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New Sbarro opens today

By CALLIE WHELAN
News Writer

After numerous delays due to construction and logistics issues, the new Sbarro pizza restaurant will open for business today at 10 a.m. in the LaFortune basement.

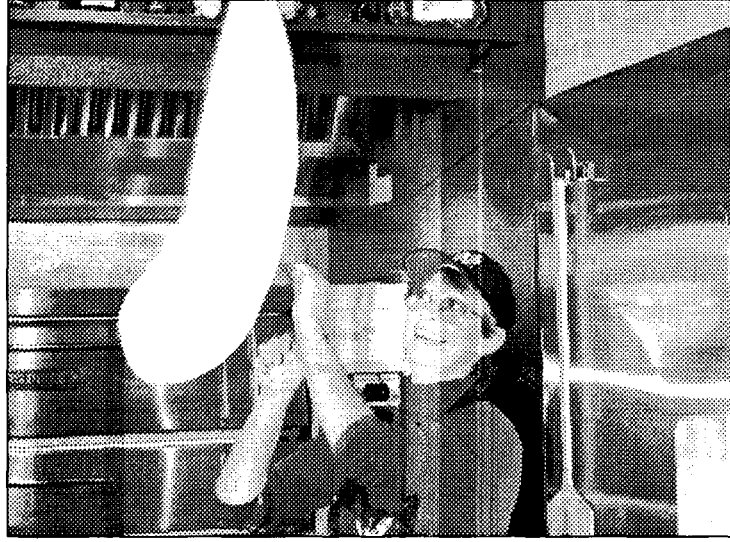
Construction on the new facility began in July of this past summer and was originally scheduled to be completed by Nov. 4.

"We had a delay with the pizza ovens," said Dave Prentkowski, director of food services at the University.

In addition to minor delays with equipment, space concerns prompted managers to make changes in the size of the counter and a reorganization of some equipment and facilities, according to Prentkowski.

Now that construction issues have been resolved, Sbarro employees have been rushing to prepare for opening day. With the Subway restaurant upstairs in LaFortune netting one of the highest revenues among Subway franchises in the country, officials expect that the new restaurant will also be very busy, according to Jim Labella, general manager of The Huddle and the new Sbarro.

"The ovens each make 14 pizzas every four minutes," he said. Sbarro employees have spent



LAUREN FORBES/The Observer

A Sbarro employee tosses pizza dough for practice in preparation for the restaurant's grand opening today.

the last two days preparing the full menu in practice mode to prepare for today's opening. Some lucky students at LaFortune were even welcomed inside the new facility to taste sample pizzas.

The new pizza restaurant's menu boasts Italian favorites such as pan pizza, breadsticks, pasta and hero sandwiches.

Starting today, Sbarro will be open until 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday nights, and until 2 a.m. during the rest of the week. These hours will offer stu-

dents a near-by late night dining option for those customers who may be located far away on campus from the 24-hour Recker's restaurant, managers said.

Managers also expect that the new restaurant will eventually offer students on-campus pizza delivery.

"Pizza delivery will begin in January when we have perfected the pizza recipes," Labella said.

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SMC bars suspended officer from campus

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's security officer Belinda Rathert remains on suspension but is now also prohibited from entering the campus. Rathert, who was suspended Nov. 7, has been with the College for three years.

The security officer received a letter

Tuesday from Debbie Kelly, Saint Mary's director of human resources, confirming the College's "suspension and notice of absolute prohibition from campus."

Rathert claims that Kelly suspended her because her college transcripts were missing from Rathert's personnel file. Rathert was originally told she had until Wednesday to turn in a copy of her transcripts along with two letters of accreditation from Indiana University Southeast, where Rathert says she graduated in 1989.

"How am I supposed to turn in my transcripts?" Rathert said. "I

can't even visit my daughter [on campus]."

Rathert, whose daughter is a freshman at Saint Mary's, claims that Kelly imposed the trespassing order because of an alleged incident in which Rathert made a threatening remark about the College.

"I thought we were having an intelligent conversation about workplace violence," said Rathert. "All I was talking about was that Saint Mary's does not have training for workplace violence."

According to Melanie Engler, a spokeswoman for the College, "Ms. Rathert contacted Director of Human Resources Debbie Kelly and Ms. Rathert requested an extension of [the] deadline for information. Debbie Kelly did grant that extension."

Rathert said she contacted Kelly Tuesday to inform her that all communications would be conducted through her lawyer and that she would not be meeting with her lawyer until Friday. Rathert said she would turn her transcripts over to her lawyer who would then contact Saint Mary's.

"I gave them a set of transcripts when they hired me," Rathert said. "They suspend me for vio-

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Belinda Rathert

Students discuss parietals and housing

◆ Campus group gathers to share concerns

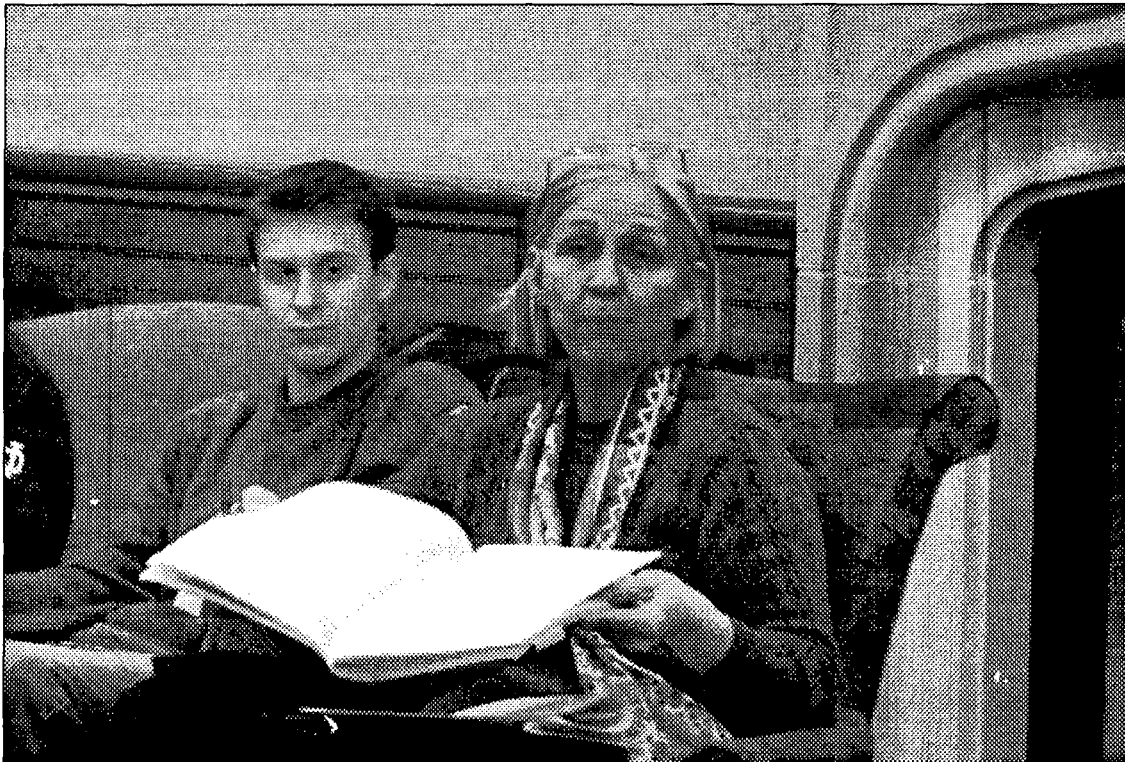
By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Students gathered Wednesday evening to discuss the much-debated topic of parietals and weighed in with their feelings on the subject.

"We wanted to foster discussion and dialogue and make people realize there is a need for change," said sophomore Bill Rinner, one of the discussion's organizers.

The discussion began with the question of why parietals exist at Notre Dame. Students said the University uses the parietal policy to maintain respect, safety, security and privacy within the residence halls. Monitors are placed only in women's residence halls in order to uphold this level of security. Amber Jackson said, "If we are worried about the safety and security of women, then there is a greater issue that we need to address."

Many said they have felt the glaring eyes of rectors and monitors when they have entered a member of the opposite sex's hall. The false stigma that men are sexual predators creates strained gender relations on this



CHRIS ORENCHUK/The Observer

Ava Preacher, assistant Dean of Arts and Letters, talks about parietals with students Wednesday night in the Coleman-Morse lounge.

campus, said Martha Patzer, another of the organizers.

Many recounted incidents where a monitor would come into 24-hour space and scold them for "inappropriate behavior." Ava Preacher, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Letters, point-

ed out the ridiculousness of this when she said, "One foot on the floor or you are screwed."

Several said the University provides reasons for parietals that can easily be disproven.

"The reason for parietals my rectress gave me was that I could

run down my hallway in my pajamas without feeling comfortable," said Patzer.

Women have been seen wearing their pajamas and walking to and from the shower in their tow-

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◆ New student group organizes conversation

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

A group of six Notre Dame students that unofficially call themselves "The Parietals Question" wants to start a dialogue about gender relations and the possibility of co-ed living on campus.

Made up of a mixture of male and female sophomores, The Parietals Question plans to facilitate discussions among students, faculty, rectors and administrators throughout the year.

"Something is missing here, and we think it's healthy gender relations," said sophomore Martha Patzer, one of the members in the group.

The Parietals Question emerged during a study session for an international relations test. The members started conversing about campus issues and decided to form a group. Rather than be a group

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing the freshman experience

Hurling a turtleneck into my duffle bag, I realize that I do not even know what clothes to pack for the Nov. 8-9 Freshman Retreat that starts in 20 minutes. I have no idea what I should be expecting, what kind of activities I will be participating in, what kind of people I will soon meet. It is Freshman Orientation all over again.

Joe Trombello

News Wire Editor

The walk to the Coleman Morse Center is a blur as my mind contemplates all of the things that could go wrong. I enter room 114 to find a handful of girls already seated and settle into a comfortable couch, expecting to pass the time in isolated silence. Instead, I am instantly greeted by a flurry of conversation and welcoming handshakes.

After arriving at Sacred Heart Parish Center, the retreat leaders orchestrate an icebreaker, then progress to a discussion of the difficulties in transitioning from high school to Notre Dame. After listening to their talk, I join fellow freshman in discussion of what we have just heard. I realize that my difficulties are not unique — each freshman explains some of the uncertainties they have faced since arriving on campus. I no longer feel alone.

The 25 freshman and I spend the night in prayer, contemplation and a game of Mafia, which I lose. Being Italian, I should have some advantage, but no. We dance, mingle, discuss and reflect. I find myself laughing more than I have recently and stay up until 3, not caring if I am tired the following morning.

Sitting outside on the final day of the retreat, the brilliance of the Golden Dome looms beyond the placidity of St. Joseph's Lake and the abundance of trees whose golden leaves make the ground erupt with color. I spend a moment in quiet reflection, then turn my attention to the nine undergraduates in my small discussion group whose faith, intelligence and compassion echo the physical beauty of my surroundings. With them, I share things I have not spoken about to anybody at Notre Dame. They listen, patiently, as I unburden myself, then do the same. We watch the football game and cheer as the Irish pull out a close one. The day concludes with a Mass and a multitude of hugs.

I join past graduates and leaders of freshman retreats the following night as we join our hands in unified prayer at the Grotto, a weekly rite. After the intentions are said, I clutch the borrowed rosary beads of a friend as a group member leads us in the Apostles' Creed. I begin the rosary haltingly, as I have not said it in years, but I find the words coming easier. I take courage in knowing that I will have many weeks of practice. I have heard so much about the Notre Dame family, but they were always just words. Now, I begin to experience it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Trombello at jtrombel@nd.edu.

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Senators report on the status of bad-smelling water in the residence halls that has been reported by many students.	Top Iraqi officials informed U.N. secretary general Kofi Annan yesterday in letter that they would agree to U.N. weapons inspections.	Jack Grubman, a former Wall Street tech stock analyst, told officials yesterday that he falsified stock reports to improve his professional image.	New Viewpoint columnist and Notre Dame graduate student Peter Wicks relates his experiences and frustrations with the American customs system.	Scene reviewers discuss blaxploitation films, the "baddest" movie genre of all.	High school seniors Colin Falls and Omari Isreal signed with the Irish mens baseball team Wednesday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Donald Pope-David "Sports, Race and Multi-Culturalism: A Perspective on Notre Dame" 8:15 p.m. at Hesburgh Center
- ◆ "A Very Potter Evening" 6 p.m. at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Womens Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. at O'Laughlin Auditorium
- ◆ Theater Department production "The Odd Couple" 8 p.m. at Little Theater

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDSP apprehend suspicious person
NDSP responded to a report of a suspicious person by the bike racks outside Building G of University Village early Wednesday morning. Officers apprehended the individual, identified him and issued a no trespass warning letter to the person. The suspicious individual was then released.

Bike found near Lewis Hall
A bike found early Wednesday morning near Lewis Hall was released to the owner.

Visitor reports missing bike
A visitor was arrested around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning for public intoxication and possession of marijuana near lot A15.

Car hits light pole
NDSP responded to a case of property damage and a traffic accident of a vehicle hitting a concrete pillar on a light pole in lot C1. No injuries were reported.

Locked bike stolen
A student reported her locked free-standing bike was taken from the east side of Howard Hall on Tuesday

between 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The case is pending and there are no suspects.

Accident occurs at NDH
NDSP responded to an occupational accident at North Dining Hall. The University employee was transported to the Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Fried cheese ravioli, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, breadsticks, tomato soup, four grain soup, pepperoni pizza, swiss steak, whipped potatoes, sugar snap peas, cream of wheat, sausage links, hamburgers, chicken patties, hotdogs, krinkle cut fries, plain rice, vegetable egg rolls, chicken tacos, refried beans

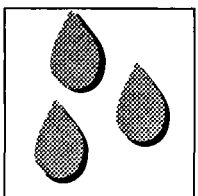
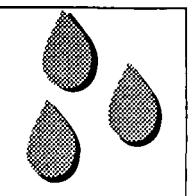
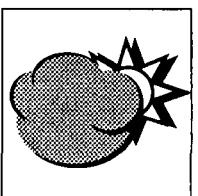
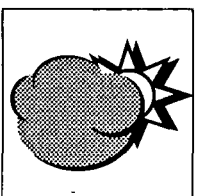
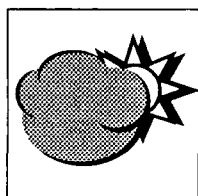
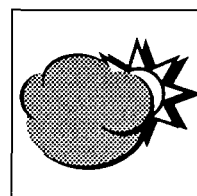
Today's Dinner: Vegetable pizza, cheese frenchbread, baked sweet potatoes, grilled cheese on wheat, vegetable eggrolls, Spanish rice, chicken in the pot soup, pepperoni pizza, four cheese pizza, French dip sandwiches, boiled mostaccioli, boiled fettuccine, alfredo sauce

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken teriyaki, portobello fajita

Today's Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, peppered flank steak, barley risotto with greens and mushrooms, black beans with tomato and cilantro, buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod, lentil and barley stew, BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned fries, onion rings, peppered tangerine chicken

Noble Family Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Potato leek soup, spicy beef soup, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, fried eggs with sausage, tortilla sandwiches, hamburgers, grilled cheese, chicken breast cordon bleu, broccoli rice casserole, yellow squash, seafood newburg, Californis wrap, herbed pasta, apple spice muffins

Today's Dinner: Cajun sausage pizza, turkey pot pies, french fries, pizza quesadillas, steak sandwiches, falafels, poppy seed cake, Boston cream pie, corn, roasted butternut squash, cherry ribbon gelatin salad, salad bar, cheese pizza, roasted gold potatoes, citrus lentils and rice, potato leek soup

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For more information, please call the Student Activities Office at 631-7308 or e-mail us at sao@nd.edu.

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STUDENT SENATE

Students report on campus water quality

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

As Senate committees near completion of their projects, senators on Wednesday reported on the status of the water quality in residence halls.

In several dorms, smelly water pours out of faucets and showerheads, senators said at their weekly meeting.

At the recently renovated Pangborn Hall, odorous water continues to be a problem. Kate Schlosser, the dorm's senator, said the problem reached the point where hall residents do not use their sinks. Maintenance flushed out the dorm's water system three times since the beginning of the year to rid the pipes of stagnant water, but the problem persists, said Schlosser. When the water builds up in the pipe, due to infrequent use, an odor comes from the faucets.

Courtney Badgely, Farley senator, said, "The problem is hard water and they are doing what they can."

Notre Dame is located in a region with is extremely hard water, according to maintenance officials. Although the maintenance department is investigating efforts to soften the water, the funds are not available to solve the problem, said Badgely. The department is trying to acquire additional money.

Deb Murray, manager of maintenance and projects, suggested students run the water for long periods of times so that the water will cycle and the smell will flush out, said Badgely.

In an effort to be environmentally conscious, the maintenance department will be installing environmentally safe showerheads in all of the dorms. A lever is located on the showerhead that controls water usage while still maintaining water temperature. Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West senator, provided examples

such as shaving or conditioning hair for why the special showerheads are beneficial.

In other Senate news:

◆ Courtney Kohout, chairperson of the committee on diversity, presented a revised version of the sexual awareness poster. Though the Senate opted to make further revisions, it decided that posters would be placed in residence hall bathrooms and outside resident assistants' rooms. This year's poster is a continuance of the previous Senate's efforts to raise awareness of sexual assaults.

◆ Senators voted on their Senate T-shirt. It will be gray and have the slogan "Saving the school one resolution at a time" printed on it.

◆ Danielle LeDesma, judicial council president, informed Senate of the scheduled dates for the 2003 - 2004 elections. The election for student union president will be Feb. 10 and the run-off will be Feb. 13. The class officer election will be Feb. 24, with the run-off election on Feb. 27. Dorm senators must be elected by March 1.

An information meeting will be held on Dec. 5 for all prospective presidential candidates.

◆ Paul Graham, representative from Progressive Student Alliance, talked to Senate about PSA's efforts to increase awareness of workers' rights on campus. He submitted a letter addressed to Senate seeking their approval before PSA submits it to Father Edward Malloy, the University's president, and Father Tim Scully, executive vice president, and said that as leaders, this was the best opportunity to take a stand on the issue.

"It's our role, as students, to get the workers to the table with the University. We are not being anti-administration or anti-Catholic," said Graham.

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Merritt presents Last Lecture

By JIM GAFFEY
News Writer

Traveling well and being aware of subtle differences in foreign cultures was the emphasis of Martha Merritt's talk Wednesday in McGlenn Hall's 24-hour lounge. Her speech was the first in this year's Last Lecture series, an effort to promote faculty-student interaction sponsored by student government.

Merritt is a political science professor whose informal teaching style and dynamic speaking has attracted a following of students, as well as the invitation to lecture to students in an informal setting. Her speech, titled "Wanderlust! An Appeal for International Travel with Passion and Engagement," contained several travel tips for the student audience.

Merritt's own international travel experience began when, at 24 years old, she quit her job as a secretary with a New York-based magazine for the opportunity to travel to Moscow. Her travels also brought her to destinations in France, England, Spain, Italy, Estonia and China. But rather than giving a sum-

mary of her travelogues, Merritt shared anecdotal stories about her trips that illustrated a way of traveling well and demonstrated a "silent cultural understanding" that adds to the experience of any international vacation.

One of the ways to travel well Merritt discussed was to avoid "power travel," a

way of vacationing whose driving force is merely to say that you've been to a particular place. Choosing destinations based on how exciting

they will seem to others is a habit to avoid, Merritt said.

Another situation to avoid is what Merritt coined "being traveled." She told the story of a friend whose career requires monthly travel to Budapest, and who, as a result, has lost her sense of excitement in international travel. "There is tremendous value in going back to a place you've visited before," said Merritt, but she stressed that it is important to take an active role in choosing your destinations. Merritt, for instance, has made several return trips to Paris to see her favorite museum exhibit.

Merritt also stressed the importance of adequate

preparation for traveling abroad. One way to do this is by reading travel guides, she said. But travel guides can also have a downside. Having your nose in a travel guide while visiting famous sights may take away from the actual experience of visiting them, said Merritt.

Another great way to get the sense of a foreign land is to travel alone, said Merritt, who traveled throughout the Chinese countryside alone. Although it's fun to travel in groups, "you'll have more cultural insight when you're traveling alone," she said. Merritt relayed a story of how traveling alone in China allowed her the opportunity to befriend a family and experience their hospitality.

