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Sharon's parents meet with investigators, students

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

After arriving at Notre Dame Wednesday evening, Steve and Jane Sharon, the parents of missing freshman Chad Sharon, met with investigators and talked with students Thursday about their only child's disappearance.

Though the Sharons said they feel completely confident in Notre Dame Security Police's handling of the case, they wanted to talk with investigators firsthand and offer students a chance to speak with them personally. "We feel like we're really doing something," said Steve Sharon. "It's one of the biggest things we can do right now."

After meeting with investigators during the day, the Sharons talked with students before and after attending an evening mass celebrated by Father Edward Malloy at Chad Sharon's dorm, Fisher Hall. At the standing-room only mass, Chad's parents were presented with the same Notre Dame medal that is given to all incoming students. Steve and Jane Sharon said the 30 to

40 students that came forward to share their stories about Chad encouraged them. "The students are really great," said Steve Sharon. "They are behind us 100 percent."

Though the Sharons say they learned nothing new of major significance during the evening, they were very pleased by the concern students showed for their son. "We talked to someone who was at the [Corby Street] party," said Steve Sharon. "Every one of the kids cared very much."

In an attempt to focus increased media attention on their son's case, the Sharons said they would take their story to the national networks. As part of this decision, Steve and Jane Sharon appeared early this morning on Good Morning America to talk about Chad's disappearance.

The Sharons say they see no reason for their son's unexplained absence and feel confident that he will contact them when he is able. "We know that he would not do this to us and that there's something keeping him from us. He's never given us five minutes of trouble in his whole life," said Steve Sharon.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Steve and Jane Sharon (center), the parents of missing Notre Dame student Chad Sharon attended a Mass on Thursday evening in Fisher Hall, along with many of Chad's classmates, friends and the Fisher Hall community.

Chad's father said his son is a very responsible person and experienced in outdoor activities. Steve and Jane Sharon said their son was an outstanding student and never experienced

any discipline problems. "Chad was the kind of individual that everyone looked up to," said Steve Sharon.

The Sharons say they kept in close contact with their son,

who was attending the University on a full scholarship, during the last semester through phone calls and e-mail.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Campus reacts to Illinois clemency

By LUKE BUSAM
News Writer

The current population of the Illinois death row is zero.

In the days before he left office, Illinois Governor George Ryan, a former death penalty supporter, either pardoned or commuted the sentences of every member of the Illinois death row.

On Jan. 10, in a speech at DePaul University Law School in Chicago, Ryan pardoned and granted freedom to Madison Hobley, Stanley Howard, Aaron Patterson and Leroy Orange. Those four pardons marked an unprecedented act of clemency

for a governor, immediately followed by the even more astounding blanket commutation of every person on the state's death row. Ryan's decision a day later to issue a blanket commutation granted 164 death row inmates life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The clemency made headlines both in Illinois and across the nation and brought the issue of capital punishment to the foreground even as Illinois residents, politicians and experts alike seriously questioned Ryan's motives. A federal probe that alleges the former governor's political organization, Citizens for Ryan,

used state employees to perform political acts on state time marred Ryan's tenure as governor. Critics see Ryan's clemency as a diversion from these allegations. Ryan drew criticism from victims' families and prosecuting attorneys across the state.

While Illinois residents and politicians continue to debate Ryan's decisions and motives, the Notre Dame community and students from Illinois developed thoughts on the controversial announcements.

Richard Dieter, a Notre Dame graduate and Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center, a Washington, D.C.-based

research and awareness organization on capital punishment, unequivocally praised Ryan's decision.

"I don't see how a person with a conscious could do anything else than what he did. I would compare it to a factory that puts out a product that fails half the time," said Dieter.

Ryan placed a moratorium on the death penalty in 2000 after DNA evidence exonerated 13 men in the same period of time in which 12 were executed.

Dieter said the legal process needed review and agreed with the blanket commutations.

"You recall the whole system, not just pick out the mistakes. You pull back the whole batch," said Dieter. "He couldn't draw imaginary lines to say you were only a little tortured or your lawyer was only a little terrible, or the confession a little forced."

Notre Dame law school professor Richard Garnett said Ryan's decision might not be entirely good news for opponents of the death penalty.

"He took a drastic step and you have to be concerned with backlash. On the one hand it will encourage a second look from other state legislatures, but it could also get a lot of backlash," said Garnett.

Whatever Ryan's motive for commuting the inmate's sentences, his unprecedented move sparked debates across the nation and could lead to new policies and legislation.

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IB topic of Senate request

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Many Notre Dame students graduated from high school near the top of their class and took honors classes. Such classes as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses allow students to earn credit for college, yet not all of these students received as many credits when they entered Notre Dame than they would had they gone to a comparable university.

Notre Dame currently accepts scores from 27 AP exams and 16 IB higher level courses.

According to a handout compiled by Sarah Blake, McGlinn Hall senator, the IB program consists of six groups and students must take one subject from each group. Students take standard and higher level courses within the IB program and can take a maximum of four of these subjects at the higher level.

"I lost some 20 credits because I came to Notre Dame and I think that could be a deciding factor for others," Blake said.

During the past three months the Academic Affairs

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AP PHOTO

Outgoing Illinois governor George Ryan pardoned or commuted the sentences of every person who had then been waiting on Illinois' Death Row Jan. 10 and 11.

INSIDE COLUMN

America's playground

For the past three years I have opted out of my family's traditional Cape Cod vacation where the primary objective is to listen to the waves roll in, find the best lobster dinner and convince my father to stop into another little antique or craft shop. Instead, I decided to put these vacations on hold and grasp on to every college opportunity. Like studying and working abroad, interning and traveling to see what else this Great Country has to offer.

Shannon Nelligan

Production

So, when it was announced that Notre Dame was playing in the Gator Bowl, my parents took this opportunity to get me on a family vacation. They booked the tickets for the game and as an added bonus included some time at Disney World.

I cannot say that I was all too eager to spend too much time in a theme park, even a dream-renowned one where one's dreams come true. But once I arrived and spent some time at the resort, I realized that this park is not just a theme park, but also a representation of the ideals American society holds true.

Walt Disney had the goal of creating a place where parents and children can have fun together. And of course, spend some money. (Most people do, which isn't hard because every attraction exits into a gift shop.)

Where else do people flock to and pay to be advertised to every hour of the day? Which other park has a huge innovations complex that introduces major corporation's products of the future? Amazingly, Disney does all this, while leaving most with a warm fuzzy feeling.

There is no place like Disney World. Euro Disney does not even compete. A young British couple reported this sentiment to my mother and I in Epcot as we shared a table at the Japanese Restaurant.

Americans do things big with a large smile on their face and people love it. (This is probably why the Disney Corporation seems to own everything).

Disney's dream was formed from an idea and some swamp land no one wanted in Central Florida. Now it has become one of the greatest business endeavors of our time. This is the ultimate in American ingenuity. One that is representing the ultimate American dream and can be seen in symbols like the Statue of Liberty.

Even though I have been able to see other parts of the world nothing compares with the United States from its commercialized attractions to its quiet Cape Cod dunes. But I suppose there is no place like home whether you're attracted to the Zippity Do Da of Disney or to the rolling waves of the Cape.

I think this summer I might be able to at least spend a week on the beach.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Shannon Nelligan at nell2040@saintmarys.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's issue, Trip Foley, Student Body Vice President, was misquoted in the article 'Foley asks for respect.' Foley did not say "Although students are the sole reason that this University exists, all too often I find that other constituencies within the University exist for the students." The quote should have been, "Although students are the sole reason that this University exists, all too often other constituencies within the University overlook this simple truth."

WHAT'S INSIDE

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| Americans express doubt about going to War | United Nation's inspection team finds warheads | AOL names new chairman | 2004 Presidential candidates | The legendary George Gipper | Football team prepares for new recruits |
| A recent poll found that Americans are not ready to go to war against Iraq. | Inspectors in Iraq found empty warheads that had not been previously disclosed to U.N. officials. | AOL Time Warner chief executive Dick Parsons was named the new chairman in hopes to turn the conglomerate around. | Even though the next presidential election is not until 2004 the Democrats are already campaigning. Columnist Gary Caruso considers the candidates. | Scene explores the history of George Gipper and how he has become a legendary Notre Dame figure. | Notre Dame football recruiters have already received 15 verbal commitments as they look to build a strong team. |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ IMRT Training Courses, McKenna Hall, all day.
- ◆ SUB Movie, "Creature from the Black Lagoon" 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Debartolo 101.
- ◆ Notre Dame hockey vs. Yale 7 p.m. at Joyce Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ ART/ACT Student Exhibition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Moreau Art Galleries
- ◆ Office of Multicultural Affairs Movie "Lilo and Stitch" 8 p.m. in Carrol Auditorium

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Two cars involved in incident**

On Thursday morning two cars were involved in an accident on Juniper Road. There were no injuries reported.
- Wallet found on campus**

A University employee reported finding a wallet by the main building on Thursday. NDSP is holding the wallet for safekeeping, until it is identified.
- Occupational accident reported**

On Thursday a University employee was transported by NDSP to the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration.
- Abandoned bike found**

On Thursday an abandoned bike was found outside Keough Hall. NDSP took in the bike for safekeeping.
- Cell phone lost**

On Thursday a student reported losing a cellular phone on campus. The case is pending.
- Stolen bike returned**

A student who reported their bike as stolen Wednesday informed NDSP on Thursday that the bike had been returned to St. Edward's Hall. The bike had been misplaced by a friend.

Compiled from NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

| North Dining Hall | South Dining Hall | Saint Mary's Dining Hall |
|---|---|---|
| Today's Lunch: Fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, carrots, apple crisp, cheese strata, Italian risotto, baked potato, spinach, seasoned fries, chicken macadamia, chili crispos, penne with gorgonzola, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, cheese and pepperoni French bread pizza, breadsticks | Today's Lunch: Basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, three-pepper linguine, three-pepper sauce, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, breadsticks, herbed noodles, sugar-snap peas with sesame, lemon-lime chicken breast, haddock with herbs, roast turkey breast, curried vegetable rice pilaf, stuffed cheddar potatoes, cranberry sauce | Today's Lunch: Vegetarian dagwood sandwich, stuffed pepper, pasta, basil sauce, sweet potatoes, grilled hamburger, red potato salad, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, pepperoni pizza, Chicago stuffed pizza, bread sticks, chicken salad, sliced turkey, deli bar, vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup |
| Today's Dinner: Penne with gorgonzola, pastaria pesto sauce, cheese and pepperoni French bread pizza, breadsticks, southern fried chicken, collard greens with ham hocks, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, apple crisp, baked herbed zucchini | Today's Dinner: Baked pasta Italiano, basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, oil and garlic pasta sauce, 4-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, peas & pearl onions, vegetable rice casserole, grilled redfish, broccoli-rice casserole, Italian-blend vegetables, chicken-fried steak | Today's Dinner: Pepperoni pizza, Chicago stuffed pizza, bread sticks, chicken salad, sliced turkey, deli bar, vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup, carved meat loaf, mashed potatoes, pasta, marinara sauce, broccoli pasta casserole, green beans, corn |

LOCAL WEATHER

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Senate

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committee of the Student Senate researched the IB program and unanimously voted Wednesday to send a letter to Dean Angie Chamblee, from the First Year of Studies, asking that the policy for IB advanced placement credit be reconsidered and expanded.

Blake said administrators previously did not consider expanding the IB advanced placement credit policy because they felt it did not affect many students.

Blake said half the universities that Notre Dame considers peer universities follow Notre Dame's policy of accepting only the IB higher level courses, while the other half accepted a combination of higher and standard level courses.

There are 1,365 IB schools in 112 countries and 434 within the United States.

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Clemency

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Amanda Byers, a Notre Dame junior from Roseville, Ill. said she was not certain that Ryan's decision accurately addressed the problematic legal situation.

"I am concerned with the way in which Governor Ryan dealt with it," said Byers.

Byers said she does not consider herself a supporter of Ryan, but felt that there was a need for statewide change.

"There is obviously a flaw in the Illinois judicial system, and the cases of all of the death-row inmates should certainly have been re-examined," she said.

Other students from Illinois had more positive reactions. Andrew Brasse, a junior from Geneva, Ill. said, "It was good

because some guys in the past were found to be not guilty and the system needs to be looked at."

Tori Pambianco, a sophomore from Springfield, Ill., agreed with Brasse and said Ryan's actions are being misunderstood because many think he set the inmates free or that they are being rewarded.

"There is always some gray area. We ask jurors to dispense with that and decide black or white, live or die. That's more than humans have the ability to do," said Dieter.

In his speech Jan. 11 Ryan said that it's not easy to decide when the inmates name and picture are on your desk and you are the one who has to decide whether he lives or dies.

"There is obviously a flaw in the Illinois judicial system, and the cases of all of the death row inmates should certainly have been re-examined."

Amanda Byers
student

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Sharon

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"I chatted with him the evening he disappeared," said Jane Sharon.

In addition, the Sharons say Chad was enjoying Notre Dame and involved in several activities, such as Scholastic Magazine and the Irish Dance Club. "It was a privilege for him to be here," said Steve Sharon.

Chad's parents say they are willing to talk with anyone and want individuals who believe their information may be insignificant to come forward. "Someone out there knows something," said Steve Sharon.

The Sharons say they completely focused on finding their son and want students to talk with them if they feel uncomfortable speaking with police. "We just want information," said Jane Sharon. "We won't hold anything against them."

Even after they depart campus today, the Sharons say students can contact

NDSP and officials will connect callers with them at their Wisconsin home.

