traxler and her husband started looking into local adoption agencies 16 years ago, but were unhappy with the long 3-to-5-year wait that accompanies adopting in this country. She also would have needed to take a mandatory six months of from work, forcing her to quit her job.

"When we came up with no real possibilities here locally, I discovered Bethany," Traxler said.

With adopting, for Traxler "The most important thing was having a family ... it's just the most wonderful thing I've ever done in my whole life."

Janice Pilarski, Program Coordinator in the department of justice, also adopted a child internationally. She recently brought home a little girl, now 12 months old, from China.

Although open to adopting a child of any ethnicity or gender, Pilarski and her husband decided on China for different reasons, mainly because of China's one child policy.

This policy, which allows Chinese couples only one child, is a population control measure mandated by the government. Since there is a bias towards having male children in China, there are many girls in need of homes.

Another reason concerned Pilarski's three biological sons. In some countries, adoption is limited based on the number of children one has. China, however, is a country open to having more children in the family. This, along with the country's restrictions on female children, led the Pilarski's to China.

"My husband and I felt strongly that we wanted to add a child to our lives at some point," Pilarski said. "When we looked into places available, we were

drawn to China because of the country's one-child policy."

When looking into adopting a child internationally, Pilarski's first resources were others who had been through the process.

"I had known some people who adopted internationally, so I knew the basics," Pilarski said.

Adopting from another country can involve a lot of work, from travel to having fingerprints taken. For this reason, people typically work with an agency to guide them through the process. There are some countries that will bring the adopted child to his or her new parents, while others, China included, involve one or more trips.

Since Pilarski and her husband have three other children, they were unable to travel together. Pilarski traveled to China in August, where she was able to see the country and better understand the culture and society her child is a part of.

"It was really a wonderful experience to soak up the culture and get a good understanding of the background she's from," Pilarski said. "It was an intense trip, but the people who were part of our adoption agency in China thought it was important for us to understand the culture."

During her stay in China, Pilarski visited the rural farming areas as well as cities. She found the people to be welcoming and gracious about the adoption.

"I came away with a great appreciation of China," Pilarski said. "The real treasure of the trip was encountering people in their everyday lives."

Many people believe an overseas adoption is more difficult than a domestic one, but those who have gone through an international adoption disagree. For instance, there is the issue of cost. In some instances adopting from overseas can be less expensive. The waiting period also tends to be shorter.

Information on international adoption is also more readily available than some know. The Adoption Network, Domestic and

International Inc. (ANDI) is located in Notre Dame, Ind. ANDI is a not-for-profit charitable organization that is licensed by the State of Indiana.

There is also the Association for the Rights of Children Adoption Support and Advocacy

Group, also located in South Bend. Last November, they held the Adoption Conference 2000 at Saint Mary's. The Adoption Conference provided an opportunity for those curious to go and learn more.

International adoption is not a

mystery. There is information available locally, throughout the country, and on the computer. It is also a rewarding experience, as Mary Ann Traxler can attest.

"It's wonderful," said Traxler. "[Adopting] was the best decision of my life."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Yemeni justice system questioned:

Suspects in the bombing of the USS Cole likely will not go on trial for four weeks, and when they do, attention will focus on Yemen's justice system — a system branded anything but just. The State Department, in its most recent review of Yemeni justice, described security forces torturing suspects to extract confessions, defendants denied lawyers and judges swayed by bribes or government pressure.

Japan firm to pay for war brutality:

For decades, a northern Japanese mining town where hundreds of Chinese died from beatings and torture has served as a potent symbol of Japan's brutality during its imperialist push through Asia. On Wednesday, a major construction company agreed to pay \$4.6 million to settle a lawsuit over wartime beatings at the Hanaoka labor camp — a step toward healing and a precedent that will be hard to ignore.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NBC will wait for poll closings: In the face of criticism from Capitol Hill, NBC became the third television network to promise not to project election-night winners in a state until all the state's polls are closed. NBC and Fox News Channel also said Wednesday they were questioning their participation in Voter News Service, a consortium that provides exit polling and election data to news organizations.

Customers seek FDA needle ban:

Consumer advocates petitioned the government Wednesday to ban four types of needles and other medical equipment whose sharp tips can accidentally stick health workers, possibly spreading deadly infections. The Food and Drug Administration has approved numerous safer alternatives to needles, syringes and other "sharps." Yet more dangerous versions continue to be sold, the Service Employees International Union and the consumer group Public Citizen said.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Klan, extremist groups seem small:

Law enforcement authorities watch about 25 Indiana groups with links to white supremacy organizations, but say those groups typically are small and disorganized. One group under scrutiny, the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan based in Butler, has few members despite being one of the most active KKK groups in the country and organizing dozens of rallies in several states. Lt. Steven King of the Indiana State Police said Wednesday during a hate crimes conference organized the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.



AFP Photo

Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore walks with his running mate Senator Joe Lieberman Wednesday at the White House.

Gore puts odds on chance of victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In morning-and-night TV interviews, Al Gore offered Wednesday the most lingering glimpse yet inside his thoughts about hanging in election limbo and being called a sore loser.

"The only people I've heard that from is from partisans on the other side, who called me far worse than that before the election."

The vice president, accelerating a public relations campaign as the legal wheels on his election challenge ground slowly

forward, gave himself "50-50" odds at winning and spoke on NBC's "Today" of what life is like suspended between victory and defeat.

He and his family were prepared to win Nov. 7 and "sort of prepared, if it didn't go the right way, to deal with that," Gore said.

"But not expecting to have neither outcome — that takes some getting used to."

Explaining his motives, the 16-year member of Congress and eight-year vice president told NBC: "I'm really in love with our democracy. That sounds corny, I know."

The interview, taped Tuesday night at his vice presidential residence at the Naval Observatory, kicked off a full-court press of media appearances on Wednesday. Gore gave a second interview to NBC for its nightly news and went on camera with anchors at ABC, CBS and CNN.

Running mate Joseph Lieberman made the Democrats' case on National Public Radio and CNN's "Larry King Live."

The pair also continued with the tentative business of sketching their could-be administration at a White House lunch and meetings.

Gore unexpectedly dropped by the Oval Office to see President Clinton — a chat that White House press secretary Jake Siewert described as "informal and private."

Gore and Lieberman met with transition director Roy Neel; campaign chairman William Daley; vice presidential chief of staff Charles Burson; Labor Secretary Alexis Herman; Kathleen McGinty, former head of the Council on Environmental Quality in the Clinton White House; and Leon Fuerth, Gore's national security adviser.

BRAZIL

Deported Herbert returns home

Associated Press

CAMPINAS

The unfamiliar faces smile at him on the subway. Total strangers flash him the thumbs-up sign and wish him good luck. People he's never met offer him a job.

For Joao Herbert, deported from the United States to a homeland he barely recalls, the warmth of Brazilians is a welcome surprise — and helps to ease the anger and hurt that won't go away.

"I have been very fortunate since my arrival. People have opened their doors and hearts to me in a way I could never have expected," he said.

But the 22-year-old also never expected to be here, a stranger in a strange land, stripped of his home and family, living on charity in a low-income district on the outskirts of this southeastern Brazilian city, 56 miles from Sao Paulo.

Adopted from a Sao Paulo orphanage 14 years ago by Nancy Saunders

and her former husband, James Herbert, he grew up in Wadsworth, Ohio, just another American kid. But there was a difference — his parents never asked for his naturalization.

Herbert was applying for U.S. citizenship when he was arrested in 1997 for selling 7.5 ounces of marijuana to an undercover police officer near Cleveland.

It was his first offense and he received probation, but he was labeled a serious criminal under the 1996 Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. Deportation was mandatory. He fought it for more than a year but finally gave up.

"Although I did not have a piece of paper saying I was a U.S. citizen, I felt like one," he said. "When I was a little boy going to school I had to pledge allegiance to the flag. That made me an American citizen. And I became a citizen in high school where I learned all about American history and passed all my tests on

the subject."

His voice rises at the memory of what he feels was unfair treatment.

"I got shafted," he said angrily. "The judge never asked me about myself or my family, or what my dreams were. She just looked at some official papers and threw the book at me."

Herbert arrived in Sao Paulo two weeks ago. He didn't know anyone, didn't speak the language, had no job or place to stay. He spent a week in a homeless shelter before he was taken in by Michael Miller, an American Baptist pastor working and living in Campinas.

Miller found a home for Herbert with Lidia and Donizete Tarifa, two of his 30 parishioners in the predominantly Roman Catholic district. He was given one of the three bedrooms over the couple's grocery store, a small concrete building with a red tile roof on a dirt road.

"He has been here only a week and all I can say is that he is like a son," said Mrs. Tarifa.

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Fines

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could not discuss the violations, citing student confidentiality.

Shoup did confirm that students guilty of violations are asked to suggest an appropriate sanction. The Office of Residence Life considers those suggestions, but may or may not implement them.

"We certainly consider whatever they write, but there is certainly a wide range of responses when you make that request," he said.

Students who commit the same offense may receive a different sanction based on the circumstances surround-

ing the violation, Shoup said. All six cited students contacted by The Observer reported receiving the \$100 fine.

The office does not handle the cases of student-athletes differently from those of non-athletes, said Shoup, and suspending athletes from competition is not an option among the sanctions available to Residence Life.

However, Residence Life may choose to place a student on probation, a punishment that forbids students from representing the University in any capacity, including varsity athletics.

So far none of the Irish athletes cited at Finnigans have been banned from competition.

Speech

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eighth graders to campus for a daylong seminar on life and leadership values.

The office is also planning the Blessing Unto Others Christian rock concert, whose proceeds will benefit

a Chilean orphanage. O'Donoghue closed by thanking the senate and urging them to continue their efforts.

"I believe in you and your abilities. I believe in all that we are and all that we can be," O'Donoghue said. "Thank for all you have done. Thank you for all that you have yet to do."

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Planners focus on SMC future

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's Strategic Planning Committee met with the Board of Governance (BOG) Wednesday evening. Committee member Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski informed BOG that the Planning Committee was formed in response to a request from President Marilou Eldred.

"President Eldred wanted people to take a close look at where Saint Mary's should be in five years," Kubinski said.

According to Kubinski, the committee reviewed several past documents to develop a plan incorporating all the issues and concerns from the documents.

Specific areas the committee will be addressing include

curriculum, student life, diversity, technology, marketing and communication. These areas each have boards and committee members.

Other areas of focus without specific committees include Catholic characteristics, facilities, enrollment, management and human resources. These areas each have a specific person that addresses concerns and contributes towards the issue.

The Planning Committee members are interested in input from the student community especially, according to Kubinski. This is unique to Saint Mary's because most institutions do not allow students to sit on committees.

"The faculty and staff received questionnaires and I encourage the students to visit the Web site to become informed about the plan and

give input and suggestions," Kubinski added.

The Web site is accessible at www.saintmarys.edu/~cpeltier/jcc.

A first draft of the plan is to be completed in January.

In other BOG news:

♦ BOG touched on the Study Day proposal. Surveys questioning the faculty's opinions regarding Study Days will be distributed to the faculty. The proposal will be further discussed next semester.

♦ BOG donated \$200 to the Keenan Revue Scholarship Fund. A mentalist and the winner of the "College Entertainer of the Year" award will be performing in Carroll Auditorium Thursday at 7 p.m. McCandless Hall's Winter Ball is Friday and the Sophomore Formal will be held on Saturday.

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Ballots head to Tallahassee

Associated Press

MIAMI
It will be a convoy full of chad. Elections workers in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties plunged back into their boxes Wednesday, preparing 1.1 million ballots for a 400-plus mile trip to the state capital.

Workers will load more than 160 silver metal cases stuffed with 462,000 Palm Beach ballots into a rented Ryder truck on Thursday. The truck will take off sometime after 7:30 a.m. for the eight hour drive to Tallahassee.

Two unmarked Palm Beach County sheriff's cars — one leading the truck, the other following — will provide an escort. Observers for both Democrats and Republicans will likely tag along on the historic haul. The ballots have remained under armed guard at the county's emergency operations center since the recount began.

Leon County Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls will take possession of the Palm Beach ballots, along with 654,000 from Miami-Dade County, as he decides whether there should be another recount.

Elections workers in Miami-Dade County plan to spend Thursday packing the ballots, now stored away in file cabinets at the government center. A

mini-caravan was scheduled to leave Miami early Friday morning, arriving in Tallahassee before the 5 p.m. deadline set by Sauls.

"I think the ballots are going to be like the O.J. Bronco ride,"

used Dennis Newman, a Democratic lawyer in Palm Beach County.

It was quiet inside the government center Wednesday,

nothing like last week's noisy scene when Republican supporters yelled from outside. The canvassing board later had stopped counting.

At different tables, workers opened white envelopes, counted the ballots and stuffed them into fresh white envelopes, scrawling precinct numbers on them in red.

Occasionally, someone would raise their hand to ask a question unheard behind the wall and glass window dividing workers from the public. Nearby, sorting machines were up and running, separating the so-called "undervotes" from other ballots. Those, too, went into envelopes.

The ballots are being sent to Tallahassee for a hearing that could help determine whether there will be a recount, something Democrat Al Gore believes would give him enough votes to overcome Republican George W. Bush's 537-vote margin victory in Florida.

Earlier Wednesday, Sauls ordered all the ballots from Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties brought to Leon County.

Ballots aren't the only items being sent upstate: A sample voting booth and a voting machine also will be taken to the capital.

"It is definitely unusual and unprecedented," said Gisela Salas, Miami-Dade's assistant supervisor of elections. "We've never had to go through the processes that we've had to go through this presidential election."

Republican observers in Miami complained that chad was falling off the ballots and that ballot envelopes were marked with the wrong tally.

"Our No. 1 concern is to make sure the ballots do not become altered in any way," Bush spokesman Jim Wilkinson said. "They have already been run through machines several times. Every time they are moved more chad falls off."

And the tenseness that dominated Florida for more than three weeks remained.

"So why don't we get a bunch of ballots and kick them?" asked GOP observer Marc Lampkin, exasperated by the ballot handling.

"You're being disingenuous," replied Democrat Jack Young.

"Don't tell me I'm disingenuous," Lampkin yelled back. "You just got here. You haven't been watching."

Miami-Dade elections supervisor David Leahy watched the exchange before declaring simply: "I'm going to lunch."



Bush



Gore

Cheney says heart checkup went well

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

One week after his fourth heart attack, Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney had a checkup Wednesday and said doctors found him recovering well.

Cheney underwent blood tests and an electrocardiogram that doctors at George Washington University Hospital described as routine.

The doctors said "everything's going very well," Cheney later told reporters.

But the hospital refused to reveal the actual test results or say when Cheney will have additional exams important in measuring how well his damaged heart functions.

Cheney, 59, had a mild heart attack on Nov. 22. One of his heart arteries was 90 percent blocked, so doctors implanted a wire scaffolding-like device called a stent to push away the blockage and prop open the artery walls.

He had his first heart attack at age 37, and in 1988 had quadruple bypass surgery to clear clogged arteries.

While Cheney's fourth heart attack was mild, the accumulation of disease has left his heart moderately damaged, his doctors acknowledged last week. Other heart experts note Cheney is at higher risk for further heart attacks than

the average 59-year-old, and needs to take such protective steps as losing weight.

Cheney later revealed on CNN that his blood pressure Wednesday was an excellent 106 over 80. He takes cholesterol-lowering medicine that has kept his total cholesterol level around a good 170, he said. However, he didn't reveal levels of so-called bad cholesterol and triglycerides, more important than total cholesterol counts, and results of Wednesday's cholesterol testing aren't complete.