Finally, Merritt stressed the importance of recording her adventures abroad in a journal. It was through her journal, she said, that she was able to recapture the experience of traveling around the world much more powerfully than a photograph could. "The problem with having a camera," she said, is that "everything becomes a vignette to be photographed." If that mode of thinking dominates a vacation, then many sights may be overlooked. Merritt said she hoped her talk would inspire a "deep and abiding wanderlust" in her students.

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"There is tremendous value in going back to a place you've visited before."

Martha Merritt
political science Professor

Students demonstrate against military school

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As part of a national protest this weekend, student activists from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will travel to Fort Benning, Ga. to

demonstrate against the School of the Americas, a U.S.-backed military training school they believe

contributes to international human rights abuses.

Over 50 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will join an estimated 10,000 marchers to protest at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation located at Fort Benning.

The institute was established in Panama by the U.S. military in 1946 as the School of the Americas (SOA). Its mission is to "support the democratic principles of the western hemisphere" by training military personnel, law enforcement officers and civilians. The school has traditionally focused on teaching tactics used in suppressing Marxist rebel groups.

That mission statement is

misleading, however, says sophomore Michael Poffenberger, one of the trip's organizers.

"We are responsible for training the militaries of some of the worst dictators the world has known," Poffenberger said.

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Michael Poffenberger
protest organizer

The protest is organized by SOA Watch, a national group dedicated to closing down the military training school. The group was established

in 1990 following the killings of eight civilians in El Salvador, including six Jesuit priests, by SOA graduates. The organization advocates civil disobedience as a means of raising public awareness.

Poffenberger stressed the importance of the Christian spirit of the movement, adding that this year's vigil has additional relevance due to the possibility of an American-led war in Iraq.

"This vigil is a statement that we do not advocate self-interest at the expense of human life," said Poffenberger. "[It is] contrary to the culture of life that Catholics are called to defend."

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Iraq accepts U.N. weapon inspectors resolution

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
Facing a tight deadline and the threat of war, Iraq accepted a tough, new U.N. resolution on Wednesday that will return weapons inspectors to the country after nearly four years. Iraq's U.N. ambassador said his country hadn't placed any conditions on the resolution's terms.

In an argumentative and sometimes threatening nine-page acceptance letter to Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri attacked the United States and Britain, the co-sponsors of the resolution, and called the U.N. action unjust and illegal. But he declared nonetheless that Baghdad would abide by the resolution.

"We hereby inform you that we will deal with resolution 1441, despite its bad contents. ... The important thing is trying to spare our people from any harm," Sabri wrote. The letter went on to add that Iraq is "prepared to receive the inspectors within the assigned timetable."

Annan, speaking to reporters in Washington after a meeting with President Bush, said "we take it that they have accepted" the resolution, clearing the way for an advance team of U.N. inspectors to arrive in Iraq on Monday.

"Yes, Iraq has accepted,"

Annan said. But, he added, "the issue is not acceptance but performance on the ground. Let the inspectors go in. I urge the Iraqis to cooperate with them and to perform and I think that is the test we are all waiting for."

Bush said he wouldn't tolerate "deception or denial or deceit" from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and he renewed his warning that if Iraq "chooses not to disarm, we will have a coalition of the willing with us" to do the job.

Bush declined to discuss the letter, though he thanked the U.N. Security Council for passing the U.S.-backed resolution. The Council approved the resolution last Friday and gave Iraq to accept its terms.

"They had no choice" but to accept, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Iraqis need to give their full cooperation to the inspectors to bring about complete and verifiable disarmament. Nothing else will do."

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, whose country is Iraq's closest Security Council ally, said on state-controlled ORT television: "We were confident that Iraq would make this decision, which opens the way for a political resolution of the situation. Now it is important that the international inspectors quickly return to Iraq."

In Baghdad, state-run television announced Saddam's



Reuters Live Photo

Iraq President Saddam Hussein addresses members of the Revolutionary Command Council in Baghdad on Wednesday. Iraq decided to accept the United Nation's resolution calling for weapons inspectors to be allowed back into Iraq after a four-year absence.

acceptance of the Security Council resolution two hours after Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri told the rest of the world.

Iraqi TV showed images of Saddam, in a dark suit and tie, presiding over a meeting of his Revolutionary Command Council, made up of senior mil-

itary officers. The picture was frozen on the screen while an announcer read the message recounting at length a history of Iraq's dispute with the United Nations.

In the letter, Sabri accused Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair of fabricating "the biggest and most

wicked slander against Iraq" by claiming that it had or was on its way to producing nuclear weapons.

He also warned inspectors that Iraq will be watching their actions very closely. In 1998, Baghdad accused inspectors of spying for the United States and Israel.

U.S. bishops approve policy regarding sexual abuse

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
U.S. Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a compromise sex abuse policy Wednesday after the Vatican demanded they make changes to balance fairness to priests with compassion for victims.

Wary of scandal, bishops hoped the new plan would restore their credibility after 10 months of revelations that church leaders have sheltered molesters in the clergy. Victims and some rank-and-file Catholics were dissatisfied, and pledged to fight on for greater accountability from bishops.

The Vatican still must approve the policy to make it church law, and therefore

binding on the bishops, but the revisions were worked out with officials from the Holy See. U.S. prelates are certain the document will receive Vatican approval.

"We are sometimes asked to choose between the accuser and the accused," Chicago Cardinal Francis George said as he introduced the revisions for a vote. "We cannot choose one or the other. We have to choose both. We have to love both."

The bishops voted 246-7 with six abstentions to adopt the Vatican-demanded changes, which were developed to ensure due process protections for accused priests. The prelates stressed that the policy still promises clergymen will be removed from public ministry — saying Mass, teaching in

Catholic schools, wearing a Roman collar — after "even one act of sexual abuse of a minor."

A few bishops said the plan was unfair to priests who had been rehabilitated. Washington's Cardinal Theodore McCarrick responded: "We had no choice. We must move forward."

The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests said the policy gives too much discretion to bishops, whose negligence caused the abuse crisis.

"Bishops have voted to give themselves more power and backtracked from their earlier promises," said Barbara Blaine, the group's president. "It is critical that survivors keep coming forward, regardless of the obstacles."

The lay reform group Voice of the

Faithful, created in response to the molestation scandals, said the plan created "a cumbersome procedure" that overlooks "the spiritual and pastoral needs of the survivors."

The policy allows bishops to conduct a confidential, preliminary inquiry when a molestation claim is made to determine whether it is plausible. If it is, the accused priest is to be put on leave, then must go before a clerical tribunal to determine his guilt or innocence.

Bishop Thomas Doran of Rockford, Ill., who contributed to the revisions, pleaded for patience as the bishops worked out implementation of the policy. It will take at least a year to form the courts and train church prosecutors and judges, he said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Journalist finds alleged bin Laden tape:

A journalist with an Arab TV station that broadcast a purported Osama bin Laden audiotape said Wednesday he received the recording in Pakistan from an agent of the al-Qaida leader. Ahmad Muaffaq Zaidan of Al-Jazeera TV said the bin Laden emissary contacted him by phone Tuesday and asked to meet in Islamabad that night. Zaidan would not say where they met in the Pakistani capital.

200 people feared dead in Bangladesh:

Nineteen boats disappeared in a fierce storm off Bangladesh on Wednesday and officials and witnesses said about 200 fishermen were missing and feared dead. Rescue workers were battling high waves to search the seas and offshore islands for the missing men. At least 10 wooden fishing boats sank off Cox's Bazar, 185 miles southeast of Dhaka, local official Azimuddin Chowdhury said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Senate stops Homeland Security plan:

The Senate rejected a Democratic plan Wednesday for combining several agencies into a new Department of Homeland Security, clearing the path for a version President Bush prefers and reflecting the White House's new post-election muscle. On a largely party-line roll call the Senate voted 50-47 to set aside a Democratic version that became the focus of Republican delay tactics for several weeks before the election.

Officials charge fraud in WTC attacks:

A lawyer and a hospital morgue manager were among 26 people arrested Wednesday on charges of stealing a total \$508,000 from Sept. 11-related charities. The charges bring to more than 200 the number of people arrested for allegedly defrauding agencies trying to help victims of the terrorist attacks, District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said.

Attorney declares leak in sniper case:

The lawyer for sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad denounced the "cowards in law enforcement" Wednesday for leaking details of the investigation to a newspaper. The comments by Peter Greenspun came after Muhammad made his second appearance in a Prince William County courthouse to face capital murder charges in a fatal Oct. 9 shooting at a Manassas-area gas station.

Bush declares Tennessee disaster areas:

President Bush declared 16 Tennessee counties disaster areas Wednesday, freeing millions in federal aid for a state that lost 16 people in weekend tornadoes that cut a deadly path across five states. Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh brought the news to still-dazed victims in this mountain community 40 miles northwest of Knoxville.

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that solely wants to eliminate the University's parietal hours, when students of the opposite sex are allowed in the residence halls, members say they want to promote an environment that encourages more male-female relationships.

Both Patzer and fellow member Bill Rinner said they did not realize the negative side to single-sex dorms and parietals when they decided to come to the University.

"Frankly, I feel isolated from half the University," Patzer said.

The two added that after talking to other students, they notice a spirit of cynicism among many students who believe they have little power to challenge long-standing policies on campus. But Rinner said students should not be daunted by institutional conventions.

"That doesn't mean that we shouldn't at least be entitled to hope for change," he said.

Currently, all 27 of the Notre Dame residence halls are single-sex dorms. Parietal hours, when students of the opposite sex are permitted in the dorm rooms, are 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday. In some residence halls, parietals are extended to 12:30 a.m. on Sundays due to later dorm Masses. On Fridays and Saturdays, parietals are 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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lating College policy when I don't know what College policy I have violated."

Rathert said she attended Purdue University from 1974 to 1976, leaving to attend the Indiana State Police Academy. Rathert contends that she graduated from Indiana University Southeast in 1989, when she returned to college and earned

her degree.

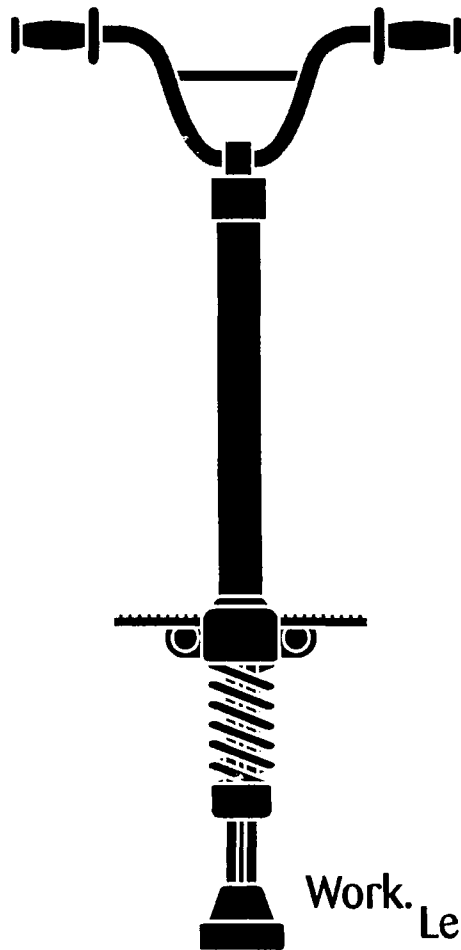
"Debbie [Kelly] could have handled this so much better. They could have just asked me for my transcripts," Rathert said.

Kelly said that not all positions require college degrees or transcripts, but would not comment

on whether or not Rathert's position requires a college degree.

"The situation will probably be resolved by the end of this week or the beginning of next week,"

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IN BRIEF

Commission approves cable merger

Federal regulators approved the \$29.2 billion merger of Comcast and AT&T Broadband Wednesday, clearing the way for creation of the nation's largest cable television company.

The Federal Communications Commission said its decision was contingent on the combined company selling its 25 percent stake in Time Warner Entertainment.

The FCC voted 3-1 for the deal over the objections of consumer groups, which filed a motion last week asking the agency to delay its decision. The groups contend the new cable giant would limit customers' choices in television viewing and Internet access.

But FCC Chairman Michael Powell said "the benefits of this transaction are considerable, the potential harms negligible."

Commissioner Michael Copps, the panel's only Democrat, voted against the deal.

Steelworkers pursue price increase

Some U.S. steelmakers, their position strengthened by an industry shakeout and tariffs on foreign steel, are pursuing their first price hikes in seven years from car manufacturers.

The steel companies are pushing for increases of as high as 10 percent in their contracts with the Big Three of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG, according to automotive and metal analysts, responding to a report in The Wall Street Journal. The contracts run up to five years.

Bethlehem Steel of Bethlehem, Pa., and National Steel of Mishawaka, Ind., confirmed they had negotiated higher prices, but declined to discuss details. U.S. Steel, AK Steel and Ispat Inland declined to discuss details of the negotiations, as did Ford and General Motors.

Automakers each year buy about 14.4 million tons of domestic steel, which accounts for more than half the weight of the average car, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Grubman admits falsification

◆ **Analyst said he invented stock story**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jack Grubman, a star Wall Street analyst during the heyday for technology stocks, said Wednesday that he made up a story about how he used his ratings of AT&T stock to help his boss win a power struggle at Citigroup Inc.

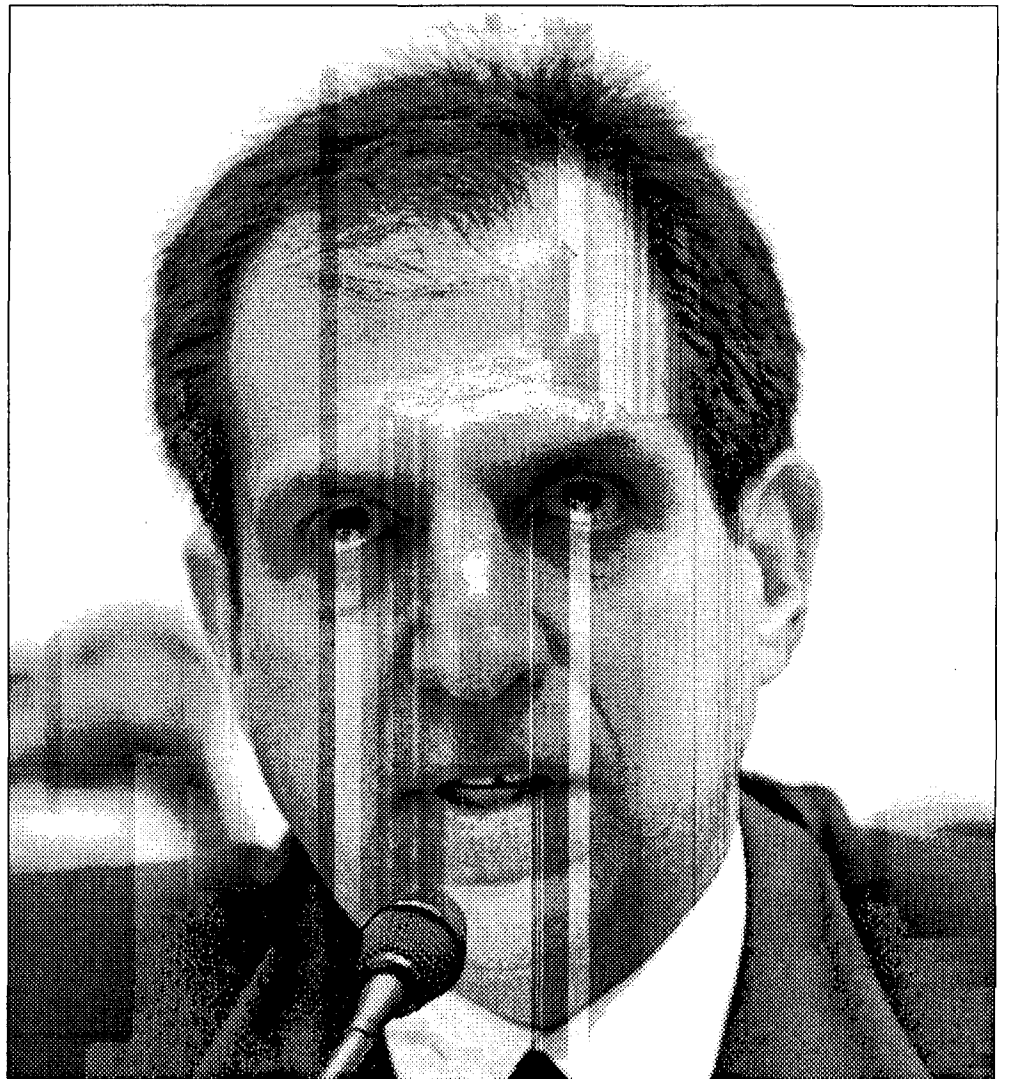
Grubman said the story, sent by him in e-mail memos to another analyst, was just baseless boasting on his part. "I invented a story in an effort to inflate my professional importance and make an impression on a colleague and friend," he said in a statement.

Grubman, who worked at Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney brokerage, is among analysts under investigation and is named in shareholder lawsuits over alleged manipulation of stock ratings. He resigned in August but insists he never issued a biased rating.

He was responding to a Wall Street Journal story that disclosed the e-mail, in which Grubman said Citigroup chief executive Sanford Weill pushed him to review his rating of AT&T stock to curry favor from AT&T CEO C. Michael Armstrong, a Citigroup board member, in a bid to oust a boardroom rival.

Weill also denied the account in a memo sent to employees and made public by the company. "I have said before, and will say again: I never told any analyst what he or she had to write and I never would," he said. "Nor would I ever attempt to manipulate a board member's vote. Any suggestion that I did is just wrong."

Weill said the New York state investigators who first uncovered the e-mail had already been told the story was made up, and he expressed anger that it had



Getty Images

Jack Grubman testifies July 8 before the House Committee on Financial Services during its investigation on Enron. Grubman admitted Wednesday he lied about using his ratings of a stock to assist Salomon Smith Barney.

been leaked.

In the late 1990s, Grubman became one of Wall Street's most powerful analysts. His advice was sought and closely followed by both top executives making billion-dollar deals and small investors who staked their savings.

When technology stocks collapsed and many high-flying companies such as Global Crossing and WorldCom fell in bankruptcy or scandal, he and other leading analysts were accused of touting weak stocks to lure business to their companies.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday, Citigroup said Grubman and its Salomon Smith Barney unit have

been named in some 62 class-action complaints.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who has been probing conflicts of interest at Wall Street firms involved in researching and trading stocks, uncovered the e-mail from Grubman, according to the Journal.

Spitzer is interested in what role Weill had in Salomon's AT&T rating, including an upgrade by Grubman right before the telephone giant was planning a massive stock sale to finance its wireless unit.

Last month, Citi said it was separating its stock research from its investment banking operation, which is in line with an industrywide restructuring being drawn up by federal

and state regulators.

In the e-mail memo, Grubman said Weill was seeking Armstrong's support to "nuke" Citi's then co-chairman John Reed, the Journal said, citing people who have reviewed it. Reed retired in April 2000 after two years of clashing with Weill following the \$37 billion merger of Reed's Citibank and Weill's Travelers Group.

In his statement Wednesday, Grubman said, "I have said a number of inappropriate, even silly, things in a few private e-mails that have been made public over the last few months. The contents of these particular e-mails, while personally embarrassing, are completely baseless."

Greenspan: Economy in 'soft patch'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday the economy has hit a "soft patch" as corporate accounting scandals and a possible war with Iraq have shaken consumer and business confidence.

Greenspan made clear in testimony to Congress that the Fed would not hesitate to cut interest rates further if necessary to bolster the wobbly economy. But he also indicated that the central bank believes the most likely economic outcome is a return to stronger growth next year.

If the economy does rebound,

Greenspan said, the Fed is ready to quickly reverse course and begin raising interest rates to make sure that the extraordinarily low interest rates of the past year do not drive prices higher.

The central bank last week reduced its target for overnight bank loans by a half-point to 1.25 percent, the lowest level since July 1961.

It was the Fed's first rate move since last December. Commercial banks responded by pushing their prime lending rate down by a half-point to 4.25 percent, the lowest point since May 1959 for this benchmark for millions of business and consumer loans.

Greenspan explained Wednesday that the central bank felt the need to respond aggressively to variety of factors depressing growth, ranging from the fallout from the corporate accounting scandals and the big drop in stock prices to rising worries about a possible war with Iraq.

"Over the last few months, these forces have taken their toll on activity and evidence has accumulated that the economy has hit a soft patch," Greenspan said.

Wall Street took Greenspan's comments in stride, with investors focusing their attention on the news that Iraq has agreed to a U.N. resolution calling for weapons inspections.