Students who knew Chad Sharon say they are as equally perplexed as his parents and do not understand their friend's disappearance. Tom Gorman, a sophomore who lives in Chad Sharon's section in Fisher Hall, said he was very focused on his studies and well-liked by residents in the dorm. "You knew he was a smart kid," said Gorman. "He has a lot of good friends [and] he is liked by everyone. He was always one to do things for everyone else before himself."

Gorman said the timing of Chad Sharon's disappearance was particularly difficult and he was very surprised when Sharon did not return for his final exams. "It was really tough when exams came," said Gorman. "I think everyone is kind of in disbelief."

Peter Nebel, a junior who also lives on Sharon's floor, said it was perfectly normal for him to attend parties after he had finished his studies. "He'd go to parties [or] he'd party here with us," said Nebel.

Nebel said Sharon had just completed a 27-page paper and wanted to relax before beginning to study for his final exams.

Both Nebel and Gorman also clarified the rumor that Sharon had left campus without telling anyone during a previous weekend. According to Nebel and Gorman, Sharon told his roommate he would be out of town for the weekend, but actually remained in Fisher Hall the entire time.

"He was with us all that night," said Gorman.

Sophomore Danita Altfillisch, who attended high school with Chad Sharon in Wisconsin and kept in touch with him at Notre Dame, said she spent many hours working on student council and National Honor Society projects with him.

"He always went the extra mile," said Altfillisch. "He was always kind and friendly."

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Poll: Bush still needs case for war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush has yet to convince Americans that war with Iraq is justified, according to a poll that suggests the White House has much work to do to win public support for military force.

"I think a little more diplomacy would be in order," said Creig Crippen, an 84-year-old retired Air Force veteran from Deland, Fla.

There is widespread support for removing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, but that support is conditional on proof of a threat from Iraq and on the support of allies, said the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. The poll was released Thursday as the United Nations said it had discovered empty chemical warheads south of Baghdad.

Two-thirds or more in the Pew poll and other recent polls say they favor military action against Iraq — but only under certain circumstances.

For example, the Pew poll suggested that support for

war is strong, 76 percent, if United Nations inspectors find nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. The support is evenly split if they find no weapons but determine Iraq has the ability to make these weapons.

The public does not buy the administration's argument that Iraq must prove it does not have these weapons. Almost two-thirds, 63 percent, said that would not be a sufficient reason for

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Creig Crippen
retired Air Force veteran

a war.

More than half, 53 percent, say the president hasn't explained clearly what's at stake to justify the United States using military force to end Saddam's rule, according to the poll. Some 42 percent say he has.

The number who say Bush has clearly explained what's at stake has eroded since his September address to the United Nations, when it was 52-37 saying he had given a clear explanation.

The Pew poll of 1,218 adults was taken Jan. 8-12 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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IRAQ

U.N. inspectors find chemical warheads in Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

An inspection team searching bunkers in southern Iraq on Thursday found 11 empty chemical warheads that Iraqi officials had not declared to the United Nations, a U.N. spokesman said. Iraq insisted that it had reported the rockets, which it said were old and never used for chemical weapons.

A 12th warhead was also found that needed further evaluation, and samples were taken for chemical testing, said Hiro Ueki, the inspectors' spokesman in Baghdad.

It was not clear if the discovery constituted a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution requiring Iraq to itemize its weapons of mass destruction and their components. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the Bush administration was "aware of the reports and we look forward to receiving information from the inspectors." McClellan would not comment on the significance of the find.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the discovery may not amount to a "smoking gun" unless some sort of chemical agent is also detected. Key questions about the find

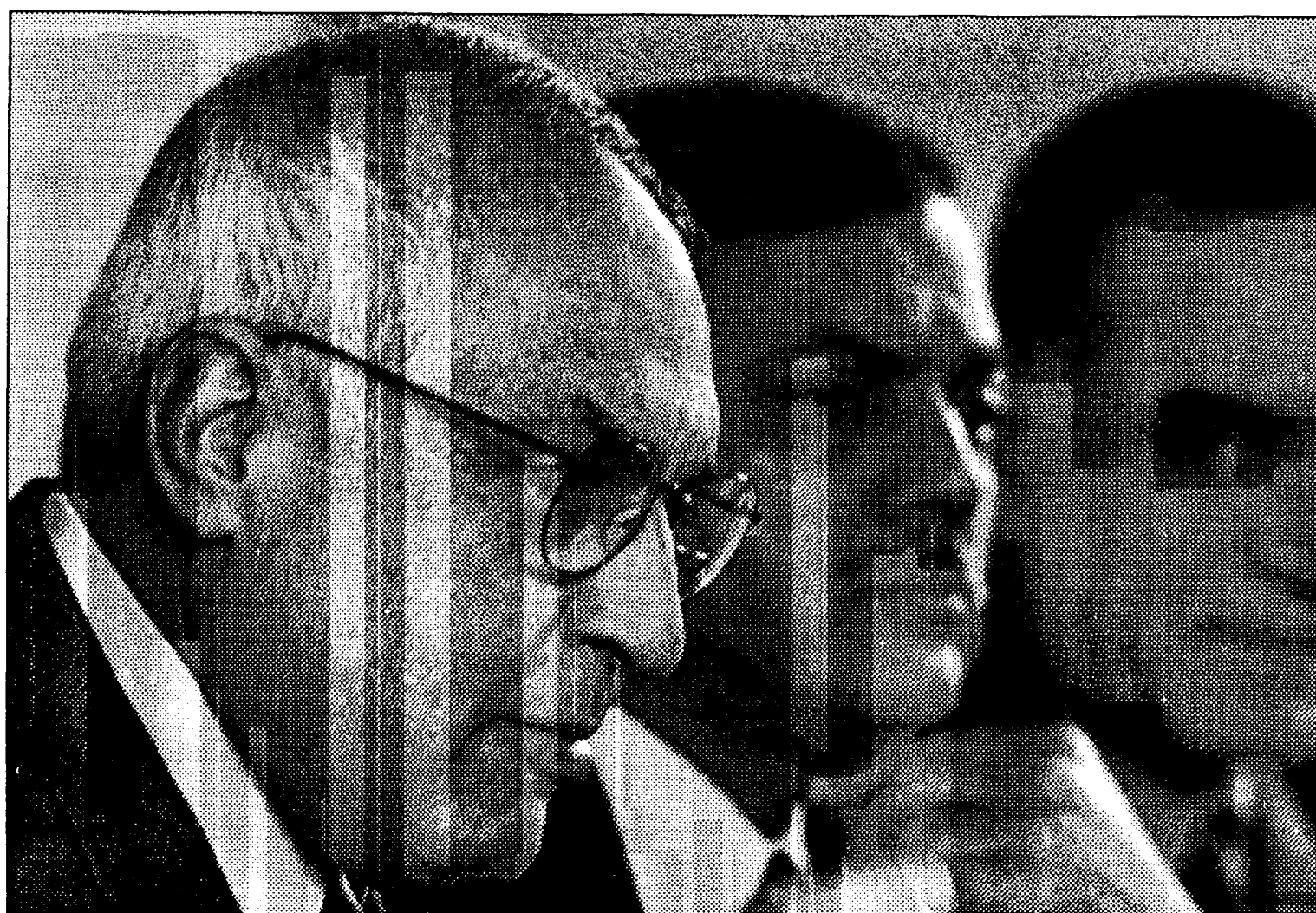
are whether any chemical weapons were ever loaded into the ordnance, and, if so, when, officials said. Serial numbers on the rockets should tell inspectors where and when they were made.

The United States, which has begun a heavy military buildup in the Persian Gulf, has threatened war on Iraq if it is found to be hiding banned weapons programs. The Iraqi government says it no longer has any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and submitted a 12,000-page declaration to the United Nations last month that it said proved its case.

The 122 mm warheads were found in bunkers built in the late 1990s at the Ukhaider Ammunition Storage Area, 75 miles south of Baghdad, Ueki said in a statement. The team examined one of the warheads with X-ray equipment and took away samples for chemical testing, the statement added.

Ueki told The Associated Press the shells were not accounted for in Iraq's declaration. "It was a discovery. They were not declared," he said.

But Lt. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison officer to the inspection teams, said they were short-range shells imported in 1988 and mentioned in Iraq's report. He expressed



Reuters

General Amir al-Saadi, left, speaks Thursday during a press conference in Baghdad as Iraqi officials look on. U.N. inspectors uncovered chemical warheads that American officials said were never declared, a claim Iraq denies.

"astonishment" over what he called "no more than a storm in a teacup."

Amin said the inspectors found the munitions in a sealed box that had never been opened

and was covered by dust and bird droppings.

"When these boxes were opened, they found 122 mm rockets with empty warheads. No chemical or biological war-

heads. Just empty rockets which are expired and imported in 1988," Amin told reporters, adding similar ordnance was found by U.N. inspectors in 1997.

Bush calls for award limits on malpractice lawsuits

Associated Press

SCRANTON, Pa.

President Bush said Thursday his proposed nationwide ceilings on medical malpractice awards would drive down health care costs, but critics said he was siding with mismanaged insurance companies that pass inflated costs to patients.

Bush dusted off a proposal he made in July to cap the pain and suffering portions of malpractice awards at \$250,000.

Without the limit, Bush said, "excessive jury awards will continue to drive up insurance costs, will put good doctors out of business or run them out of your community and will hurt communities like Scranton, Pa. That's a fact."

Legislation he backed last year was approved in the House but was never

brought for a vote in the Democratic-led Senate. Now the Republican Party controls both houses of Congress, and for the second time this week Bush revived a proposal that died last year. The other was welfare reform.

"The problem of those unnecessary costs don't start in the waiting room or the operating room. They're in the courtroom," Bush said. "Everybody's suing, it seems like. There are too many lawsuits in America, and there are too many lawsuits filed against doctors and hospitals without merit."

Pennsylvania, the state Bush chose for his speech, is important to his reelection, and he has visited it more than any other — 18 times. It is one of 13 states that prohibit capping malpractice awards.

Pennsylvania is also the state with the highest rate in the nation of doctors who repeatedly commit medical malpractice, according to a report this week by a consumer group.

One out of every 10 doctors in the state has lost or settled at least two malpractice lawsuits, according to the study by Public Citizen, an advocacy group based in Washington.

Moreover, the report showed, half of all the money awarded in Pennsylvania medical malpractice cases were paid on behalf of doctors settling three or more complaints.

Public Citizen Counsel Jackson Williams said, "If you stop those doctors, you will have eliminated half of all the malpractice payoffs in the state—which presumably would reduce insurance

rates.

In Pennsylvania, insurance costs for doctors more than doubled last year for thousands of the state's physicians. An estimated 900 doctors have left the state since 2001 to avoid paying malpractice premiums as high as \$200,000 annually, said Dr. Edward Dench, a State College anesthesiologist who serves as president of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

There were dual political dimensions to Bush's latest trip to a state he lost to Al Gore in 2000. He wants to win Pennsylvania, the fifth-largest trove of electoral votes in presidential elections. And the proposal gave him a new opportunity to strike at a Democrat some in the White House view as a potentially formidable 2004 opponent, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

South Korea readies for nuclear crisis:

South Korea said Thursday it was preparing for a "worst-case scenario" in North Korea's nuclear standoff with the United States, and a top U.S. envoy warned a resolution of the confrontation would be a "very slow process." The chief U.N. atomic weapons watchdog, meanwhile, attacked the isolated communist country for engaging in "nuclear blackmail." South Korean Defense Minister Lee Jun told a parliamentary hearing there was a "high" possibility North Korea would target South Korea if it builds a nuclear bomb. U.S. officials believe the communist regime already has one or two nuclear bombs.

Car blast in Colombia kills four people:

A car bomb exploded outside the attorney general's offices in Medellin on Thursday, killing four people and recalling the dark days of a drug war that turned the city into one of the world's deadliest places.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Professor held in plague investigation:

The government charged a Texas Tech University professor with lying to investigators Thursday, saying he accidentally destroyed 30 vials of plague bacteria then claimed they had vanished from his laboratory. Dr. Thomas C. Butler, 61, was ordered held without bond on the charge of giving a false statement to a federal agent. The charge carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Shuttle launch takes Israeli into space:

In the most heavily guarded space shot in NASA history, shuttle Columbia thundered into orbit with Israel's first astronaut Thursday on a scientific research mission. Fighter jets patrolled overhead in the moments before the midmorning liftoff. Aboard the shuttle were six U.S. astronauts and Ilan Ramon, a colonel in Israel's air force and a combat pilot.

Muslim immigrants get INS extension:

Immigration authorities are giving male visitors age 16 and older from 18 mostly Muslim countries another chance to register without fear of penalties, officials said Thursday. The decision to provide a grace period, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 7, comes as the Immigration and Naturalization Service expanded the registration program to add men and boys from Indonesia, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Bangladesh.

Sniper victims' families sue gunmaker:

Relatives of two Washington, D.C.-area sniper victims on Thursday sued a gun manufacturer and store linked to the Bushmaster XM15 assault rifle used in the deadly attacks. The family members of James "Sonny" Buchanan and Conrad Johnson claim the gunmaker and store showed "gross negligence" that caused injuries and death, according to the complaint. The relatives are represented by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Communication blamed in bombing

Associated Press

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE
BASE, La.

Two U.S. pilots whose bomb killed four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan last spring didn't know allied troops were there because of a communication breakdown that also kept their airborne commanders in the dark, defense attorneys argued Thursday.

The Air Force has charged Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach with involuntary manslaughter, saying the pilots should have known the Canadian troops were conducting live-ammunition exercises that night.

The military hearing will determine whether the Illinois National Guard pilots should be court-mar-

tialed. Defense attorneys have said the pilots thought they were under fire from the Taliban or al-Qaida when they fired the guided bomb

last April that also injured eight soldiers near Kandahar.