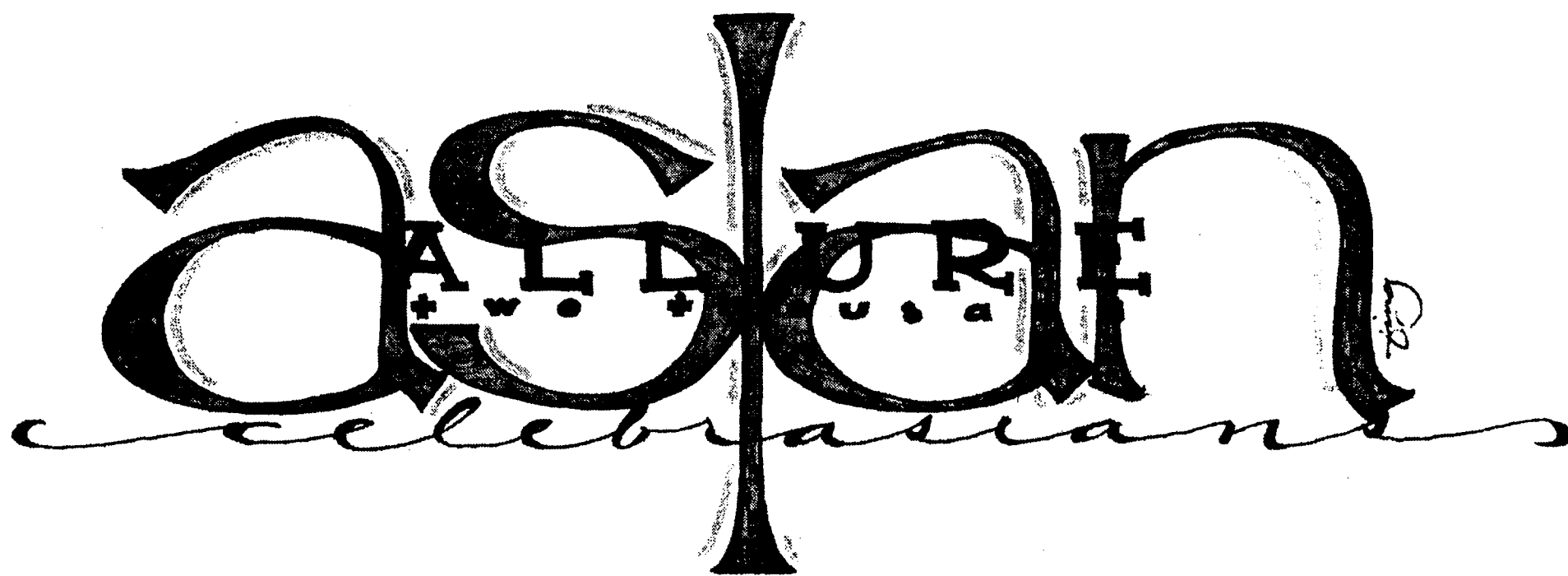
Asked if he feared another heart attack, Cheney said: "I don't operate that way. ... I look forward to several more years."

Like many stent recipients, Cheney last week was prescribed a monthlong course of a potent medicine called Plavix to keep blood from clotting around the device. But Plavix can cause bleeding, and in very rare cases can cause a potentially fatal anemia.

Patients must be closely watched for such side effects, something doctors presumably checked during Cheney's checkup, although they would not say.

"We told Mr. Cheney he can resume his usual schedule and stressed the importance of good exercise and nutrition," one of his physicians, Dr. Gary Malakoff, said in a statement.

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Panel urges lift of Cuban embargo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The United States should ease the Cuban embargo to help the island's transition to a post-Castro era and reduce chances of U.S. military intervention, a Council on Foreign Relations panel on Wednesday recommended.



Clinton

The task force urged that the United States eliminate travel restrictions to Cuba, allow regular commercial flights between the two nations and permit U.S. companies whose businesses were nationalized by Cuba to resolve their claims by entering into joint ventures in Cuba.

It also recommended increased U.S.-Cuban cooperation in fighting drugs, helping resolve the Colombian civil war and developing military-to-military contacts.

"Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people, promote family reunification, address current and future matters of U.S. national security, promote labor rights and facilitate resolution of property claims and further expose Cuba to international norms and practices," the task force said in a report.

The report made no recommendation whether the United States should lift its 38-year-old embargo, which is aimed at pressuring democratic reforms on the communist-ruled island.

The 23-member task force, which includes liberals and

conservatives, was co-chaired by Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, Democrats who held high-level State Department jobs under Republican administrations.

The group's first report, issued two years ago, recommended expanded contacts between Americans and Cubans. A month later, President Clinton adopted many of its recommendations in announcing his "people-to-people" policy, which relaxed travel restrictions.

Some of the new recommendations may be more difficult to implement because they require legislation, not just executive orders.

To lift the travel ban, for example, Congress would have to reverse a vote it took in September. As part of a compromise easing restrictions on sales of food and medicine to Cuba, Congress prohibited U.S. financing of any sales and converted into law existing travel restrictions to Cuba.

The new report aims to build on the earlier one, seeking ways to promote peaceful democratic change.

The report said President Fidel Castro's communism will not survive him, and "many Cubans, including many who hold official positions, understand that a transition to a democratic and free-market Cuba is inevitable."

It said chaos could erupt, however, if Castro should die or become incapacitated. Fighting could break out, and thousands of Cubans could attempt to flee,

which could prompt demands for U.S. intervention.

"We believe the United States should now adopt a series of measures that may reduce the chances of U.S. military involvement should Cuba's transition go awry, and by doing so, make Cuba's peaceful transition to democracy more likely," the report said.

Some of its two dozen recommendations were questioned in dissenting opinions by task force members. Susan Kaufman Purcell, vice president of the New York-based Americas Society, said lifting the tourism ban would do little to help Cubans because the Cuban government owns all the hotels.

"Allowing unrestricted travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens under existing conditions in Cuba would overwhelmingly benefit the Cuban government at the expense of the Cuban people," she wrote.

"Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people ..."

task force report

Peter Rodman, director of national security programs at the Nixon Center, described the report as "more the product of impatience than of analysis," noting a lack of change in Cuba in the last two years. "Any idea that the measures in this report will foster political change are an illusion," he wrote.

The report was also criticized by the anti-Castro Center for a Free Cuba. "I believe that many of the suggestions advanced by the council will help for the most part the Cuban government, and that means resources for repression," said the center's executive director, Frank Calzon.

Insurance companies to undergo merger

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two powerful health insurance associations are merging, forming a giant lobby that will speak with one voice as it fights against a patients' bill of rights and other government regulations.

The Health Insurance Association of America, which represents traditional health insurance companies, and the American Association of Health Plans, which represents managed care companies, will announce on Thursday their intent to merge, said two people familiar with the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The merger represents the changing face of health insurance in America, where there was once a clear distinction between traditional insurance plans and health maintenance organizations.

Today, most health insurance companies offer both traditional plans, where patients can go to any doctor or hospital, and less costly managed care plans, where they must choose a doctor from a list. Most also offer preferred provider organizations, or PPOs, in which patients may choose from a list of doctors or go elsewhere if they are willing to pay extra.

"The lines have all blurred, big-time," said Bill Pierce, spokesman for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, which will continue to represent health plans that are part of that company.

The merging organizations have many of the same members and are typically on the same side of the issues in Washington. Both have vigorously fought efforts to impose a patients' bill of rights, which

would require health plans to include certain treatments in their benefit packages. It would also allow patients to take complaints to independent panels and — most controversially — allow them to file lawsuits if they are denied care.

HIAA may be best known for fighting First Lady Hillary Clinton's 1994 plan for provide health insurance for all Americans. It spent \$17 million on a series of commercials featuring Harry and Louise, a fictional middle-aged couple who warned Americans that government bureaucrats would take over their health coverage.

For its part, AAHP has fought hard for increased Medicare payments for HMOs.

Together, the organizations hope they will carry more clout than either does on its own, but outsiders aren't sure.

"It will probably make them a more cost-effective lobby," said Paul Ginsburg, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change. "They'll be able to spend their resources better and won't have to spend time coordinating."

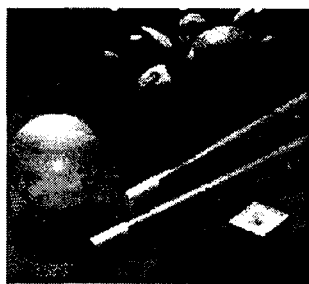
"They've gone from two voices to one," said Judy Waxman of Families USA, a consumer group that is often at odds with the insurance industry. "Obviously it's a bigger voice, but if you had two strong voices that's sometimes better than one if you're trying to get a point across."

AAHP represents about 1,000 health insurance plans, while HIAA represents nearly 300. HIAA also represents companies that offer long-term care and disability insurance, whereas AAHP is strictly health insurance.

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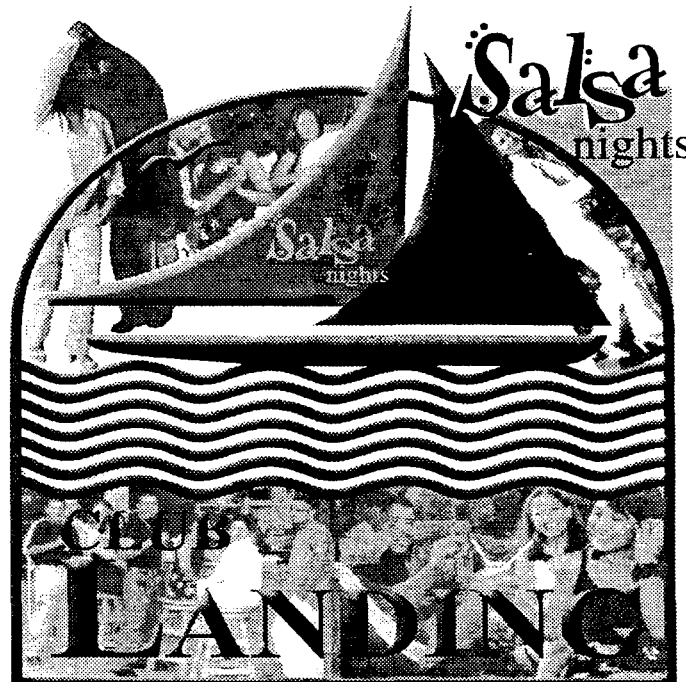
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ISRAEL

Plot leads to spying charges for 7 Arabs

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Seven Israeli Arabs were charged Wednesday with spying for a Lebanese guerrilla group and plotting the abduction of Israeli soldiers or civilians into Lebanon.

They also conspired to murder Israeli Arabs suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities and to plant bombs at roadside hitchhiking stations used by soldiers, the Haifa District Court was told.

It was the first time Israeli Arabs have been accused of collaborating with Lebanon's Hezbollah, which led an 18-year guerrilla war that led to the withdrawal of the Israeli army from south Lebanon in May.

The defendants have not submitted pleas, but their lawyer said his clients insist they did not harm the security of the state. Police say the accused have admitted to the charges.

In Beirut, Hezbollah denied the allegations in the Israeli indictment. "This accusation is completely devoid of any truth," Hezbollah said in a

press release.

The defendants, all from the Galilee village of Abu-Snan, were recruited by Hezbollah in the days after the Israeli withdrawal, when Israeli Arabs had emotional reunions on the border with relatives from the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, the indictment said.

It said the seven were issued Lebanese cellular phones.

Apart from the spying, none of the plans was carried out, but the group was very close to kidnapping a soldier, Galilee district police chief Lt. Col. Yehuda Salomon told army radio.

"This was a very dangerous cell and if it had not been uncovered the consequences would have been very grave," he said.

Four other residents of Abu-Snan were under investigation, the court was told.

Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed fundamentalist Muslim group has pledged to continue fighting against Israel as long as it still holds the Chebaa Farms, which is an area in the eastern sector of the border.

ENGLAND

Cell therapy proves promising

Associated Press

LONDON

Preliminary research offers hope that transplanting fetal cells into the brains of people with Huntington's disease might one day help them walk, talk and reason normally.

Although drugs can partly alleviate some symptoms of Huntington's, such as psychosis and involuntary movements of the face and body, there is no treatment. The disease is a progressive genetic disorder of the central nervous system caused by degeneration of nerve cells in the brain.

Hundreds of thousands of people around the world suffer from it. Symptoms usually appear between ages 35 and 40 and the disease is fatal within 10 to 15 years.

But French researchers have provided the first evidence that when healthy cells from the part of the brain damaged in Huntington's are extracted from a fetus and injected into the brains of people with the illness, the grafts can survive and induce measurable improvements.

The study, led by Dr. Marc Peschanski of the French Institute of Health and Medical Research, was published Wednesday on the Web site of

The Lancet medical journal.

"Although the findings by Peschanski and colleagues are promising, the clinical usefulness of cell replacement therapy for Huntington's disease remains unclear," said Dr. Olle Lindvall, a neuroscience professor at Lund University in Sweden.

The findings are very preliminary because the transplants were tested on only five patients. Three improved, one showed initial improvement then declined and the fifth continued to deteriorate throughout the study, Peschanski said.

In addition, the five have only been followed for a year.

"The ability of the graft to maintain a stable condition over a long time will be essential for its therapeutic value," Lindvall said in a critique published by The Lancet.

In the study, the researchers used undeveloped brain tissue from aborted fetuses aged between 7 and 9 weeks. After

tracking the patients for two years, the scientists injected the cells into first the right side of the brain, then into the left side a year later.

They all got drugs to suppress their immune system so that their bodies were less likely to reject the transplants.

One year after the second transplant, the patients were given a battery of psychiatric and other brain tests and the results were compared with those of 22 other Huntington's patients who had not received the transplants.

Brain scans showed increased activity in three of the five who had had the cell grafts. Other tests indicated speech and articulation improved and that evidence of dementia was less pronounced.

Meanwhile, all three were able to ride a bicycle, one played indoor games and took children to school, while another was able to mow his lawn and a third to swim and play the guitar.

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Officials decide to drop Bethlehem Christmas plans

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem's city fathers have called off ambitious plans for Christmas 2000, saying a time of Palestinian-Israeli conflict is no time for merrymaking.

The town of Jesus' birth will be dark and deserted this Christmas — without festive street lights, craft fairs and choirs in Manger Square.

In the past two months, seven Palestinians from the

Bethlehem area have been killed in rock-throwing clashes and gun battles with Israeli soldiers.

For most of that time, Israeli travel restrictions have kept tourists and other non-Palestinians out of biblical Bethlehem and other Palestinian towns. These were tightened 10 days ago, to bar all traffic into and out of Palestinian towns.

"In view of the very bad situation we are living in, it doesn't make sense that we celebrate

while there are still closures, and so many people have been killed," said Tony Marcos, a spokesman for the municipality.

"Celebrations for Christmas have been canceled," he said.

Festive street lights still hanging from last year's celebrations, when thousands of visitors crowded Manger Square, will remain unlit. Musical concerts have been called off and the Christmas craft fair will not go ahead as planned.

There is even debate over whether the giant Christmas

tree, usually brought in from Norway as the centerpiece of Manger Square, will be decorated or left bare. One suggestion has been to hang pictures of more than 200 Palestinians killed in fighting on the branches of the Christmas tree.

The travel restrictions have battered Bethlehem's economy, which depends heavily on tourists.

"Manger Square by this time should have been filled with tourists, guides and visitors. Now it is empty," Marcos said.

On Wednesday, only one shop lining Manger Square was open. The other shopkeepers were observing a strike call by the Palestinian leadership — Wednesday marked the anniversary of the 1947 U.N. partition vote that led to Israel's creation.

Joseph Jakaman stood in the doorway of his souvenir shop, which sells religious icons made from olive wood and mother of pearl.

"It's very bad, the people here are unhappy. The shops open for a few hours every day, some don't even open anymore," he said, leaning against the counter, a mother of pearl statue twinkling in the light behind him.

Jakaman said he and his fellow Bethlehem merchants had initially anticipated record sales this Christmas season, with large numbers of tourists and pilgrims expected for the 2000th birthday of Christianity.

"People were preparing for Christmas from the beginning of this year. We thought we would see the most tourists ever," Jakaman said, adding that it had been over a month and a half since a tourist had bought something from his shop.

While the 1987-1993 Palestinian uprising saw just a few hundred pilgrims brave heavy security and safety concerns to celebrate Christmas

Eve in Bethlehem, thousands have crowded Manger Square for Christmas festivities in the years since — until now.

On Wednesday, the empty hallways of the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was

born, echoed with the chanting of Orthodox priests. The grotto itself was occupied by a lone priest, his head bowed, hands fingering rosary beads.

During normal times, visiting tourists would jostle

with each other for a glimpse of the sacred site. On Wednesday, only processions of nuns and monks filtered into the room for prayers.