Parietals

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els during the hours that men are permitted in the halls, said students.

University officials deny prevention of sex as the reason for parietals at the beginning of each new student's orientation and state privacy as the main reason. Students overwhelming contradicted the University's position and said the University wishes to uphold its "holier than thou" existence. One student referred to ResLife's harsh consequences when students are found having sex or breaking parietals as evidence. Not only can students be taken out of their dorm community but they can have it put on their official record for up to seven years.

Many students said they are of age to make moral decisions for themselves and should not be limited in what views they hold. Many implied the University was being impractical and should promote sexual education and not establish a rule in order to deter sex. "People aren't going to say 'oh it's parietals' I guess we can't have sex until we are married," said Rinner.

Some said the University is too paternalistic in believing that men and women can neither make responsible decisions nor handle themselves around one another. Students discounted privacy as a viable reason for parietals and said students could close their doors and study at other locations. Treating students like children does not promote learning and that is part of the process of becoming adults, said discussion participants.

Randall said, "It [the

University's position] says that the only relationship I can have with a male is sexual."

Students said they experienced a culture shock when they arrived here and found an environment that does not promote friendship with members of the opposite sex. They found it difficult to meet and speak with members of the opposite sex. "I feel socially handicapped now and I don't think that's good for students coming out of Notre Dame," said Jesus Bravo.

Weekends are filled with dorm parties that only further complicate gender relations. "You go to these parties and you have to get drunk really fast because you have to be out by two. What girl wants to meet that drunken guy who can't remember her name? The only other real option to meet members of the opposite sex is at parties because it's difficult at classes," said Randall.

Parietals not only affect social life but the academic life as well said students at the discussion. Several women engineers said they would not make friends with men in their classes because they know their studying options are limited by establishing meeting locations.

Others pointed out the inconvenience of arranging for friends of the opposite sex to stay in other dorms and the awkwardness that creates. "Wh[y] does it say that my little brother can't sleep on my couch when he comes to a football game?" said Katie Ball, McGlinn Hall resident assistant.

The University includes the dorm community as one of its traditions. Students pointed out that traditions can evolve and asked why some traditions are maintained while others are changed. Before 1972 Notre Dame did not admit women and

since then, the traditional spirit of Notre Dame did not weaken but strengthened with women because the environment changed. A popular tradition of in-hall dances fell last year, leaving many to wonder if the traditional spirit of community in halls would weaken. Ava Preacher, assistant dean, dismissed the idea that the University's stay hall policy of community building could be considered a long tradition because it only evolved in the 1960s.

Patzer said, "We wouldn't have to eliminate the fun things in the community [by becoming co-residential]. It's not as though co-residential housing would eliminate the community. The interaction would foster it."

Preacher said the University reviewed the option to establish co-residential housing in the past and that several president-appointed committees even recommended it. She said that since she came to Notre Dame, she believes its position has regressed to the point where the discussion of co-residential housing is no longer included in the president's report.

She dispelled the student belief that they were alone in this battle. "You have powerful allies. Faculty members are on your side and there are members of the administration with you who are. We can help you. We have strategy," said Preacher.

Besides Patzer and Rinner, other organizers of the discussion included Andrea Brault, Katie Boyle and Andy Starkey. The group intends to hold another meeting in the near future and create a testimony book from student's statements collected at the

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Spanish poet gives presentation at SMC

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Spanish poet and translator Francisco Aragon presented his translations of Spanish poetry at Saint Mary's yesterday in a literary exhibit entitled Versions of Ruben: Modes of Translation.

Aragon's presentation included poems written in Spanish by writers

Federico Garcia Lorca, Francisco Alarcon and Ruben Dario. After reciting the poems in their original language, Aragon then presented his English translations to the audience.

The child of Nicaraguan immigrants, Aragon said he first developed an interest in translating Spanish poetry while an undergraduate at the University of California-Berkeley.

Aragon's early translation methods involved a very literal translation of the original texts, he said. He translated the vocabulary of the poems almost word for word in a process that sometimes compromised the original beauty of the poetry.

"Sometimes [it's] a matter of

luck when the translation comes out okay," Aragon said.

The differences in the two languages often make it difficult to translate such poetic techniques as rhyme scheme and meter, said Aragon, and literal translations do not always accurately reflect the original style of the Spanish poems.

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Francisco Aragon
poet and translator

Because of these language difficulties, Aragon has begun to take certain linguistic liberties in his most recent work with translations of Dario's poetry.

"[Dario's poetry] does not lend itself well to conventional translation," said Aragon.

Using Dario's pieces as a springboard, Aragon writes interpretive versions of the author's poems, but still acknowledges the author of the original piece at the end of his translations. Although initially hesitant to take any liberties with Dario's work, Aragon said he feels that his improvised translations help make Dario's poetry more accessible to English speakers.

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NYU student found dead in his dorm

By LISA FLEISHER
Washington Square News

Justin Ulrich, a Tisch School of the Arts senior and a leader in campus politics, was found dead in his Alumni residence hall room Sunday evening, after telling friends the night before that he was not feeling well.

Though the cause and time of death are still under investigation, the police report stated that Ulrich, 23, possibly died of an accidental prescription drug overdose.

Sources close to the investigation and friends of Ulrich confirmed that he had been taking prescription anti-depressants since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. Prior to his death, he had also taken Benadryl to fight an allergy or rash, friends

said.

At 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, Ulrich's roommate and resident assistant found him unconscious and not breathing on his bed. The exact time of death is uncertain.

Alumni residents were not notified about what happened until Monday morning, after Ulrich's father had been contacted, university spokesman John Beckman said.

Ulrich had just moved down the hall to a new room in Alumni and had not met his new roommate.

Ulrich, a film and television major, served as the Tisch undergraduate senator on the Student Senators Council, and recently became the College Republicans' publicity director. He was also involved in local Republican political campaigns.

Akron shootings worry students

By JACLYN YOUGHANA
Daily Kent Stater

A man carrying around a backpack containing a machete, a .40-caliber handgun and ammunition was shot and killed at the University of Akron Tuesday.

Thomas Tremko, Jr., a former University of Akron janitor, holed himself up in a bathroom stall after a struggle with the police left them with nothing but his backpack. Tremko, armed with a .45-caliber handgun, stayed inside the stall for 10 hours before being forced out by tear gas.

It was the first time anyone had ever been shot on campus, said Bruce Vernyi, University of Akron senior public relations representative.

"It was just a different situation entirely (than anything in the past)," he said.

Dan FitzPatrick, Kent State University assistant police chief, said this could happen anywhere.

"In a free society, where people have free movement, it

would be difficult to prevent it," FitzPatrick said. "I think it is important, too, that no institution, place of business or public place is immune to this type of thing, though they are exceedingly rare occurrences."

This is the second violent act committed on the University of Akron campus in the past six months, said Leah Werner, Akron senior advertising major. Over the summer, a woman was raped in a bathroom after a man got her there by telling her his sister needed help.

"I don't like the way the administration handles a lot of things," she said. "Nothing was said (to the students about Tremko). The same with the rape."

Akron administration is unsure what it can do to change their security, Vernyi said.

"It's too early to say what can be done in a situation like this," he said.

Werner said she also doesn't know what the administration could do.

"I don't know how they could change security things," she said. "More, I think they should work on awareness. If they are doing things like this, they're not doing very much to make students aware of it."

In spite of the Tremko situation and the rape over the summer, students say they aren't afraid to be on campus — but they are worried.

"It's my first semester here, so it's very concerning that two major things have happened since I started here," said Jason Lisowski, Akron junior finance major. "It really surprised me that something like this happened. I'm a night student, and I see police on campus all the time. But it raises eyebrows."

Lisowski does have a few day classes, and he said he doesn't feel any less safe in the day. But he doesn't have a long walk from the parking garage to his classes, he added.

"If I had to walk across campus, I'd feel much different," he said.

Werner said she's not too worried about it because she has been on campus for so long. It's important for freshmen and sophomores to feel safe on campus "if this is their first taste of independence," she said. If this had happened when Werner was an underclassman, it might have turned her off to the university.

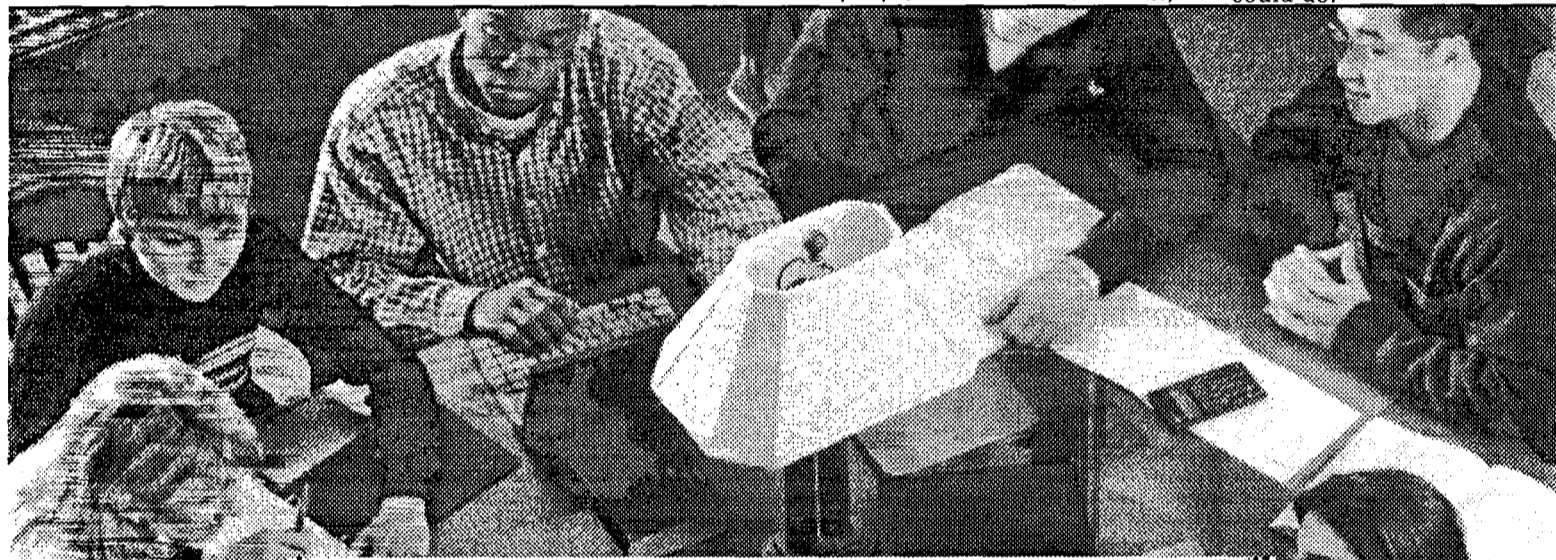
"It turns me off more that I am at the university and nothing is done about it," she said.

The Buchetelite, the University of Akron's student newspaper, asked seven students and a faculty member, "Do you think the police were justified in shooting Thomas J. Tremko, Jr.?" Four answered various forms of "Yes," while the other four wanted to know more about the situation.

The actions were fitting to the situation, FitzPatrick said.

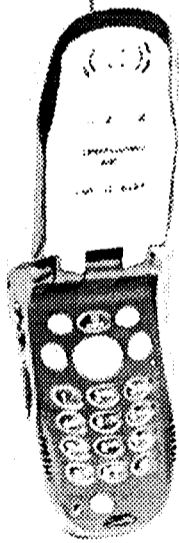
"The person was not acting rationally, refused to talk to the negotiator, and very well may have been intent upon suicide by police, which doesn't leave a lot of options available," he said. "If the person does not converse with the police or points firearms at the police, it doesn't leave many options for the police."

"We would prefer to talk, talk, talk through a negotiator and reresolve the matter peacefully, as I'm sure the Akron police would if they were given a chance."



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Israeli Army storms Gaza City

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

Israeli forces backed by 30 tanks and three helicopters stormed into central Gaza City early Thursday — the deepest incursion into the city in more than two years, Palestinian security officials and witnesses said.

In the second major incursion by Israeli troops in as many days, the army raided the two-story home of Yosef Meqdiad, an officer in the Palestinian preventive security service, to arrest him and three of his brothers, according to a 21-year-old relative, Majida Meqdiad.

The operation began about 2 a.m. and ended less than two hours later. Soldiers fired machine guns as they penetrated just over a mile into the city from the south, witnesses said.

The army declined immediate comment.

The incursion marked the farthest penetration by Israeli forces into the city since renewed fighting erupted between Palestinians and Israelis in the fall of 2000, witnesses said.

It came hours after Yasser Arafat warned Wednesday against any attempt to send him into exile, while Israeli Cabinet ministers repeated calls to drive the Palestinian leader out of the region following an attack that killed five Israelis.

The proposal to expel Arafat, backed by several members of Israel's Security Cabinet, failed to win approval Wednesday.

The move into Gaza City also followed Wednesday's incursion into the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, by dozens of Israeli tanks and armored vehicles to round up 30 suspected Palestinian militants in what was the biggest security sweep in months.

In Thursday's early-morning raid in central Gaza City, Israeli forces rolled into the Talalhawa neighborhood, an area where the headquarters of the preventive security service and the studios of Palestinian state television are located.

Troops also swept into the neighborhood of Sabra, home to many members of the militant Palestinian group Hamas, including its spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

Two Palestinians, including a guard at the television station, were taken to the hospital with light injuries. At least a dozen ambulances rushed to the area of the siege, witnesses said.

At least two bulldozers took part in the operation, though witnesses said they were not used. The Israeli army often uses bulldozers to demolish homes of militants suspected to have carried out attacks against Israelis.

In a pre-dawn strike a day earlier, Israeli helicopters fired four missiles on a suspected weapons-making workshop in

the city center, the second such strike on the site in two days.

The attack demolished an automotive repair shop whose owner insisted had nothing to do with the manufacture of weapons. Israel said the site was believed to produce mortar shells and rockets like ones used in recent attacks on nearby Israeli communities.

The Israeli invasion of Nablus was triggered by a Sunday shooting at an Israeli communal farm in which five people, including two small boys, were killed by a gunman from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah group. The attacker managed to flee the scene.

Israeli officials identified the gunman as Sirhan Sirhan, a 19-year-old from the Tulkarem refugee camp. Officials initially said they believed he was a distant relative of the assassin by the same name who killed presidential candidate Robert Kennedy in 1968 — but later withdrew that claim.

Israeli security officials have said the order for the communal farm attack came from militiamen in Nablus.

Arafat denounced the Nablus raid as a "new war crime."

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in a television interview Wednesday that Israel's security chiefs have advised him not to expel Arafat, as demanded by several hard-line ministers in his Cabinet. But he also said the debate would continue.

CANADA

Tighter border policy raises questions

Associated Press

TORONTO

The cases of two Canadian citizens ensnared by tighter U.S. border screenings have so angered the country that the Canadian foreign affairs minister will raise the issue with Secretary of State Colin Powell during a visit on Thursday.

Powell's visit is to discuss a possible military strike against Iraq. But Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham plans to raise the cases of the two Canadians, one involving a man jailed in Maine after crossing the border to buy cheaper American gas.

The other involves a dual Canadian-Syrian citizen deported to Syria while switching planes at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport after U.S. officials reportedly accused him of links to al-Qaida. Graham has protested that the man should have been deported to Canada.

Canada has criticized the U.S. National Security Entry Exit Registration System created after the Sept. 11 attacks. It authorizes border officials to fingerprint and photograph people who were born in or are citizens of the five countries accused by the U.S. government of having terrorism links.

Those countries are Iran, Iraq,

Libya, Sudan and Syria. Canada even issued a travel advisory warning people born in those countries to avoid trips south of the border.

The Americans responded by promising Canadians equal treatment but saying U.S. security overrode any Canadian concerns about unfair treatment.

Graham rescinded the travel advisory last week, but foreign affairs spokesman Rodney Moore said the "high-profile consular cases" would be discussed with Powell.

Michel Jalbert, a 32-year-old French-speaking Quebec resident living near Maine, was arrested Oct. 11 while doing what people in Pohenegamook, Quebec, routinely do — driving a few yards into America to buy gas.

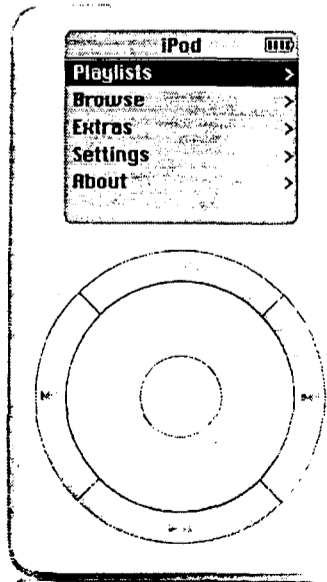
The gas station is less than a mile from a U.S. border post on a road primarily used for logging in northern Maine. Residents routinely buy gas without first registering with U.S. authorities.

When Jalbert stopped for gas, he had a hunting rifle in his vehicle that attracted the attention of a U.S. policeman. A background check found a 13-year-old criminal conviction for vandalism and possessing stolen property, making him inadmissible for entry into the United States.

Jalbert faces felony charges of illegally entering the country and illegal possession of a firearm.

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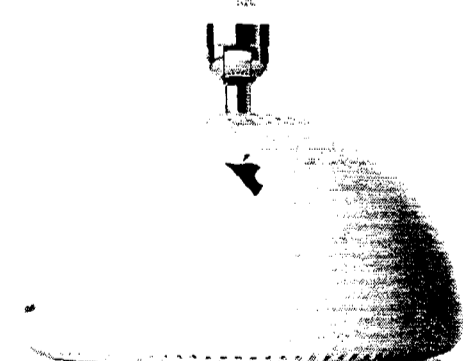
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ENGLAND

New justice system proposed

Associated Press

LONDON
Prime Minister Tony Blair's government promised major reforms to Britain's justice system Wednesday, including stripping some suspects of the right not to be tried twice for the same crime.

The Criminal Justice Bill, announced by Queen Elizabeth II as she opened a new session of Parliament, would "rebalance the system in favor of the victim," Blair said.

Reading a government-drafted speech, the queen, wearing a lavish white gown and jeweled crown, outlined legislative plans to lawmakers and red-robed peers in the House of Lords.

The proposed laws will allow juries to be told details of defendants' previous convictions and will scrap the centuries-old "double jeopardy" prohibition on suspects facing retrial for a single crime. Included are plans to introduce new types of sentences for dangerous offenders and young criminals, and the indefinite jailing of serious offenders.

A new criminal justice bill, the queen said, "will . . . allow retrials for those acquitted of serious offenses where new and compelling evidence emerges."

Lawyers and human rights groups oppose abolition of the double jeopardy rule. Matthias Kelly, spokesman for lawyers' organization the Bar Council,

said the change would encourage police to prosecute on the basis of shaky evidence, knowing they could have a second chance later.

"The risk is these proposals will lead to more miscarriages of justice," he said.

The principle of double jeopardy first appeared in England in the 1160s, at the center of a squabble between King Henry II and Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket. The rule is enshrined in the legal codes of many of Britain's former colonies, including the United States.

In a ceremony filled with pomp and pageantry, the queen rode from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament in a gilded, horse-drawn carriage, preceded by ranks of cavalry.

Once in parliament, members of the Lords — whose robes were trimmed with ermine — sat on padded seats, while Blair and other members of the House of Commons — summoned by an official called Black Rod who banged on the closed door of the house — were obliged to stand.

"At the heart of my government's legislative program is a commitment to reform and rebalance the criminal justice system to deliver justice for all and to safeguard the interests of victims, witnesses and communities," said the queen, who sat on a golden throne.

The government also used the speech to declare war on vandals, litterers and louts.

"On the basis of the opportunities we are giving, we are entitled to demand responsibilities in return and say that those things that make people's lives a misery in communities — the graffiti, the vandalism, the aggressive behavior, the fly tipping (rubbish dumping), abandoned cars, antisocial tenants, truancy, irresponsible use of air guns — all these things should be dealt with comprehensively and a simple system of penalties put in place," Blair told the House of Commons in a later debate.

The government says on-the-spot fines for petty crimes will relieve pressure on the courts, but human rights groups have criticized them as giving police unprecedented powers and being unfair to poorer people.

Iain Duncan Smith, leader of the opposition Conservative Party, said the speech promised much but would deliver little.

"Five years after the prime minister said he'd be tough on crime, a crime is committed here every five seconds," he said. The speech, he said, "offers more of the same failed policies as before. More edicts. More targets. More indicators. More centralization. More spin and more control."