Five minutes after the bombing, Schmidt and his airborne controller, flying in another plane, agreed the military had placed no restrictions on the use of weapons in the area, according to a videotape of the accident shown by defense lawyers Thursday.

"There was no [restriction] in that area according to our briefing," Schmidt said. The air controller agreed, saying: "Bossman concurs."

Charles Gittins, Schmidt's lawyer, said the exchange showed controllers "had no better information" about the Canadian exercise than the pilots.

Earlier, an Air Force commander testified there were orders warning allied troops would hold exercises in the area.

Col. Lawrence Stutzriem also said the air combat orders U.S.

pilots were required to read included information that coalition ground forces would intermittently use live ammunition.

At the time of the bombing, Stutzriem was with the agency responsible for coalition air operations. He said it was "very clear" to pilots that allies could be performing live-fire maneuvers on a firing range called Tarnak Farm.

"I would assume every pilot who read [the orders] knew that Tarnak Farm was there," he said.

As for Schmidt's radioed exchanges with the air controller, Stutzriem said it did not sound like a pilot under enemy attack.

"He was rolling in on a bomb run. I didn't consider that a defensive radio call," Stutzriem said.

"I would assume every pilot who read [the orders] knew that Tarnak Farm was there."

**Col. Lawrence Stutzriem
court-martial witness**

The tape, first shown by Air Force lawyers Wednesday, was taken from Schmidt's F-16 and includes the pilot's announcement that he was

"rolling in," or dropping sharply to attack the ground troops.

A military investigation found Schmidt and Umbach, the mission's commander, should not have attacked until they were certain that no allied troops were in the area. Air Force lawyers say the tape showed Schmidt acting rashly.

The defense has said the Air Force routinely pressures pilots to take amphetamines before missions to prevent fatigue, "go pills" they say can impair judgment. The Air Force said use of the pills is voluntary.

Schmidt is a combat-decorated Navy pilot who transferred to the National Guard in 2000. Umbach is a United Airlines pilot who had served in the Air Force. The pilots face a maximum of 64 years in military prison if convicted of all charges, which include aggravated assault and dereliction of duty.

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Market Watch January 16

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| ORACLE CORP (ORCL) | -2.87 | -0.36 | 12.17 |

IN BRIEF

Microsoft to declare dividend, split:

Microsoft Corp. offered its first dividend to shareholders Thursday and reported a boost in quarterly earnings, but its stock value slumped anyway on its lower revenue estimates for 2003. The Redmond software giant also announced plans for a two-for-one stock split that will take effect Jan. 27. Microsoft long had opposed calls from some shareholders to use some of its cash hoard — now \$43.4 billion — to pay a dividend. But Microsoft's board unanimously decided Thursday to pay a dividend of 8 cents per share after the stock split, chief financial officer John Connors said.

Venezuela freezes dollar auctions:

Venezuela's Central Bank suspended its daily dollars auctions Thursday, trying to stop a currency slide as international pressure increased on President Hugo Chavez and the opposition to negotiate an end to a 7-week-old strike. The Central Bank did not give a reason for its decision to suspend the weekly auctions, but traders said it would give the institution more discretion to decide who gets to buy dollars. The opposition is demanding Chavez agree to a plebiscite in February on his presidency. Although the referendum would be nonbinding, strike leaders believe Chavez, who was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000, would be so embarrassed by its outcome he would step down.

GM posts record \$1B profit in Q4:

Strong sales and cost-cutting efforts helped General Motors Corp. overcome falling vehicle prices and post fourth-quarter profits that handily beat year-earlier results as well as Wall Street forecasts. The world's largest automaker said Thursday it earned \$1 billion, or \$1.71 a share, for the October-December period compared with \$255 million, or 60 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue climbed to \$48.7 billion, its highest total ever for the period, from \$46 billion a year ago.

Parsons named to head AOL

◆ Exec aims to salvage failed 2001 merger

Associated Press

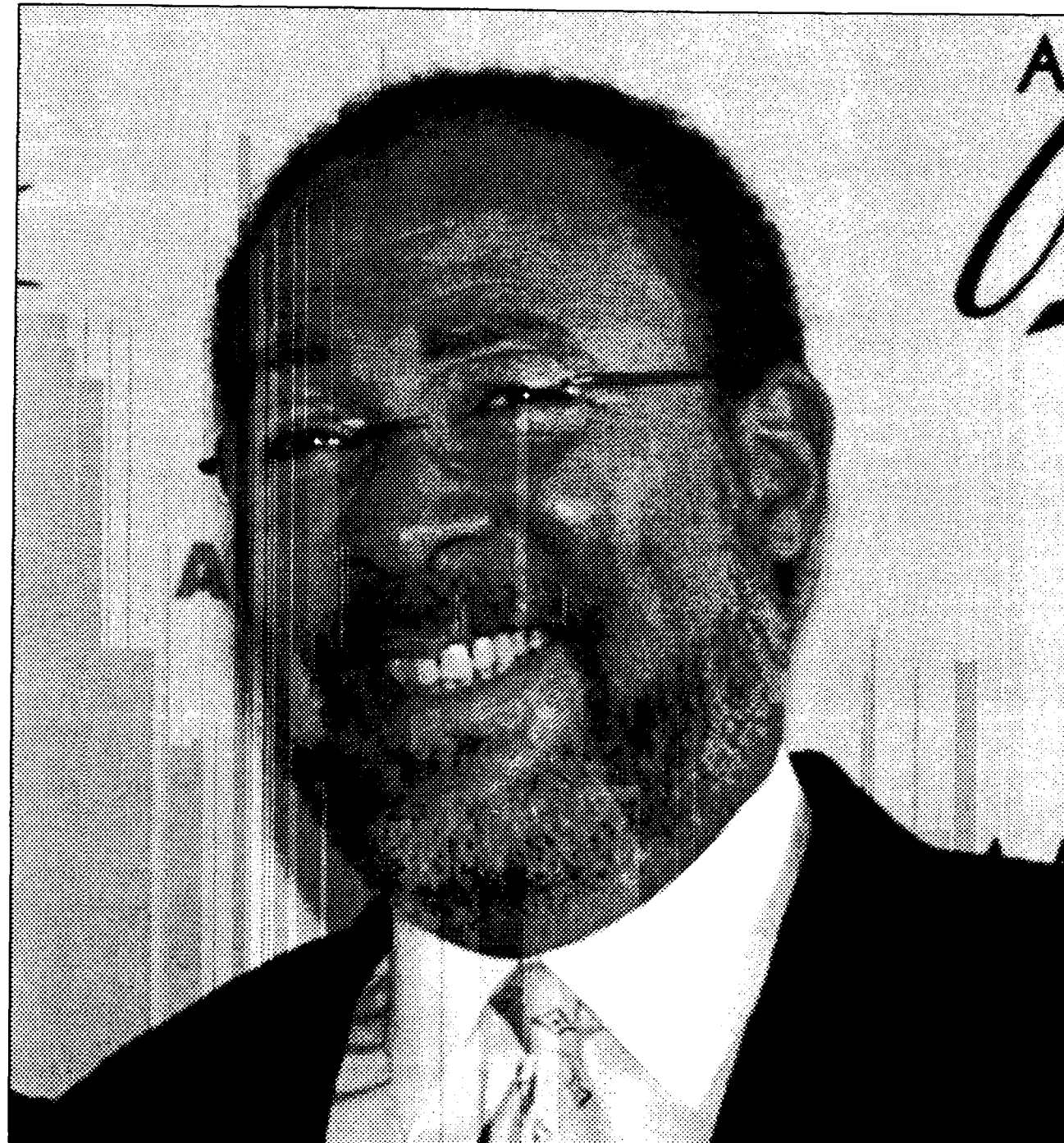
NEW YORK
AOL Time Warner Inc. chief executive Dick Parsons was tapped to be the media conglomerate's new chairman Thursday, giving him broadened authority as he tries to turn around a mega-merger gone sour.

The board's unanimous decision to have Parsons replace Steve Case, the America Online co-founder who announced last week he was stepping down as chairman, completes a shake-up begun a year ago. It caps a heady rise in power for the quiet-spoken Parsons, who formally took over as CEO just eight months ago, and for the victory of old media over new media in the company's reformation.

"This is the final acknowledgment that the AOL-Time Warner combination was a poorly orchestrated merger and now the entire new management team that's been put in place over last 12 months can move ahead," said Mark May, media analyst at Kaufman Bros. "This has been a wholesale shift from AOL people back to Time Warner people."

Parsons' appointment will take effect May 16 at the annual shareholders meeting, the same date Case had indicated he would leave the company. Case announced plans for his departure on Sunday, saying that he felt his continuing presence would be a distraction as the company tries to recover from what has been a terrible run since the merger. He will remain on the company's board.

The board's decision to



Reuters

AOL chief executive and incoming chairman Dick Parsons is pictured here in October. AOL's board announced Parsons' appointment Thursday.

give Parsons both jobs came despite speculation that the two positions would be kept separate to ensure sufficient oversight of the company. But the company indicated Thursday that it remains confident its corporate governance measures are adequate.

"It's a company that needs some healing and they needed somebody who plays well with others, and Dick has shown that he does that. He's a peacemaker, he's the kind of guy that brings people together and this is a company that really needs a group hug," said Jonathan Gaw, a research manager at IDC Inc., a technology market research firm.

Before becoming chief

executive in May, Parsons was AOL Time Warner's co-chief operating officer. He had been named president of Time Warner in 1995, after joining the board of directors in 1991. Previously, he was chairman and chief executive officer of Dime Bancorp. Thursday's appointment makes him among the most prominent African-American executives in the country.

"I am highly gratified that the board shares my determination to maximize AOL Time Warner's tremendous potential," Parsons said. "As we address the challenges facing our Company and the industries in which we operate, I will work together with the extraor-

dinary people in this Company to focus on increasing value for our customers and our shareholders."

Investors had pushed for the changes, following a sharp drop in the company's stock price chiefly caused by problems at the America Online division. Those problems include shrinking revenues and accounting practices currently under investigation by the Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission. AOL Time Warner's shares have tumbled roughly 80 percent since the merger was announced in 2000, and more than 60 percent since the deal was completed in 2001.

Consumer prices hold, energy up

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Consumer prices barely budged in December and closed out a year in which costs other than energy rose by the smallest amount since 1964.

The generally tame inflation climate in 2002 offered some shoppers — especially those buying cars, clothes, computers and airline tickets — some good deals because prices fell for those items.

But people paying energy, medical and education expenses, including tuition and books, took a hit in the wallet as those prices rose sharply.

Energy prices, which can fluctuate

wildly from year to year, rose by 10.7 percent in 2002, a turnaround from the 13 percent drop registered in 2001.

Still, Thursday's report on the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, merely confirmed what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan was saying all last year: inflation isn't a problem for the economy. Many companies have limited power to raise prices given the uneven economic recovery, economists said.

Consumer prices rose a mere 0.1 percent in December from the previous month, marking the second month in a row that prices went up by that

amount, the Labor Department reported. December's showing marked a better reading on inflation than the 0.2 percent rise economists were forecasting.

But on Wall Street, cautious investors pulled stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 25.31 points to close at 8,697.87.

For all of 2002, consumer prices rose by 2.4 percent, up from the 1.6 percent increase in 2001.

But most of that pickup came from rising energy costs, including gasoline, which moved higher on tensions in the Middle East and worries about supply disruptions if the United States went to war with Iraq.

SOUTH KOREA

South Korea plans for 'worst-case' nuke scenario

Associated Press

SEOUL

South Korea said Thursday it was preparing for a "worst-case scenario" in North Korea's nuclear standoff with the United States, and a top U.S. envoy warned a resolution of the confrontation would be a "very slow process."

The chief U.N. atomic weapons watchdog, meanwhile, attacked the isolated communist country for engaging in "nuclear blackmail."

South Korean Defense Minister Lee Jun told a parliamentary hearing there was a "high" possibility North Korea would target South Korea if it builds a nuclear bomb. U.S. officials believe the communist regime already has one or two nuclear bombs.

"I believe a war on the Korean Peninsula would be inevitable if the North's nuclear issue could not be resolved peacefully and the United States attacks North Korea," Lee said.

He made the comment while responding to a question by lawmakers over reports that

some young South Koreans believe North Korea would not attack South Korea even if it goes to war with the United States.

Tensions escalated between North Korea and the United States after U.S. diplomats said North Korea admitted in October that it had a secret nuclear program. The communist regime pulled out of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty last week after the United States suspended oil aid shipments.

Pyongyang insists its confrontation is with the United States, but Lee said South Korea could not escape being swept into a conflict if the standoff spun out of control.

"Our military is preparing for the worst-case scenario," he said.

"I believe a war on the Korean Peninsula would be inevitable if the North's nuclear issue could not be resolved peacefully and the United States attacks North Korea."

Lee Jun
South Korean defense minister

South Korea's defense chief tends to use hard-line rhetoric to emphasize his military's readiness and his comments Thursday did not indicate Seoul

expects the standoff to lead to war.

Traveling in Asia to seek sup-

port in getting North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program, Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly said in Beijing on Thursday there was no quick-fix solution.

Kelly said the international community backs the need for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, but it might take a while to achieve that.

"And we're going to have to talk and work together and communicate with other people including with North Korea very, very clearly," Kelly said before leaving Beijing for Singapore. "It's going to be a very slow process to make sure that we achieve this in the right way."

Washington has taken a more conciliatory stance toward the North in recent days, offering to consider energy, agricultural and other aid to North Korea if the country gives up its nuclear ambitions.

Those offers, however, have not satisfied Pyongyang, which is pushing for a nonaggression pact with the United States and appears to be after more iron-clad guarantees of aid.