Dorotheus, an Orthodox priest at the church, said the religious ceremonies will continue as planned. "The situation is not good, but we are praying for peace. In every liturgy we pray for peace," he said.

Hotels have been empty since the beginning of October, said George Halal, an employee at the Paradise Hotel. "Normally the hotel is full (in December), but we've had cancellations from everyone, coming from places like Greece, Italy, France and Germany," he said.

Some tour operators are canceling plans for tours as far ahead as Easter, said Jumana Abbas, a spokeswoman for Bethlehem 2000, a special body set up by the Palestinian Authority as part of its millennium celebrations.

"We are living day by day, so we are keeping announcements (of events) to the last minute until we are sure they are going to happen," she said.

For December and January, Bethlehem 2000 had planned 13 evening concerts in Manger Square to mark the pre-Christmas season and the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan which began earlier this week.

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Tony Marcos
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Racism in the United States

This January, Kathleen Maas Weigert, who has been a fixture and inspiration at Notre Dame for many years through the Center for Social Concern and other avenues, leaves to become the Director for the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching and Service at Georgetown University.

It would be impossible for Notre Dame and its individual community members to repay the debt owed to professor Weigert, but it is important to try.

The details of professor Weigert's contributions to programs from peace studies to Catholic social tradition are available elsewhere, so instead of rehearsing the litany of her achievements she and I thought it would be more fitting if she simply suggested a topic on which I would write my last column before her departure. She gave me some options, but this statement of hers stands out: "I still find the issue of racism one of the most difficult to discuss, let alone to act on for us as a nation and as a church." Given professor Weigert's efforts on the full range of issues while at Notre Dame, a brief attempt on my part here to say something on this topic is the least I can do.

Before any prescriptions for racism can be put forward, it is necessary to try to describe it accurately and to do that involves in large part the effort to take on the perspectives of minorities. In other words, it seems to me that any attempt of a white person to write on racism involves an act of impossible empathy. It is an act that requires both a certain kind of presumption and humility. The first reason why racism is so hard to address is that it is tremendously difficult to hold together presumption and humility well in a sustained way.

I say this as a person who does not think that empathy per se is necessarily difficult, but who does think that the historical and contemporary differences in the experiences of African-Americans and whites in the United States (and this is the form of race relations that I will focus on here) are sufficiently vast that bridging the gap in any way requires sustained effort.

I have a copy of James Allen's "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America," to remind me of those experiential differences. The popular myth is that lynchings were activities carried out at night by hooded men too ashamed, really, to reveal who they were when committing such atrocious acts. However, the majority of lynchings were public events, often with children in attendance. Those lynched were frequently tortured and burned beforehand. Photographers showed up and printed out postcards so that those attending could write to tell relatives.

"Without Sanctuary" is a collection of these postcards. Being postcards, the pictures (sometimes with the sender circled and smiling) and the notes on them were open for all who came across them to see. No shame. No shame at all.

I look at this book as a starting point. I understand that lynchings are not as frequent today. But the legacy is still there. Part of that legacy is in the continued provocation of fear. Once a pattern has been established, it does not take many instances of a man being dragged to death behind a truck to remind a group of persons that they are vulnerable.

Our Thanksgiving day was laced with irony because we spotted a pick-up with a confederate flag decal and about two feet of twine hanging from its rear bumper tied into a noose. The message was clear.

The legacy also continues in instituted practices, such as racial profiling by police forces. In Florida, for instance, 80 percent of those persons stopped and searched are black or Hispanic, even though they constitute only 5 percent of all drivers.

There are instances closer to home. In 1991, I began seeing a young African-American boy as part of the Big Brothers program. One year, when a police officer had been shot and killed, officers surrounded T.'s house. There was someone living there who, because he had a name similar to the suspect's, was thought to be the suspect. T.'s younger brother, then 10 years old, was by the window. The police told him to stick his hands out.

In fear, the boy ran. T., in fear that the officers would start shooting, ran to the window and stuck his own hands out. There they stayed while his grandmother and aunt tried to tell the disbelieving police that they had the wrong person.

T. has never committed a crime (He broke up with one girlfriend because she smoked). I understand the need for police vigilance. I am also trying to understand what it must be like to be 15 and have several guns pointed at you by representatives of the state because you might be the person whose name sounds like that of the suspect.

In my column, I have tried to reflect on issues in light of Catholic teaching. In this case, where I am attempting to get a sense of what it must be like to be black today, the image that comes to mind as

perhaps most fitting is that of the Babylonian exile of the Jews in 587-539 B.C. Defeated by Nebuchadnezzar, many of Judah's people, particularly the leaders, were taken to Babylon. They were not enslaved, but neither were they living in a place they could call home.

In summoning this image, I do not subscribe to a pure — and therefore romanticized — form of victimization theory where all whites are bad and all blacks are good. A few weeks ago, T. and I ran into a friend of mine.

After some conversation, she asked him why, given the context within which he grew up, he never got involved with drugs or gangs. I turned to him and said, "Yeah, T., what happened?" He replied with characteristic brevity, "You." I do not feel guilty so much as part of an ignorance that is hard to identify with clarity, let alone overcome.

I also know that there have been other instances of patterned injustice — the rape of Nanking, for example. It is important, however, not to think that something is less horrible just because it is frequent. On the contrary, frequency is one indication that the activity is normalized — such that, for instance, it can be celebrated on postcards.

I take the vast reduction in the number (some would say disappearance) of lynchings and the response to the dragging of James Byrd, Jr. to be an indication that such actions are no longer considered normal by most Americans. But the task of impossible empathy is far from over. Subtle forms of racism are all the more difficult to identify.

At Notre Dame, for instance, do we (whites) assume if we see an African-American that he or she is an athlete? That he or she is not a student here and does not belong on campus (our own form of profiling)? Do we identify (largely white) Notre Dame as "safe" over against the (largely black) neighborhoods where some off-campus students live as "dangerous" in a way that reinforces stereotypes? Do African-Americans at Notre Dame feel at home or in exile? Why? These are difficult questions. But it is important to ask them and then listen.

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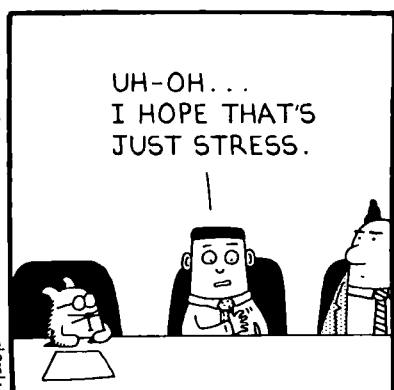
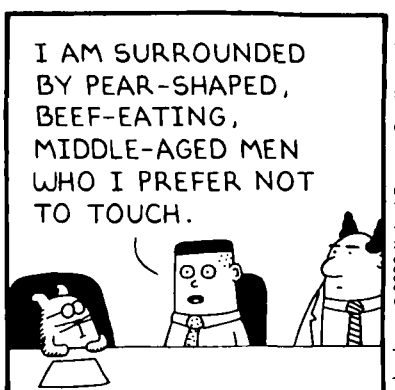
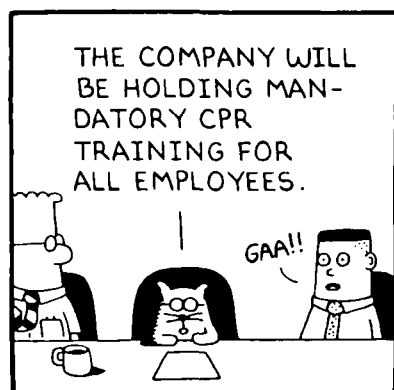


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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I realize that I'm black, but I like to be viewed as a person, and that's everybody's wish."

Michael Jordan
athlete

Will the real President-Elect please stand up?

Can you believe this mess? It's a week after Thanksgiving and well, we kind of have a new president but not really because Gore is suing everyone he sees including Mrs. Betty Friedheim of Saginaw, Mich. and her poodle, Tiger. We're almost into December and we're more sure of what bowl the Fighting Irish are going to than which bozo I get to laugh at for the next four years. For those of you who have been living in Cabo for the past month, I'll briefly summarize all the hoopla thus far.

Amy Schill

It all started when all the networks got together and decided to ruin the election. First, they called Florida for Gore, giving Mr. Roboto a sizeable lead and apparently causing all West Coast voters to stay home and play Yahtzee. Then, they all took Florida away from Gore, changing the whole dynamic of the election and causing Tim Russert to break his dry-erase board over his knees and weep openly. Dan Rather, as we all know, went completely insane. When all the pundits had exhausted the electoral college debate, Larry King had married and divorced six times and the malt liquor had run out, the networks thought, "Hey, let's give the election to Bush and see what happens!"

Dazed and Amused

We all had to watch Republicans mosh, that's what happened. After witnessing a few minutes of the moshing and the ensuing GOP rave, complete with glow sticks and education vouchers, I went to bed, like many of us, thinking Bush had won. When I woke up, I discovered that in the course of the night, the networks had given the election to Gore. Bush again, Gore again and finally, to Carson Daly, after which declaring the race too close to call and the #1 video of the week "Country Grammar" by Nelly. In a sad development, Dan Rather announced that the next president of the United States was a tamale.

So here we are, three weeks later. After all the recounts, hand recounts and three games of rock, paper, scissors (paper covers rock, Al), it appears that Bush has won, but with all these court battles, no one really seems satisfied with Decision 2000. In the midst of all of this, Cheney leads Lieberman in heart attacks by a margin of 16 to 0. (I'm sorry, after several hand recounts, Cheney's lead is down to 1).

The longer this process has gone on, the messier it has become, causing the true results to be, probably forever, a mystery. Ballots were thrown out, Floridian retirees are running loose in the streets, someone named Chad caused a load of trouble and in an ironic twist of fate, Bush hid several hundred Gore-Lieberman votes in Al Gore's own lockbox. Florida, previously known only as a producer of evil college football teams, now shares the title of least competent election handling with Oregon, which has yet to realize that there actually was an election. Meanwhile, you just know that Bob Dole is planning some sort of military coup to take over the White House and rename our nation, "Dole Land."

If I've learned anything from this election (besides the chad thing), I've learned that in an election this close, no matter who ends up president half the country is going to be upset and not too convinced of the results. We need a way to decide the presidency absolutely. Both sides have already proposed biased solutions, with the Democrats suggesting a spelling bee and the Republicans suggesting a freestyle dance competition. Rejecting both of these options, I (and the networks, of course), have decided that the best way to decide the election and to make a whole lot of money, is to have Bush and Gore go at it on a three-hour live television special called Survivor II: Palm Beach County. We would strand the candidates in a deserted retirement community, with only a few cans of food, some water and a shuttlecock. After a series of physical challenges, mind games and tribal dances, I predict that Jeff Probst will declare once and for all that the next president of our next great nation will be ... Rudy, the crotchety ex-Navy Seal.

Okay, maybe it won't really turn out that way, but it would sure be fun to watch (as long as neither of them got naked.) I guess instead we'll have to watch Gore take everyone and his dependent mother to court, while Bush learns to pronounce "inauguration."

Let freedom ring.

Amy Schill is a sophomore English major. Her column appears every other Thursday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refuting Rice's Column

As a philosopher I operate with a simpler set of intellectual resources than Law Professor Charles Rice brings to bear upon the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

I hope I am not unqualified to enter the local conversation about the catechetical teaching that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." This is a curious teaching, relying as it does on an antique, essentialist metaphysical biology with no supporting empirical evidence in contemporary biology. Its psychological foundations are even shakier. Neither homosexuality nor the performance of homosexual acts is a mental illness. Official church teaching no longer assigns priority to the procreative functions of marital sexuality.

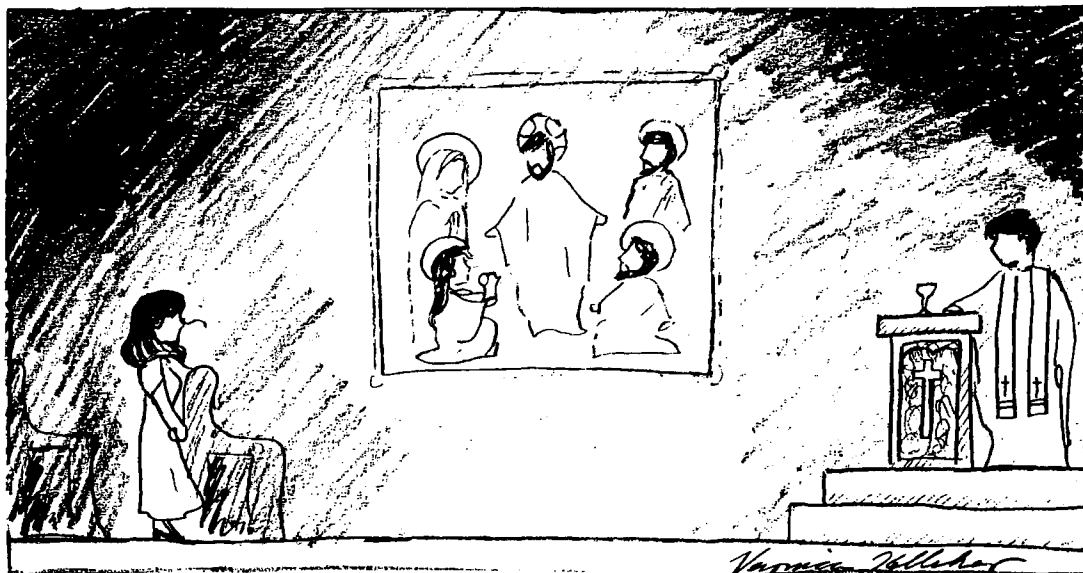
Homosexual lovers may aspire to and practice chastity with the same ever fragile success but continuing fidelity as their heterosex-

ual counterparts.

Professor Rice assumes that all homosexuals are called to celibacy and sexual abstinence. He presents no relevant evidence in support of that assumption even though he surely is not unaware of the distinction of chastity and celibacy.

It is good trial advocacy to make claims in one's opening remarks that put one's adversary at a serious disadvantage, and Professor Rice is an expert advocate, but conversations among equals at a University require a different protocol. Arguments which seem to have little real purpose but the stigmatization of homosexual proclivities do no credit to a Catholic university.

Edward Manier
philosophy professor
November 28, 2000



Keeping the pants on priests

I am writing in response to Maureen Smithe's article on the ordination of women in order to give a more clear account of the Church's teaching on this subject.

In John Paul II's encyclical "Ordinatio Sacerdotalis" (On Reserving priestly ordination to men alone) he states, "In order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry of confirming the brethren I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful." The Church is guided by the Holy Spirit and is founded by Christ on Peter, the first pope. As a result, we can and should follow this teaching with confidence.

Why does the Church teach this? First of all, Jesus chose only men as apostles and "Christ, in instituting the Eucharist, linked it in an explicit way to the priestly service of the Apostles." (Mulieris Dignitatem, No. 26) Also, "Christ's way of acting did not proceed from sociological or cultural motives of his time" and "he did not act out of human respect" (Ordinatio Sacerdotalis, No. 2, Matthew 26:16). The Catechism states: "The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. For this reason, the ordination of women is not possible." (No. 1577) This is not a tradition like the Latin Mass but a firm teaching of the Church and the will of Christ.

In addition, the priest is an "alter Christus" who "enacts the image of Christ in whole person." (Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, III, 83, 1, 3) This includes the manhood of Christ.

This teaching does not portray a negative attitude towards women. If this were true, we must conclude that Jesus had a similar attitude since he called only men as apostles. This, of course, is far from the truth as the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary Magdalene, Jesus' mother and the many women who accompanied Jesus through his life show. Women have distinct roles in the Church which "remain absolutely necessary and irreplaceable," including religious life and motherhood (Ordinatio Sacerdotalis, No. 3). These two vocations have been under attack in our times. Who will defend these? Motherhood, in fact, which is of extreme importance to the salvation of souls, is a unique role not shared with men. The Pope himself respects women greatly, just read his long encyclical "The Dignity and Vocation of Women" and you will know what I mean.