The speech also announced the reform of Britain's famously restrictive alcohol licensing laws. In a long-anticipated move, the government intends to abolish fixed hours of business that require most pubs and bars to close at 11 p.m.

FRANCE

Immigrants threaten to commit suicide

Associated Press

CALAIS

Desperate refugees occupying a church in this northern French port threatened suicide Wednesday if police try to forcibly evict them, the latest episode in a struggle between authorities and illegal immigrants hoping to sneak into Britain.

About 90 immigrants, mostly Iraqi Kurds and Afghans, say they have nowhere else to go since a nearby Red Cross shelter was closed to new arrivals last week. They were given temporary refuge over the weekend at Calais' Saint-Pierre Saint-Paul church, which officials say is unsuitable for housing people.

On Tuesday, officials gave them an ultimatum: Leave the building or face forcible removal within 24 hours.

The church has one working toilet and one sink. Many of the refugees are sick, and authorities suspect about 15 cases of scabies. They sleep on flimsy mattresses and wrap themselves in parkas or sleeping bags at night. The Roman Catholic church was shut to worshippers this summer so authorities could inspect it for suspected traces of asbestos.

A Red Cross center in the

nearby town of Sangatte has long served as a stepping stone for refugees trying to smuggle themselves through the Channel Tunnel. Many risk their lives to stow away on freight trains heading through the tunnel to Britain, where asylum laws are more relaxed than in France.

Officials in France and Britain are planning to close the center permanently in April. As a first step, they said last week it would stop accepting new refugees.

Many illegal immigrants see Sangatte as their only hope for a new life. Refugees at the church held up a hand-painted sign for television cameras: "We want to go to Sangatte or to die." On Wednesday, they threatened to kill themselves if police use force, said Joel Loeuilleux, the Calais president of the Human Rights League.

One refugee also told reporters of the suicide threat.

"We don't want to eat something, and we don't want to do anything," said the man, who called himself Keroan and said he was the group's spokesman. "We just need to stay in Calais and get into England."

Police surrounding the church prevented more refugees from entering, but they allowed volunteers to bring food, such as cheese and water.

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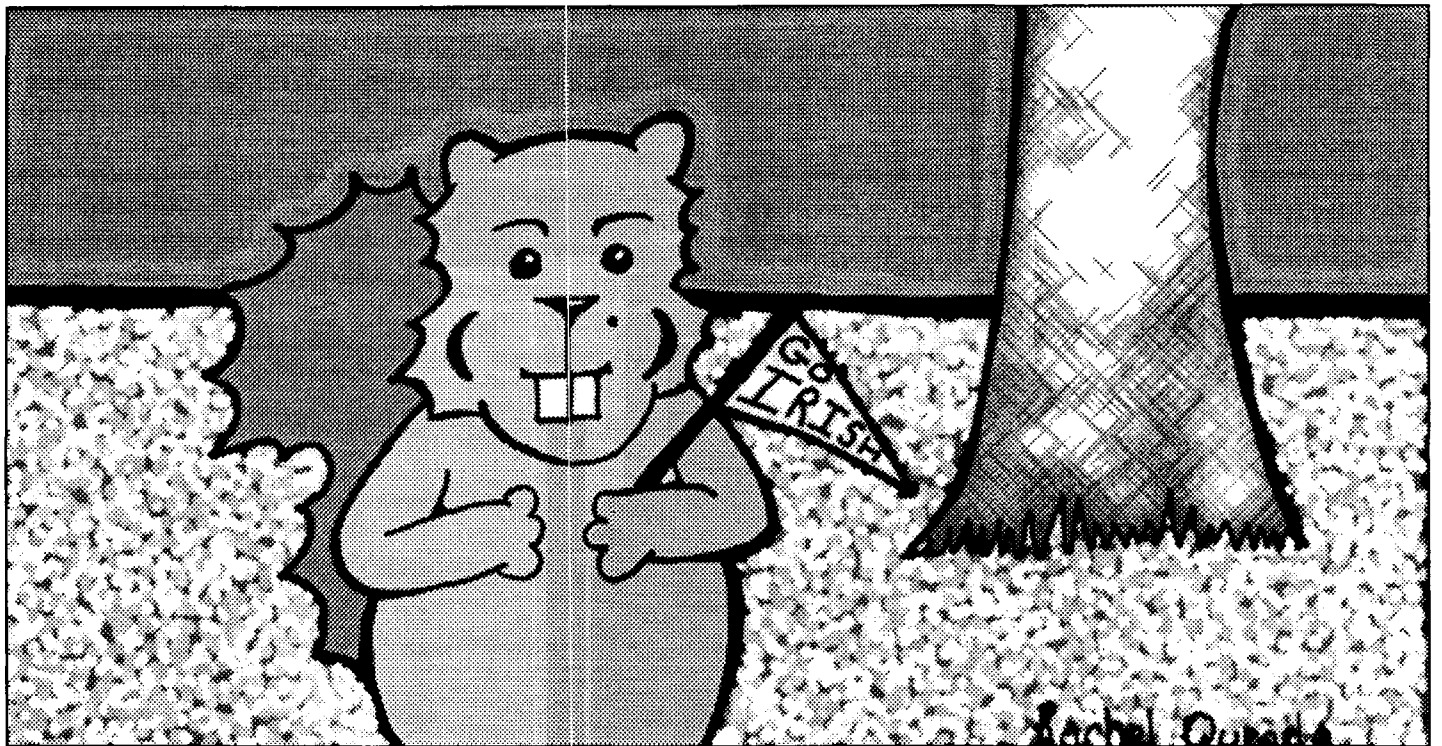
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Interview with a cuddly celebrity

I go through periodic withdrawal from my high school days of journalism. I miss the difficult interviews, like the new teachers and the 4-H club. Those were the days — the quick repartee, the witty banter, the pressing questions.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again ...

So, in a nostalgic effort (hey, be glad this column isn't the seventh in a series about how much I am going to miss Notre Dame) to relive the old days, I've decided to bring you my one and only college interview.

Who did I interview? Who was the most interesting entity I could think of?

You guessed it — a Notre Dame squirrel.

Q: So. You're a squirrel.

A: Pretty much.

Q: How's that working out for you?

A: Pretty well.

Q: Tell the truth — ever attacked a student for food?

A: I've never been desperate enough to do it for food. I have done it for kicks a few times. You know those pre-med kids, when they're wandering around campus before the MCAT with their flashcards, not paying any attention to what's going on? They're the best. You get up on the back of a bench and you launch yourself up on their head as they go by. The best is when they get scared, drop all their flashcards, and run away. Without those cards, you know those kids aren't going to med school.

Q: Are you a big fan of Notre Dame football?

A: Are you kidding me? I never miss a game.

Q: What do you think of the season so far?

A: It was great right up until Boston

College. What was that? I could have played better than that. Me and my squirrel buddies — we've been working out. I can almost lift the ball now. We'll have an offense in no time, and even if we don't have one, we're still no worse off than the real team. We also have a whole new take on defense — jump up, bite their noses and hang on. It's not easy to concentrate on the ball when someone is biting your nose off.

Q: About squirrels playing football — do you know the squirrel who was on the field my freshman year at the BC game?

A: Know him? He's a legend. He is, after all, the only Notre Dame squirrel to log actual playing time. And, as I recall, he played better than the Notre Dame team at that game. Much as my buddies and I would have played better then they did at the last Boston College game.

Q: Have you talked to Coach Willingham about this?

A: We tried to get in to talk to him early in the season, but he was having eye surgery at some Laser Center or something.

Q: What's your favorite thing about Notre Dame?

A: The trash cans are easy to chew through.

Q: What's your biggest problem with Notre Dame?

A: Parietals.

Q: It bothers you that the Notre Dame guys can't be in the girls' dorms after midnight?

A: I don't care about the Notre Dame guys. I care about the squirrel guys. You know what the ND police do after midnight? They check up on all the boy squirrels to make sure we aren't shacking up with the girl squirrels.

Q: Wow. That's hard core.

A: They keep waving around the

catechism and telling us we're Catholic squirrels at a Catholic University. Yet if we try to go into the Basilica, they chase us out and scream at us. Hypocrisy is alive and well at Notre Dame.

Q: Speaking of hypocrisy, how do you feel about politics?

A: Bad, most of the time.

Q: Did you vote in the election last week?

A: I'm a squirrel. Do you think I voted?

Q: Oh yeah. My bad. What do you think about President Bush?

A: I think his name is deceptive. I do not think he is a good place to hide in case of emergency.

Q: Do you have an opinion on the possibility of war with Iraq?

A: I think that the issue and disturbances in the Middle East and throughout the Arab and Muslim worlds (which are not and ought not be seen as synonymous) are rooted in conflicts we Westerners should have endeavored to comprehend more than a century ago, well before we initiated programs that so deeply affected the troubled region.

Q: Wow. That's a pretty developed opinion for a squirrel.

A: I got it off some chick's paper. She dropped it accidentally on her way to class. Guess she's not going to med school either.

Marlayna is a senior psychology and theology major. She would like to say hi to the dining hall crew this week and hopes that people will stop requesting shout-outs now. She would also like to thank/blame Travis for the idea that spawned this column. She can be reached at msoennek@nd.edu.

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"There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher animals in their mental faculties."

Charles Darwin
naturalist

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Coming to America

Hello.

I suppose I should start by introducing myself. My name is Peter Wicks and I'd like to welcome you to this, my first column. I am, as you have probably already guessed from my accent, English.

And before I say anything else, I want to say how delighted I am to be here. I'm entranced by the beauty of your campus, challenged by your academic rigor and frankly in awe of your sporting prowess. (Go Irish, by the way.)

Peter Wicks

*Englishman
Abroad*

But more than anything else I'm just really pleased to have made it through customs. The United States is not an easy country to which to gain access.

This summer the London Embassy sent me a plethora of forms with the assurance that were they returned correctly completed, I would be sent a visa in exchange. Filling out the forms proved difficult. Some of them referred me to other forms, some of which didn't exist.

One required me to provide assurance that in the course of my studies I hadn't acquired practical knowledge of the manufacture of explosives. I was also required to guarantee that while an undergraduate at Oxford I hadn't knowingly been involved in a war, either as a combatant or a victim. I dutifully assured the Consul that while I could not vouch for those who had chosen to study at Cambridge, at Oxford such behavior was considered quite beyond the pale.

After several days of filling out forms, I decided to phone the Embassy to explain that I was intending to come to the U.S. to study Aristotle and Aquinas, but had inadvertently been sent a set of forms designed to cater to someone defecting from the KGB. With infinite patience, the phone operator assured me that it was absolutely essential that every form be completed.

Several weeks into the process I came to the conclusion that illegal immigrants probably just really hate paperwork. Nevertheless, I resolved to persevere. I'd spent a good part of the summer learning to pronounce "Notre Dame" to rhyme with "rota fame" and I was determined that my effort would not be wasted.

It's easier for tourists. Currently British citizens can enter the United States as tourists without a visa for a period of up to 90 days. To do that all they need to do is fill out an I-94W form, which is what the State Department waggishly calls a Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival-Departure Record.

The I-94W asks each visitor a series of questions. The questions include whether the tourist has a serious communicable disease, whether he is or plans to be involved in the trafficking and sale of illegal drugs, whether he was a Nazi or has been otherwise involved in the perpetration of genocide and whether he is carrying fruit.

The form betrays not the slightest hint of awareness that smuggling a contraband pear through customs — while no doubt a serious infraction — belongs on an entirely different list of misdemeanors than, say, active participation in the Holocaust.

Equally troubling is the false premise upon which the whole process is based: that drug traffickers and former Nazis will instantly confess to their crimes when asked. I somehow doubt that the following exchange may be observed frequently at Customs:

"I see here that you were an SS Einsatzgruppen commander during the Second World War."

"Will that be a problem?"

Furthermore, it seems to me that a dissident dumb enough to tick the "Yes" box next to the question, "Are you plotting to overthrow the U.S. government?" is probably not a dissident about whom the U.S. government need be overly concerned.

Despite my evident fruitlessness, the customs officer decided to give me a hard time because he could. Throughout our conversation I expected him to tell me that he'd only let me into the country if I agreed to eat a cockroach. My papers he regarded with a frown.

Then he said something that I really, really didn't want to hear: "This is wrong. You can only use this form to enter in New York or Philadelphia. You'll have to fly back and come in via one of those two places."

We stared at each other in silence while I mentally calculated the cost of flying back to England, thence to New York, before finally returning to the exact spot in O'Hare airport where I was standing.

He let a full minute pass before he cracked a grin and said, "Ha! I'm just kidding with you."

I was about to let forth an uncouth barrage of words, insinuating in no uncertain terms that my interlocutor had an unduly intimate relationship with his mother and was in this and many other respects a very bad man. I held back however, for at the last moment I saw, like Banquo's ghost, the apparition of a latex glove floating before my eyes.

"Ha! Good one," I said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sanctions in Iraq: America's dirty little secret

It has become unavoidable. It has become impossible to miss the messages for war or peace with Iraq. At first, I wanted to just avoid this issue and continue to live an "ignorance is bliss" existence in the Notre Dame bubble, but such an existence has become impractical.

So rather than just say, "Peace sounds cool," or, "Nuke them all," I figured I would do a little reading to gain some perspective on this issue. I quickly learned that the situation is not exactly as it might appear to the average consumer of the American mass media.

On Aug. 2, 1990, after the United States' involvement in Kuwait, the United Nations Security Council, largely led by the United States, placed the most comprehensive sanctions in world history on Iraq.

The results were immediate and immense. A study done by Harvard University reported that 46,700 children under the age of five died in the first seven months of 1991, due mainly to drinking water contamination, lack of medical supplies, starvation and malnutrition. All of these problems can be attributed to the sanctions.

Further, it was reported that more kilotons of bombs were dropped on Iraq in 1991 than all those that exploded during World War II. Again, the work of our country and the U.N.

Since 1991, things have only gotten worse. UNICEF reported in April 1998 that there had been 90,000 more Iraqi civilian deaths per year since 1991 by comparison with pre-sanctions Iraq. Also, they reported that there has been a 160 percent increase in under-five mortality rates. The figures continue on, but figures can only say so much.

Kathy Kelly, two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, founded Voices in the Wilderness to look into this problem in 1996 and has been traveling to Iraq since that time.

She said, "In hospitals, schools, mosques, churches and homes, people here ask us why the U.S. people want to punish them even more. For 11 years, they've been told that sanctions were a peaceful alternative to open warfare. Now they're being told that war is the solution to the suffering caused by

sanctions. It would seem that the message from the U.S. to the Iraqi people is in a twisted way at least consistent: please remember that you're being killed with the best of intentions."

That is coming straight from someone who has been to the heart of Iraq and heard the sentiment of its people.

Hearing all of this makes the Iraq question much more complex and much less pretty for all of America's militaristic hawks.

How can we reconcile the fact that our country has been the leading player in what seems to be a genocide attempt upon the Iraqi people? That is not to mention the fact that we are now about to further attack these people for unsubstantiated claims that Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction.

We are going to war because of hypothetical situations? Why not go after Russia then? They have weapons. Or China? Or India?

These countries are more likely to have weapons that could hurt our country. But then again, maybe we don't go to war over probability — rather, over

economy, over oil. The facts just do not seem to add up for the argument that America should go to war.

Finally, the war-mongers of Notre Dame can continue to label and try to attack "the liberals" of Notre Dame for preaching peace, but the fact is that there is world movement to work for peace and justice growing rapidly as we speak. Last weekend, 400,000 people marched against war in Florence, Italy. On Oct. 26, over 100,000 people headed to Washington, D.C. for a non-violent protest that was the largest since the days of Vietnam. That is not to mention the rallies and protests in Tokyo, Mexico City, London, Copenhagen and all over the world.

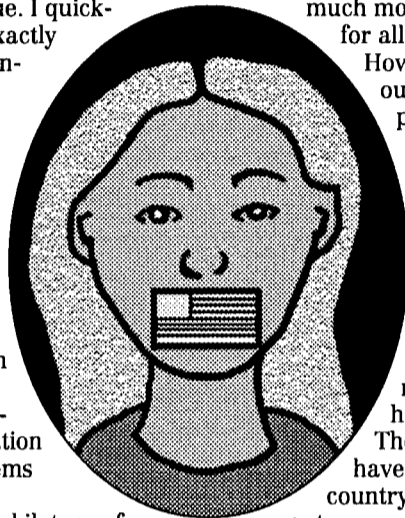
Whether you like it or not, the peace movement is back and ready to take on the evils of war.

Peter Quaranto

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Bring in the Republicans

Last Tuesday, we witnessed something special in this great country, something not seen in 50 years — the end of the Democratic Party reign.

The Republicans now hold the political Triple Crown — the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the White House — while maintaining a majority of the governorships.

The events and aftermath of Election Day indicate the Democratic Party is in a state of bewilderment, disbelief and shock which has subsequently led to finger pointing and dissension among the party's rank and file.

Richard Gephardt decided he would step down from his post as House Minority Leader, which caused heated debate between his potential successors.

The party's chairman Terry McAuliffe and Senate Majority (soon to be Minority) Leader Tom Daschle have come under intense scrutiny for their inability to lead the party to victory on Election Day.

One thing is for certain — the American people did not buy the class-warfare and scare tactics of the Democrats. These same scare tactics have been used by the Democrats for the last 20 years, and frankly I think the American people demonstrated their disdain for it with their vote. One could go "Back to the Future" in Michael J. Fox's Delorean to 1985 and hear the same rhetoric as today.

The fact is that President Bush and the Republicans have put forth a plan to stimulate the economy. Whether you agree with it or not, a plan

is better than simply talking down the economy as the Democrats have done for the past six months.

The Democrats lost the votes of suburban investors with their refusal to support President Bush's proposal to cut capital-gains taxes. And their desire to "freeze" the Bush tax cut — i.e. raising taxes — did not resonate with voters, considering that the vast majority of voters pay exorbitant amounts of taxes (taxes have not been this high since World War II) and do not rely on the government handouts promised by the Democrats.

The bottom line is that most Americans relate to the practical, common-sense economic proposals of President Bush and the Republicans. Lower taxes put more of our money in our pockets, stimulating economic growth which in turn increases overall tax revenues, which along with fiscal discipline will lead us back to long-term balanced budgets.

The Republicans finally have control and, as a famous proverb says, "with great power comes great responsibility." President Bush and the Republicans now have both in order to produce tangible results in the next two years. They understand that unless the war looming in Iraq, the war on terror and an economy sputtering along are fully addressed, their reign will be short-lived and Election Day 2004 could be a long one for them.

Michael Derocher

sophomore

Saint Joe's Hall

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SCENE *movies*

The darker side of cinema

Blaxploitation movies' rise from divisiveness to dialogue

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Huge Afros, gigantic medallions and righteous defiance of "The Man." It might sound like your average SYR, but there's actually a reason that the modern conception of the '70s always involves pimps, hos and gratuitous sexuality: blaxploitation movies.

Blaxploitation, a film genre meant to reflect black culture, began emerging in the early '70s after black directors had finally been allowed to direct larger Hollywood films.

Blaxploitation movies began by taking inspiration from old gangster films and pulp detective novels.

One of the first movies in the genre, Ossie Davis' "Cotton Comes to Harlem," tells the story of two black homicide detectives working in the Harlem ghetto. Though the novel that the movie is based on reads like a serious detective thriller, Davis chose to add a comedic element to the story that was meant to pay homage to a vibrant and ignored culture in the predominantly black inner city.

"Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," tells a quiet different story. When Sweet Sweetback, a swinging pimp, witnesses the assault of black civil rights activist, he becomes enraged and goes on a vigilante crusade and becomes a sort of

militant black power superhero.

Though neither movie could be called box office successes, they did generate enough revenue to pique Hollywood's interest in marketing films that appealed to a black demographic.

It was 1971's "Shaft" that put blaxploitation on the map. Taking the gritty detective motif of "Cotton Comes to Harlem" and the black power message of "Sweet Sweetback," "Shaft" created one of the genre's most memorable characters: "the baddest mother of them all" detective John Shaft. And a genre was born.

Blaxploitation movies are all about extremes. They typically feature central

characters who have enormous physical appeal to the opposite sex and sometimes to their own as well. Male protagonists are often pimps or street hustlers. Women, on a contrasting note, are most often portrayed as socially conscious working-class sisters fighting not only against oppressive white society, but also to stop black

culture from self-destructing with drugs and excess.