The state-run news agency KCNA quoted a Foreign

Ministry spokesman as saying late Wednesday that the U.S. offers were "loudmouthed" and "pie in the sky."

"We are only awaiting General Kim Jong Il's order to wipe out the enemies."

Central Radio
North Korean state-run station

ists," South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted Central Radio as saying.

"We are only awaiting General Kim Jong Il's order to wipe out the enemies," it said.

Meanwhile, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency criticized North Korea for leveraging atomic weapons in an attempt to resolve its security and energy concerns.

"North Korea should understand that this is no way to proceed for a dialogue through nuclear brinkmanship and nuclear

blackmail," Mohammed ElBaradei told a news conference in Moscow. But ElBaradei appeared optimistic about a peaceful end.

"There are elements of a solution to the problem out there," he said.

Elsewhere, diplomatic efforts continued, with U.S., British and French officials meeting in London. They decided on Wednesday that the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors should convene as a next step, a U.S. official said.

Two IAEA inspectors were expelled from North Korea last month, leaving the world without an eye into the secretive nation's nuclear program.

On Thursday, North Korea's Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun met Maurice Strong, a special adviser to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, KCNA said.

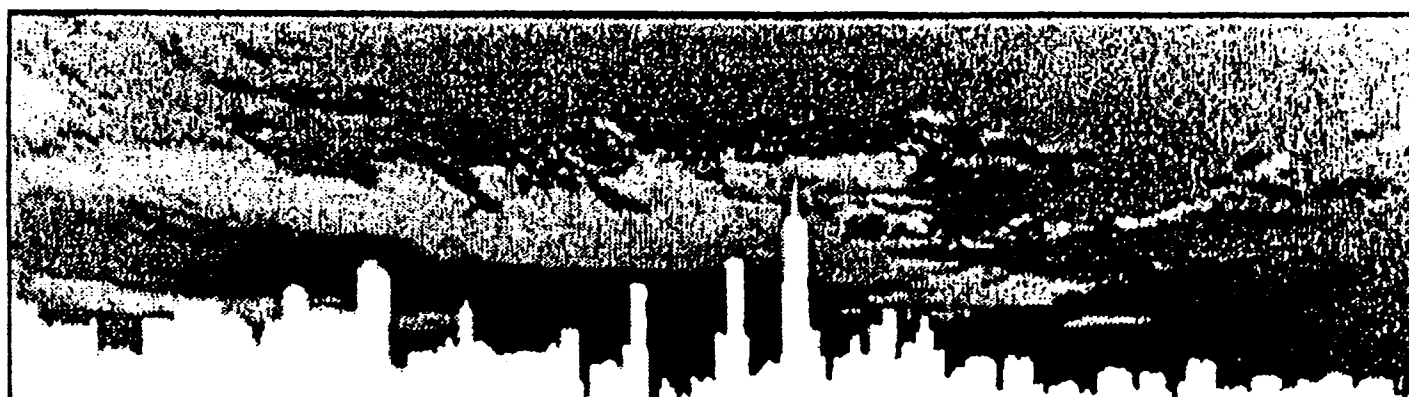
"North Korea should understand that this is no way to proceed for a dialogue through nuclear brinkmanship and nuclear blackmail."

Mohammed ElBaradei
head of the IAEA

Strong traveled to Pyongyang on Tuesday to assess the need for foreign food aid.

Meanwhile, South Korea pushed forward its own efforts to defuse the tension by setting up

Cabinet-level talks with North Korea in Seoul, beginning Tuesday.



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Israeli astronaut blasts off

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. In the most heavily guarded space shot in NASA history, shuttle Columbia thundered into orbit with Israel's first astronaut Thursday on a scientific research mission.

Fighter jets patrolled overhead in the moments before the midmorning liftoff. Aboard the shuttle were six U.S. astronauts and Ilan Ramon, a colonel in Israel's air force and a combat pilot.

"We had deep, beautiful, blue skies and then with this

smoke coming in huge bursts, it was very, very moving," said the Israeli ambassador to the United States, Danny Ayalon. "You know, these are our national colors."

Ayalon noted that Ramon is the son of a Holocaust survivor and has with him a drawing by a 14-year-old Jewish boy who perished at Auschwitz.

"In two generations, we're moving from the lowest ebb, the darkest point of our history, to a very great moment of excellence and achievement," the ambassador said.

It is the first time in three

years that a space shuttle is not bound for the international space station or the Hubble Space Telescope.

Columbia's 16-day mission features more than 80 experiments from around the world. A pair of Israeli cameras will measure desert dust in the atmosphere. Also on board: spiders, ants, silkworms, mealworms, carpenter bees, fish embryos and rats.

About 300 Israelis traveled to Cape Canaveral for the launch along with a number of American Jews, almost all of whom carried Israeli flags.

The astronauts were surrounded by SWAT teams and helicopter patrols as they made their way to the pad. Air Force fighter jets patrolled the 35-mile no-fly zone. Boats were ordered to stay away.

Many of the security measures had been put in place after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but were augmented because of fears Ramon would be an inviting target to terrorists.

The 48-year-old Ramon was among the Israeli pilots who bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, according to a senior Israeli government official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The countdown proved uneventful. NASA spokesman Kyle Herring said he was unaware of any credible threats against the shuttle.

Columbia's flight initially was targeted for 2001 but was repeatedly delayed, most recently by the grounding of the entire space shuttle fleet last summer.

The shuttle will return to Earth on Feb. 1. NASA said security will be just as heavy for the landing.

Protesters rally against war on Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Demonstrators are mobilizing in Washington and cities across the country for what they consider their last chance to speak as one great multitude against the gathering clouds of an Iraq war.

The weekend demonstrations coincide with America's military buildup overseas and a time of remembrance for the nonviolent struggle embodied by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Even as sailors ship out, protesters are packing Washington-bound buses and organizing local marches and vigils from Tampa, Fla., to San Francisco.

"We are attacking a poor country that has enough problems," said Al Svitesic, a retired pile driver and World War II veteran who will be rallying in Pittsburgh next week. "It is unjust."

The largest crowds are expected in the nation's capital, where President Bush and many in Congress are united on the move toward war and protest leaders hope they can draw tens of thousands, at least, to march in dissent.

"We've been working with protest groups; they've got permits for various locations, including marches, so we'll be ready for it," said Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey. "We don't anticipate any problems, although we do anticipate large crowds."

The organization International ANSWER planned the national rally Saturday in Washington and one in San Francisco, exhorting war opponents everywhere to "stop the Bush administration from threatening and killing the people of the world who are not our enemy."

The focus was on America's weapons of mass destruction, not the ones inspectors are looking for in Iraq in a possible prelude to conflict.

In a prelude to the weekend protests, Los Angeles police arrested 17 people Thursday when they refused police orders to stop blocking a sidewalk during a downtown demonstration. Scores of protesters shouted "No blood for oil."

The sense that war is close, perhaps only weeks away, spurred the determination of many activists to get to Washington. This, despite a possible winter storm followed by a weekend of subfreezing temperatures in the capital.

Gerald Rudolph, director of a South Carolina group that sent

one busload to the last large Washington rally, in October, said about twice as many people were going from his area.

"It's starting to reach visibility," he said of the anti-war movement. "Should we go to war, I think it'll just explode at that point." He leads the Carolina Peace Resource Center.

Nearly 500 people from Wisconsin signed up for bus travel to Washington. So did several hundred from upstate New York.

Ambitious weekend rallies are planned in Phoenix, in Portland, Ore., and in Tampa, where protesters plan to gather outside the headquarters of Central Command, the arm of the Pentagon that would direct the Iraq war. In Pittsburgh, activists are hoping to draw several thousand to Jan. 24-26 protests.

In San Francisco, the Internet-based group MoveOn.org released a TV commercial Thursday that depicts a girl plucking petals from a daisy and shows a nuclear mushroom cloud. The ad, being shown in 12 cities, recreates the ominous "Daisy" campaign commercial of 1964 that President Johnson used against Republican opponent Barry Goldwater.

In a lighter but perhaps equally eye-popping tactic, protesters in the organization Baring Witness said they might take their clothes off and march down San Francisco's Market Street.

They specialize in naked resistance, having disrobed in various remote locations and forming to spell "peace" and "no war" and to depict the peace symbol.

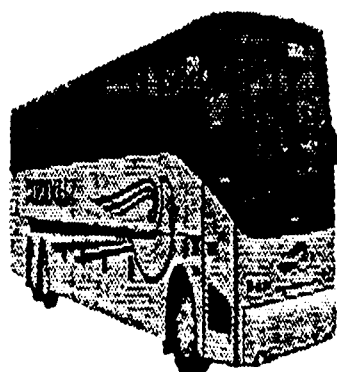
Organizers of the national rally invoked King, particularly his "Beyond Vietnam" speech of April 4, 1967, in the leadup to the long weekend marking the civil rights leader's birthday.

In that speech, King said the war convinced him he could not speak against the violence coming from the ghettos "without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today - my own government."

The national rally begins at 11 a.m. on the National Mall in view of Congress. Protesters will march to the Washington Naval Yard and demand the United States give up its most destructive weapons. Participants were invited to dress as weapons inspectors, although the question of what an inspector looks like was left to their imagination.

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It's time to speak up about Sharon

It's time to speak up.

Notre Dame freshman Chad Sharon vanished more than five weeks ago, and the ensuing investigation has baffled authorities, the University, the South Bend community and Sharon's own family. The situation is made even more troubling by the clues that haven't surfaced in the past month. And that threatens to send to the backburner the case that had been the University's and the South Bend police's highest priority.

It's time for anyone with information about Sharon's disappearance to speak up. Sharon was last seen early Dec. 12 at an off-campus party, and within days, campus and city police were cooperating in an investigation. A week into the missing-person case, police found a hospital security guard who said he talked with a man fitting Sharon's description about two hours after witnesses last placed Sharon at the party.

But the trail, so far, has ended there.

In the meantime, authorities continued interviewing Sharon's friends and fellow residents of Fisher Hall, yet uncovered nothing to lead them to the 18-year-old from

Pelican Lake, Wis. Two weeks ago, the University announced a \$25,000 reward and established an anonymous tip line (574-631-8000), hoping that anyone with information would come forward. But those steps have failed to generate new clues.

This week, with Steve and Jan Sharon on campus for the first time since their only son disappeared, is the time to speak up. On Thursday, the Sharons talked with investigators and people who know Chad and then

attended a special Mass.

Five weeks ago, the Sharons were thrust into a scenario that every parent fears. Their concern for his safety is compounded by endless wondering about what happened to their son and why.

Right now, the Sharons – and police – need answers. They need students to fully recount what they know about Sharon's behavior in the weeks before his disappearance. And they need others to come forward with information about what ultimately kept him from coming home all those weeks ago.

It's time to speak up.

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Editorial

Questioning Bush's record on race

While Michael Derocher in his Jan. 15 letter made some valid arguments about racism being a part of the Democratic Party as well as the Republican Party, he was obviously just trying to turn the issue against the Democrats. I would like to point out that Senators Trent Lott and Strom Thurmond are not the only members of the Republican Party that can be called into question.

Recently President George Bush made his latest round of judicial appointments, including Judge Charles Pickering. Pickering is not only a personal friend of Lott, his past seems to reveal many of the same sentiments to which Lott's comments alluded. When he was a law student, he wrote an article describing ways that states could modify their laws banning interracial marriages so that they would remain constitutional.

Perhaps the most disturbing of his actions concerns Daniel Swan, a man convicted of burning a cross on the lawn of an interracial couple in Mississippi. The case went to Pickering for sentencing. According to federal law, Swan's minimum sentence was to be seven years. But Pickering attempted to convince the prosecutors to agree on a shorter sentence. When this failed, he made a call to a Justice Department official to further his case.

Finally, he told the prosecutors that he would reverse the judgement in the case and grant Swan a new trial if they did not make an agreement. The prosecutors gave in, and Swan was sentenced to a mere 27 months.

Understandably, any president will appoint judges who share values similar to his own. But there had to be other potential appointees who shared similar conservative views but who were not blatant racists. I find it absolutely outrageous that Bush would support Pickering by appointing him to such an important judiciary position — he is essentially condoning the actions of Pickering and others like him. As the President of the United States and the main representative of the Republican Party, Bush has a responsibility to uphold the values of our constitution. By appointing Pickering he has failed in that responsibility. Maybe we are just seeing the real Bush now.

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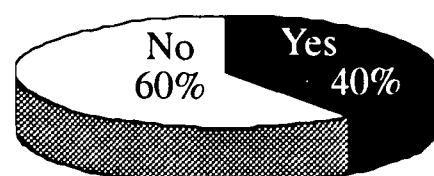
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NDTODAY/OBSERVER POLL QUESTION

Has Chad Sharon's disappearance made you rethink going off-campus?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*Martin Luther King, Jr.
civil rights activist

VIEWPOINT

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Let the presidential debates begin

In today's modern political age, the race for the presidency begins immediately after the last ballot is counted in the November midterm elections. This month, a half-dozen Democrats have announced that they are challenging the president in 2004. This week, the president has begun to stray from his war and tax cut themes to weigh in on issues that charge his political base of support. Both political parties know the importance of officially jumping into the fray at this early date.

Despite the president's popularity ratings hovering at around 58 percent, Democrats believe that the support is mostly a rallying call to war and that they can wrestle the White House away from Bush. In politics, two weeks is an eternity during which support can be strong, wane and return by election day. With about two years remaining before the 2004 presidential election, candidates have more than an eternity to convince the American public to elect them; they have the political equivalent of the age of God.