Carolyn Torson
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November 29, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

Carrey's 'Grinch' is fun holiday fare

By GUNDER KEHOE
Scene Movie Critic

The Grinch may have stolen Christmas, but Hollywood kidnapped Dr. Seuss.

For the last several years, producers tried to wrestle "Grinch" rights from the author's widow, and director Ron Howard finally succeeded. He's made a respectable holiday kids movie, but it breathes more with Hollywood's stamp than with someone who was dedicated to Seuss' wacked-out universe.

Not that this should come as any surprise, but fans of the story most likely wished for a little less Hollywood and a little more Seussian style. In the end, the filmmakers have probably done this classic the only way possible, and Jim Carrey's presence makes the whole film click.

The screenwriters have invented the Grinch's background, making him a childhood runt who was shunned by all his schoolmates. Thus, Grinch has retreated from Whoville to his mountain cavern (which resembles Batman's, only not as slick). While most people spend time losing weight off their hips, the Grinch devotes his time losing

weight off his heart.

He wreaks havoc on Whoville because he wants to ruin their festive spirit with his own holiday cynicism. While everyone in Whoville fears the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who is the one little girl in town dealing with Seussian puberty: What are the holidays really about? Cindy Lou bravely

searches for the warmth inside the cold-hearted Grinch and finds that Christmas is about the people and not the presents.

Rick Baker may be the only make-up designer who earns a seven-figure salary, and his Grinch design proves he's well worth the price. Even

though Jim Carrey is smothered under make-up, his energy doesn't miss a beat. The green latex fits Carrey like a glove and the actor has more leeway under a thick coating than most actors have with their regular skin.

As the Grinch, Carrey stammers around with a potbelly and long fingers that fray out like worn Q-tips. Watching Grinch slither his hands is like watching Mr. Burns on acid. Even those viewers who don't normally like Jim Carrey's antics will see there's no other way to act when living in Grinch's skin.

Howard's strength is solid sto-

rytelling, but he's never had that distinct visual flair. The whimsical world of Whoville is envisioned like Candyland where everything looks round and edible. It stays true to the wacky world of Dr. Seuss but somehow Howard's imagination feels forced. The director just lacks a genuinely bizarre perspective.

It would've been nice to see Tim Burton ("Beetlejuice") tackle "The Grinch," but he might have scared up a few too many nightmares. Besides, Howard's style is more anonymous and he righteously gives credit to the author. There wouldn't be much justice in seeing "The Grinch" under Burton's direction because an auteur would have taken credit.

Luckily, there are enough freaky images in "The Grinch" to make some kids wary of falling asleep. Howard realizes that "The Grinch" can't be all fun and games; he's got to have some real fright to complete his edge.

Some of Carrey's stunts aren't for anyone over the age of 10, but the pint-size characters keep his madness in check.

Taylor Momsen plays Cindy Lou with a nice wide-eyed curiosity. She always laughs when Grinch wants her to cry.

Max is the Grinch's loyal dog and might be the one pet who smells better than his master. The tiny pet is in perfect balance with the energetic Carrey and he handles the pressures of this crazy world with amazing calm. When Grinch gets too hyped up, a simple shot of Max puts everyone at ease.

"How the Grinch Stole



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Jim Carrey, under pounds of makeup, stars the small-hearted Grinch in "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Christmas" is aimed at kids, but the story has enough strength to leave some of the older viewers a little teary-eyed. Who knows if the movie will ever hit TV and be squeezed between "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A

Christmas Story." But movies come and go so rapidly that it's the brief two hours that count.

"The Grinch" will never outlast its literary inspiration but, regardless, buy some snowcaps and enjoy the holiday ride.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Ron Howard
Starring: Jim Carrey and Taylor Momsen

MOVIE REVIEW

'Bounce' showcases its stars' romantic chemistry

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

Are they or aren't they? That is the question that has long surrounded director Don Roos' newest film, "Bounce," because of its two leading actors. Everyone wants to know the real deal between Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck. Are they together

or have they broken up?

Because of all the rumors, "Bounce" has been a highly anticipated film. Although Affleck and Paltrow deny they are in a relationship, there is still a lot of chemistry between the two.

Affleck plays Buddy Amaral, an advertising executive who loves to close big deals. On one business trip, Buddy gets delayed at the Chicago O'Hare Airport because of

weather and relaxes in a bar with other passengers. Buddy meets Greg Janello (Tony Goldwyn, "Ghost") and learns all about his wife and two boys.

When Buddy learns that he is on the last flight out and Greg's flight has been bumped, Buddy gives Greg his plane ticket so he can get home to his kids. That last flight is ill fated, however, and crashes, killing all of the passengers aboard. Buddy is filled with so much guilt for not being on that flight that he stops going to work, giving him more time to drink.

Buddy hits rock bottom and decides he has to get back on track. To accomplish this he needs to make peace with himself about the crash. He decides to go check up on Greg's wife and kids to make sure they are okay.

When Buddy meets Greg's widowed wife, Abby (Paltrow), the audience is able to see the chemistry between these two immediately, although the characters do not feel it right away. It is because of this chemistry that "Bounce" is so good. There is real depth in the acting because of how comfortable these two are with each other. They challenge each other to be real and are immensely successful.

Affleck is very impressive and convincing

in this role, proving that he can actually act, something he is not always able to do (he has not been this impassioned since "Dogma.") As Buddy, he is raw and full of emotion. The film depends on his character's vulnerability and guilt, and Affleck portrays this well.

Paltrow also shines. Her part may be even more difficult than Affleck's because she has to play a double role. Abby, at the beginning of the film, is a very dependent woman who learns that her husband has died. But she also becomes a woman who is ready to move on with her life. These are two extremely different characters, but Paltrow makes both of them very believable.

Another impressive actor in the film is Johnny Galecki (David from "Roseanne"). He plays Buddy's assistant and is also a recovering alcoholic. Although Buddy is his boss, Galecki's character is not afraid of him. He is a great foil to Buddy and forces him to deal with things instead of refusing to face them.

"Bounce" is successful because it does not get overly sentimental. It is very real and very believable. And although things seem a bit rushed (distributor Miramax forced Roos to shorten the film by about 25 minutes), it still works very well.

"Bounce"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Don Roos
Starring: Ben Affleck, Gwyneth Paltrow, Tony Goldwyn and Johnny Galecki



Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

Hollywood pseudo-couple Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck star in "Bounce."

MOVIE REVIEW

'The 6th Day:' another cloned action flick

By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

Arnold Schwarzenegger's newest film, "The 6th Day," is not his best to date, but it's not his worst either. Let's face it, we're arguably looking at the world's greatest action star, whose career has ranged from classic high mark action movies such as "Terminator 1 and 2" (soon to be 3),



Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in "The 6th Day."

to the depths of crap-dom in "Last Action Hero" and "Jingle All the Way."

But Ah-nold's getting older and he's tackling more intelligent subject matter (about as intelligent as you can get from a Schwarzenegger flick), and his audience is either paying the price or reaping the benefits, depending on how you look at it.

In "The 6th Day," Arnold tackles the tricky subject of human cloning. In the not-so-distant future, Adam Gibson (Schwarzenegger), a commercial pilot, is mistakenly cloned and then hunted down by a group of hit men sent by a ruthless business tycoon bent on erasing his mistake. The process of human cloning is illegal in this future society and existing as a clone is a capital crime. So both sides must race to correct the situation before society discovers it.

To say the least, the issue of human cloning is slightly thought provoking. The movie raises important questions: Do clones have souls? Are they dangerous? Should we be tampering with God's work? Even the title of the movie refers to the Bible and how, on the sixth day, God created man. In this futuristic society, they have already made it legal to clone pets. A company (humorously named Re-Pet) specializes in providing that service. The question is: Where do we draw the line in cloning?

The problem here is that the audience doesn't want to have to think when it sees an action movie such as this. But they don't have to think much.

The story line spells out almost all answers you would need: Cloning is bad and the natural process of life is good.

Sure, we're stuck with the dilemma of how cloning could provide us with medical benefits, but look, Arnold just shot someone and said something clever, what was I thinking about again? Never mind.

The movie awes us with explosions, special effects and lots of bright, shiny things while, at the same time, trying to inject feelings and social issues that never quite hit home.

One could assume Arnold is reaching the time of his life when he's thinking his films should be more socially responsible, and it's kind of sad.

Other than the floundering plot, the movie has some unorthodox cinematography. The camera work is distracting. Like most current action movies, "The 6th Day" tries to give

itself a "Matrix"-like look, and whereas "The Matrix" treaded the fine line between flashy and visually incomprehensible, "The 6th Day" falls toward the latter. The special effects of "The 6th Day" are impressive, however, and director Roger Spottiswoode ("Tomorrow Never Dies") handles them well.

The movie itself is not unlike Arnold's previous endeavors. He stumbles into trouble in a futuristic society and the bad guys hunt him down as he races to uncover the truth of what is happening to him (like in "Total Recall"). This movie doesn't quite reach that level unfortunately, and while the special effects are better and Arnold's acting ability has improved (now if he could just drop the accent), "The 6th Day" lacks compassion for the characters and their struggles. To its credit, it's an entertaining two hours. But wait for the video.

"The 6th Day"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Roger Spottiswoode

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger

MOVIE REVIEW

Stylish and intriguing, 'Unbreakable' ends with a bang

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

This is a movie you have to see. Twice.

"Unbreakable," M. Night Shyamalan's follow-up to his blockbuster, Oscar-nominated thriller, "The Sixth Sense," is simply the best suspense movie you will see all year; and at least until "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," comes out, probably the single best film of the year. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

As the previews so aptly show, Bruce Willis plays David Dunn, a stadium security guard in Philadelphia who is in a train accident that kills everyone aboard except himself. Not only is he alive, but he is remarkably unscratched. Upon hearing of the accident, a mysterious stranger and comic book art dealer, Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson, "Shaft") contacts Dunn, seeking to understand how it is that this miracle of survival occurred. Price is especially interested since he is afflicted with a malady directly counter to the fortunes of Dunn: his bones have always broken especially easily.

The remainder of the movie focuses on their mutual search to understand what it is that made Dunn so fortunate. To give away more would betray the manner in which the trailer has concealed

the prime thrust of the movie. What Shyamalan accomplishes in the next hour and a half becomes the most fascinating and riveting conception of realistic heroism presented on screen in a very long time.

In a subtle way, Shyamalan examines what it means to be a hero in the modern world, playing with the conventions of comic books and comic book movies along the way. "Superhero realism" may be the only way to describe it: the calculating look at what types of limitations a real superhero might have in the world today.

The direction and camera work, which help add such depth to the film, truly establish Shyamalan as a top-rank director. Using a style that can be described as "Hitchcock-esque," he pulls the audience into the movie and instills genuine suspense.

An early scene shows a married Dunn flirting guiltily with a fellow passenger on the doomed train. Shot from between two seats immediately in front of them, the scene implicates the viewer in Dunn's guilt, as one feels like they are eavesdropping on a conversation they are not meant to hear.

Another subsequent scene has a doctor telling a just revived Dunn of the fate of the train. In the foreground, the audience sees

a pool of blood slowly spread across the gauze covering the last dying passenger.

In contrast with the dark, realistic tone of the camera-work is a score set in the melodramatic style of comic book action movies. With techno-beat pieces lifted from "The Matrix" and victorious John Williams-style movements borrowed from "Superman," the score challenges the audience to reconcile the music with the disturbing hyper-realism of the movie's crimes.

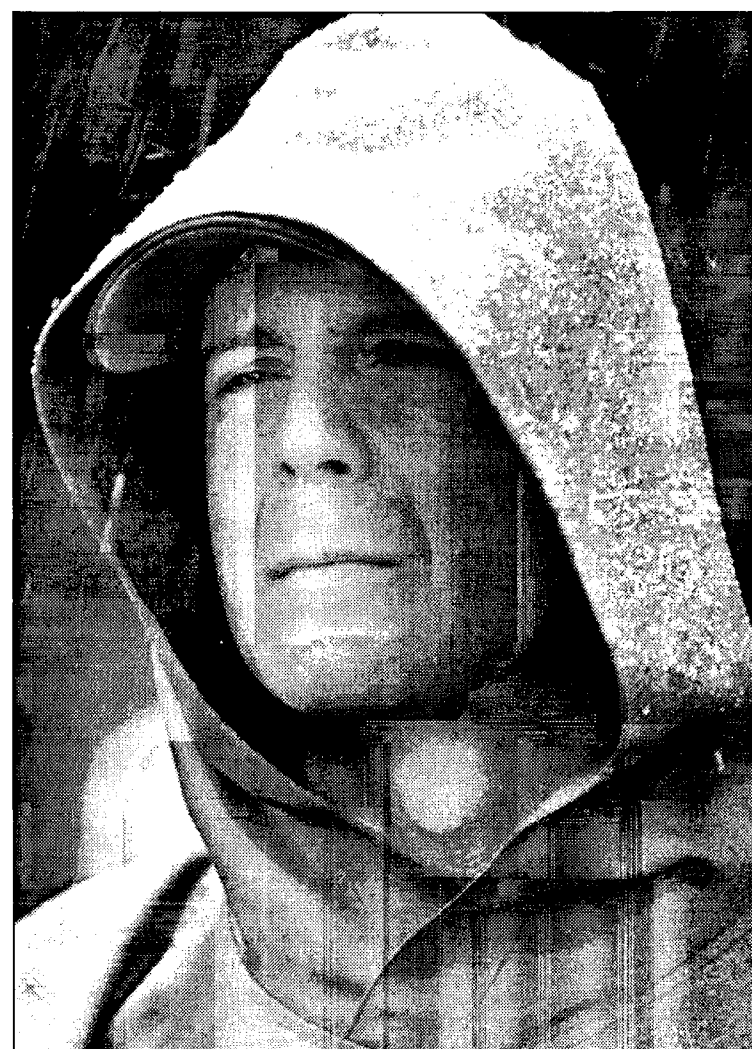
Villainy in this film has no grandeur; instead of a Lex Luthor trying to take over the world, we are shown frat boys committing date rape and throwing bottles at pedestrians' heads, all shot through what looks like an omnipresent, omniscient security camera. Jarring and slightly out of sync with the film's material, the score serves to create a lasting uneasiness in keeping with the tone of "Unbreakable."

As one might expect from veterans like Willis and Jackson, their performances are excellent. Willis especially impresses in showing once again that he can leave his smirking action heroes behind for the understated dramatic roles. Also excellent are Robin Wright-Penn ("Message in a Bottle") and Spencer Treat Clark ("Gladiator") as Dunn's wife and son. Both provide solid, emotionally complex roles that only deepen the film's impact.

But the film's ending is what has gotten the most attention. All one can say is that it inspires dread and horror in the viewer unlike any film in a long time. If that were all it did however, "Unbreakable" would simply be a good movie. What makes the film

great is the way in which the ending rewrites the entire story for the audience. The focus and meaning of the film cannot help but be different when confronted with the ending, and the only true way to establish this is to see it

again. Finding out just how much is different in the new light created by the finale is what makes "Unbreakable" a truly outstanding movie. The film is one of the few cinematic achievements in a relatively lackluster movie year.



In M. Night Shyamalan's "Unbreakable," Bruce Willis plays an ordinary man with extraordinary powers.

NBA

Wesley drops in 32, Hornets beat Carter-less Raptors

Associated Press

David Wesley scored 32 points to lead the Charlotte Hornets to their sixth straight victory, 103-79 over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday night.

The Raptors were without star Vince Carter for the second straight game, both losses.

Carter, the NBA's second-leading scorer at 27.5 points per game, remained in Canada to receive treatment on his strained left quadriceps. Without him, the Raptors never had a chance.

The Hornets dominated from the start and made Alvin Williams, Carter's replacement, look foolish on numerous plays.

Leading 35-26 in the second quarter, Baron Davis froze Williams under the basket when he took a sharp pass from Wesley and converted it into a reverse slam dunk.

On the next trip down the floor, Williams was again confused when Davis rebounded P.J. Brown's miss and tossed it over Williams' head and through the hoop.

Before the half was over, the Hornets had a 58-40 lead behind 65 percent shooting.

Toronto mounted a mini-comeback in the third quarter, cutting the score to 68-58 on Mark Jackson's 3-pointer with 4:04 to go in the period.