Blacks are depicted as oppressed but unified and whites as bumbling, racist morons who are out to get the protagonist. Often times, part of the conflict in blaxploitation movies arises from pressures for the protagonist to sell out to rich white America; perhaps a metaphor for the resistance of black culture to be completely assimilated

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Chandra Johnson
Assistant Director of
Cross-Cultural Ministry



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Richard Roundtree's depiction of Shaft, "the baddest mother of them all," helped to define the blaxploitation genre.

into white ideals.

Almost all of the stereotypes found in blaxploitation movies are grossly offensive from a modern perspective. But the cultural boundaries dictated by race were much different in the '70s. Chandra Johnson, assistant director of Cross-Cultural Ministry at Notre Dame, points out how the stereotypes blaxploitation movies contain might have had a beneficial effect on race relations.

"The beautiful thing, I think, was that from those movies evolved a kind of literary genre where writers began to reflect on the impact that those movies had on the shaping of an American perception of the African-American community. So, it set the stage for a lot of black scholars to examine how those movies might have harmed the black community," Johnson said.

The stereotypes blaxploitation used in the '70s illustrate not only the tense racial climate of the country at the time, but how divided the black and white cultures were. Representation of black culture by mainstream Hollywood directors often smacked of gospel of wealth-style pity. Conversely, blaxploitation treated mainstream white culture as almost exclusively oppressive, malicious and destructive.

Though not all blaxploitation movies were directed by black directors, a number of the most extreme movies were produced by almost all-black casts and crews. Black directors could get away with more stereotyping than white directors who feared legal action by the NAACP.

Many studios took a hands-off approach to blaxploitation movies, giving their directors a large amount of artistic license as long as they were

pulling in big bucks at the box office. Studios also gave younger directors a chance to break into the industry by directing blaxploitation flicks. This policy often led to extremely poor quality acting and scripting, creating outlandish characters like the pimp cane-wielding martial arts expert Dolomite and the shotgun renegade Foxy Brown.

Johnson believes that no matter how politicized those stereotypes were, they served to force both black and white cultures to examine how they perceived each other.

"Some people have used [the stereotypes in blaxploitation movies] to impart a negative effect on the black community. It's those people who continue to be closed to the black community. It became negative because people didn't want to see black people as other than what they saw on the movie screen. They didn't want to enter into the black community and discover for themselves the value of black community," Johnson said.

Blaxploitation aficionado sophomore Dan "Muppet" Ballantine disagrees.

"Blaxploitation isn't a venue for cross-cultural discussion. It's not anything that can promote discussion. It's Hollywood. If you're basing socio-political ideas on Hollywood, you've got problems of your own," Ballantine said.

Johnson suggests that the value of the blaxploitation genre may be in part lost or seem absurd to a younger generation that has lived in a world where cross-cultural dialogue is much more common.

"I think with the resurrection of these movies, the current generation sees these movies as being so out there because they don't see the black community as that anymore. ... There is a



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"Pootie Tang" is one of the best parodies of blaxploitation movies to date. The movie's failure at the box office may indicate changing racial perceptions.

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shift in consciousness in the 21st century intellectually because there's a crossover in popular culture," Johnson said.

Ballantine half-heartedly agreed.

"The over-the-top lack of quality in acting, dialogue and every aspect of film is amazing and beautiful at the same time."

While the blaxploitation genre fizzled out for the most part by the late '80s, a slow but steady stream of movies continued to be produced all the way through the

next decade and a half. Suddenly in the mid '90s, there seemed to be a resurgence of interest in the genre. Movies such as "New Jack City," "Dead Presidents" and Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction" all owe debts of gratitude to blaxploitation. Samuel L. Jackson even starred in a lackluster remake of "Shaft" in 2000.

After "Shaft" didn't do as well as expected at the box office, interest in blaxploitation waned to some extent. Recently, the genre has been an object of ridicule in a number of major media outlets like Saturday Night Live's "The Ladies' Man" and

Mad TV's "Funky Walker, Dirty Talker" and parody of real-life blaxploitation flick "Black Belt Jones."

One of the best, if overlooked, modern blaxploitation parodies was 2001's "Pootie Tang." Based on the skit from "The Chris Rock Show," "Pootie Tang" may well be the ultimate parody of the genre to date; it takes on almost every blaxploitation stereotype as well as a number of modern cultural aesthetics like R&B videos.

"Pootie Tang" was a dismal failure at the box office; audiences and critics alike were aghast and puzzled by what seemed to be a completely disjointed train wreck of movie.

But perhaps, its failure indicates a shift in social consciousness for the better. While blaxploitation may be fast becoming a passé genre fit only for nostalgic comedy, maybe that means that the boundaries that blaxploitation took for granted are becoming more obscure.

"You guys are living this reality, professors have only learned about it," Johnson said.

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blaxploitation aficionado



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Blaxploitation movies like "Scream, Blacula, Scream!" took a new black perspective on classic mainstream stories.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO COOP

Blaxploitation: Let me break it down for ya

Blaxploitation is more than just a genre of movies. It is a part of a whole movement that shifted how America viewed African-Americans in cinema. In the '70s, over 200 movies were made that fall under this genre were made. Some of the more notable films include "Shaft," starring Richard Roundtree in 1971, "Superfly," starring Antonio Fargas in 1972 and "Foxy Brown," starring Pam Grier in 1974.

Although the term blaxploitation is viewed by some as derogatory, the movies nevertheless enabled African Americans to progress from the traditional roles of cooks, waiters and servants to prominent roles in movies in which the entire cast was black. Some people might not understand where the term came from and what it means. It was coined by the press to describe the movies because they predominantly portrayed African Americans as cold-hearted heroes, gangstas, drug dealers, pimps and thugs. However, during the '70s, African-Americans were being depicted by the media as revolutionaries and militants due largely to the violent race riots and the Black Panther movement. So, in light of the social strife, black people were in desperate need of heroes and this is ultimately what blaxploitation provided.

In 1971, blaxploitation was born from the movie "Sweet Sweetback's Badaass Song," which was written, produced and featured black actors and director Melvin Van Peebles. This marked the end the real "exploitation" of African Americans in film. In the early 20th century, racism in film was overt and perfectly acceptable to society.

These were films like "The Wooing and Wedding of a Coon" and D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" where all white casts put on makeup to do blackface instead of casting black people to play the part of black people.

Even in old Warner Brother's cartoons, blackface is a common occurrence as is widely characterized by that the wide flat nose and overly exaggerated thick lips. Black men were seen as huge and muscled from working out in the field or meek and submissive to their white masses. Whereas light-skinned black women were seen as sexual creatures and dark-skinned black women were depicted as Mammy: large, submissive and always singing and cooking for white folks. These are the imagines our society had of African-Americans in film before the Civil Rights movement ushered in a new genre of film: Blaxploitation.

African-American women in films before the '70s had two types of roles: the sultry, light-skinned sex goddess who had predominately white features and the Mammies, the large, jolly women who were seen as being as sexually unappealing as possible. With movies like "Cleopatra Jones" and "Foxy Brown," we finally see black women in leading roles, and although Foxy Brown is as sexual as possible, she is the heroine and focus of the movie. In "Cleopatra Jones," African-American women have a role they can truly cherish and look up to. Inspired by the early James Bond movies of the '60s, this movie stars 6-foot-2 Tamara Dobson in the role of an international spy fighting against "The Man" all around the world while wearing the outrageous furs and

clothing characteristic of the glamorous '70s.

This was finally a role where African-American women are allowed to express themselves.

Music is a huge part of African-American culture, and blaxploitation provided a way for artists to gain exposure to a larger market. Artists like Curtis Mayfield, Quincy Jones and Isaac Hayes all composed soundtracks for blaxploitation films, while Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and the Staples Singers performed hit singles for the films. When Isaac Hayes won an Academy Award for his innovative theme music for "Shaft," it was a major step toward gaining respectability and access as artists. The soundtracks of the blaxploitation movies often contained many chart-topping singles. The music by James Brown and others reflected the social strife African Americans were dealing with and conveyed a serious political message.

The term "blaxploitation" has been a subject of debate for 30 years. Originally, it was coined by the black press to talk about the roles that black actors took in the films. It was not met to mean that black people exploited by the Hollywood executives when making the movie. However, Richard Roundtree in particular harbors animosity toward the term and refuses to discuss the subject.

Not everyone feels the term is derogatory, indeed Rudy Ray Moore, star of the not-quite-as-acclaimed-as "Shaft" movie "Dolemite" embraced the genre and felt it was more of a cultural movement than just a type of film. Indeed, there were great developments to spring forth due to blaxploitation movies as well as some negative affect. The mere name blaxploitation contributed to its downfall. The thought of exploitation with black on the front of it stopped appealing to people after a decade of movies that became progressively more formulaic. However, the damage was done, as in African Americans have gone on to gain more respect in acting, ultimately coming together at last year's Academy Awards. The ceremony was a long overdue celebration of African Americans in film where Sidney Poitier was awarded an Oscar for his lifetime of achievement and Denzel Washington and Halle Berry walked away with Oscars for Best Actor and Actress respectively.

African Americans have come a long way in the past century, especially in the media and film. From being portrayed as animalistic, violent and overly sexual, subservient creatures to eventually the roles of blaxploitation roles that allowed African Americans a chance to play the hero and heroine. We have progressed and people like Morgan Freeman, Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett and Halle Berry are household names.

This change our society has slowly seen has brought us a long way, however there is always room for improvement. Hopefully we will not have to wait over 35 years for the next time an African-American man gives a performance that deserves an Oscar; it was the first time an African-American woman has ever won the award for best actress. I trust this is the beginning of a trend in society to reward African-Americans for excellence in fields outside of sports. We already dominate those — at least the important ones anyways.

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

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NBA

Nowitzki gets hot late, keeps Mavs perfect

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

The Dallas Mavericks are still perfect.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as Dallas remained the NBA's only unbeaten team, improving to 8-0 with a 103-99 victory Wednesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Michael Finley scored a season-high 26 points and Walt Williams and Steve Nash had 14 apiece for the Mavericks, who overcame a career-high 34 points by Zydrunas Ilgauskas and a dunk by Cavs guard Ricky Davis on which he jumped over Nash.

Dallas rallied from a 13-point deficit in the third quarter to extend the best start in franchise history.

Jumaine Jones had 23 points for the Cavs, who dropped their fifth straight since their home opener when they stunned the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Nowitzki made two free throws with 4:14 left to put Dallas ahead 89-87.

Davis, who was kept out of the starting lineup while being disciplined by coach John Lucas, then hit a runner in the lane to tie it, and made a steal on Dallas' next possession.

As he approached the basket, the 6-foot-7 Davis took off in the middle of the lane and soared over the 6-foot-3 Nash's head before slamming the ball in to give the Cavs a 91-89 lead.

After a basket by Williams, Nash hit a runner in the lane to put the Mavericks up 93-91 with 2:31 to play.

Cleveland point guard Milt Palacio was then whistled for traveling — the first of two violations for him in the final 1:39 — and Nowitzki hit two free throws for a 95-92 lead.

Finley then scored on a slicing move through the lane, and his two free throws made it 101-96 with nine seconds to go.

Palacio made a 3-pointer with 3.7 seconds left, but Nash's two free throws sealed it with 2.6 seconds remaining. Dallas went 8-for-8 from the line in the final 55 seconds.

Davis, the Cavs' leading scorer, didn't start for the first time this season as punishment for an on-court squabble with teammate Bimbo Coles and Lucas during Tuesday night's loss at Indiana. Lucas benched

Davis for all but six minutes against the Pacers, and left his guard behind in the locker room for the second half.

The Mavericks didn't take their first lead until Eduardo Najera hit a reverse layup to make it 74-73 with 10:29 left.

Nowitzki missed his first seven shots from the floor before backing down Darius Miles and hitting a 10-footer with 9:17 to play. Nowitzki then hit a jumper and two free throws, giving Dallas an 81-78 lead with 8:21 remaining.

Ilgauskas helped the Cavs hold off the Mavericks during a two-minute stretch of the third quarter when the 7-foot-3 center showed his complete game.

First, he drove past Shawn Bradley in the foul lane and softly dropped in a running, left-handed layup. On Cleveland's next possession, Ilgauskas crashed the boards to tip in a miss.

Following his own miss, Ilgauskas stripped Nowitzki, and after diving for the loose ball, he passed while laying on the floor to Tyrone Hill for a basket to put the Cavs up 65-56.

But Ilgauskas went out with 3:17 remaining, and the Mavericks immediately went to work. Williams hit two straight 3-pointers, Finley scored on a drive and Dallas closed with a 12-0 spurt to pull within 71-70 heading to the fourth.

Celtics 91, 76ers 81

Antoine Walker scored 20 points and Paul Pierce made a few key baskets while shooting 4-for-20 as the Boston Celtics won their sixth consecutive game Wednesday night, beating the Philadelphia 76ers 91-81.

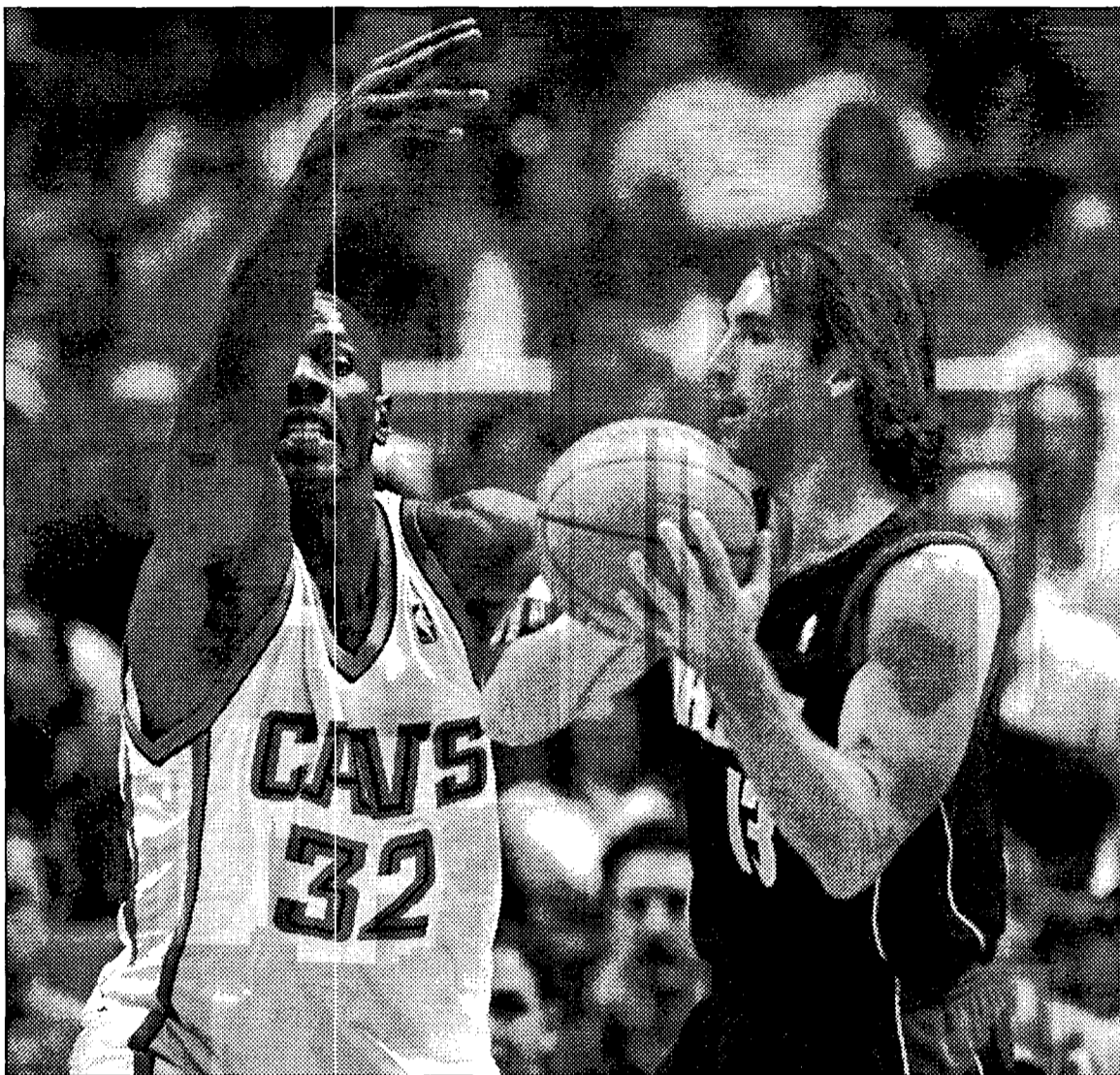
Pierce, who scored 13, hit a 3-pointer to start a 13-0 run that turned a six-point third-quarter deficit into a 72-65 fourth-quarter lead. He also hit a fadeaway jumper after the Sixers had cut an 11-point deficit to seven with 2:01 left.

Allen Iverson had 25 points and Eric Snow had 13 assists for the Sixers, who are still looking for their first road win of the season. They are 4-0 at home and 0-3 on the road.

Iverson was 3-for-6 from 3-point range after missing his first 19 this season.

Boston had six scorers in double digits, including three off the bench.

The game matched two teams



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Dallas point guard Steve Nash looks for an open teammate as the Mavericks remain undefeated with a 103-99 win over the Cavaliers.

that met in the first round of the playoffs last year, when Boston beat Philadelphia 3-2 in the best-of-5 series.

Philadelphia led 65-59 with 2:00 left in the third before Boston scored the next 13 points to take the lead for good.

Pierce hit a 3-pointer, Walter McCarty hit one of two free throws and Eric Williams made a pair to tie it, 65-all. Pierce made a nice drive to the basket to put in a layup with 0.2 seconds left in the third, but he was called for an offensive foul and the game remained tied heading into the fourth.

The run continued, though.

Vin Baker made a lay-in, McCarty hit a 3-pointer and then Baker, who has done little for the Celtics since coming over in an offseason trade, made a putback in and drew a foul. He pumped his fist and chest-bumped two teammates before missing the free throw, leaving it 72-65 with 10:05 to play.

Keith Van Horn made a baby hook to end the 13-0 run, but Boston's lead grew bigger when McCarty made a 3-pointer and Baker hit two free throws to make it 77-69. After Todd McCulloch made a layup, Shammond Williams hit a 3-pointer to give Boston an 80-69 lead with 8:10 left.

Nets 91, Spurs 82

Lucious Harris broke open a close game by hitting his first three shots of the fourth quarter to lead New Jersey to a 91-82 victory over San Antonio Wednesday night.

Richard Jefferson added a career-high 27 points and Jason Kidd had 18 as the Nets remained perfect at home, winning their fifth straight.

Tim Duncan had 21 points, Stephen Jackson added a season-high 20 and David Robinson had 14 rebounds for the Spurs.

The difference in the game was Harris. The backup shooting guard scored 12 of his 15 points in the final 12 minutes to break open a game in which neither team led by more than seven points in the first three quarters.

Harris hit a layup and a jumper in a 6-2 run to push a three-point lead entering the fourth to 70-63. The Spurs pulled within four points twice down the stretch, the last time on a dunk by Malik Rose with 7:44 to play.

Kenyon Martin banked in a shot after muscling Duncan out of the way to ignite a 10-2 spurt that put the game away.

The Nets limited the Spurs to 13 baskets in the second half, holding them to 37.7 percent shooting from the field. Duncan and Jackson combined to shoot 15-for-33 from the field, but Robinson, Tony Parker and Bruce Bowen — the other starters — were 8-for-29.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Slow market at GM meeting

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. Despite the fact that nearly all of baseball's general managers and a handful of agents are together this week, only one notable player has changed teams so far.

The Chicago Cubs beefed up their catching Wednesday, acquiring Damian Miller from Arizona for two minor leaguers.

But the lack of dealing isn't from a lack of trying.

"We've talked to a lot of people this week. But 99 percent of what we talk about doesn't lead to anything," Diamondbacks GM Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "This one just happened to work out."

Most of the work being done at the general managers' meetings is setting the stage for the next two months.

Teams have started preliminary trade talks — finding out which opposing players are available and which of their own players are coveted. Agents and teams have also expressed interest to each other to hold more significant talks in the next few weeks, possibly at next month's winter meetings.

But except for the Philadelphia Phillies, who made contract offers to free agents Jim Thome, Tom Glavine and David Bell on Tuesday, most teams are moving cautiously.

"It will be a slower-developing market, which is what we anticipated coming out here," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "Teams have contracts they would like to trade to change their configuration."

Arizona and Colorado have talked about swapping outfielder Larry Walker and third baseman Matt Williams. The Rockies are also exploring to see if there is any interest in overpaid pitchers Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle.