The Democratic Party is not in the state of chaos portrayed by the so-called liberal media. In the last election, only 51 percent of votes were cast for Republican candidates, amounting to a GOP gain of just two Senate seats.

By not controlling either house of Congress or the White House, Democrats are in a politically advantageous position similar to that of 1994 when Newt Gingrich and the Republican Party engineered reasons to vote against the status quo.

At the end of the next 22 months, Republicans must have revived the economy, stabilized tensions throughout the world, prevented further attacks on U.S. soil and proven that they have greatly reduced terror organizations that threaten Americans throughout the world. Democrats have an advantage on these issues but cannot expect to be favored by default at the ballot box.

A Democrat can win the White House if he employs two important strategies.

First, he must break the solid Republican lock on

the South, Midwest and Mountain states. Secondly, the Democratic challenger must appear uniquely different than the stereotypical politician. He must be as likable as Bush, appear better qualified than Bush and make voters question Bush's judgment and character. Anything less gives Bush the advantage.

Candidate Bush "stole" the 2000 election not in Florida during the counting process but politically in West Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Bush political advisors, in hopes of peeling away just enough electoral votes to capture the presidency, boldly attacked in states where the Clinton and Gore team had been successful. For a Democrat to win in 2004, half of his strategy must include being as bold in former Bush strongholds.

Of the currently announced Democrats, only Sen. John Edwards can immediately break one of the Republican electoral locks.

The White House's unusually strong press release portraying Edwards as inexperienced is an indication that he is the candidate Bush advisors would least want to oppose next year. Edwards has the potential not only of stripping North Carolina away from the Bush column, but can easily, with a good campaign, win in former Bush states such as Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee and West Virginia.

With a great campaign and a running mate like Hispanic governor of Nevada Bill Richardson, Edwards could win Nevada, Arizona and force a close contest in Texas, similar to Tennessee in 2000.

The second half of a successful strategy is more difficult. The Democrat must emerge as a regular guy but not appear to be a partisan. He must make sense to the American voter while captivating his audience with a unique strength and charm. He must be the

John McCain of the Democratic Party by being a party loyalist but standing on principle against the party line on various issues.

Wednesday's edition of the College Tour of Hardball displayed Sen. Joe Biden as one such Democrat.

In 15 minutes of exposure on Hardball, before a college audience at the University of Delaware, Biden poked fun at himself and confessed that he made mistakes throughout his career, opposed certain Democratic Party issues and embraced certain Bush policies while differing on methods to achieve goals. Most importantly, Biden outlined the blueprint for a successful run against Bush. Democrats must connect the dots of the various Bush actions to show a pattern and direction that can be questioned.

Biden believes that Bush has tunnel vision when it comes to national security by narrowly defining security that excludes, for example, protecting nuclear power plants and subway systems. He notes that this is the first time in

American history during a war situation that a president is calling for tax cuts instead of using money to make Americans feel safer in their local communities. Biden says that too many times Bush demands that other nations support the United States on what matters to us while withholding support and ignoring issues of importance to those allies.

For Bush to lose in 2004, the next Democratic nominee must do as well as Biden for the next 22 months.

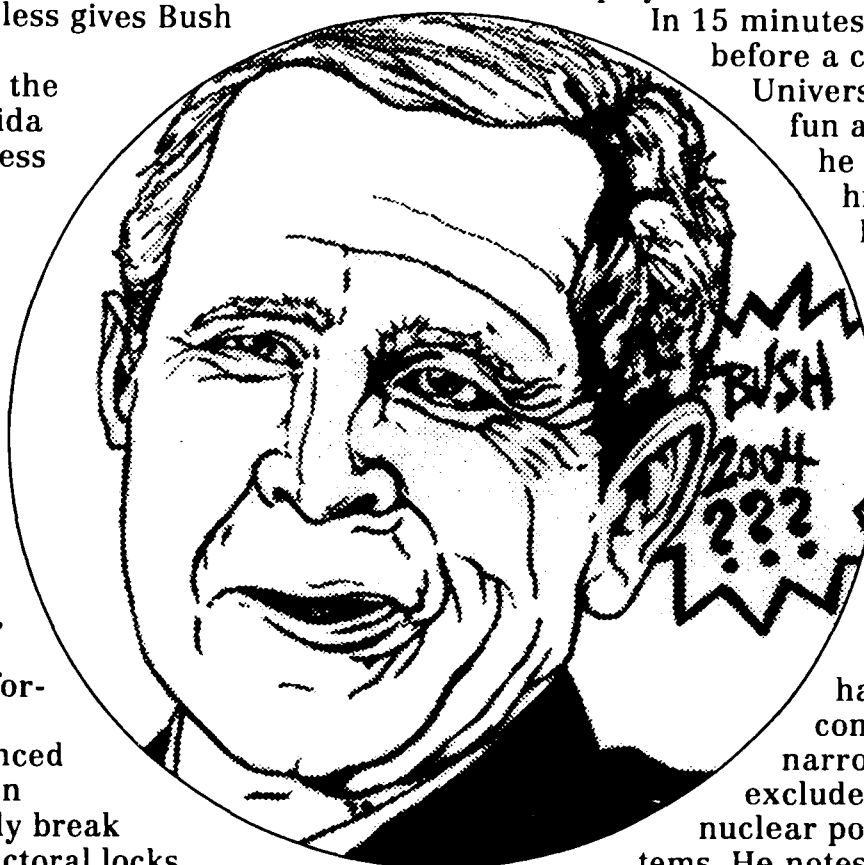
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GUEST COLUMN

Playing the race card

Race is a deadly rhetorical weapon in politics, especially lately.

In recent weeks, the subject of race and the apparent divide of the two main political parties have been harshly brought to the fore with Sen.

Trent Lott's now infamous birthday tribute to Sen.

Strom Thurmond.

The reactions to Lott's statements revealed the depths to which the issue of race has been abused and continues to be abused for political gain in this country. Righteous indignation turned into active propagation of blatant falsehoods.

Sen. Hillary Clinton went so far as to say all Lott did "was to state publicly what many have stated privately over many years in the back roads and back streets of the South."

Such wholesale condemnation of the party and its historical record merits examination. Even a cursory check of the historical record and current racially divisive issues reveals a gross misrepresentation of cases of discrimination.

Trent Lott deservedly is politically through. Sen. Robert Byrd's track record, however, is at least equally ill-starred, yet he remains a Democratic leader despite being the only former Ku

Klux Klan member in the Senate.

Byrd voted against the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and took the floor for 14 hours in the filibuster attempting to derail the act. He is the only senator to have voted against both black Supreme Court nominees, Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas. Yet he was the majority leader from 1977 until 1989.

In another instance of race being used irresponsibly, opposing affirmative action has long been a barometer, in some camps, of racism. Failure to lower the college entrance standards for minorities has been cited as a symptom of pandering to a discriminatory constituency.

The intellectual counterargument, however, states that educational equality begins with elementary school, and topical solutions, such as allowing unprepared students into demanding academic environments, are superficial.

The historical record would seem to confirm that at least some Republicans are willing to back up that idea with action. In 1970, seven Southern states still had segregated school systems.

In March 1970, President Richard Nixon announced his resolution to enforce the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Topeka ruling after the delinquent states ignored a 1969 court order to immediately begin integration.

Although Nixon's announcement was

greeted by Nostradamus-like prophecies of violence, he went ahead. The schools, amazingly, opened without violence.

More recently, Senate Democrats have been fighting the renomination of Charles Pickering to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Sen. Chuck Schumer said that Pickering "has not built a distinguished record and is probably best known for intervening on behalf of a convicted cross-burner."

As it turns out, Schumer deliberately misrepresented the truth, blatantly waving the race card in front of a public he knew to be ignorant of the facts of the case.

Judge Pickering, in *United States v. Swan*, lowered the sentence of one of three defendants who had burned a cross in the yard of a mixed-race couple. The other two accepted a plea bargain, offered by the Clinton Justice Department, that let them off with no prison time, while Swan, the third defendant, refused the deal and was subsequently convicted and sentenced to prison for five to seven years.

Pickering reduced the sentence on the grounds that it was disproportionate to that of the other defendants, adding that Swan lacked a history of racist crimes.

This is not unusual for Pickering, who in the past has similarly lowered the sentence of a black man convicted of a first-time drug offense. But Pickering's

record in the community is even more telling.

As was noted in a recent *Wall Street Journal* editorial, "Pickering sent his children to the newly integrated Mississippi public schools ... [and] aided the FBI in prosecutions of KKK members." He lost re-election to the bench as a result but "was elected in 1971 to the state Senate with the support of two-thirds of the African-American voters in his district."

Former Democratic Mississippi Governor William Winter has characterized Pickering as "one of this state's most dedicated and effective voices for breaking down racial barriers."

Most would see Pickering's record as sympathetic to civil rights, if not outstandingly proactive for the causes of African-Americans.

The divisive and false cries of all-encompassing racism in the last few months undermine the advances made in this country for all minorities and reveal the underlying avarice for political power that motivates all too many in the political realm.

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SCENE
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*“Win one for**George Gipp, one of the best players to grace the college fo*By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

“Win one for the Gipper.” We’ve all heard it. Some of us have said it. But do we really know the story behind Notre Dame’s one and only George Gipp?

Gipp played for the Notre Dame Football team from 1917 until his death in 1920. He played under Knute Rockne and also played centerfield for the Notre Dame baseball team and later the Chicago Cubs.

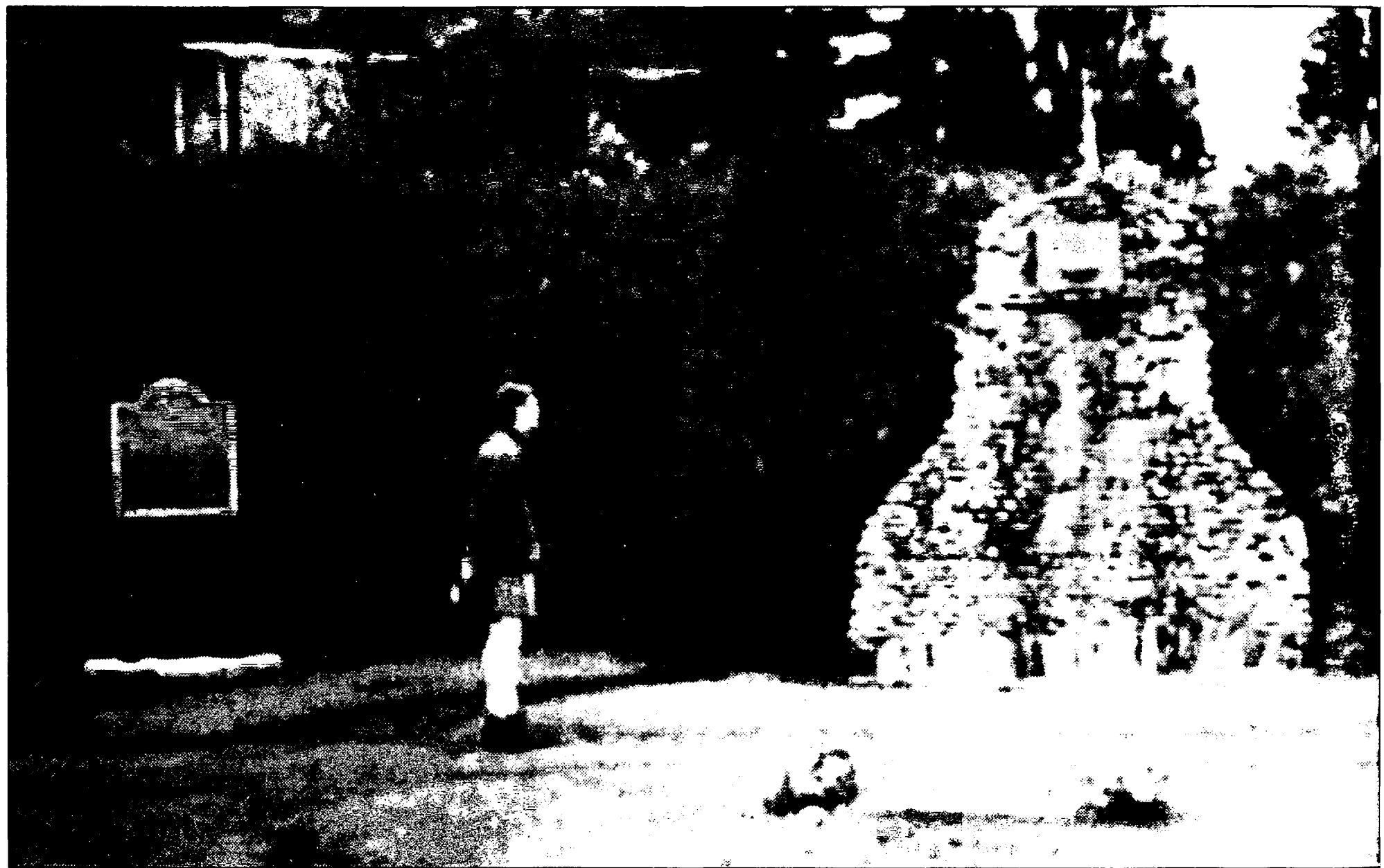
Gipp grew up in Laurium, Mich. Although he never played high school football but was an avid participant in track, hockey, sandlot football and organized baseball. He initially went to Notre Dame to be a baseball player.

Rockne discovered Gipp while he was goofing around with his friends, drop kicking footballs 70 yards. Rockne encouraged Gipp to play football as well as baseball and he grew to be one of Rockne’s favorite players.

Gipp had the physique of a star athlete. He was 6-foot-2 and weighed 185 pounds, which Rockne described as “all bone and muscle.”