But Charlotte answered with six straight points to retake control. Wesley hit a 16-foot jumper. Jamaal Magloire blocked Williams' shot at the other end and Wesley converted it into a driving layup.

Magloire then blocked Jackson's shot and the Hornets made it 74-58 on a fast-break jump shot by Davis.

Jamal Mashburn finished with 18 points for Charlotte. Davis had 14 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds.

Antonio Davis led Toronto with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Williams had 12 and Corliss Williamson and Jackson added 11 each.

76ers 93, Wizards 87

Allen Iverson scored 29 points and Theo Ratliff and Eric Snow added 18 each as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Washington Wizards.

The Sixers, who had lost two of three after a franchise-best 10-0 start, improved to 12-2.

Mitch Richmond led Washington with 26 points, Juwan Howard had 14 and Jahidi White added 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Ratliff tied a career-high with nine blocks and Tyrone Hill had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Sixers.

Washington took its first lead since the opening minutes, 87-86, as Rod Strickland hit a pair of free throws to complete a 17-5 run with 2:42 left. A 3-pointer by Richmond had cut it to 86-85.

But Iverson made it 88-87 on a driving layup with 2:22 left after the Sixers missed 12 straight shots and went 7-58 without a field goal.

Richmond then missed a jumper and, after Snow missed a jumper, Iverson intercepted an outlet pass and Snow made two free throws to give the Sixers a 90-87 lead with 29.4 seconds left.

Hamilton missed a 3-pointer that would've tied the game with 22 seconds left, and Ratliff sealed it with two free throws.

Iverson entered the game shooting a 37 percent, but hit six of eight shots for 16 points in the first half. He finished 10-of-24 from the field, 8-of-8 from the foul line, and added six rebounds.

Philadelphia took its biggest lead, 44-28, on a driving layup by Snow midway through the second.

Aaron McKie had seven points in the second quarter, including a layup off a behind-the-back pass from Iverson and a 3-pointer.

Snow beat the buzzer with a

21-foot jumper to give the Sixers a 52-43 halftime lead.

Jazz 88, Magic 86

Karl Malone had 27 points and 11 rebounds as the Utah Jazz held off the Orlando Magic to win their fifth straight game.

Orlando's John Amaechi hit a pair of free throws with 32.5 seconds remaining to cut Utah's lead to 88-86.

The Magic then rebounded a missed layup by Utah's Bryon Russell but Tracy McGrady was swarmed as he tried to get a final shot off, prompting Magic coach Doc Rivers to run onto the court and argue that McGrady was fouled as time expired.

McGrady, playing with a heavily bandaged left hand that is infected, had 28 points, seven rebounds, four assists and eight turnovers.

Amaechi scored 17 points and Darrell Armstrong had 11.

Reserve Danny Manning scored 11 points for Utah. Russell and Olden Polynice added 10 each.

Orlando led the entire second half until Malone hit a free throw to tie the game at 84 and a jumper that put the Jazz up two with 1:12 to play.

A pair of free throws by Manning gave Utah a four-point lead at the 39.1 mark.

Orlando led by as many as nine points in the fourth quarter but the Jazz used an 11-3 run to cut the Magic's lead to 79-78 with 5:21 remaining.

McGrady helped break open a close game when he scored eight consecutive points early in the third quarter to give Orlando a 58-48 lead.

Malone then scored the game's next six points to close Orlando's lead to 58-54.

But McGrady followed with a dunk as the Magic went on to build its lead to 71-62 after three quarters.

Orlando closed the first half on an 11-4 run to lead 47-46.

Heat 84, Knicks 81

There was something quite

different yet something very familiar as the Knicks and Heat renewed their rivalry.

The faces had changed but the intensity was the same as Heat got big games from big men Brian Grant and Anthony Mason to defeat the Knicks.

Exploiting their size advantage at every opportunity, the Heat got 24 points and nine rebounds from Grant and 19 points and 18 rebounds from Mason in a game they controlled most of the way.

Grant missed a pair of free throws that would have clinched it with 9.6 seconds left, but Chris Childs came up short on a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left to end New York's only chance of the final minute.

"It was cool. Both teams were really playing to win," Grant said. "It wasn't as vicious as what I usually see on TV, but I can see where it's going to get like that later."

The Heat snapped a four-game losing streak and won for just the sixth time in 15 games. In the final seconds, Riley turned to the fans seated behind him and gleefully shouted: "It's the worst month I ever had, but it's November. It's over."

Tim Hardaway added 16 points and Eddie Jones 15 for the Heat.

Latrell Sprewell was practically a one-man offense for the Knicks down the stretch, scoring 12 of his 22 points in the final quarter. Allan Houston added 15 and Glen Rice 12.

With Patrick Ewing traded to Seattle and Alonzo Mourning out for the season, the matchup took on a different look. But one thing stayed constant — Miami's ability to work the ball inside and dominate underneath. Grant shot 9-for-12 and Mason was 6-for-10 from the field.

"Because of Patrick and Zo, it didn't feel like a typical Knicks-Heat," Miami's Tim Hardaway said. "I've been through them all, so I should know. If we get back in the playoffs against each other

again, of course it'll go back to being the way it was."

Grant took a pass from Mason in the low post and converted a three-point play with 3:42 left to stop a 10-0 Knicks run and give Miami a 77-72 lead.

Jones made two from the line with 2:53 left, and Grant rejected a shot by Larry Johnson on the Knicks' next possession. Grant then went to the line with 2:26 left and made both to give the Heat an eight-point lead, 79-73.

Mason made two free throws with 15.2 left for a six-point lead before Childs — who had shot an airball from 3-point range with 18 seconds left and the Knicks trailing by four — made it 84-81 on a 3-pointer with 10.8 seconds left.

Bruce Bowen rebounded Childs' final miss and dribbled out the clock.

"On our team's part, we needed a 'W.' Didn't matter if we were playing the Little Sisters of the Poor, we needed a 'W' — so that's what that intensity was all about," Hardaway said.

Hardaway gave the Heat the lead for good on a 3-pointer with 3:14 left in the first quarter, and Miami steadily built its lead from that point on. A pair of foul shots by Hardaway with 4:12 left in the second quarter gave the Heat a double-digit lead, 41-30, that grew to 15 by halftime.

The lead reached 17 early in the third before the Knicks started chipping away. New York cut its deficit to seven early in the fourth quarter on a pair of foul shots by Rice but failed several times to get closer.

Sprewell had a shot blocked by Grant and Rice missed a 3-pointer before Jones grabbed an offensive rebound that led to a three-point play by Grant for a 72-62 lead with 8:34 left.

Sprewell then started going 1-on-1 with Jones and getting the best of him each time, scoring eight points in New York's 10-0 run that made it a two-point game with 4:34 left.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Maryland welcomes Friedgen

Associated Press

There were times when Ralph Friedgen wondered if he was destined to forever toil in obscurity as an assistant football coach.

"I'd almost resigned myself to it. No one knew who I was," Friedgen said Wednesday after he was hired as head coach at Maryland. "You kind of wonder whether you're going to get this opportunity or not."

His patience was rewarded. Friedgen has the job of his dreams, ending a 29-year run as a second fiddle after signing a guaranteed six-year, \$1.05 million contract at his alma mater.

"I waited all my life for this opportunity, and I'm not going to let anybody down," said Friedgen, who immediately resigned as offensive coordinator of Peach Bowl-bound Georgia Tech.

"I'm taking over today and I'm not looking back. Full speed ahead. It's hard for me to leave, but this is my opportunity. I feel bad for those young men, but they've got to understand that this is what I have to do."

The 53-year-old coach takes over a long-suffering program that hasn't produced a winning record since 1995 or earned a bowl bid since 1990. He replaces Ron Vanderlinden, who was fired Nov. 19 after a lopsided loss to Georgia Tech concluded his fourth straight losing season.

Friedgen is the architect of a Georgia Tech attack that last year led the nation in total offense with a school-record 509 yards per game. Despite losing star quarterback Joe Hamilton, the Yellow Jackets went 9-2 this season and will be playing in a bowl for the fourth consecutive year.

Friedgen expects similar success at Maryland.

"I think the football experience should be fun, but fun to me is winning. Our goal is to be a Top 20 team, year in and year out," he said.

Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow contacted Friedgen's agent on the night she fired Vanderlinden. Over the next few days, several players asked her to pursue the coach whose offense rolled up 35 points against the Terrapins this month.

"They said, 'Could you interview the guy from Georgia Tech, the one who coaches offense?'" Yow related, hammering home Friedgen's reputation as an anonymous coach.

She then introduced the burly Friedgen as "the man who will return our program to national prominence."

Yow figured she couldn't find a coach with better credentials than Friedgen, who helped Georgia Tech claim a national championship and worked with Bobby Ross to get the San Diego Chargers into the Super Bowl.

"To me, that sets him apart,"

Yow said.

The last time Maryland experienced a run of success was when Friedgen served under Ross as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 1982 to 1986. The Terrapins went 39-19-1 over that span, winning three Atlantic Coast Conference titles.

Since 1986, however, Maryland has finished over .500 in the ACC only twice, going 4-3 both times.

After his playing days were over, Friedgen started his coaching career in College Park as a graduate assistant under Jerry Clairborne.

Assistant jobs at The Citadel, William Mary and Murray State followed before he returned to Maryland, where he tutored future NFL quarterbacks Boomer Esiason, Frank Reich and Stan Gelbaugh during his five-year run.

Friedgen left with Ross for Georgia Tech in 1987, and three years later the Yellow Jackets beat Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl to claim a share of the national championship.

Ross and Friedgen both went to the Chargers after the 1991 season. Friedgen was offensive coordinator of the 1994 San Diego team that went to the Super Bowl.

When Ross moved to the Detroit Lions in 1997, Friedgen returned to Georgia Tech as offensive coordinator under George O'Leary.

O'Leary was happy for Friedgen, saying Wednesday, "Obviously he's done a masterful job here. I think it's great for the ACC to get another coach who is going to keep the programs moving in the right direction."

Alabama struggles to find head coach

Associated Press

Alabama is struggling to find a football coach, with Tommy Bowden, Frank Beamer and Butch Davis passing on what was once one of the country's top jobs.

Athletic director Mal Moore is prepared to pay about \$1 million a year but has had little success getting big-name coaches to interview for the job.

Mike DuBose resigned under pressure Nov. 1 after a homecoming loss to Central Florida. The Crimson Tide finished the season 3-8, their worst record since 1957.

On Wednesday, Miami's Davis said he was staying put. He has been offered a five-year contract extension that would pay about \$1.3 million annually.

"I listened to what he had to say and then I politely told him Mr. Moore I'm flattered, Alabama has a rich tradition and I'm sure it's a good job, but I'm not interested in interviewing," Davis said.

On Monday, it was Virginia Tech's Beamer who re-upped for more than \$1 million, hours after Moore received permission from Hokies AD Jim Weaver to speak to the coach.

Two weeks ago, it was Clemson's Bowden getting the big raise.

And Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill, an Alabama alum?

"I can end any speculation real quick," Sherrill said after DuBose's ouster was announced Nov. 1. "It's not even an issue."

Moore was out of town and not available for comment on Wednesday. He has said he had a list of five candidates, including Beamer and Davis, but has not disclosed any other names.

Further muddying the search

was this week's visit by NCAA investigators, who are interviewing DuBose and three of his assistants as well as several players. Plus, Alabama is seeking its fifth head coach since Bear Bryant retired after the 1982 season.

"At one time, there were 4-5 programs that were what people considered premier programs in the country," said Bob Bockrath, who was the Tide's athletic director when DuBose was hired in 1996. "That isn't the case anymore."

"Times have changed. If you look at who's been in the Top 10 the last 10 years, there's a bunch of new names in there."

Bockrath isn't sure the expectations of Tide faithful have changed with the times.

"I just think it's one of those regional things," said Bockrath, fired last year and now AD at Yavapi College in Prescott, Ariz. "They don't quite accept or understand there are other really good programs out there. Not to put down the Alabama program, but there are a bunch of others who have risen to the same level Alabama was at 10 or 15 years ago."

"I think coaches are maybe a little wary of places that have great expectations that some might view as somewhat unrealistic."

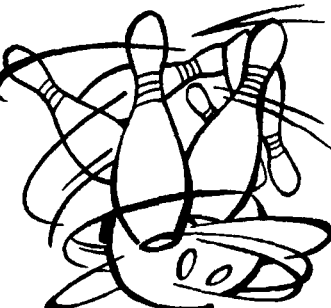
Bockrath wanted to pursue such names as Beamer and Rick Neuheisel but said he received "thousands" of e-mails, faxes and letters urging him to elevate Tide assistant DuBose to the top job in 1996.

Former Alabama coach Bill Curry thinks behind-the-scenes politics make it more likely that someone with ties to Alabama would be more likely to flourish as head coach.

"The biggest thing for me was to know who was in our corner and who was not," said Curry, an ESPN analyst who coached the Tide from 1987-89 and was regarded as an outsider by some Alabama fans.

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PGA

Woods meets with Tour commissioner

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Tiger Woods seemed well on his way to resolving a dispute with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem over marketing rights following a meeting in which Woods described as "very positive, very upbeat."



Woods

Woods, the No. 1 player in the world and largely responsible for an enormous boost in golf's popularity, stunned PGA Tour officials earlier this month when he said the tour was taking financial advantage of him with policies that controlled his rights.

He also said Finchem only talked to him when the commissioner wanted Woods to play in a particular tournament.

On Wednesday, Woods said "pretty much everything" had been resolved during a meeting with Finchem two days earlier in Los Angeles.

"It was very positive, very upbeat. There was no hostility at all," Woods said. "My relationship with Tim has definitely improved. He was very candid and so was I."

"We need a few more sit-down meetings to hammer things out. One of the problems has been that it is hard to get our schedules clear. He's as busy as I am."

Finchem also said he was pleased with the meeting.

"I'm delighted we're discussing the specifics of his business strategy, because a significant mission of the tour is to provide our members with a strong marketing platform," he said in a statement.

Woods described the talks as "compromises on both sides," but was not specific since details are still being worked out. They discussed player marketing rights, commercial use of player images and the Internet.

"We needed to communicate a little bit more. Not, 'My people will talk to your people,' but face-to-face," he said.

Woods said he also reassured Finchem that his objectives have nothing to do with getting a share of the next four-year TV contract, which will be negotiated next year.

Woods believes some of the negative public reaction to his earlier comments came because people thought he was asking for a cut of the tour's TV money. He also said he was sur-

prised by the number of other players who reacted positively to his comments.

Woods first vented his frustrations to Golf World magazine in its Nov. 10 issue. Asked how serious the conflict was, Woods said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation."

Among his concerns are implied endorsements, where PGA Tour sponsors were able to use Woods' and other players' images in advertisements, rights fees, in which ABC Sports had to pay the tour \$400,000 to televise Woods' exhibition match against David Duval last year. When Woods set up another made-for-TV match against Sergio Garcia this year, the fee was raised to \$1.5 million.

Woods is also concerned with interactive media. This involves Woods getting back

all of his rights, some of which the PGA Tour owns because Woods is a member. This would enable Woods to explore several untapped areas involving the

Internet.

"The Internet is something we weren't even thinking about 10 years ago. I believe there are a lot of opportunities there not only for players, but for the tour as well," said Woods, one of 12 players shooting for the \$1 million winner's prize in the Williams World Challenge, starting Thursday.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Purdue turnovers allow No. 21 Virginia to take victory

Associated Press

The ACC-Big Ten Challenge proved little challenge at all for No. 21 Virginia as the ball-hawking Cavaliers forced 23 turnovers and ran away from Purdue for a 98-79 victory.

Virginia, with a 4-0 record this season, got 24 points each from Chris Williams and Donald Hand as it kept its best start since the 1992-93 season going. Those Cavaliers won their first 11 games before splitting their final 20.

Purdue (1-2), coming off a 72-69 victory over then-No. 1 Arizona, looked like it was ill-prepared for Virginia's trapping zone press, repeatedly throwing the ball away before getting past halfcourt.

The Cavaliers turned 15 first-half turnovers into 17 points en route to a 45-27 lead, then coaxed four more miscues early in the second half.