Florida, which is looking to unload Charles Johnson and Preston Wilson, could be interested in Hampton.

The Mets might be willing to take on Neagle as long as the Rockies take back one of New York's undesirable players: Jeromy Burnitz, Rey Ordenez or Roger Cedeno.

Even the usually free-spending Yankees are looking to slash payroll. GM Brian Cashman is under orders to save money and is looking to deal Raul Mondesi, Rondell White and Sterling Hitchcock.

"I have a lot of ideas floating around," Cashman said. "I'm just waiting for responses."

So far, the Phillies have been the most aggressive team this offseason. They offered Thome a reported five-year, \$75 million contract, Glavine about \$30 million for three years and a three-year contract to Bell.

But the Indians are still hopeful they can keep Thome, the top hitter on the market despite offering the slugger a four-year package believed to be worth between \$40 and \$48 million.

"The only thing they can offer Jim more of is money," Indians GM Mark Shapiro said. "If it comes down to that, we'll probably lose the player. I still feel Jim Thome is a player who valued more than that."

The cost-cutting Braves have only offered Glavine a one-year deal, worth about \$9 million. That could force the two-time Cy Young award winner to leave Atlanta after 16 years.

Glavine was 18-11 with a 2.96 ERA this season and has 242 career wins.

"The chance today of Tom Glavine leaving Atlanta is a very real possibility," said Gregg Clifton, Glavine's agent. "Six months ago that wasn't the case. But today, the chance that Tom Glavine will play with another team is a very viable possibility. It's not just smoke."

"It will be a slower-developing market, which is what we anticipated coming out here."

**Steve Phillips
Mets' manager**

Cleveland awaits Thome's decision

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Mark Shapiro's heart must jump every time the phone rings.

Cleveland's general manager is nervously waiting to hear from free-agent first baseman Jim Thome, who is weighing contract offers from the Indians and Philadelphia Phillies.

Right now, silence is all that Shapiro is hearing.

"There's no protocol," Shapiro said from the GM meetings in Arizona. "We made a proposal and we have not heard back."

Thome, the top slugger in this year's free-agent market, received a reported five-year, \$75 million offer from the free-spending Phillies on Tuesday — the first day teams could make money proposals.

Philadelphia's deal dwarfs the Indians' offering, a four-year package believed to be worth between \$40 and \$48 million.

While he waits to hear from Thome or his agent, Pat Rooney, Shapiro has been planning for life with and without Cleveland's career home-run leader.

"It's our responsibility," Shapiro said. "We have to prepare for both alternatives."

Shapiro said he has "no idea" about what might be included in Philadelphia's offer to Thome, who hit 52 homers last season for the Indians.

At Thome's request, the Indians made their offer to Thome on Oct. 31, days before the 31-year-old was wined and dined by the Phillies, who gave him a tour of their new stadium set to open in 2004.

Shapiro said Rooney promised to get back to him after he received the Phillies' offer.

Rooney did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

The Indians have until Dec. 7 to offer Thome salary arbitration. If he accepts, they can negotiate with him until Jan. 8. If he rejects it, the club would lose his rights until May 1.

Shapiro said the Indians have not set a deadline and plan to raise their offer to Thome when the time is right.

"We've left some room for creativity," Shapiro said. "We've left some room to better our offer. We did not initiate our offer to be a drop-dead offer."

Since the beginning of last season, Thome has maintained that Cleveland is his first choice and his decision will not be based solely on money.

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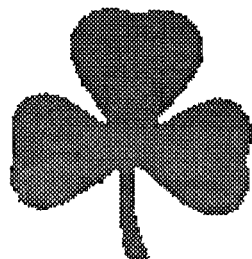
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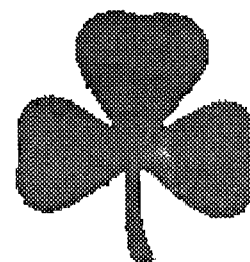
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NBA

Brown holds first practice

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Hubie Brown held his first practice with the Memphis Grizzlies and his edict was clear: Play hard all the time, or don't expect to play at all.

The 69-year-old coach was back at work as an NBA coach Wednesday for the first time in 15 years. He replaces Sidney Lowe, who resigned Tuesday after an 0-8 start left Memphis as the league's only winless team.

Brown gave up his TV broadcasting job to take over the Grizzlies because "it is the ultimate challenge."

He was drawn to Memphis by Jerry West, who became president of basketball operations last year.

West describes Brown, a former NBA coach of the year, as "one of the premier basketball minds in the business" and an outstanding teacher.

Looking for a new coach after Lowe's sudden departure, West's first call was to Brown.

"When Jerry West calls, you listen up. There's not going to be any massaging. There's not going to be any blowing smoke," Brown said at a news conference, with West and Michael Heisley, the team's majority owner, sitting beside him.

Brown said the Grizzlies must develop better chemistry, tougher defense and a style of

play. "You give me any team worth a grain of salt and they have a distinct style of play," he said. "I don't care what sport it is."

Brown, a former coach of the New York Knicks and Atlanta Hawks, said the Grizzlies need "two teams of five guys that will respect one another."

"They will be unselfish with one another, and they'll pay the price and give the effort," he said.

Brown also intends to respond to criticism that the Grizzlies are sluggish and unmotivated, particularly on defense.

"The defense must make a major transition," he said. "We know that the team ranks 29th in three or four critical defensive areas. Now that's not going to change over night. What has to happen here is days of practice, days of drills, days of the staff working with people and getting the right people in the right places."

Hard work and discipline can turn the Grizzlies around if the "talent base" is broad enough.

"Is the talent base enough to do that?" he said. "Well, we'll see."

Brown said he could not predict how long it will take the Grizzlies to play to his standards, but it's imperative "from day one that we only talk about offenses and defenses that work against the good

teams." "The first thing is we're going to work on discipline," Brown said. "Either you play or you sit, OK."

It's important, he said, that the coach and his staff "take a young player and show him how much he's got to work in order for us as a group to go on."

The Grizzlies depend heavily on their two top rookies from last year, Shane Battier and Pau Gasol; this year's first-round draft choice, Drew Gooden; and a newcomer from the Russian league, Gordan Giricek.

Brown said he was not concerned about complaints directed at particular players. Point guard Jason Williams has been criticized as unpredictable on offense and lacking emotion on defense.

"Today is a new day for everyone one of those kids in there," he said.

Brown said he has lined up a staff of assistants who can work with young players.

"I only bring guys who can teach," he said.

His assistants are Hal Wissel, a shooting coach and former scout with Dallas; Lionel Hollins, a holdover from Lowe's staff; Tony Barone, the Grizzlies former director of player personnel; and Brenden Brown, the new coach's son and a former scout for the Grizzlies.

NCAA BASKETBALL

First all-female crew officiates mens game

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Three women refereed an NAIA game in what appears to be the first time an all-female crew officiated in mens college basketball during the regular season.

Mona Miller, Erica Bradley and Leigh Anne Webb were the officials for Martin Methodist's 82-44 victory over Atlanta Christian in Pulaski on Tuesday night.

"We didn't know what we were doing until we did it," Martin Methodist athletic director Jeff Bain said Wednesday.

Bain recently checked with the NAIA, then the NCAA. Officials are not tracked, but the only all-female crew used before worked an exhibition game at LSU a few years ago.

Bain said the NAIA and NCAA e-mailed the women who worked that exhibition, and they knew of no other such crew working a regular-season game.

"I don't think it's a big deal," NAIA president Steve Baker. "I

think it's an example of three quality referees who happen to be female."

Bain and TranSouth Conference commissioner E.L. Hutton had talked of using an all-female crew a few years ago. Bain reminded Hutton when assignments were made for this season, and they scheduled the women for Martin Methodist's season opener.

They didn't publicize the crew, and the

coaches didn't tell the players until shortly before tipoff. About 300 people attended, and Hutton heard one fan at a concession stand admit he didn't realize women were calling the game.

Hutton plans to ask the crew if it will work together again for a rescheduled game in late December. Men regularly officiate women's games.

"We're kind of leaking over into their realm and proving that we can do as equally a good a job as they do," Bradley, a fourth-year NAIA official, told The Tennessean.

"I don't think its a big deal. I think it's an example of three quality referees who happen to be female."

**Steve Baker
NAIA president**

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NBA

Manuto Bol makes the switch from basketball to hockey

Associated Press

Manute Bol has traded in his basketball sneakers and boxing trunks and now is in a shocking search for a pair of ice skates.

Seriously. The 7-foot-7 former NBA shot-blocker agreed to terms Tuesday to play with the Indianapolis Ice of the Central Hockey League.

Bol is expected to be in uniform for an appearance with the Ice on Saturday night, but it is unlikely he will play in the game against the Amarillo Gorillas.

"We're in the business of selling tickets, the business of entertainment," Ice general manager Larry Linde said. "We're not going to do anything to jeopardize the integrity of the game or Manute. We're out there to have fun."

"We're not going to throw him out there if he's going to kill himself or someone else."

Linde hasn't yet spoken to Bol, 40, and admitted that the deal is mainly to generate interest in his team.

Linde was the driving force behind the signing after he read an article a month or so ago about Bol's difficult life after he left the NBA.

By all accounts, Bol has never played the sport or ever laced up a pair of skates. At this point, equipment that

would fit the Dinka tribesman has not been located.

"We're always looking for a unique angle," Linde said. "We like to expose our fans to people they might like to meet."

Born in Turalie, a remote village in southern Sudan, Bol now lives in Hartford, Conn., with his family.

Over the years he has spent most of his life's savings trying to bring peace to his war-torn homeland, where many of his relatives were leaders in the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army, a rebel movement. At one point he became an important backer of the rebels, contributing an estimated \$3.5 million.

Linde contacted Bol's representatives to set up a public appearance at an Ice game.

Bol recently took part in Fox TV's Celebrity Boxing show and beat former football player William "The Refrigerator" Perry in a bout.

Bol agreed to take part, so long as Fox agreed to air a toll-free number for the Ring True Foundation, a West Hartford-based charity he set up to benefit southern Sudanese children. He donated his \$35,000 purse from the boxing match to the group.

Linde also wants to help Bol's cause.

"According to what I've been told he's open to different kinds of ideas," Linde

said. "It seems like everything he's doing these days is trying to bring attention to his foundation."

Linde said that Bol will sign a standard player contract with the team and then try to skate with the team on Friday and Saturday.

Contracts last for a minimum of one season, but they are rarely guaranteed. Players are paid on a weekly basis at a minimum of \$350.

"We're attempting to find skates and equipment to fit him," Linde said. "He's coming in Friday. We'll attempt to get him suited up. We'll see what we can do."

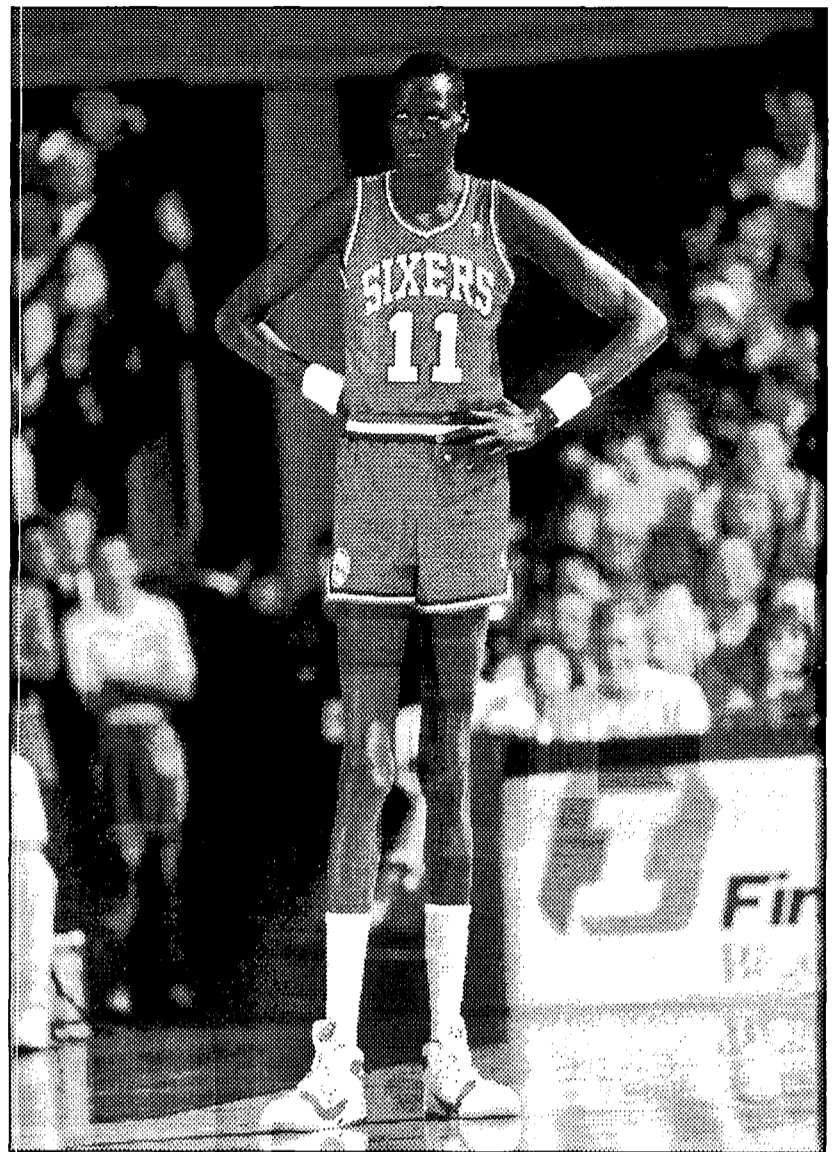
CHL spokesman Steve Cherwonak said the league would not stand in the way if Indianapolis filed a contract.

It was believed Bol, who weighs 225 pounds, would become the tallest player under contract in the history of professional hockey.

"We commend the Ice for a unique and interesting manner of promoting ice hockey and a worthwhile cause," Cherwonak said.

Bol was a 1985 second-round draft pick of the Washington Bullets.

He played 11 seasons in the NBA with four teams, blocking more shots per minute than anyone in league history. He retired from in 1995 after averaging 4.2 rebounds per game and 2.6 points during his career.



Manuto Bol will trade in his basketball shoes for ice skates as he joins the Indianapolis Ice of the Central Hockey League. UPI Photo

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mackovic denies early reports, will not resign

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona football coach John Mackovic, his voice choking with emotion Wednesday, admitted major mistakes in dealing with his players and assistant coaches.

However, Mackovic said he would not resign and pledged to do a better job in the future. An earlier report that Mackovic was going to step down turned out to be premature.

He has three years remaining on a contract that pays him \$800,000 annually.

Arizona is winless in the Pacific-10 Conference at 0-6 for the first time in their 25 years in the league.

The Wildcats are 3-7 overall with two games remaining this season.

They are 8-13 overall and 2-

12 in the Pac-10 under Mackovic, who replaced Dick Tomey on Dec. 4, 2000. Tomey quit after 14 seasons.

Mackovic met with his players for 90 minutes Wednesday afternoon and allowed them to air their grievances with him.

More than 40 players met with school president Peter Likins on Tuesday night — without Mackovic's knowledge — to reportedly voice their concerns about their head coach.

At a news conference, Mackovic apologized for remarks he had made to some players, including one in which he told a player that he "was a disgrace to his family" by the way he had performed.

Mackovic said the comment came after Arizona's 31-10 loss Sept. 21 at Wisconsin and he had "allowed it to fester since then."

Alabama faces NCAA again

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

A recruiting scandal that landed Alabama's football program on probation could go before the NCAA again based on new information made public in court last week.

Tom Yeager, chairman of the infractions committee, said Wednesday the NCAA is evaluating claims revealed during a hearing in which a former high school coach pleaded guilty to accepting \$150,000 to steer a prized recruit to Alabama. The plea directly implicated two former Alabama coaches.

The enforcement staff could either shelve the matter or send it to the committee for further review, Yeager said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. No decision has been made.

Yeager declined comment on whether additional penalties were possible against

Alabama, which in February was hit with scholarship limitations, a two-year bowl ban and five years of probation.

Yeager said the staff would pass along only information that was substantially different from what the committee previously heard. But it's not uncommon for the committee to receive reports about infractions it previously considered, he said.

"In some cases it's a lingering chain of events that can occur," Yeager said.

University counsel Stan Murphy referred a call to university spokesman Larry White, who declined comment.

An NCAA investigator was in court last week in Memphis, Tenn., as former Trezevant High School coach Lynn Lang

pleaded guilty to a federal racketeering charge and agreed to cooperate with investigators. A former Lang assistant, Milton Kirk, previously pleaded guilty.

With his plea, Lang agreed to the government's contention that he took money from Logan Young, a wealthy Memphis businessman and longtime

"In some cases it's a lingering chain of events that can occur."

**Tom Yeager
NCAA official**

Alabama booster, to steer defensive lineman Albert Means toward Alabama. Young is a longtime friend of Alabama athletic director Mal Moore.

Lang said he was referred to Young by Ivy Williams, a former Alabama assistant, and that he discussed the deal with Ronnie Cottrell, a former Alabama recruiting coordinator.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Godwin also said in court that Williams suggested that Lang arrange for someone to take the place of Means during a college entrance test.

The disclosures appeared to be at odds with the NCAA's previous decision in the Alabama case since the sanctioning body did not directly implicate the Alabama coaching staff in any major recruiting violations.

Alabama was not cited for lack of institutional control, a violation that could have brought more severe sanctions, possibly even the "death penalty," which shuts down a program for at least one season.

The NCAA cleared Williams of lying to an NCAA investigator about the scandal after initially accusing him of providing false information about the case. Williams has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Cottrell, who also has denied wrongdoing, was accused of taking a home loan from Young. Young has described the loan as a normal business transaction.

Williams and Cottrell are both out of coaching. Means transferred from Alabama to Memphis, where he played last year but was declared academically ineligible this season.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Felipe Alou returns to manage the San Francisco Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Felipe Alou never envisioned it would happen this way, finishing up his baseball career right back where it all started nearly a half-century ago.

Alou was hired Wednesday to manage the National League champion San Francisco Giants, returning to the team he played for in the 1950s and '60s. He calls himself a "soldier of this game."

"I'm going back home to where I started and, hopefully, I'm going to end it right there," Alou said.

The former manager of the Montreal Expos takes over for Dusty Baker and inherits a team that came within six outs of a World Series title.

The 67-year-old Alou, the bench coach for Detroit last season, agreed to a three-year contract and becomes the oldest manager in the major leagues. He was 691-717 in 10 seasons managing the Expos.

The popular Baker did not have his contract renewed by the Giants. Baker is talking with the Chicago Cubs about becoming their manager. Alou's son Moises plays for the Cubs.

"I was happily surprised," Moises said. "For him to get a job with a team like the Giants is awesome."

Alou played for the Giants from 1958-63 as part of a 17-season major league career in which he hit .286 with 206 homers and 852 RBIs. He also spent 1970 and part of 1971 in the Bay area playing for the Oakland Athletics.

On the Giants, he joined brothers Matty and Jesus in an all-Alou outfield in some games.

That's one of the highlights of his playing days in San Francisco, along with a string of nine consecutive hits.

"When I received the first notice that I might be the guy, or the club was interested in me, I was really shocked," he said. "I was working with a team in the Dominican Republic and was far from major league baseball."

It is the first time in nearly three decades that a manager takes over a pennant-winning team in the offseason. Alvin Dark became manager of the A's when Dick Williams retired following their 1973 World Series championship.

"We're obviously thrilled we're able to welcome Felipe back," general manager Brian Sabean said. "Everybody in baseball realizes what he's done in the game. It's thrilling because he's a Giant at heart."

"He calls himself a baseball soldier in conversation. He's more like baseball royalty to us."