Gipp could run the 100 in 10.2 seconds in full football pads. He ran for 2,341 yards and had 21 touchdowns in his career. He threw for 1,789 yards and eight scores, punted 96 times for 3,690 yards, returned 16 punts for 217 yards, returned 22 kickoffs for 454, picked off five passes and kicked 27 PATs, which finished his career with 156 points. As a defensive back, he never allowed a completed pass.

Legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice said, “His kicking and ball carrying was about as fine as anything I have



Few people realize that in 1935, Gipp’s hometown of Laurium, Mich., located in the Upper Peninsula dedicated an impressive 15 foot by a park in George’s memory.

ever seen on a football field.”

Gipp was Notre Dame’s first All-American, named by Walter Camp, two weeks before his death and his 2,341

rushing yards lasted as a Notre Dame record until 1978 when Jerome Heavens surpassed it.

To this day, Gipp is considered to be

one of the greatest all-around players to ever play college football as a runner, passer, defensive back, punter, kicker and kick returner.

“I felt the thrill that comes to every coach when he knows it is his fate and his responsibility to handle unusual greatness...the perfect performer who comes rarely more than once in a generation,” Rockne said. “Gipp was one of the greatest. His kind comes once in every college generation.”

Gipp was respected by not only his coach, but his fellow teammates as well.

“George Gipp was the greatest athlete I have ever known. He will be forever be remembered as a friend, a student, an athlete and a gentleman, for to know him was to love him,” said Frank Coughlin, captain of the 1920 Notre Dame football team.

The Irish had a record of 27-2-3 in Gipp’s four years and they were 23-2-2 when he played. They went 19-0-1 in his final 20 games. In Gipp’s final two years, the Irish were undefeated and declared Champions of the West.

Gipp’s season appeared to end when he injured his shoulder in a game versus Indiana in the 1920 season. Rockne planned to withhold him from the game the following weekend on Nov. 20, 1920, against Northwestern, but because he became such a central figure of the Notre Dame team, the fans all cried “We want Gipp! We want Gipp!” throughout the entire game.

Toward the end of the game Rockne



The Gipper exhibits his kicking and punting abilities. He was incredibly quick and well-coordinated, and moved on long sturdy legs with a seemingly poetic grace that never ceased to amaze college football fans.

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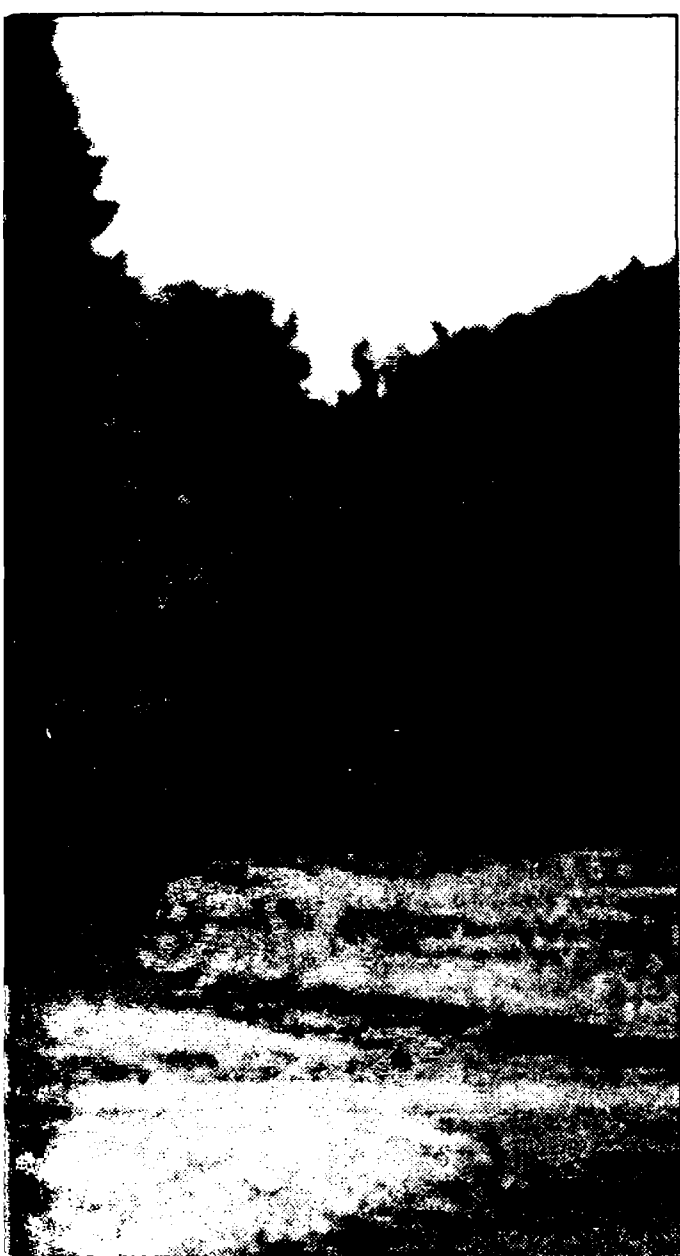
SCENE
*feature**the Gipper!"**Football field, still remains in the heart of Notre Dame fans.*

Photo courtesy of www.alumni.nd.edu

ot, Lake Superior stone fountain surrounded

decided to allow Gipp into the game, and Gipp met the hopes and expectations of many by launching a 55-yard pass that resulted in a touchdown.

After the game Gipp was giving punting lessons and he contracted strep throat that led to a throat infection and pneumonia.

Gipp was confined to a hospital bed at the Saint Joseph Hospital in South Bend. Rockne visited him the night of Dec. 13,

1920, just hours before he died at the age of 25. During that visit, Rockne made Gipp a promise for a future Notre Dame football team that would need his help.

Then Gipp uttered the immortal words that now hang on a plaque in the Irish locker room.

"I've got to go, Rock. It's all right. I'm not afraid. Some time, Rock, when the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys, tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper. I don't know where I'll be then, Rock. But I'll know about it, and I'll be happy," Gipp told to Rockne.

Rockne did not have use those words until eight years later, against Army.

The 1928 team was plagued with injuries and already had two losses under its belt. They had four wins, but Army was undefeated with six straight wins. Rockne felt that if the Irish could prevail against Army, then they may avoid a losing record.

Rockne felt confident that he could rile the boys' emotions with the story of Gipp, and he prayed that their eagerness and passion could prevail.

After the pre game warm-ups, he brought the team into the locker room and began to tell the story of Gipp, the Notre Dame Player who had died during his senior season, eight years ago.

He repeated Gipp's wish to the boys and said, "The day before he died, George Gipp asked me to wait until the situation seemed hopeless, then ask a Notre Dame team to go out and beat Army for him. This is the day and you are the team."

Line coach Ed Healey recalled, "There was no one in the room that wasn't crying. There was a moment of silence, and then all of a sudden those players ran out of the dressing room and almost tore the hinges off the door. There were all ready to kill someone."

Notre Dame fell behind 6-0 in the third period. When Jack Chevigny tied



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Ronald Reagan plays George Gipp in the movie "Knute Rockne-All American," where Rockne's admiration for Gipp can be seen throughout the movie.

the score at 6-6 with a one yard plunge, he picked himself up in the end zone and shouted "That's one for the Gipper!"

On Notre Dame's next scoring drive, left halfback Butch Niemiec took the ball, looked downfield and threw a wobbly pass to Johnny O'Brien, a hurdler for the track team. O'Brien caught the pass and ran the ball from the 10-yard line past two tacklers and dove into the end zone for the winning touchdown.

When O'Brien scored, Chevigny yelled "That's one for the Gipper too!"

After scoring the two touchdowns the Irish then held off a last-chance drive by the Cadets.

Quarterback Frank Carideo said of Rockne, "You could see a great, big smile on his face. He was happy when things created during the week were used to perfection in the ballgame."

Notre Dame beat Army that day in Yankee Stadium 12-6.

Gipp was not only an inspiration to his teammates, but he impacted the Notre Dame teams in years to follow. He was a vision that Rockne used to create in his players minds about the true meaning of an exceptional player.

"He was a natural athlete. And he possessed the three most important qualities needed to attain greatness: the qualities of the body, mind and spirit. He had what no coach or system can teach: football intuition," Rockne said of Gipp.

Ronald Reagan portrayed Gipp in the 1940 movie "Knute Rockne-All American" which opened in South Bend. He was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

Although there are no recorded interviews with Gipp directly, and very few photographs or films exist, he has left his mark on both Notre Dame and all those who have heard his story.

The story is heartwarming and will last forever, and whenever people are in need of inspiration, they will always be told to "Go out and win one for the Gipper!"

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Gipp was one of the best passers of his day. He could throw a pass 50 yards or more with the accuracy of a sharpshooter.

NBA

Jordan scores 20 in 1st period to lead Wizards victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan provided the spectacular start. A trio of young teammates did the rest.

Jordan scored 28 of his 32 points in the first half, and the Washington Wizards pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Orlando Magic 108-93.

The Wizards beat the Magic for the first time in three meetings this season in a game between two .500 teams expected to battle for playoff position in April. Washington also recovered from its worst game of the season, an 84-75 home loss to undermanned Toronto on Tuesday.

Tracy McGrady scored 31 points for the Magic, who overcame a 16-point first-half deficit but fell apart with just one field goal in the first 4:59 of the final period.

Larry Hughes, Brendan Haywood and Kwame Brown keyed the Wizards' stretch run, scoring 23 of Washington's 34 fourth-quarter points.

Hughes scored nine of his 22 points in the fourth. Haywood had five of his season-high 16 points, and Brown scored all of his nine points in the final period.

Jordan was 12-for-25 from the field, but just 2-for-7 in the second half. He is 5-for-19 in the second halves of his last two games. He did have five of his eight assists in the fourth quarter.

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The Wizards played their second game without leading scorer Jerry Stackhouse, who has a pulled left groin.

The Magic have lost four of their last five.

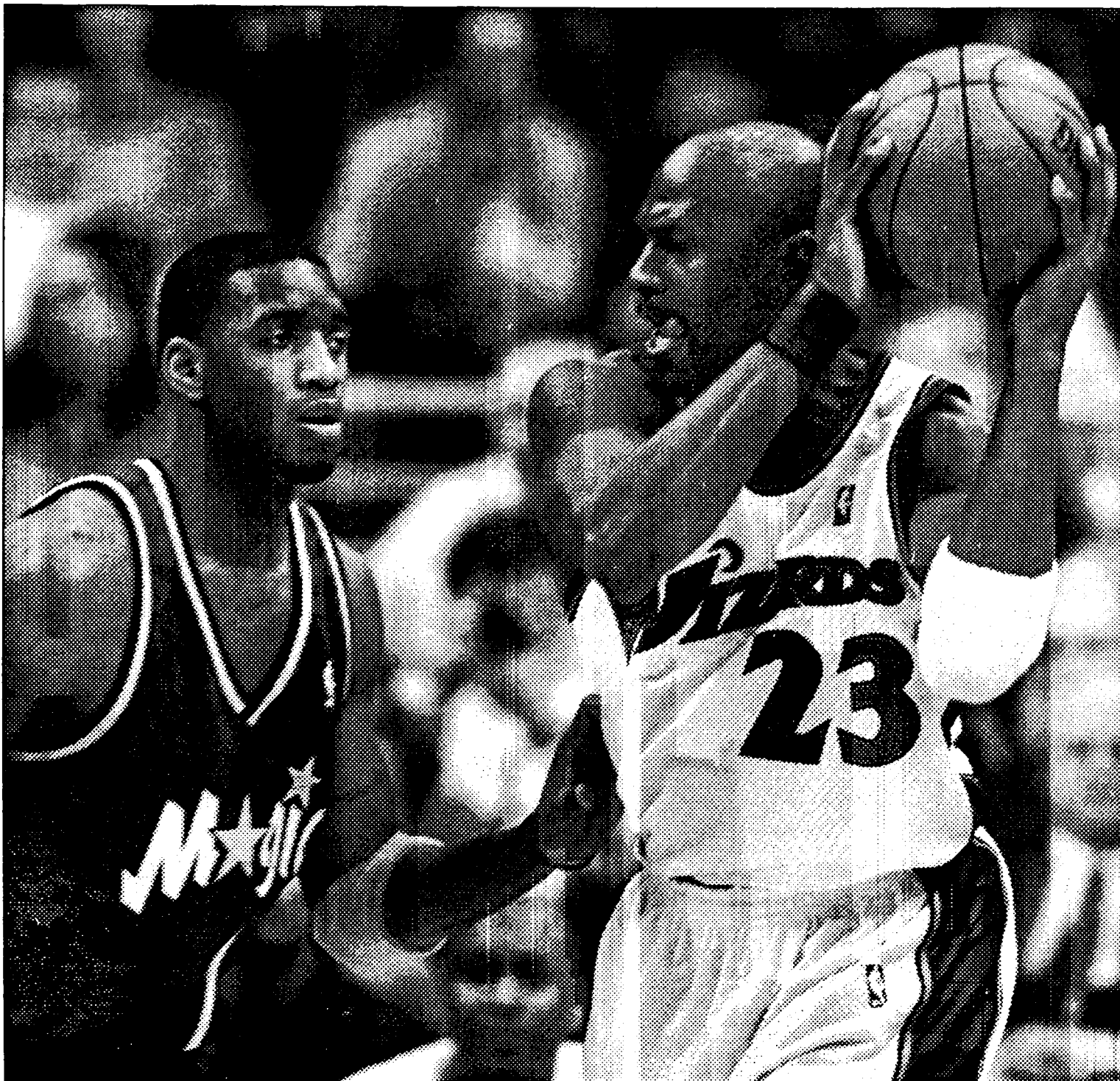
Jordan, seemingly to determind to compensate for his lumbering second-half performance on Tuesday, came out of the blocks like a one-man show. He scored 20 points on 7-for-11 shooting in the first quarter, capping the period with a pair of free throws after stealing the ball from Darrell Armstrong.