Virginia played at top speed throughout and either drove to the hoop or pounded the ball inside. The Cavaliers got 22 of their first 32 points in close, and had 13 second-chance points to Purdue's 1 in the half.

In one 9 1/2-minute stretch very early in the game, Virginia forced 12 turnovers and outscored the Boilermakers 28-7. That gave them a 30-12 lead 8:12 before halftime, and the Boilermakers never got closer than 13.

Joe Marshall led Purdue with 19 points and Rodney Smith had 14.

No. 23 Wisconsin 78,**No. 13 Maryland 75**

Kirk Penney scored five of his 18 points in overtime as No. 23 Wisconsin held off 13th-ranked Maryland in an ACC-Big Ten Challenge game at the mostly empty Bradley Center.

Penney, a sophomore who was 0-for-13 from the field in the Badgers' opener, hit a 3-pointer on the first possession of overtime and Wisconsin (2-1) never trailed again.

The Terrapins (1-3) lost for the third straight time despite holding an opponent to less than 39 percent shooting for the fourth consecutive game. They turned the first meeting between the schools in 68 years into a foulfest after falling behind 70-63 on Penney's free throw with 56 seconds left.

The Badgers' victory seemed secured when Maryland's Drew Nicholas misfired on a long 3-pointer with 10 seconds left and Roy Boone was fouled on the rebound. His two free throws gave Wisconsin a 78-71 lead.

But the pesky Terrapins scored on Byron Mouton's basket, stole the ball and Terence Morris made two foul shots with a second left.

Mouton led the Terrapins with 14 points.

Wisconsin senior guard Mike Kelley, coming off a career-high 17 points against Northern Illinois, was held scoreless until 2:48 of overtime, when he hit a 12-foot jumper that gave the Badgers a 67-62 lead.

Kelley did have 12 assists,

one short of the school record.

The game was tied at 62 after regulation.

Charlie Wills' two free throws with 51 seconds left in regulation put Wisconsin ahead 62-59, but Steve Blake, who hadn't scored since the first half, hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 36 seconds left.

The Badgers worked the ball for a final shot, but Boone was badly out range when he fired up a 3-pointer that didn't come close.

Mike Vershaw scored six points in an 11-0 run the Badgers used to take a 50-42 lead with 10 minutes left. But Nicholas made four foul shots, Mike Mardesich made a nifty basket underneath and Tahj Holden's wide-open 3 with six minutes left gave Maryland a 51-50 lead and ensured an exciting finish.

The Badgers jumped out to leads of 11-2 and 21-10 before the Terrapins settled down.

Juan Dixon, who scored 11 of his 12 points in the first half, gave Maryland its first lead at 32-31 with a layup at 2:49 of the first half.

Wisconsin trailed 37-34 at halftime.

The 19,150-seat Bradley Center was only about one-third full. The late start, the fact the game was on television, higher ticket prices than at the Kohl Center and snow falling along the 90-mile trek from Madison kept the walk-up crowd down.

No. 22 Cincinnati 82,**Dayton 75**

Steve Logan scored 21 points

and No. 22 Cincinnati used a suffocating full-court press to beat No. 24 Dayton.

Kenny Satterfield added 20 points and made some late free throws for the Bearcats (3-1).

The Flyers, playing as a ranked team for the first time since 1974, was 5-of-9 from 3-point range in the first half, but went cold in the second, going 2-of-9. Tony Stanley scored 21 points, and Brooks Hall added 17 for Dayton, but the Flyers turned the ball over 19 times.

With Dayton (2-2) leading 56-43 with 12:54 left in the game, the Bearcats went into a full-court press, forcing several turnovers and scoring nine straight points. Cincinnati tied the game 58-58 with 8:28 left.

The Bearcats took the lead for good with 3:19 remaining on Jamall Davis' three-point play. Dayton got within 71-70 with 2:09 to play, but Satterfield made five of six free throws to seal the game.

Cincinnati leads the series 55-28, winning 37 of the last 44 meetings. The Bearcats have won 10 straight over Dayton, last losing to the Flyers in 1989.

The Bearcats, who lost Kenyon Martin, Pete Mickeal, DerMarr Johnson and Ryan Fletcher from its 29-4 team last season, came into the game off a 69-51 loss to Notre Dame on Saturday.

Minnesota 76,**Florida State 71**

Terrance Simmons scored 19 points, including four free

throws in the final minute, to lead Minnesota to a 76-71 victory over Florida State in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Golden Gophers took control in the final three minutes of a back-and-forth game that included 15 ties. Forward Mike Bauer hit a 3-point shot with 2:37 left to give Minnesota a 68-65 lead, and the Seminoles never caught up.

Minnesota coach Dan Monson said the Golden Gophers "played with fire" by not taking control of the game earlier. But he praised his team's competitiveness.

"Our guys didn't go away," Monson said. "They stayed together and made some shots and finally got some rebounds."

The end of the game left Florida State coach Steve Robinson and his players frustrated. The Seminoles made only two of their last six shots, missing four 3-pointers.

"They were very good shots," said junior guard Monte Cummings, who led Florida State with 15 points. "We had the right guys taking them."

Minnesota (5-1) bounced back from a loss Sunday to Georgetown. Florida State (1-4) was coming off a win over Rhode Island in the Great Alaska Shootout. The Golden Gophers limited Florida State's top three scorers, Nigel Dixon, Michael Joiner and Adrian Crawford, to a total of 15 points.

Minnesota hit 10 of 16 shots from 3-point range, while Florida State hit only 3 of 11. Dixon, who came into the game averaging 14.5 points, was held scoreless.

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NFL

Warner returns from finger injury

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS
It's official: Kurt Warner is back.

The MVP quarterback took snaps Wednesday for the first time in more than five weeks and reported no problems with the little finger on his throwing hand. He felt so good, in fact, that he joked after practice about requiring further surgery.



Warner

"I feel good, real good," Warner said.

Before his acid test, Warner said there were no worries.

"I've been kind of banging it around a little bit and checking it out to see how it feels," Warner said. "So I really wasn't worried at all."

"Actually, it was less painful than I thought it might be taking the snaps."

Warner looked good, too, zipping passes all over the field.

"He didn't skip a beat," coach Mike Martz said. "He looked just like he did before he got injured. It's pretty amazing."

In fact, Martz said Warner returned with better mechanics.

"The more you play, some

things start to deteriorate," Martz said. "I think the time off has helped him. He's a little fresher and more compact; he's back to where he was in the beginning."

Warner said there's no reason why he can't pick up right where he left off.

"I especially think so after practicing today," he said. "If I can make all the throws today, and my reads were quick today, there's no reason to think they won't be that same way on Sunday."

Warner was injured on an awkward snap from backup center Steve Everitt near the end of the half of a 54-34 loss at Kansas City. He wore a plastic protective piece on the finger during practice, but team doctors say he shouldn't have to wear that on game day.

He's anxious to make his return from a five-game absence on Sunday at Carolina. The team is every bit as anxious after going 2-3 without him, although they're careful not to blame backup Trent Green or speak of Warner as some type of savior.

"We should have gone 5-0 with him at the helm," middle linebacker London Fletcher said. "I know Kurt is the reigning league MVP and Super Bowl MVP, but it doesn't matter. If we continue to do the things we've done these last five games, we're going to lose again."

Warner also defended Green,

who has 16 touchdown passes and five interceptions but has borne the brunt of criticism in St. Louis.

"I definitely don't think Trent was the problem," Warner said. "I think it's ridiculous that people are pointing to him in any way."

Still, Warner undoubtedly will give the Rams a lift. He's 22-4 as a starter and has thrown for 300 or more yards in 17 of those starts.

He topped 300 yards the first six games of the season, leading St. Louis to a 6-0 start, and leads the NFL with a 111.6 passer rating.

Odds makers figure Warner will make a big difference and return the Rams, who had scored 40 points in four consecutive games before the Chiefs game, to their high-flying days. They're eight-point favorites Sunday against the Panthers, coming off an impressive 31-14 victory over the Packers on Monday night, and the over-under is 58 points — the highest in the NFL by 13 points.

"It's not going to be a giant difference performance-wise," center Andy McCollum said. "But it's definitely good to see Kurt back."

McCollum didn't put a soft touch on the snap to make sure Warner didn't get hurt again.

"No problems at all," McCollum said. "He said it felt good, too, and he sure looked good throwing."

Palmer says rookie QB Wynn could start for Cleveland

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio

Spergon Wynn began the season as an anonymous rookie quarterback from Southwest Texas State fighting to make the Cleveland Browns.

On Sunday, he could get his first NFL start when the Browns visit the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Cleveland coach Chris Palmer wouldn't say Wednesday if he would start Wynn or stick with Doug Pederson, who's nursing bruised ribs.

"I'd like to reserve that until later on in the week," Palmer said.

"Jacksonville has a very complicated defense and something that creates problems for the quarterback whether you're Doug Pederson or Spergon Wynn, and you have to be able to go in there and figure it out."

Palmer's choice might be made easy if Pederson's ribs don't heal quickly.

Despite wearing a flak jacket, he was injured when he got hit by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis during Sunday's 44-7 loss at Baltimore. Pederson was kept out of throwing drills during practice on Wednesday and could be limited the rest of the week.

However, even if Pederson is healthy enough to play, Palmer might have other plans.

Palmer has said he would use the final three games this season to evaluate many of his young and seldom-used players to determine their futures with the Browns.

One of those players is Wynn, a sixth-round pick.

Wynn, who began the year trying to be the Browns' No. 3 QB behind Tim Couch and Ty Detmer, has played in six games this season, including a half in Baltimore.

Wynn finished 5-of-9 for 30 yards but was sacked four times. He has yet to lead the Browns on a scoring drive this season and hasn't been closer than the opposition's 41-yard line.

"That's one of the things that intrigues me about the guy," Palmer said. "He goes in and he's got ice in his veins. He's like, 'Where's the ball? OK, let's go.'"

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, November 30

6:00 p.m. "College Bowl" Quarter-finals Semi-finals - Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Student Center
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Swimming, ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
7:00 p.m. "Good Catholics & Free Citizens: Parishes, Politics, and Community in Imperial Germany 1890-1914", Speaker: James E. Bjork, Hesburgh Library Faculty Lounge
7:00 p.m. Film screening of "The Bronze Screen: 100 Years of Latino Image in Hollywood Cinema", McKenna Hall ETS Theatre
7:00 p.m. Book talk and signing by Dr. Yuval Brandseter, Author of "Joe's Trial Moses Brand", Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
7:00 p.m. Lecture, "Thinking with Witches - Stereotypes of Embodied Evil, Then and Now", 129 DeBartolo Hall
7:00 p.m. Rock n Electric Christmas Special, Keough Hall
7:30 p.m. "The Comedy of Errors" - Play, Hesburgh Center for Int'l Studies Auditorium*
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. "Umphreys McGee" Chicago Jam Band - LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
10:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
10:30 p.m. Movie, "What Lies Beneath", DeBartolo 101* and "U571", DeBartolo 155*

Friday, December 1

6:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Swimming, ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
7:30 p.m. "The Comedy of Errors" - Play, Hesburgh Center for Int'l Studies Auditorium*
7:30 p.m. Concert: "A Christmas Vision" - Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, Hesburgh Library Auditorium*
7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "The Celebration", Snite Museum*
8:00 p.m. Carroll Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony, Front lawn of Carroll Hall
8:00 p.m. Notre Dame Collegium Musicum, St. Mary's College
8:00 p.m. Movie, "What Lies Beneath", DeBartolo 101* & "U571", DeBartolo 155*
8:30 p.m.-Midnight Billiards competition, free billiards and refreshments, ND Express
9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Milune", Snite Museum*
10:30 p.m. Movie, "What Lies Beneath", DeBartolo 101* & "U571", DeBartolo 155*

Saturday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
6:00 p.m. "College Bowl" Finals - Ballroom, LaFortune
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Swimming, ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
7:30 p.m. "Asian Allure" - Washington Hall
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Wildcats preparing for Sooners showdown

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Oklahoma more than beat Kansas State.

With a 41-31 victory last month, the Sooners cast doubt on whether the Wildcats with their pillow-soft schedule even deserved a place among the college football elite.

Ben Leber, still perspiring, gave voice to what Kansas State fans everywhere must have been wishing on that chilly night in the Flint Hills.

"I hope we'll see them again this year in Kansas City," the senior linebacker said. "Things might be different then."

And so the Wildcats have their wish. As Saturday night's Big 12 title game against No. 1 Oklahoma drew near, they were working hard to learn their plays, absorb the game plan and keep their feelings in check.

"If we come out and play with too much emotion we'll lose focus," Leber said. "There's obviously that burning desire to get revenge. But you have to take it as a game and keep it on the lines. We know what's at stake here."

Kansas State (10-2) was ranked No. 2 and hoping for a shot at the national championship when Josh Heupel and his eighth-ranked Sooners came to Manhattan and man-handled them.

The sting of the loss was even greater because it seemed to validate critics who had said for years that Kansas State was merely a pretender, building a reputation by routing an unending parade of pushovers.

Everyone knew, including the Wildcats, that Oklahoma

was the first team of ability they'd met all year.

"The last couple of weeks has been all about business," said quarterback Jonathan Beasley, who was plainly outplayed by Heupel in their first game.

"They beat us earlier in the year so we know what we need to do."

The Wildcats have taken a cue from defensive coordinator Phil Bennett.

"We decided to start over after that loss," said defensive back Jon McGraw. "Coach Bennett has a saying that people in football remember November. So that's what we're going to try to do."

"There's obviously that burning desire to get revenge ... we know what's at stake."

Ben Leber
Kansas State linebacker

At the same time Oklahoma knocked Kansas State out of the national championship picture, the Sooners jumped into contention

themselves. In their next game, they beat No. 1 Nebraska and assumed the ranking they'll be out to protect Saturday night in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.

At stake for Oklahoma is a ticket to the Orange Bowl to battle Florida State for the Sooners' first national championship since 1985. On the line for the Wildcats is a big dose of revenge, a possible Fiesta Bowl bid and vindication that they are indeed a member of the game's elite.

"I think we've got some scores to settle with them from October," said running back Josh Scobey. "It's really good to get a second chance. We believe that we've got everything to gain and everything to lose. We feel like we have a lot riding on this ball game."

The Wildcats would love nothing more than to spoil Oklahoma's party.

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MASTERS CUP

Sampras slams Corretja after opening tourney with loss

Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — With his game looking much sharper, Pete Sampras bounced back Wednesday to beat Alex Corretja 7-6, 7-5 and remain in contention for the Masters Cup title.

Sampras has won this season-ending tournament five times, a record he shares with Ivan Lendl.

After losing his opening match to Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 6-0 on Tuesday, Sampras needed a victory against Corretja to maintain his chances of claiming the record for himself.

"Obviously I didn't have a good night's sleep, you're just tossing and turning, I was just kind of humiliated out there," Sampras said.

Against Corretja, Sampras looked like a champion again.

"I served and volleyed very well. I was just a different person, a different player," Sampras said.

Earlier, Yevgeny Kafelnikov rallied past Magnus Norman 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 in his opening match in this \$3.7 million tournament for the world's top eight players.

Marat Safin took another step toward wrapping up the No. 1 spot for the year by beating Hewitt 6-4, 6-4. Safin is now 2-0 in the tournament, while Hewitt fell to 1-1.

The only way Safin can now fail to clinch No. 1 is if he loses every remaining match and Gustavo Kuerten wins the tournament. Sampras finished No. 1 for the year an unprecedented six seasons in a row before Andre Agassi wound up No. 1 last year.

Safin, a 20-year-old Russian,

will be the youngest player to gain that distinction.

Against Hewitt, one of the best returners in the game, Safin lost his temper and hit a ball into the stands, getting penalized and dropping his serve in the eighth game of the second set. But he broke right back and served out the match with a booming ace.

Sampras, winner of a record 13 Grand Slam titles, is 1-1 in the round-robin portion of the event, while Corretja is 0-2.

Sampras will play Safin on Friday for a place in the semifinals. The only time Sampras failed to advance from the round-robin stage was in his debut appearance in 1990. He lost a round-robin match every year he won the elite event.