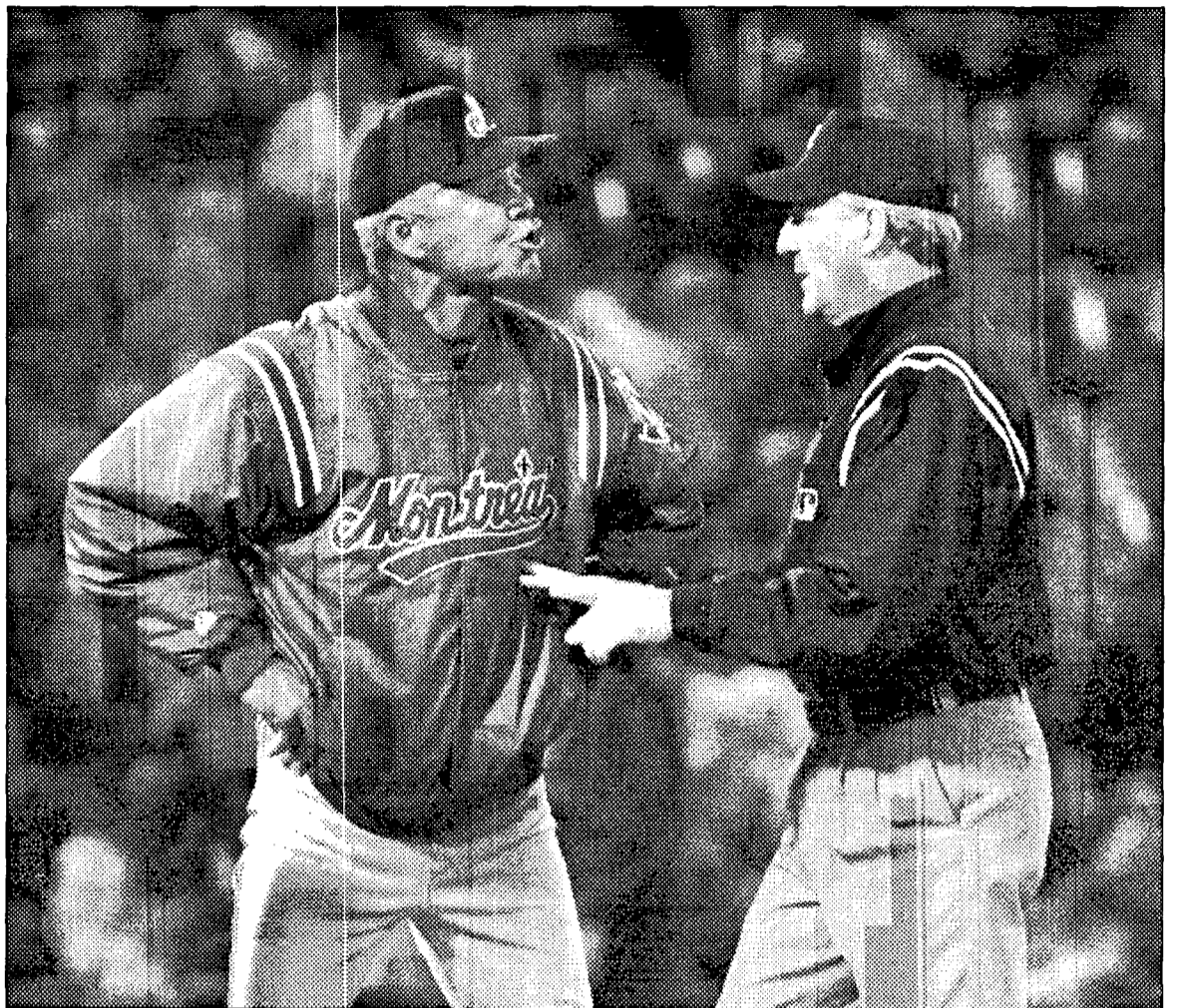
Alou was fired by the Expos during the 2001 season, and was with the Tigers this year.

He is a native of the Dominican Republic. The Giants had hoped to replace Baker, who is black, with another minority.

Shortstop Rich Aurilia appreciated the Giants' speed in hiring a manager. The team announced Baker would not return last Wednesday.

"We were a few steps behind other clubs having been in the World Series," Aurilia said. "It's nice to know that they went out and got somebody who's well respected around baseball and has done a good job with his teams."

Alou has the challenge of dealing with Barry Bonds, whose dugout shoving match with sec-



Felipe Alou, former manager of the Montreal Expos, will return to where he started as the manager of the San Francisco Giants. ICON Photo

ond baseman Jeff Kent — a free agent not expected to return to the Giants — was a low point in the team's successful year.

He said he expected no problems.

"Barry Bonds and other players operate at a very high level, a level not many people have operated at in the course of their lives. I respect the way they oper-

ate," Alou said. "Myself, I was a decent player, but I didn't operate at that level."

Sabeen is confident Alou can handle what has been at times a contentious San Francisco clubhouse.

"He dealt with an interesting, diverse group in Montreal and our clubhouse is one of the same," said Sabean, who inter-

viewed Alou over two days in Florida. "I spoke of pedigree and blood lines, and it doesn't get any better than this. He's a guy who can and will make a difference."

Alou insists he has plenty of energy despite his age, and plans to fulfill all three years of his contract. Eventually, he will become a special assistant with the club, Sabean said.

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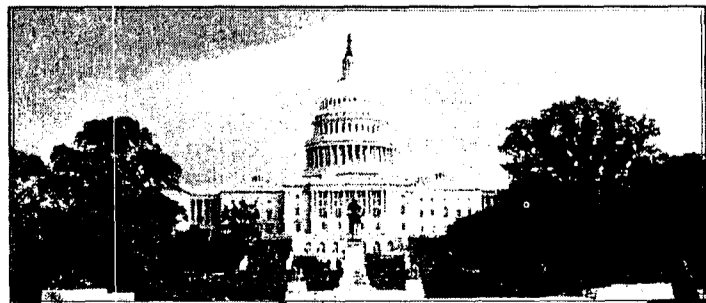
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Two Miami of Ohio coaches suspended

Associated Press

OXFORD, Ohio — Two Miami University assistant football coaches were suspended Wednesday after one was charged with assaulting a fan and another acknowledged damaging a coaches' box at Marshall.

Coach Terry Hoepfner apologized Wednesday, saying things got out of control when fans rushed the field following Marshall's last-second, 36-34 win over its Mid-American Conference rival.

Hoepfner took two university police officers with him for extra protection on the field, anticipating a volatile situation.

"It's scary," said Hoepfner, who hadn't slept following the bus ride back from West Virginia. "I had more police protection around me last night, and that shouldn't be necessary. We've lost a little bit of our perspective."

Defensive coordinator Jon Wauford and linebackers coach Taver Johnson were suspended with pay while the southwest

Ohio school investigates. Wauford was led off the field in handcuffs and charged with battery, a misdemeanor, for allegedly shoving a fan who ran on the field after the game. Johnson acknowledged damaging the visiting coaches' box, Hoepfner said.

The post-game problems were uncharacteristic for a school that prides itself as the "Cradle of Coaches."

"I don't want to prejudge our investigation of the facts. But I have to tell you, as president, to see one of my coaches led away in handcuffs was one of the most difficult things I've seen since I've been here," school president James Garland said in a phone interview.

"We justify our support of athletics because of the message that it sends about character," Garland said. "These events of yesterday suggest that we've fallen short of our goal."

Interim athletic director Steve Snyder said Miami will pay to repair the coaches' box. A shelf and chairs were damaged, and holes were knocked in the wall, Snyder said.



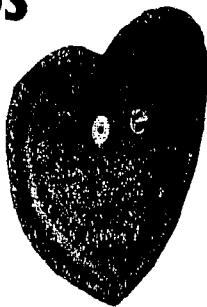
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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	6-2	.750	6-2	-
Boston	6-2	.750	6-2	-
Orlando	5-3	.625	5-3	1
Philadelphia	4-3	.571	4-3	1 1/2
Washington	4-4	.500	4-4	2
Miami	1-5	.167	1-5	4
New York	1-7	.125	1-7	5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	6-1	.857	6-1	-
Detroit	6-2	.750	6-2	1/2
New Orleans	6-2	.750	6-2	1/2
Milwaukee	4-3	.571	4-3	2
Atlanta	4-4	.500	4-4	2 1/2
Toronto	3-4	.429	3-4	3
Chicago	3-5	.375	3-5	3 1/2
Cleveland	2-7	.222	2-7	5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	8-0	1.000	8-0	-
Houston	4-2	.667	4-2	3
San Antonio	5-3	.625	5-3	3
Minnesota	4-5	.444	4-5	4 1/2
Utah	3-5	.375	3-5	5
Denver	2-5	.286	2-5	5 1/2
Memphis	0-8	.000	0-8	8

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	6-2	.750	6-2	-
Sacramento	6-3	.667	6-3	1/2
Phoenix	4-3	.571	4-3	1 1/2
LA Clippers	3-4	.429	3-4	2 1/2
Portland	3-6	.333	3-6	3 1/2
LA Lakers	2-6	.250	2-6	4
Golden State	2-7	.222	2-7	4 1/2

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3	Washington St.	9-1	8.77
4	Oklahoma	8-1	10.05
5	Texas	9-1	11.50
6	Georgia	9-1	14.48
7	NOTRE DAME	9-1	14.93
8	Iowa	10-1	16.01
9	USC	7-2	17.71
10	Michigan	8-2	24.02
11	Florida State	7-3	30.58
12	Kansas State	8-2	31.17
13	LSU	7-2	33.45
14	Florida	7-3	35.11
15	Penn State	7-3	36.41

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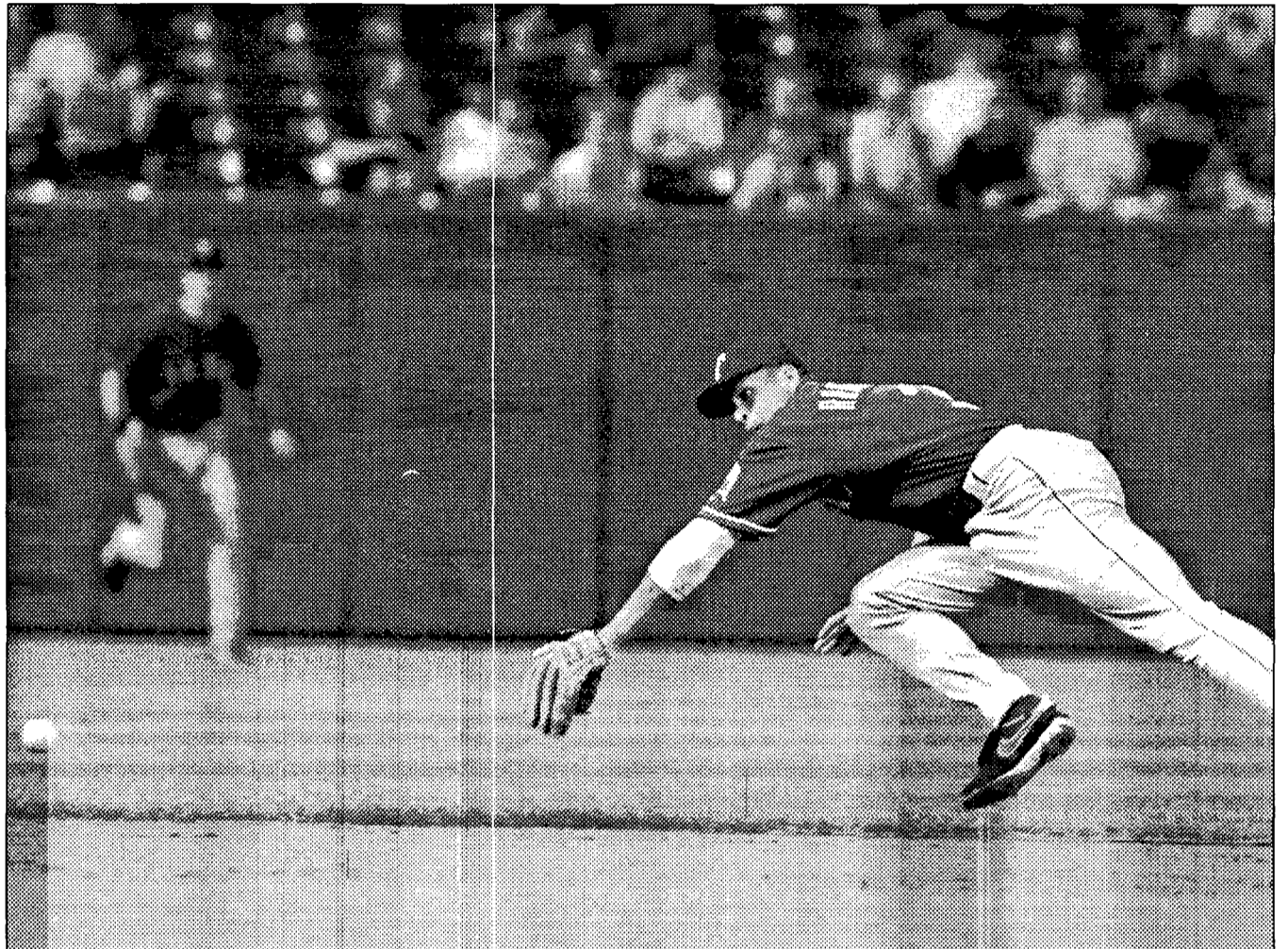
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MLB



Texas Rangers Shortstop Alex Rodriguez won his first American League Golden Glove on Wednesday. A-Rod, who already has the richest contract in baseball, received a \$100,000 bonus for winning the coveted award.

Alex Rodriguez wins Golden Glove award

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Alex Rodriguez won his first American League Gold Glove on Wednesday, a vote that Omar Vizquel didn't handle too cleanly.

Vizquel had won nine straight times at shortstop. But the fancy fielder from Cleveland had his streak broken by A-Rod, the Texas Rangers star.

"Obviously, I didn't think I was going to lose the Gold Glove this year. I don't think I gave it up. I know I had the numbers to compete," Vizquel said.

"I know he improved his defensive numbers. He had

a good year. The voting could go either way," Vizquel said of Rodriguez. "He's on TV everyday. He's in the national papers everyday."

Vizquel said he thought Baltimore's Mike Bordick, who did not make an error in his final 110 games, was as deserving as Rodriguez.

"I don't know why he wasn't recognized as one of the best," Vizquel said.

"The batting champion has always been the one who hits for the highest average. The fielding champion should be the guy who had less errors or the better percentage," he said. "They are probably going to

have to change the voting."

A-Rod made 10 errors, had a .987 fielding percentage and took part in 108 double plays. Vizquel made seven errors, had a .990 fielding percentage and participated in 98 DPs.

Gold Gloves, presented since 1957 by St. Louis-based Rawlings, are voted on by managers and coaches before the end of the regular season. They may not select players on their own teams, and they vote only for players in their own league.

The World Series champion Anaheim Angels won two Gold Gloves, with catcher Bengie Molina

breaking the 10-year winning streak of Texas' Ivan Rodriguez and Darin Erstad replacing Seattle's Mike Cameron in the outfield.

Mariners first baseman John Olerud, second baseman Bret Boone and outfielder Ichiro Suzuki all won AL Gold Gloves.

Olerud won his second Gold Glove, replacing Minnesota's Doug Mientkiewicz at first base. Boone won his first in the AL, taking over from Roberto Alomar, a 10-time winner who was traded from Cleveland to the New York Mets following the 2001 season.

IN BRIEF

Faulk may play Monday

The St. Louis Rams aren't ruling Marshall Faulk out of Monday night's game with Chicago.

The All-Pro running back left Sunday's victory over the Chargers with a sprained left ankle and strained tendon in his right foot, and was on crutches the next day. But he was feeling much better on Wednesday.

"Nobody heals like he does," coach Mike Martz said. "This will be something we'll take to the very end."

Martz said Faulk, listed as questionable, probably wouldn't practice at least until Saturday in preparation for Monday night's game.

"We'll be pessimistic at this point and say he won't be ready," Martz said. "If he is ready, it'll be a surprise, and that's how we'll prepare. He's improved quite a bit, so we'll see."

When they practice for the first time this game week on Thursday, rookie Lamar Gordon will be the

starting tailback ahead of Trung Canidate, a first-round pick in 2000.

WNBA announces new team

A WNBA franchise will be based in San Antonio for the 2003 season, the league's president announced Wednesday.

The team doesn't yet have a name, and it has not been determined whether it will be a new franchise or one moved from an existing WNBA city.

WNBA president Val Ackerman was joined for the announcement at the SBC Center arena by WNBA players Lisa Leslie, Tamika Catchings and Edna Campbell. Also on hand was Houston Comets coach Van Chancellor.

"This is a great day for the WNBA and the city of San Antonio," Ackerman said.

The team will be operated by the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. The WNEA and its teams are now collectively owned by the NBA, though the

women's league is moving toward an individual ownership system.

Fan attacks CFL player

Admitting he had too much to drink and yielded to peer pressure, a CFL fan says he deserved his on-field beating after he attacked a player during a game.

Jody Remple, a 22-year-old construction worker, left the stands during a CFL West semifinal Sunday between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and B.C. Lions.

With seven seconds left and Winnipeg ahead 30-3, Remple ran on the field and jumped on Lions cornerback Eric Carter. He was promptly kicked and beaten by players.

"I was looking to tackle him down, I guess," Remple said in the Winnipeg Free Press on Wednesday. "But I'm 5-foot-8, 175 pounds, what was I thinking?"

Remple was fined \$180 for causing a disturbance. He understood why he was pummeled.

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marked only the 10th time in the school's history that a mens soccer player was named two-

time captain.

"When I was voted captain again my junior year, it was definitely not something taken for granted or taken lightly," Martin said. "It's something that's special every time you're given something like that by

your teammates."

A turning point for the Irish this season came in mid-September, as the Irish bashed heads with national powerhouse — and then-fifth-ranked — Furman at Alumni Field.

The closely-matched game

went into overtime and then into a second overtime period when an Irish goal upset the Paladins and launched the Irish further into national prominence.

Who scored the game-winning goal? Greg Martin.

"It was an important win for the team, that win gave us some confidence [to play in overtime games]. That was really a team goal, it wasn't necessarily a goal I scored individually, but it was one that, because the guys kept knocking for 110 minutes, it finally came."

Martin also scored two of his six goals so far this season in a key Big East game against then-No. 5 Connecticut, which the Irish won 3-1.

With those six goals, Martin has 12 points on the season, which puts him in fourth place on this year's squad, behind Braun (21), Chad Riley (19) and Justin Detter (17).

Currently, the Irish are in the midst of their second consecutive winning season, and after the Big East tournament is completed this weekend, will more than likely see their name in the field of 48 teams of the NCAA Tournament — which is to be announced on Monday — for the second straight year.

Third time's a (historic)

charm?

With Martin being only a junior, one can only assume that he will go on to be named co-captain again in his senior year.

If he is indeed named a co-captain for the 2003 season, he will again make history for the Irish in becoming the only three-time captain in the history of Notre Dame mens soccer.

"[Being a three-time captain] is not something I try to get or set my sights for. It's something that if it falls into place, so be it. I'll accept the honor with a lot of pride," Martin said. "More than anything else, it's a special way to lead your peers through a really special experience."

And with Martin leading the Irish for a third straight season, one can only imagine the boundless — and perhaps historic — potential for success on the 2003 Notre Dame mens soccer team.

"He is a good leader of the players he represents," Clark said. "He works really hard to put the best face forward for his team. I think in his senior year he will become a superb captain."

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish seniors chosen as 2003 captains

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Seniors Eric Simon, John Souch and Travis Wells and junior Steve Clagett have been selected as

captains for the 2003 Notre Dame mens lacrosse season.

Simon, a defenseman, became a starter for the Irish in 2002 and has been one of the squad's most improved players since his freshman season. He earned starts in all nine contests he played and missed four contests because of a broken hand.

After seeing action in just three games as a freshman, Simon played in all 16 contests in 2001 during the Irish's run to the national lacrosse semifinals. As a junior, he scored one goal and collected a personal-best 36 ground balls, the third highest total on the team.

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Notre Dame and Brey. The recruit and the coach both come from Rockville, Md., and during the recruitment process, Brey and Isreal were both very familiar with the popular spots in town.

And at Our Lady of Good Counsell High School, Isreal's verbal commitment brought waves of congratulations from classmates also hoping to attend Notre Dame.

Unlike Isreal, Falls grew up a big-time Duke fan. But as he started searching for colleges, he grew increasingly attracted to Notre Dame.

When Falls took an official visit to the campus last winter to watch the Irish play, he immediately felt a connection with the team. He also noticed he had a good chance of getting playing time right off the bat since Notre Dame's top shooting guards will have graduated.

But one of the coolest aspects of the trip was hearing the student section chant Fall's name.

"That student section, having 5,000 people chanting your name, that was pretty exciting," he said. "The enthusiasm that the student body shows is impressive."

Watching Chris Thomas' success last season and hearing about Torin Francis' potential contributions this year emboldened the pair into thinking that they too can have a chance to play early. Falls could potentially come in as a shooting guard to replace Carroll while Isreal said coaches have pegged him as a potential replacement to Dan Miller at small forward.