The Wizards committed only one turnover in the period and led 38-22 on 62 percent shooting.

The Magic started to come back while Jordan rested at the start of the second quarter, with McGrady leading an 11-2 run. McGrady later made one of two free throws to cut the lead to two.

The halftime scores: Wizards over Magic 55-49, and Jordan over McGrady 28-16. Jordan also had two assists, but he would have had more if his post players could catch his deft passes out of double teams in the paint.

The Magic opened the second half with a 9-3 run to tie the game and trailed 74-71 going into the fourth. But McGrady and Co. went cold, and Haywood's three-point play with 9:45 to go gave the Wizards a double-digit lead they never relinquished.



Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan attempts to drive the lane against Tracy McGrady of the Toronto Raptors. Jordan scored 28 of his 32 points in the first half.

NHL

Islanders avenge loss to Blues with 3-2 overtime win

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Oleg Kvasha scored on a backhand with 3:01 to go in overtime, and the New York Islanders rebounding from a shutout loss 24 hours earlier to beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 Thursday night.

The Islanders had lost twice in overtime in their previous four games. Kvasha broke in on Brent Johnson on the winner, converting New York's only shot of the extra period for his fifth goal and second in three games.

Pavol Demitra forced overtime when he scored with 3:51 to go in regulation off a goalie-freezing setup from Al MacInnis as the Blues rallied from a two-goal deficit to salvage a point.

Cory Stillman also scored for the Blues, who struggled most of the night after returning from a 3-1-0-1 road trip. St. Louis had a 12-4 shots advantage in the third period.

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Alexei Yashin and Kenny Jonsson also scored for the Islanders against Brent Johnson, who rebounded from a 5-0 loss at New Jersey on Wednesday night.

The Blues fell to 9-1-1-2 against Eastern Conference opponents.

Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1

Joe Sacco wasted little time in making an impact with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Sacco, playing in his first game with Philadelphia, scored the tiebreaker early in the third period to help the Flyers beat the Montreal Canadiens.

Sacco threw the puck toward the front of the net. Michal Handzus spun around, shot between his legs and hit the post. Sacco then skated in and hammered home the rebound to give the Flyers a 2-1 lead at 3:04 of the final period. It was his first goal since March 30, 2001, when he was playing for the Washington Capitals.

Sacco played well enough in six games (four goals, three assists) with the Philadelphia Phantoms of the AHL, to be signed for the rest of the NHL season.

Handzus flipped in a wrist shot from the slot with 4:09 left to make it 3-1, and Chris Therien scored an empty-net goal with 13 seconds left.

Philadelphia's Jim Vandermeer scored his first career goal late in the second period to tie the game at 1.

The Flyers, who had their six-game winning streak snapped by a loss to Atlanta on Tuesday, outshot Montreal 41-17 and only sharp goaltending by Jeff Hackett kept the Canadiens close.

Philadelphia captain Keith Primeau said that the Flyers' new-found depth with Sacco and Vandermeer proved the difference.

Richard Zednik scored the only goal for the Canadiens, who have won just twice in their last 12 games.

Ottawa 3, Anaheim 1

Martin Prusek came within 5:41 of recording Ottawa's fourth straight shutout and Marian Hossa scored his 29th and 30th goals to lead the Senators to a victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Prusek stopped 23 of 24 shots, extending Ottawa's team-record shutout streak to 244 minutes, 47 seconds before allowing Stanislav Chistov's power-play goal with less than six minutes remaining.

Hossa, who was named to the Eastern Conference All-Star team during the game, scored his 12th power-play goal of the season in the first period and added his second of the game 4:27 into the third.

Daniel Alfredsson scored into an empty net as Ottawa increased its league-leading points total to 64 in 45 games (29-10-5-1). The Senators, who have won four straight, are 24-4-4-1 since Nov. 12.

Prusek started for the first

time in seven games in place of Patrick Lalime, who currently has a 180-minute shutout streak after posting consecutive shutouts in Edmonton and Calgary, and against Tampa Bay.

The 27-year-old Czech rookie improved to 8-0-0 in eight starts this season.

Minnesota 5, Vancouver 2

Pascal Dupuis recorded the first two-goal game of his career and Marian Gaborik had a goal and three assists to lead the Minnesota Wild to a victory over the Vancouver Canucks.

Dupuis' second goal came with 8:33 left in the game after Trent Klatt had pulled the Canucks to 3-2. Dupuis took a nice pass from Gaborik on a two-on-one break to beat Dan Cloutier and give Minnesota a 4-2 lead.

Gaborik broke his seven-game goalless streak with an empty-net goal with 1:58 to play.

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LOST AND FOUND

Blue Columbia book bag lost in South Dining Hall Wednesday night

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PERSONAL

These small classifieds seem to take longer than the big classifieds

The first night of what is going to be many late nights has been normal

I'm glad to see the University values academics over athletics in scheduling the biggest womens bball game of the year at 2 p.m.

Down with the woodwind and I am totally cool and happy for the free milk honesty

-the girl that Soukup hangs out with

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Pete Rose played for the Cincinnati Reds, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Montreal Expos during his 24-year career. He was banned from baseball in August 1989 for gambling.

Murray, Carter want decision on Rose

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Baseball's newest Hall of Famers are content to let Bud Selig make the call on Pete Rose's reinstatement.

The commissioner is waiting to schedule a meeting with the 60 living Hall of Famers to discuss whether Rose should be allowed back into the game following his ban for gambling.

Both Eddie Murray and Gary Carter expressed admiration for baseball's career hits leader — but they don't want to be the ones to make the decision.

"No question Pete is a

great ambassador to the game of baseball with what he accomplished on the field," Carter said Thursday. "His 4,256 hits will forever be in the Hall of Fame. The issue of reinstatement — I'm glad I don't have to be a part of it. To me, Pete is a Hall of Famer because of the great career he had. End of story."

At a news conference introducing baseball's newest Hall of Famers, Murray also tried to stay away from the issue.

"His glove, bats and uniform are already there. He's not forgotten," Murray said.

Selig had planned to meet with the members of the Hall on Friday but postponed it last month. He would not give a timetable for the rescheduled meeting, and it appears increasingly unlikely it will happen before the start of spring training in mid-February.

"I asked them to put that off for a little bit," he said from the owners' meetings in Scottsdale, Ariz. "We will have that meeting at some appropriate point."

Hall president Dale Petroskey, who was briefed by Selig on the Rose negotiations last month, hasn't heard any-

thing new.

"It's between the commissioner and Pete," he said. "I really don't have an opinion on it. We don't put people on the eligible list. We don't elect people. We induct and enshrine them."

Rose agreed to a permanent ban from baseball in August 1989 after an investigation of his gambling. Because of the ban, he cannot appear on the Hall of Fame ballot.

After years of saying he saw no reason to change the ban, Selig allowed chief operating officer Bob DuPuy to negotiate with Rose's agent.

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SUNDAY

NFL PLAYOFFS

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Titans at Raiders 6:30 p.m., CBS

IN BRIEF

Six international players voted to NBA rookie game

Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets and Pau Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies head a list of 18 players selected to play in the NBA Rookie Challenge game.

Yao, the No. 1 pick in June's NBA draft, might have to pass up the game. He is the leading vote-getter for the Western Conference centers in the latest All-Star balloting, and any player selected for that game will not play in the Rookie Challenge.

A record six international players were chosen for the rookie game to be played Saturday, Feb. 8 at Atlanta as part of the league's All-Star Weekend. The others are Memphis' Gordan Giricek (Croatia), Denver's Nene Hilario (Brazil), Utah's Andrei Kirilenko (Russia) and San Antonio's Tony Parker (France).

Giricek, Hilario and Yao are on the rookie team roster with Chicago's Jay Williams, Cleveland's Carlos Boozer and DeJuan Wagner, Miami's

Caron Butler, Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire and Memphis' Drew Gooden.

The second-year team includes Gasol, last season's Rookie of the Year, Kirilenko, and Parker, as well as Jason Richardson, Troy Murphy and Gilbert Arenas, all of Golden State, Chicago's Tyson Chandler, New Jersey's Richard Jefferson and Jamaal Tinsley of Indiana.

Richardson was the MVP of last year's game when the rookies defeated the sophomores 103-97.

Aikman and Staubach to enter NASCAR as owners

Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach quarterbacked the same NFL team. Now they're part owners of the same team — planning to enter a car in NASCAR's Winston Cup Series in 2004.

The former Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks are partners in Hall of Fame Racing, which will be directed by former Trans-Am driver Bill

Saunders, who will act as managing partner.

"Roger and I have discussed this for a while, and all the pieces just came together. We're not naive going into this thing. We recognize it will be a real challenge," Aikman said in a telephone interview Thursday with The Associated Press.

So far, Aikman said, the team has no shop, no equipment, no employees other than the three owners, no driver and no sponsor. The latter will be a priority.

"For Roger and me, our involvement will, hopefully, be in sponsorship," he said.

"Maybe we can bring some things to a company that others can't. We're not in it for the sake of being in it," Aikman added. "We'll be up and running in 2004 but we know we've got a lot of work ahead."

The team will be headquartered in Dallas while maintaining a race shop in Charlotte, N.C., where most of the Winston Cup teams are based.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Owners unanimously approve All-Star game change

♦ Winner now gets World Series home-field advantage

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Baseball owners unanimously approved commissioner Bud Selig's proposal to have the league that wins the All-Star Game get home-field advantage in the World Series.

Selig came up with the plan following last year's All-Star Game, which ended in a 7-7,

11-inning tie when both leagues ran out of pitchers.

"This energizes it. This gives them something to really play for," Selig said. "People pay a lot of money to see that game. They deserve to see the same intensity they see all year long."

Management lawyers will now ask the players' association to approve the change. Union head Donald Fehr said before Thursday's 30-0 vote that players were not yet sure of their stance.

In recent years, as the differences between the American

and National leagues lessened because of increased player mobility and interleague play, many players have treated the All-Star Game as a show rather than a game.

Since the start of the World Series in 1903, home field has alternated between the leagues.

The change is strongly backed by Fox, which holds baseball's national television rights. It also needs approval of the players' association.

"We've been discussing it with players," Fehr said Wednesday. "We know they're interested in

it, and we'll get back to them."

Some veteran players are against it, including New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, the NL player representative.

"It's not something I'm in favor of," he told The New York Times. "I would find it hard to believe that most players would want the outcome of the All-Star Game to determine home-field advantage for the World Series."

A management official who had spoken with the union said that while the change was likely to become an issue between the

sides, the union told management it was still unclear what position it would adopt.

As the two-day meeting began Wednesday, the committee on the future of the Montreal Expos met. Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who is not on the committee, said he remains opposed to a move to the Washington area.

Downtown Washington and Northern Virginia are among the areas that have groups ready to bid for the Expos, who were bought last year by the other 29 major league teams.

NFL

Jags hire Del Rio as their new head coach

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. The Jacksonville Jaguars hired Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio as their head coach.

Jaguars spokesman Dan Edwards confirmed the job had been offered and accepted. However, contract details haven't been fully worked out.

Del Rio, 39, is a former NFL linebacker. He will be introduced at a news conference Friday.

Sports Illustrated's Don Banks reports Phil Savage, Baltimore's college scouting director, is scheduled to fly to Jacksonville on Thursday afternoon for an evening interview with Weaver

for the Jaguars' personnel executive opening. He first interviewed with Weaver earlier this week.

Del Rio and Savage worked together in Baltimore until last season. Del Rio was the Ravens linebackers coach from 1999-2001, during which time Baltimore's defense led the way to the team's Super Bowl season of 2000.

In Del Rio's single season as coordinator for the Panthers, he helped them improve from 31st in the league to second in defense.

His signature moment came on opening day, when he ran onto the field and got in the middle of a celebratory pileup with the players during their 10-7 victory against Baltimore.

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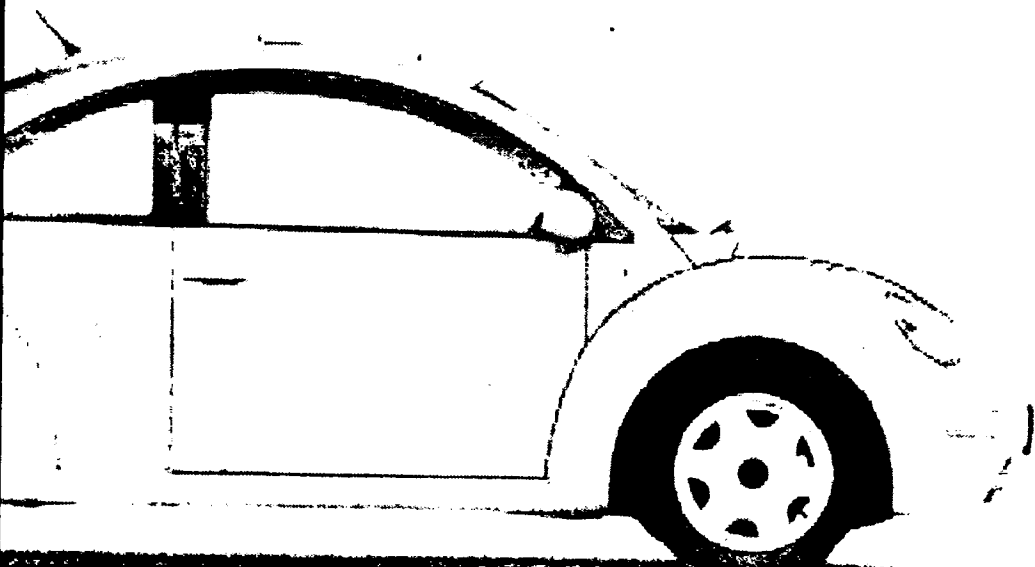
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MENS SWIMMING

Busy weekend ahead for Irish



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An Irish swimmer competes in the Notre Dame Invitational in early December. Notre Dame travels to Philadelphia this weekend for meets with Penn, Villanova and Pittsburgh.