The eight players are divided into two groups, with the top two from each group advancing to the semifinals.

After losing the U.S. Open final to Safin in early September, Sampras got married and did not play another tournament until coming to Lisbon.

In his first match after taking more than two months off, Sampras was clearly rusty against Hewitt. But he was in command against Corretja, a Spaniard who beat Sampras in the 1998 semifinals before winning the title.

Sampras, the defending champion, never dropped his serve in the match, although he had to save two set points in the opening set.

After saving two set points to hold serve for 6-6, Sampras romped to a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker and won it when Corretja hit a forehand wide.

A textbook volley helped



KRT Photo

Pete Sampras pounds a backhand against Alex Corretja. He defeated Corretja in straight sets to advance in the Masters Cup — a tournament he has won five times.

Sampras save one more break point in the 11th game of the second set. He finally broke Corretja to win the match with a forehand winner after a long rally from the baseline.

Kafelnikov was down a break in the second set when he began his comeback by pulling even at 4-4 on Norman's serve.

"From a situation where I was a set and break down, to come back and win the match, it was a very satisfying win," Kafelnikov said.

The Russian, who won the Olympic gold medal, started hitting crisp passing shot winners to take charge.

"Right from the beginning, I felt like I was in total control of every single point," Kafelnikov said. "The problem was that I was missing a lot. I couldn't find the range on my ground strokes, especially on the forehand."

Kafelnikov broke serve at love for a 2-0 lead in the third and whipped another passing shot

winner for another break and a 5-1 lead. He won 11 straight points at the start of the set.

Kafelnikov received treatment for cramps in his forearm during the changeover. But it didn't prevent him from serving out the match in the next game.

"I thought I had a good chance to win the match," Norman said. "I was just a couple of points away, perhaps just one point away. I was very disappointed to lose the second set."

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Irish

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American list in the nation, is still impressive. Through Wednesday, he ranked second in the nation in scoring with 28.0 points per game, with the leader being Okechi Egbe, who plays for Tennessee-Martin, not exactly a top 25 team.

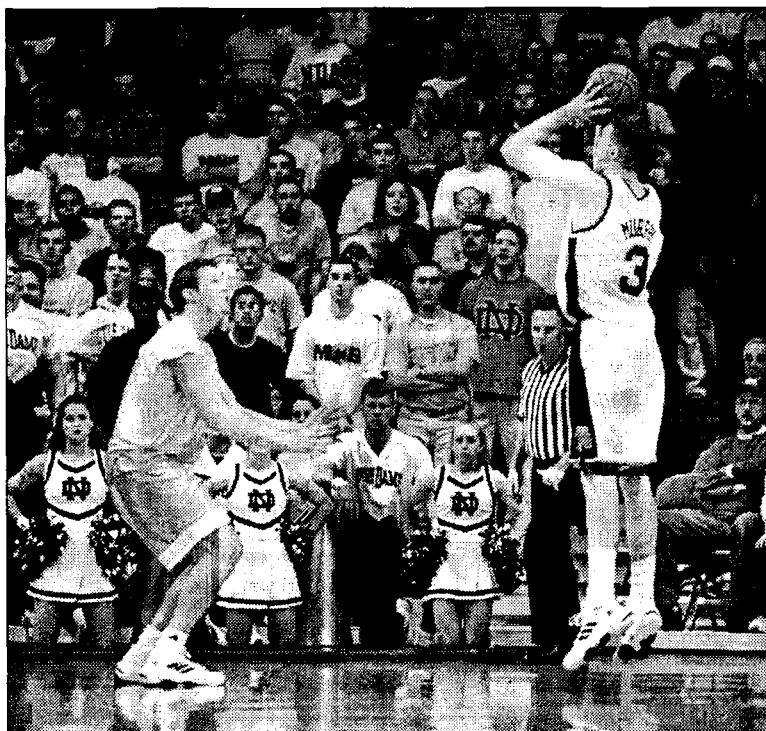
The Irish still look to Murphy first for scoring, as evidenced by his 30 points against the Bearcats, but he has help this year.

The Irish know what to expect in big games this year, and that includes an expectation of victory. When the second half began to wear on Saturday and Cincinnati was still clinging to Notre Dame's jerseys, the Irish shook them off by turning up the heat on defense, allowing the Bearcats just one offensive rebound in the second stanza. The Irish also made their shots from the field and the free throw line to lock up the win.

"We just buckled down defensively," Graves said. "We really concentrated on defensive boards, and then we hit our shots. É It's really backbreaking when somebody can hit their foul shots."

Graves, sophomore guard Matt Carroll and transfer power forward Ryan Humphrey all average better than 14 points per game. Of course, it's easy to score when your team has scored more than 100 points twice and boasts the sixth-largest scoring margin in the nation.

All five starters, including senior point guard Martin Ingelsby, have demonstrated



LISA VELTE/The Observer

All-American Troy Murphy fires a 3-pointer at home. Under the guidance of head coach Mike Brey, the Irish are undefeated.

their sweet touches behind the arc. No. 11 Notre Dame leads the country in 3-point shooting at 54.2 percent, thanks in large part to a school-record performance against Loyola Nov. 22.

"We have a lot of shooters on the team," Carroll said. "We usually have five guys on the court who can all shoot 3s."

Ingelsby, who lost his starting position last year to the flamboyant but unpredictable Jimmy Dillon, had his talents questioned in the preseason, but so far, there's no reason for concern. Ingelsby is near the nation's top in assists with an average of more than eight per game, and near the bottom in turnovers with just three in three games. His efficiency han-

dling the ball translates into an assist to turnover ratio of 8.3, second-best in Division I. To think about how good that mark is, Dillon ranked third in the conference last year with a 1.96 ratio.

"We proved ourselves in one game," Carroll said. "We've still got a lot more games to prove ourselves in."

The bench is one unproven entity for the Irish.

Super sub Harold Swanagan got bumped from the starting lineup with the addition of Humphrey, but can ably fill in at the forward or center position. Besides Swanagan, however, none of the reserves have gotten significant playing time in the first few games.

Pac-10

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conference games that Oregon State chose to schedule. I'd call those three teams cupcakes but that would be an insult to the pastry. Scheduling those three teams is just pathetic. If you want to be a real football school, you have to schedule real opponents.

The Beavers don't have to stock their schedule with top 25 opponents. They just have to play opponents that at a very minimum might not be horrible this year. Rather than scheduling Eastern Washington, schedule Missouri. Missouri wasn't a good football team this year but at least the Tigers play in a real conference and had a chance to be good this year.

Scheduling 6-5 teams from the Big Sky conference does not help your bowl chances. It only pads your record with empty victories.

The Pac-10 schedule is no better. The only good team the Beavers played all year was Washington. And the Huskies beat the Beavers 33-30.

The rest of the Pac-10 teams on Oregon State's schedule were awful this year. USC was 5-7. Stanford was 5-6. Washington State was 4-7. California was 3-8. Arizona was 5-6.

Oregon State only played four teams with winning records and only three of those teams will be going to bowls — not even the insight.com bowl will select a 6-5 team from the Big Sky conference like Eastern

Washington.

UCLA went 6-5 and is headed to the Sun Bowl. Washington is going to the Rose Bowl and Oregon finished 9-2 and will most likely head to the Aloha Bowl.

Oregon State's only quality win came against Oregon and Oregon is probably one of the softest 9-2 teams in the country. They beat 5-6 Big West power Idaho and Nevada who finished 2-10 in non-conference action but the Beavers also lost to Wisconsin. Although the Badgers are headed to the Sun Bowl this year, they are probably the most disappointing team in college football north of Alabama.

Oregon went on to tag Washington with its only defeat but other than the Huskies, the Ducks didn't beat anyone. Oregon only beat two other bowl teams: 6-5 UCLA and 6-5 Arizona State.

Not very impressive at all.

But Mr. Hansen, a 10-1 record is still a 10-1 record so maybe Oregon State deserves the Fiesta Bowl bid. So let's cut a deal.

Oregon State gets to go to the Fiesta Bowl this year, if you promise to decline your automatic bid for your conference champion when your conference champion is horrible — like last year when Stanford went the to Rose Bowl with an 8-3 record.

You don't think that is fair?

Fine. Quit the BCS. The BCS is better off without fraud teams from the Pac-10.

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"The Bronze Screen: 100 yrs of Latino Image in Hollywood Cinema".				
11/30.	Thursday.	Theatre, McKenna Hall	0600PM.	
ND Swimming Invitational.				
12/1.	Friday.			
First Friday.				
12/1.	Friday.	Intercultural Center LaFun	1200 - 0130 PM.	
Voices of Faith Concert.				
12/1.	Friday.	Washington Hall	0700PM	
"The Comedy of Errors".				
12/1.	Friday.	Hesburgh Ctr for International Studies Aud.	0730PM	
"The Celebration".				
12/1.	Friday.	Snite	0730PM	
ND Collegium Musicum Performance.				
12/1.	Friday.	SMCollege	0800PM	
"Mifune".				
12/1.	Friday.	Snite	0930PM	
Carroll Christmas Tree Lighting.				
12/1.	Friday.			
Dances:				
12/1.	Friday.	Farley, Sorin, Walsh, Siegfried, St. Ed's, O'Neill		
Madrigal dinner				
12/1- 12/3		Regina North Lounge, SMC	0700PM 0200 & 0700PM on Sunday	medieval@nd.edu for tix
ND Swimming Invitational.				
12/2.	Saturday.			
Flipside Chicago Trip.				
12/2.	Saturday.		1100AM - 0100AM	
"The Comedy of Errors".				
12/2.	Saturday.	Hesburgh Ctr for International Studies Aud.	0730PM	
Asian Allure.				
12/2.	Saturday.	Washington Hall	0730PM	
In-Hall Dances.				
12/2.	Saturday.	Dillon, Howard, Knott, Morrissey, PW, Stanford Stud Vegas, Carroll Christmas Formal		
Michigan City Outlet Mall Bus Trip.				
12/3.	Sunday.	Library Circle	0945AM- 0500PM	Tickets: \$2.
Spanish Mass				
12/3.	Sunday.	Stanford-Keenan Chapel	0130 PM	
ND Jazz Band: Dimensions in Jazz.				
12/3.	Sunday.	Band Building	0300PM	
Advent Lessons and Carols				
12/3.	Sunday.	Basilica	0700PM	

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-10

"Jaws"				
12/4.	Monday.	Snite	0700PM	
Mens Basketball vs. Indiana.				
12/5.	Tuesday.	JACC	0900PM	
"Children of Heaven".				
12/5.	Tuesday.	Montgomery Theatre, LaFun	0900PM	
Interrace.				
12/6.	Wednesday.	CSC	0530-0730PM	
Womens Basketball vs Villanova.				
12/6.	Wednesday.	JACC	0700PM	
ND Chorale: Handel's Messiah.				
12/6.	Wednesday.	Washington Hall	0800PM	
ACE goes Latin.				
12/6.	Wednesday.	LaFortune Ballroom	0900PM	
Christmas Reception in the Main Building.				
12/7.	Thursday.		0230-0500PM	
Handbell Choir Concert.				
12/7.	Thursday.	Main Building.	0300- 0330PM	
ND Chorale: Handel's Messiah.				
12/7.	Thursday.	Washington Hall	0800PM	
Acousticafe.				
12/7.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle	0900PM	
Movies: A Christmas Story; The Art of War				
12/7.	Thursday.	DBRT 101 & 155	1030PM	Tickets \$2

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty fails first big test at Carolina

◆ **No 2. Spartans defeat No. 6 Tar Heels 77-64 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge**

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. North Carolina faced a dilemma that will challenge Michigan State's opponents all season.

Which of the Spartans do you try to stop?

It's a difficult question to answer as the Tar Heels found out.

The Spartans (No. 2 ESPN/USA

Today; No. 3 AP) used a balanced attack to beat No. 6 North Carolina 77-64 Wednesday night in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge game.

Jason Richardson led Michigan State (4-0) with 16

points, while Andre Hutson had 14 points and nine rebounds and Charlie Bell added 15 points.

Four others scored six or more points and a fifth player, Mike Chappell, made a key 3-pointer midway through the second half.

Before the season began, Bell thought this team would be better offensively than the one that won last season's national championship.

Now he is sure of it.

"Last year, if you stopped Pete, we could be in trouble," said Bell, referring to Morris Peterson, who is playing for the Toronto Raptors. "Now, we just have so many weapons. If you try to stop one guy or one part of our game, you're going to be out of luck because so many guys can score."

Five players scored the first five baskets and the balanced scoring didn't stop there.

"We got a lot of play out of a lot of people," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We had moments where we looked real good and moments when we looked kind of sloppy."

When North Carolina extended its zone defense, Michigan State scored inside. When it sagged its

defense inside, the Spartans would find an open player on the perimeter.

"It's tough to really focus in and say what you are going to take away," North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said. "They run so many sets. Against a zone, most teams don't have as many zone offenses as they do man offenses. Coach Izzo must have about 50 set plays."

Kris Lang prevented North Carolina (3-1) from being routed by scoring a career-high 22 points on 11-for-16 shooting.

"He really showed a lot, he was a man down there," Doherty said. "I expect that. Kris Lang is a good player who can put up 20 points and 10 rebounds every night."

Michigan State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games and won its 32nd straight home game, second only to Utah's 54 in a row at home.

The Spartans went on a 14-2 run late in the first half and never relinquished the momentum. They led by 13 at halftime and the Tar Heels were not able to slice the deficit to less than seven in the second half.



Doherty

Knight hopes to return to coaching

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Bob Knight says he hasn't changed much since he was fired by Indiana University. He does, however, miss coaching and would love to return to the bench someday.

"That's what I've always done," Knight said. "This is the first time since the fall of 1962 that I haven't had a basketball team."

"Coaching, teaching, is a daily challenge, and I miss that," Knight told Indianapolis television station WISH in a report broadcast Wednesday. "I want to have an opportunity to do it, but I want to have an opportunity to do it in the same kind of atmosphere that existed at Indiana the first 23 or 24 years I was at Indiana."

Knight described that atmosphere as one where people understood and cooperated with one another. Knight was fired in September


after 29 years at IU for violating a zero-tolerance policy established by the school.

"I'm not going to get in all that, but the last five or six years has been a totally different atmosphere than I experienced through the first 24 years I was there," he said.

Knight believes he can find that type of environment again, although he declined to say where he might go. He did say he would prefer to coach at a college again.

"I don't think it's a tough fit to find a situation where people want good academics, they want good basketball, they want a situation with basketball where they know there aren't going to be any problems with the NCAA," he said.

Although Knight felt his firing from Indiana hadn't changed him, he did say, "I think anytime you come through a critical situation, you're a little smarter, a little wiser."




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Matha

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said. "Athletics is amazing. It has opened so many doors. And student government, because of the great people I've met, I've learned they are there for me and they will get me through anything. The sophomore board is wonderful. They make being class president very easy."

Still, Matha said that it is hard to leave everything behind her when she steps on the court and has to concentrate totally on the game.

"It's hard to completely concentrate on one thing," Matha said. "I have a tough time clearing my mind totally before entering the gym. It is something I'm working on."

Smith and Matha's high school coach, Jim Sarver, don't agree completely with Matha's assessment of herself.

"She was a tenacious player," Sarver said. "She very seldom took a moment off while she played. She didn't do anything halfway."

Under Sarver's direction at Dixon High School, in Matha's hometown of Dixon, Illinois, Matha was named Player of the Year in the Sauk Valley area, and was a member of the All-State Third Team in Illinois.

"Kristen sometimes is her own worst critic," Sarver said. "I think it is something she's become more aware of. But the intensity she has about some things improves her skill on the court, which I've told her. She was player of the year in the area because of her ability to do things that other girls couldn't do."

While Matha hasn't played under Smith for long — this is Smith's first year at the bench for the Belles — she also sees a different Matha.

"Her decisive play and her hustle lead everybody by example and get us going," Smith said. "She gave 100 percent after she committed to basketball."

Matha was MIAA Player of the Week this week, after scoring 63 points and tallying 31 rebounds in three games. During the Turkey Shoot classic against Marietta, Matha tallied 23 points and 19 rebounds, connecting for 22 of 33 field goals, 19 of 27 free

throws and making seven assists and six blocked shots.