And both players are anxious to come in and make an impact.

"I'm going to come in and play hard, but I'm not one of those types of players who cares a lot about starting as a freshman," Isreal said. "I know I'll have to pay my dues."

"When I come in, Torrian is a wing, but other than that, there's no other wings," Falls said. "I have to come in thinking I can play. If I don't, we'll be in trouble. I hope I can come in and fit in and get playing."

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MENS BASKETBALL

Brey remains open to all possibilities

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Chris Thomas has repeatedly and emphatically said that he won't head to the NBA until he's played four years at Notre Dame.

But Irish coach Mike Brey isn't ignoring the possibility that last season's national freshman of the year could depart a year or two early.

"I don't think I can sit here and put my head in the sand and be naïve about talented guys in the program," Brey said. "Chris and I have talked about it a little. Now, in the November of his sophomore year, he wants to be a heck of a college player. But four to five months into the season, things can change."

In many ways, Thomas' situation is strikingly similar to that faced by Troy Murphy, who left Notre Dame two years ago and is now playing for the Golden State Warriors. Murphy strongly toyed with the notion of leaving after a first team All-American sophomore campaign, but stayed one more year - and earned another All-American award - before heading for the NBA.

In fact, Brey said part of the reason the Irish recruited Chris Quinn was so Notre Dame would have depth at point guard.

"I know when he thinks long term, he thinks about being an ND guy for a long time," Brey said of Thomas' current mantra to stay all four years. "I'm not sure what that means, though, and that's kind of his thinking and his

family's thinking."

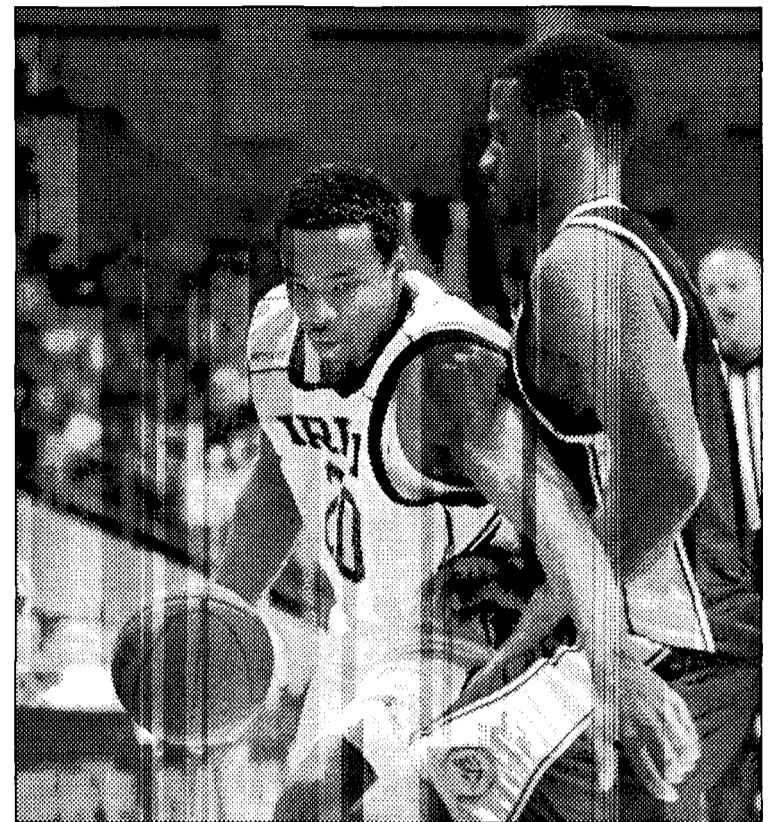
When Murphy was considering leaving after his junior year, Brey was instrumental in helping his protégé find out what his draft potential would be like so he could make an informed decision. The communication between player and coach, Brey said, is essential toward filling holes in the program and improving a players' chances of professional success in the event of an early departure.

"With the high-level guys, they need to know there's a line of communication if they're ready to do something before four years," Brey said. "It's not going to be looked at as not being loyal, that's the world we live in."

"But I do know Chris' mind-set is being a college player, and he wants to help this team before he takes on the next challenge."

Brey thinks Thomas closely watches former high school foe and current Arizona guard Jason Gardner, who toyed with the idea of declaring early for the NBA draft before deciding to come back to college. And the Irish coach knows the success of players like Shane Battier, Juan Dixon and Mateen Cleaves, talented college prospects who stayed all four years and won a national championship, is running through Thomas' head.

Right now, Brey said Thomas is focused on helping increase Notre Dame's success. And when Brey talks to his team about players on the Irish recruiting list, Thomas is extremely interested to see with whom he would be play-



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Torrian Jones pushes past a defender in Notre Dame's game against the EA All-stars last weekend.

ing down the road.

"It's like talking to one of my assistants," Brey said. "It shows where his mindset is right now, and I think that's where his focus is."

Studying abroad

The Irish are "thoroughly investigating" the possibility of playing in a foreign tour over fall break next season, Brey said Wednesday.

Among the factors the Irish have to consider include where home football weekends fall and what needs to be done in terms of fall condi-

tioning, and Brey said he doesn't know where, or even if, the Irish would travel.

But a week-long foreign tour would benefit the Irish because it would give Irish recruits Colin Falls and Omari Isreal a chance to play competitively with their new teammates.

"It is in thorough investigation mode right now," Brey said. "That's something we're taking a look at in the next few months."

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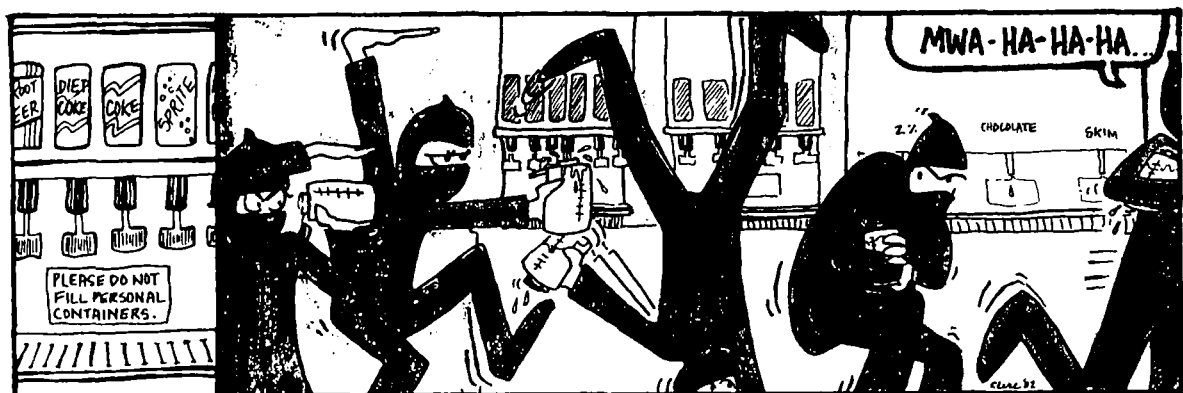
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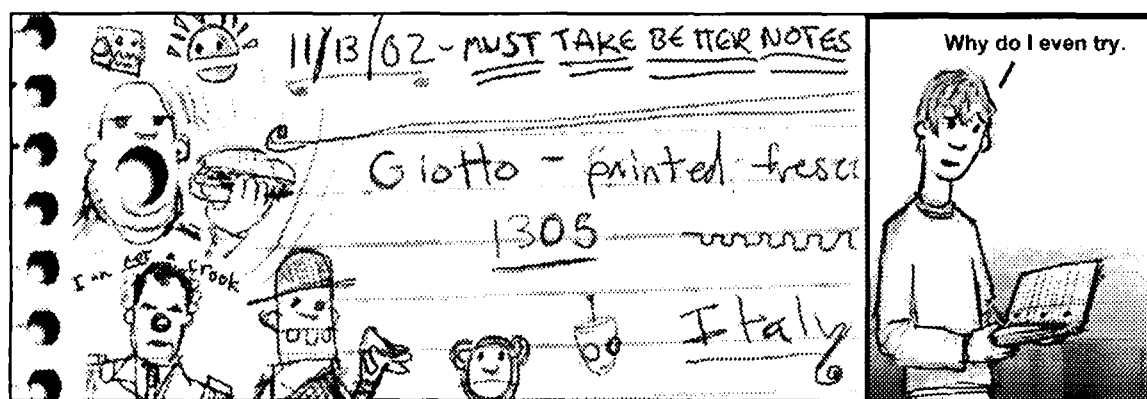
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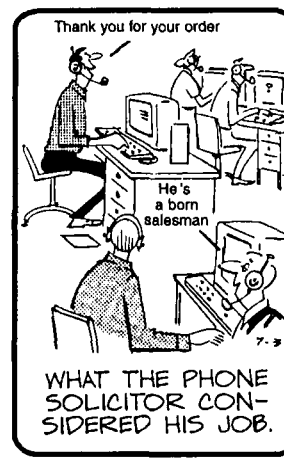
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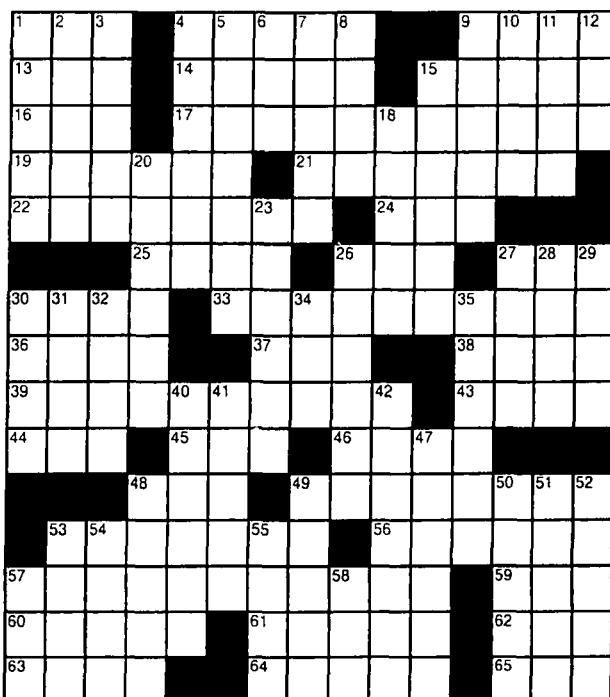
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 - 4 Switch material
 - 9 Register transaction
 - 13 Ball honoree
 - 14 Where enfants are educated
 - 15 One may be impounded
 - 16 Columnist Smith
 - 17 Start of some directions by 49-Across
 - 19 Elicited
 - 21 Coup participant, e.g.
 - 22 Directions, part 2
 - 24 With 9-Down, pickup points
 - 25 "Love and Squalor" girl of literature
 - 26 "That was sure something!"
 - 27 Personality part
 - 30 Destructive digger
 - 33 Directions, part 3
 - 36 Producers of green eggs
 - 37 William Shatner's "War"
 - 38 Missouri River native
 - 39 & 43 Where the directions at 17-, 22-, 33- and 57-Across lead
 - 44 Young or little follower
 - 45 Mason's burden
 - 46 Same: Fr.
 - 48 Fresh from the shower
 - 49 See 17-Across
 - 53 Melodramatic cry
 - 56 Actress Andress
 - 57 End of the directions
 - 59 Cool
 - 60 Tough tests
 - 61 Silk dress: Var.
 - 62 License issuer, for short
 - 63 Stationer's supply
 - 64 Business, e.g.
 - 65 Shade of blue
- DOWN**
- 1 Grace of "Will & Grace"
 - 2 Spyri heroine
 - 3 Feminist Bella
 - 4 Attacks
 - 5 They form when melted snow refreezes at roof edges
 - 6 "Arabian Nights" menace
 - 7 Sun block?
 - 8 Some are cooped up
 - 9 See 24-Across
 - 10 Italian busts, e.g.
 - 11 "The Wizard of Oz" actor
 - 12 One of Argus's array
 - 15 Like lights on a Christmas tree
 - 18 Persian Gulf emirate
 - 20 Off-heard word in a portrait studio
 - 23 Took home
 - 26 Authority-defying dare
 - 27 James nicknamed "Miss Peaches"
 - 28 "You were saying ..."
 - 29 Lacking width and depth



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- 30 Taster's choices
- 31 Black cat, e.g.
- 32 Pampers rival
- 34 Prepare to drag-race
- 35 Nine-___ (some golf courses)
- 40 French cathedral city
- 41 Untrue
- 42 Fixes, as an instrument
- 47 Consolidates
- 48 Things to draw from
- 49 Like prisons
- 50 Cheese ___ (snack)
- 51 Disheartened cry
- 52 1980's White House name
- 53 Hidden mike
- 54 "The Good Earth" wife
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MENS BASKETBALL

Falls, Isreal sign letters-of-intent

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Colin Falls knew Notre Dame was the place for him when the student section chanted his name at a basketball game last season. Omari Isreal trusted the word of his coach, who just happened to be an Irish legend, by picking Notre Dame.

Both players verbally committed to Notre Dame several months ago, but after formally signing their letters-of-intent Wednesday, the Irish already have next season's freshman class in the fold days before the Irish play their first regular-season game of the 2002 season.

"It's evident with the cycle of recruiting now and how early kids are making commitments that this seemed like this happened a year ago," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "It's kind of a formality with these guys, and certainly we're very excited to have both of them join us."

Brey expects the two players, both ranked in the top 20 nationally in their positions by Rivals.com, will fill the holes left by the graduation of Matt Carroll, Dan Miller and Jere Macura in the spring.

He compared the 6-foot-4 guard Falls to Carroll, an outside shooter who can also create his own shots off the dribble. The 6-foot-7 forward Isreal resembles Irish sophomore Jordan Cornette with his rangy defensive skills and his ability to play on the perimeter.

Thanks to NCAA recruiting rules changes, the very nature of college

basketball recruiting has changed so dramatically that Irish coaches have already shifted their focus to high school juniors, who will comprise the class of 2008. While Brey didn't rule out the possibility of adding a senior prospect or a college transfer — Notre Dame has only 11 scholarship players on the roster next season — he said the Irish were already looking ahead to next year.

"I never remember signing day anymore," Brey said, "because kids make commitments way before the signing day. But our clock moved up with juniors being able to take official visits."

With the signings, the Irish opened a pair of recruiting pipelines that have long lain dormant.

Falls, who lives just outside of Chicago, played on the same AAU team as current Irish freshman Rick Cornett and is the second straight Irish player to come from the Chicago area.

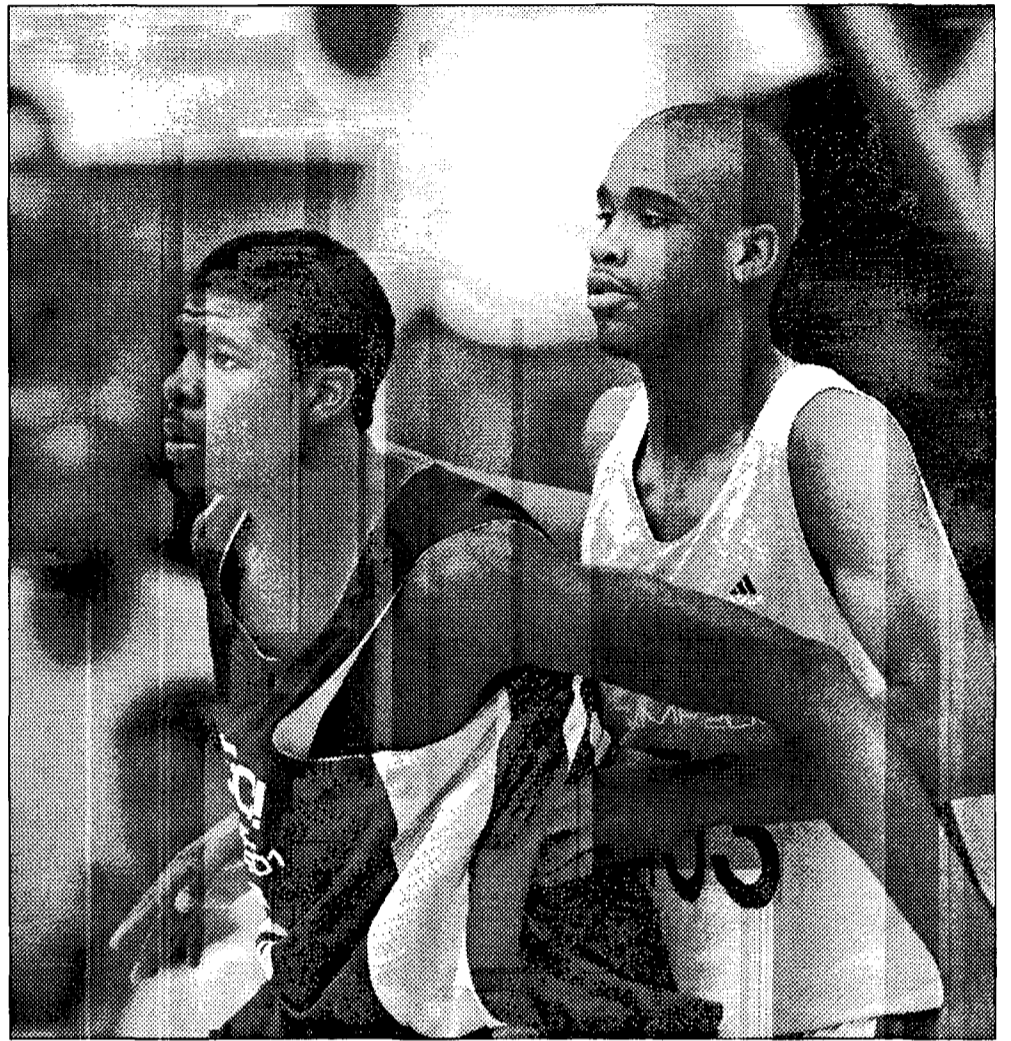
Meanwhile, Isreal is the most recent Irish recruit to come from the Washington, D.C., area, following in the footsteps of legendary Irish players Austin Carr and Adrian Dantley.

"I know in the past Notre Dame has gotten a lot of players from D.C.," Isreal said. "I'm happy that I can be one of the first players. Hopefully, I'll start a trend."

It seems fitting that Dantley coached Isreal since he was 11 years old and advised the forward during the recruitment process.

Isreal has many more connections to

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ICON Photo

New Irish signee Omari Isreal, left, competes in a camp game as a junior. Isreal and classmate Colin Falls both signed with Notre Dame Wednesday.

MENS SOCCER

Martin steers the Irish ship as captain



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish co-captain Greg Martin chases after a ball against Seton Hall. The junior serves as captain for his second year.

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Leadership, competitiveness and a good team spirit.

Generally, these are good qualities — in fact, most would say the best qualities — for the captain of a team to possess.

On the collegiate level of athletics, these qualities usually require two or three years of playing experience to be fully developed.

At Notre Dame, Greg Martin broke that mold.

Making history

In the 2000 soccer season for the Irish, Martin was only one of three freshmen who played in each of Notre Dame's 17 games that season. Then, heading into his second season with the team,

Martin was named co-captain of the 2001 Notre Dame mens soccer team, along with senior Griffin Howard and junior Andreas Forstner.

"It was an honor ... when I was voted captain, I was voted by my teammates initially as a sophomore, so anytime your peers appoint you to a position like that, it's certainly an honor."

In being named captain, Martin became the first sophomore captain in the 24-year history of the program.

"A sophomore captain, for sure, is [a rarity in soccer]," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "This was the first time in my years as a coach that I'd ever had a sophomore captain."

Martin's leadership helped the Irish under Clark, who was then in his first year at Notre Dame, to a 12-7 record in 2001, guiding

them to their first NCAA tournament appearance in five years.

"It was a special time because I felt the program was in a transition," Martin said. "It took a turn for the better when Coach Clark joined us, so I just felt like I was being given an honor in a very special time for the program."

After the successful 2001 season had ended, there was no doubt in Clark's mind that Martin would make a repeat appearance as an Irish captain in 2002.

And in late April 2002, the squad named its three captains for the 2002 season — and Martin's name was on the list again.

Doing it all over again

When Martin was named captain for this season's team, it

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Mavericks remain perfect

Dirk Nowitzki scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to keep Dallas undefeated.

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Irish pick captains

Three senior and one junior were chosen as Notre Dame captains for the 2003 season.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Brey stays realistic

Irish head coach Mike Brey remains open to all possibilities, despite Chris Thomas' intent to stay at Notre Dame.

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