She holds the top two positions in the MIAA Leaders list for rebounds in a game, after Marietta. In the first tournament of the year tallying 18 against Johnson and Wales. She is ranked third overall in scoring in the MIAA, with 84 points in five games, averaging 16.8 points per game. Matha also holds third place in overall field goal shooting, making 27 of 44 attempts. She is second in rebounds, averaging 11 per game, and fourth in blocked shots, with 1.2 per game.

"She very seldom took a moment off while she played."

Jim Sarver
Matha's high school coach

"She wants to be the best for everything," team captain Anne Blair said. "I look up to her and I'm older than her. She is really positive and a hard worker. It's motivation for me. She makes me work harder."

Matha has, above all else, set an example for the team. Last year, she struggled to adjust to the collegiate basketball scene. She was tied for eighth in the MIAA final standings for steals, averaging 1.7 per game. A far cry from the Matha of this year who is all over the charts.

"There are two things that Matha has improved," senior co-captain Julie Norman said of her teammate.

"No. 1 is her confidence. Last year she was afraid to take shots. This year she has turned her play around. She has a great shot and she is a strong player who goes 100 percent all of the time. She

muscles her way around out there, helping her to get points on the board. Matha is a leader by example."

Both Norman and Blair agree on the second aspect of Matha's sudden resurgence as a player.

"Her work has paid off from the summer," Blair said. "She's been conditioning."

"Everybody stepped up their play, but you can tell that Matha worked really hard in the off-season," Norman said. "She's intense. Every game she comes and plays really hard. She has a strong desire to win and she plays with her heart."

As a forward, Matha works closely with Blair on the court. "I'm the other post," Blair said. "It's exciting to work with [Matha]. I push her and she pushes me. It is nice to have that kind of teamwork on the court."

Teamwork is the name of the game this year for the Belles, and it is always on Matha's mind.

"We've always been the underdog," Matha said. "No one believes in us. No one believes in us but Saint Mary's. We are going to prove a lot of people wrong this year."

FOOTBALL

Rogers will stay as offensive coordinator, passes on Rutgers

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Kevin Rogers has withdrawn his name from consideration for the vacant head football coaching position at Rutgers University.

Rogers met with Rutgers athletic director Bob Mulcahy following Notre Dame's Nov. 18 win at Rutgers.

"I called Bob today and took my name out of the running," he said. "I'm happy at Notre Dame. I think we've got something great going and I'm really looking forward to the future."

The 2000 season marked Rogers second with the Irish. In '99 his offense set single-season records for passing yards and pass completions. In 2000, the Irish ranked 14th nationally in rushing (213.5 yards per game) and 17th in passing efficiency.

Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio shattered the Notre Dame season mark for interception avoidance, with only one interception in 125 attempts, and would have ranked seventh in passing efficiency individually had he played in enough games.

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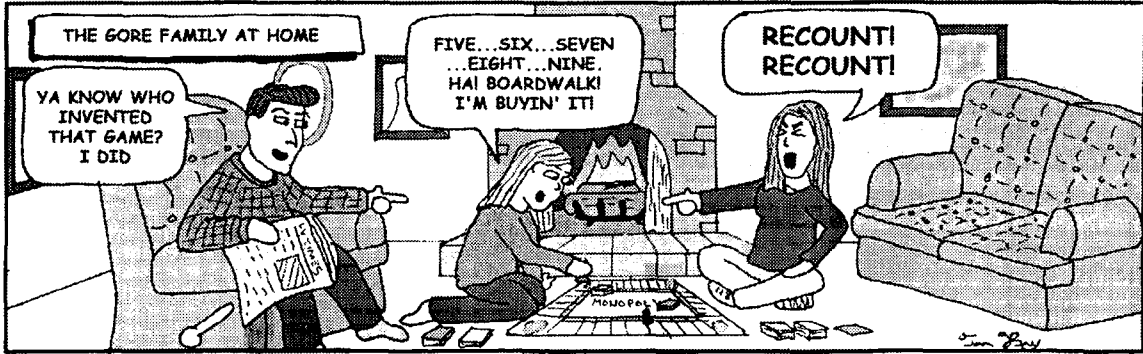
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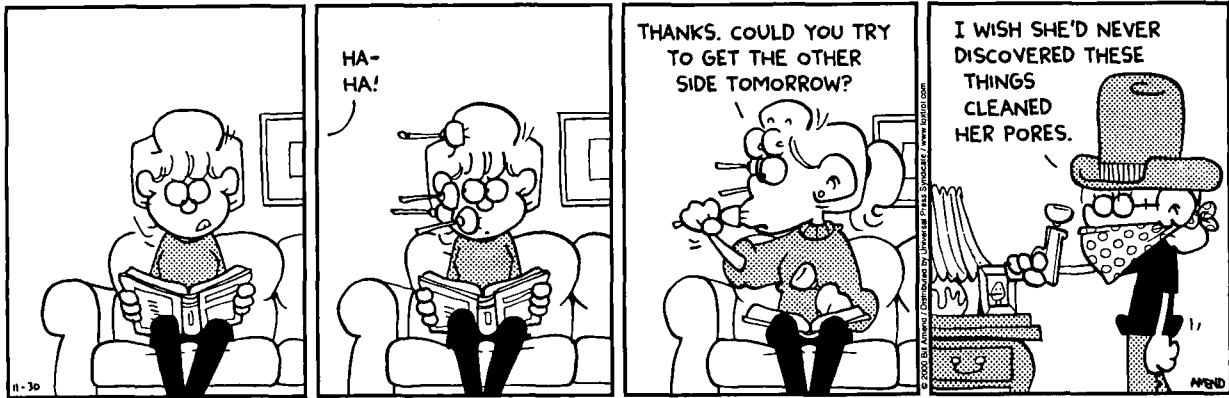
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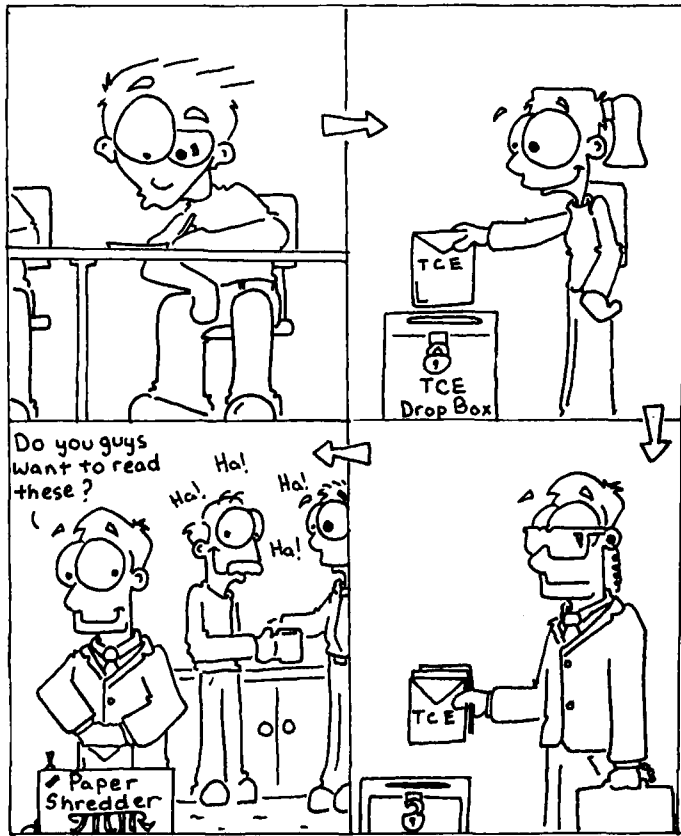
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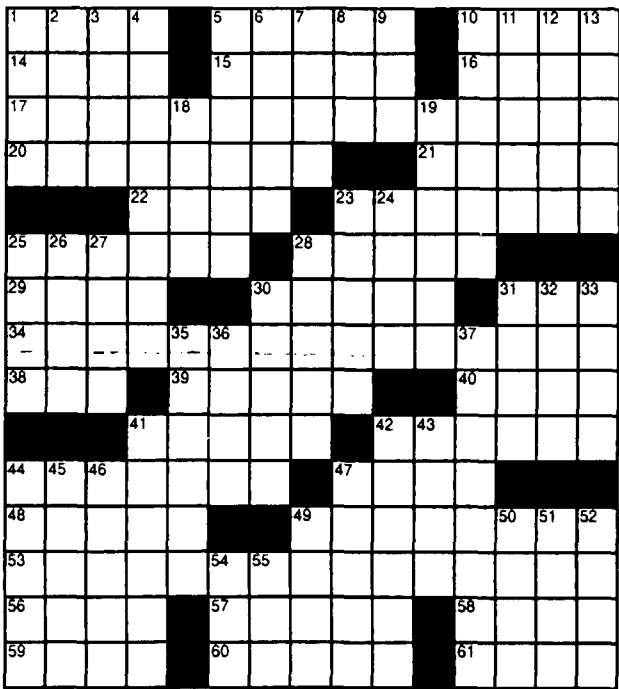
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 - 14 Interpret
 - 15 In heaven
 - 16 1968 award for Vaclav Havel
 - 17 In this, a "." is a "dot"
 - 20 Twin-engined W.W. II plane
 - 21 Swiftiness
 - 22 Puts into service
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 - 28 Hideouts
 - 29 Colorful computer
- DOWN**
- 30 Stephen King novel setting
 - 31 Minor invention
 - 34 In this, a "." is a "point"
 - 38 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
 - 39 Many an April baby
 - 40 Admitting a draft
 - 41 Con artist's accomplice
 - 42 Sun shade
 - 44 Analyze
 - 47 Furnace waste
 - 48 Cannes cap
 - 49 TV's Andy Taylor and Elroy Lobo
 - 53 In this, a "." is a "period"
 - 56 Comedy hit
 - 57 Patterned fabric
 - 58 Actress Petty of "Point Break"



Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

- 31 Kodak competitor
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- 33 Shipping hazard
- 35 Gauguin setting
- 36 Land of Tralee
- 37 Not just in the mind
- 41 Silvery food fishes
- 42 Football's Karras et al.
- 43 Electrologist's target
- 44 "I Hated, Hated, Hated This Movie" author
- 45 City near Dayton
- 46 Part of the atmosphere
- 47 Mantelpiece
- 49 Bustle
- 50 Hoodwink
- 51 Part of a river
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HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Billy Idol, Mandy Patinkin, Dick Clark, Ben Stiller, June Pointer, David Mamet

Happy Birthday: Pick out your target and make a beeline toward your goal. You can get ahead if you truly believe in what you are trying to accomplish. Although you will have no trouble persevering, you may not be as fun-loving as usual. Make an effort to have some good times with loved ones this year. Your numbers: 13, 26, 30, 34, 42, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your domestic chores out of the way. You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your mate intends to dump on you. Try to stay calm and refuse to be provoked.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite outfit and get out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be too emotional about situations at work. Try to keep your nose out of other people's business. Your own job will be questionable if you don't focus on doing your best.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be hard to get along with today. Your mood swings will drive everyone crazy. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your

budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should get out and do things that will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Problems involving children may throw you for a loop. Try to deal with these dilemmas calmly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have much patience with others. Your inability to live with disharmony may be the reason for your decision to move on or make necessary changes in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with evasive people. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sudden reversals of fortune will occur if you have been delving into risky financial ventures. You may want to leave your credit cards at home and keep your cash in the bank.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect to have disagreements with your partner if financial abuse has left you in a tight spot. You may have to limit another's spending habits, which won't sit well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Colleagues may cause a problem for you at work. Be careful not to let them be privy to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Gossip will backfire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Children will need your help today. Don't hesitate to offer assistance at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly.

Birthday Baby: You have an insatiable appetite when it comes to getting things done. You are eager to be involved in projects that will benefit others. You are always thinking of ways to make improvements.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Rogers

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All-out effort earns recognition

*Matha dedicated to basketball,
student government,
academics in busy schedule*

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

She's one of the most visible faces on Saint Mary's campus. On the basketball court, student government meetings, or in the classroom, Kristen Matha gives it her all.

"Every time she steps out on the court, she goes all out," head basketball coach Suzanne Smith said. "You can see that after two minutes. Ever since she decided to commit to basketball I have seen her give 100 percent to basketball. I don't think she gives less to anything she does."

This year on the basketball court Matha has made a difference in the Belles' play. After finishing a lackluster 1999 season with a 4-22 record, the basketball team is now 3-2 overall. Just two weeks into this season, the Belles are making their mark in the MIAA, with Matha leading the team. She was named the MVP at this past weekend's Turkey Shoot Classic.

"They don't give the MVP to the best player on the losing team," Matha said. "It's got to be a team effort. It's not a reflection of me. It's a reflection of our team."

Despite the rest of the team's skill, Matha has become a driving force behind the Belles. But life wasn't always so rosy for Matha. After playing volleyball and basketball her freshman year, Matha came into her second year at Saint Mary's unsure about her athletic future.

"I played three sports in high school and I was the president of my Key Club," Matha said. "In high school, you have the opportunity to be well-rounded. It helped me prepare for college but they are two different worlds."

Matha, who was elected sophomore class president at the end of her freshman year, elected not to come out for volleyball. And near the beginning

of the basketball season, she wasn't even sure if she still wanted to play. But she eventually decided that she could do both student government and athletics justice and came out for the team a second year.

"I made the right decision," Matha said with a smile. "That day was a reality check — how much basketball meant to me."

It makes one wonder how she balances everything.

"At times it's overwhelming," she

*"Everytime she steps
out on the court, she
goes all out."*

Suzanne Smith
head basketball coach



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Kristen Matha, left, defends against a fellow Belle in practice. Matha has proved invaluable to the Saint Mary's basketball team and student government.

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Pac-10 threats are empty

OK, bad news everybody: the Bowl Championship Series is in trouble. All the controversy surrounding the selection process could mean that the BCS will not exist past 2006.

No, I am not talking about Florida State being ranked higher than Miami — a team that beat the Seminoles in the regular season. I am talking about a much more pressing concern.

The Pac-10 may not re-sign



Mike Connolly

*Outside
looking in*

the BCS contract after it expires in 2006.

Yes, the Pac-10, the conference that sent 8-3 Stanford to the Rose Bowl last year is upset with the BCS system.

In a Los Angeles Times article Wednesday, Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said that if Oregon State were not chosen for the Fiesta Bowl, he would consider withdrawing the Pac-10 from the BCS.

"The Pac-10 may be better off going back to the Rose Bowl and forgetting the rest," Hansen said to the Los Angeles Times. "I wouldn't want to continually subject our teams to the anticipation of being selected and fairly considered when it just doesn't happen."

Hansen almost has a legitimate complaint this year. The Pac-10 has somehow managed

to place three teams in the top 10 of the BCS.

Washington is ranked fourth and headed to the Rose Bowl as the Pac-10 champion. Oregon State is ranked sixth at 10-1 while Oregon is 10th with a 9-2 record.

Hansen is angry that Oregon State may not get a BCS bid despite being one of seven Div. 1-A teams with a 10-1 record. But look a little closer and you will see that Oregon State beat a couple of cupcakes, a few Twinkies and a cream puff this year.

There are three reasons why Oregon State does not deserve a BCS bid this year: 6-5 Eastern Washington, 3-8 San Diego State and 5-7 New Mexico.

Those were the three non-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish find consistency, balance under Brey

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's swap of Mike Brey for Matt Doherty as the men's basketball coach traded steadiness for pizzazz. It looks like the team is following suit, going for consistency and balance instead of star power through its first three games.

Last year, the Irish (3-0) soared up and down along with their coach's emotional swings. All-American forward Troy Murphy was the one mainstay, but the rest of the lineup, while solid, was too inexperienced to bring its best game every night.

The biggest shift in the off-season, besides hiring the calmer Brey as head coach, has been the supporting cast turning into veterans.

"We're a year wiser and a year better," junior guard/small forward David Graves said after Saturday's 69-51 win over Cincinnati. "Everyone's really bought into what Coach Brey brought to the table. We've had input, too, and all the pressure situations we were in last year have paid off."

Murphy, a 6-foot-11 player on every preseason All-

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