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

While many students are struggling to readjust to the cold temperatures in South Bend, Notre Dame's mens swimming and diving team might be having a harder time than most. The Irish swimmers were in sunny Acapulco, Mexico, for a training camp in the beginning of January.

The trip provided the Irish a chance to gain renewed enthusiasm and focus while training in a different environment.

"It was nice to get away for awhile," freshman Tyler Grenda said. "We had a lot of fun and had the chance to really work together as a team."

The Irish (5-3) have not com-

peted since their Dec. 7 victory in the Notre Dame Invitational. The team will be back in action and on the road this weekend.

The first stop for Notre Dame will be the University of Pennsylvania (1-3) on Friday. The Irish face the Quakers in Philadelphia, where the home team won their first meet Jan. 11 against Army.

The Irish will stay in Philadelphia and compete against Big East rivals Villanova and Pittsburgh Saturday at Villanova. Like Notre Dame, Villanova is coming off its own 10-day training camp in Puerto Rico.

The 19th-ranked Panthers, last year's conference champion, looks to be the toughest challenge for the Irish in the upcoming weekend.

The Panthers are 3-3 on the

season, with losses to No. 14 Purdue, No. 17 Harvard, and previously ranked Washington. They won their Big East opener, easily defeating West Virginia 185-58.

Pittsburgh finds its greatest strength in the relay events, particularly the 200 freestyle. Like their counterparts, the Irish relay teams have also been performing well all season, which could result in some very competitive races.

"Pitt is a strong team, and it will be a good taste of what we have to do to get ready [for the Big East championships]," Grenda said. "We're ready to race again and swim hard two days in a row."

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recruiting. More importantly, he emerged as one of the most vocal players in the Irish locker room and garnered respect from teammates he earned years ago.

"Our guys have the utmost respect for Matt because they've seen how consistent a personality, a player and person he is," Brey said. "So when he says things, they really listen."

Now, Carroll has evolved from a pure shooter into a multi-dimensional weapon, capable of driving through the lane or hitting 3-pointers at will. After his team lost to the Irish Tuesday, Rutgers coach Gary Waters was convinced that had Carroll shot more in Notre Dame's tournament loss to Duke last season, the Irish would have won easily.

The Irish may count on Carroll more than ever in Lexington. In Notre Dame's two losses this season to Creighton and Pittsburgh, Carroll averaged 25.5 points and played a pivotal role.

But Brey emphasized after Tuesday's win the Irish have to trust each other on offense. And Carroll, for his part, said Notre

Dame's success is often directly related to how well Chris Thomas plays.

Against the deep Wildcats, the Irish perimeter will have to play exceptionally well. As the Irish continue to search for an inside presence — Jordan Cornette has shown the most consistency among Notre Dame's true big men — Carroll and the rest of the Irish perimeter will have to contend with guard Keith Bogans, who averages over 17 points a game.

The Irish in general have proven much so far this season. What they haven't shown is their ability to win in a tough road environment.

But Carroll remains convinced the Irish have learned from every mistake this season. Saturday, they get a chance to win at Rupp Arena, where Notre Dame hasn't won in its last seven trips.

"Creighton, we learned from that one and went on a winning streak. Pitt was tough, but we learned," Carroll said. "Now I think we're ready to go, it's going to be a tough game, it's going to be a hard place to play."

"But if we play our game, we're going to win."

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(122-118) but lost to Alma (145-93). Coach Greg Petcoff remains cautious of the two squads while realizing the meet's importance.

"This weekend, we may see some good teams," Petcoff said. "We would like to swim well. We are expecting to swim well. And we need to swim well."

This will be the final home meet for Herrington and Smith. The two have been co-captains for two years, leading their

teammates both in and out of the water. Herrington was chosen as co-captain despite being out of the country at the time of balloting.

"When Lane was traveling abroad, the team still voted her captain," Petcoff said. "I think that says what this team thinks about her."

Smith is the only current swimmer to have competed for her entire four years at Saint Mary's. Having found the experience enjoyable, she is ready to move on but will miss Herrington.

"It's been a really long but fun four years. It's been a good experience overall, but I'm just ready to finish," Smith said. "I'll miss [Lane] a lot. I love swimming with her. She's great. I couldn't ask for a better co-captain."

Petcoff is sad to see his captains on the verge of leaving.

"They leave huge, huge holes to fill," Petcoff said. "It will be tough to set foot on the deck next year and not see them."

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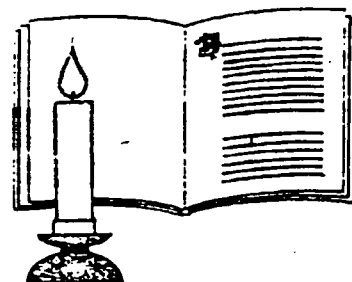
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HOCKEY

Irish look to muzzle Bulldogs in Chicago

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Even though Notre Dame only plays one game of this weekend's series against Yale at the Joyce Center, both games should have a home ice feel for the Irish.

Following a matchup Friday night at home, the Irish travel to Chicago's Allstate Arena to play the second of a two-game series against the Bulldogs.

Coach Dave Poulin believes that the atmosphere at that game will be an advantage for the Irish.

"You're playing in a big building, and it's a huge alumni center for us," he said. "[Chicago] has become a really good recruiting area for our team."

This year's roster has five players who are from the Chicago area. Senior team captain and defenseman Evan Nielsen, senior goaltender Tony Zasowski, senior forward Michael Chin, junior defenseman Brett Lebda and sophomore defenseman Joe Zurenko will all be playing in front of friends and family at Saturday's game.

The Irish connection to Chicago doesn't stop there, however. Junior defenseman T.J. Mathieson, sophomore forward Cory McLean and freshman defenseman Chris Trick all played junior hockey in Chicago before coming to Notre Dame.

Notre Dame (9-9-4, 7-8-1 CCHA) is coming off of an emotional 4-4 tie against CCHA leader Ferris State last Saturday and will be looking to continue that effort against non-confer-

ence foe Yale (8-8-0).

The Irish last met the Bulldogs during the 2000-01 season, with Notre Dame visiting New Haven and coming away with a 4-3 win. That win was the first ever for the Irish against Yale, who hold a 3-1-0 record in the all-time series.

This year's Bulldogs have an explosive offense that averages over four goals a game and are led by a trio of talented forwards in Evan Wax, Ryan Steeves and Christopher Higgins.

Sophomore Peter Cohen usually mans the net for the Bulldogs. Through 14 games, he owns a 3.78 goals against average and a .865 save percentage.

With an offense that scores about four goals a game and a goaltender that gives up about four, it's no surprise that Yale sports a .500 winning percentage. Even so, Poulin believes the Bulldogs are better than their mediocre record.

"We're looking to play a team with a lot of skill and looking for a win to be the engine that drives us through the final stretch [of the season]," he said. "We want to play well because it sets a precedent."

Following the Yale series, the Irish play out the remainder of their schedule with twelve straight conference games.

Currently, the Irish are tied for sixth place in the CCHA with 15 points. The conference is so close, however, that Notre Dame is only four points out of second place.

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ANDREW KENNA/The Observer

Irish forward Yan Stastny maneuvers with the puck in a match against Bowling Green earlier this season. The Irish play Yale at home Friday and at Chicago's Allstate Arena Saturday.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles putting records aside

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Numbers can be a definitive factor in predicting the outcome of some sporting events. A winning record is naturally favored over a losing one.

However, for a trained and prepared Saint Mary's basketball team, the odds are less of a worry.

The Belles (5-9, 1-2 in the MIAA) will travel to Michigan Saturday to face the Britons (9-5, 2-1) of Albion College. The matchup will be a game for some and a chance at revenge for others.

Veteran members of Saint Mary's basketball still have

the memory of a crushing 61-41 loss at Albion last season. The Belles were defeated in nearly every aspect of the game. They were out-rebounded 40-27 and that is also a weakness of this year's team as well.

"We've worked a lot on rebounding in practice this week," guard Bridget Boyce said. "A trouble point for us has been getting to the shooter and applying the pressure and we're working to fix that."

The Belles may have had trouble on the road last season but pulled out a 53-44 victory over the Britons at home that same year. Despite the ultimate victory, the Belles were outscored 32-26 in the first

half. Having a strong start will be a key for the Belles on the road.

Saint Mary's defense will have a lot on their plate with Albion guard Sarah Caskey, who averages 12.2 points per game.

The Belles boast their own offensive weapon in sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum who currently outshines Caskey with 13.7 points per game.

A conference win by the Belles is crucial as they are currently seventh in the eight-team MIAA conference.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish squads open season at Central Michigan

♦ 3 All-American sprinters to pace 2003 womens team

Special to The Observer

The 2003 track and field season begins for the Notre Dame womens team this weekend at the Central Michigan Opener. The Irish are ready to begin the quest for the 2003 Big East indoor championship, set for March 14-15 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY.

One area of concern for the Irish this year will be replacing former All-American Liz Grow on the highly-improved sprinting team.

Three sprinters who could fill the void left by Grow's departure are senior Kymia Love and juniors Kristen Dodd and Ayesha Boyd. All three runners were members of the Irish All-American 1600-meter relay team which finished fifth at last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships, completing the circuit in a school-record time of 3 minutes, 32.12 seconds. The trio also made up the core of Notre Dame's 4x100-meter relay unit which has won the last two Big East indoor titles and placed 10th at the 2002 NCAA outdoor meet.

The evolution of the Notre Dame distance runners continued in 2001-02, and it should continue well into this season. The Irish have their top nine distance runners back in the fold, paced by sophomore Lauren King.

King put together a stellar rookie campaign for Notre Dame, capped by her sixth-place finish and All-America selection in the 1,500 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. She also set a school record in the 1,500 at nationals, posting a time of 4:16.51 for the event.

The most potential for Notre Dame's distance unit lies in its freshman class. Four newcomers could provide a major spark this season and give the Irish some additional point production during the conference and NCAA meets.

Molly Huddle comes to Notre Dame after a storied prep career that included three All-America citations (two outdoor, one indoor), as well as a national high school record in the outdoor two-mile run (10:01) and a state record in the outdoor 3,000 meters (9:21).

Stephanie Madia was a four-time all-state selection in Pennsylvania during her high school days, winning a pair of state crowns in the 1,600 meters and placing second in the 3,200 meters as a sophomore.

Notre Dame should be well stocked in the field events, thanks in large part to the contributions of team captains Tameisha King in the long jump and Jamie Volkmer in the pole vault.

King is a two-time All-American in the long jump, having won her second national honor with a seventh-place finish at the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

♦ Distance runners to be strength of solid mens squad

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

As in past years, the mens track and field team will be looking for its distance group to lead the team as it opens the 2003 indoor season tonight at the Central Michigan Opener.

Fifth-year senior Luke Watson returns to head the distance team, having finished fourth at last year's NCAA Championship in the indoor 3,000 meters and seventh in the outdoor steeplechase.

Watson is not the only runner returning, however. Junior David Alber will be expected to contribute in the steeplechase while senior John Keane and sophomore Eric Morrison add more depth to the distance corps.

"We should be good at the distance end," Irish head coach Joe Piane said. "We have some good sprinters, and we've got Luke Watson back too."

The distance runners need help for the Irish to succeed, and Piane expects it to come from a number of different sources, including the middle distance events.

"Marc Striowski returns

for a fifth year," Piane says. "That's got to help. Todd Mobley was an NCAA qualifier in the 10,000 meters, Vinnie Ambrico is coming in as a freshman running roughly a 4:11 mile and his classmate, Thomas Chamney, is running 1:51.40 in the half mile. We are pretty solid in the middle distance area."

The Irish will count on sophomore Selim Nurudeen in hurdles, the 110-meter hurdles champion at the 2002 Big East outdoor meet. Nurudeen, who came in with high expectations last year, hopes to reach an even higher level this season under the instruction of sprints, hurdles, and speed coach John Millar.

"Selim won the Big East last year, so he should be formidable," Piane said.

The Irish also expect to have a solid 1600-meter relay team this season.

"John Boots, Trevor McClain-Duer, and a freshman, Ryan Postel — they can all help us in the 200 and 400 area," said Millar. "My focus is that I would like to get a competitive 1600-meter relay out of that group that can run a good time. I think we have a group of guys that are capable of running fast."

The Irish also have two jumpers that they expect to perform well. Senior Tom

Gilbert is the team's long jump specialist while junior Godwin Mbagwu will compete again in the triple jump.

"We are looking for good things from [Gilbert] as one of our team captains," Irish jumps and throws coach Scott Winsor said. "He needs to step up, perform well and show what he can do. He is going to have to become a leader and end his career on a high note."

Winsor also needs Mbagwu to deal with tendonitis in his knees for the jumpers to be successful. He also expects sophomores Ryan Mineburg and Chris Staron to be solid in the high jump.

Chip Roberts and Juan Alba look to replace all-Big East selection Derek Dyer in the throws.

Winsor is also counting on Mike Madigan and Derek Goguen in the javelin and Joe Yanoff in the pole vault.

The makeup of this year's Irish team is very similar to that of past years, although NCAA Champion Ryan Shay will be hard to replace.

"We want to be deeper, as deep as we could be," Piane said. "But our goals as always are to do well at the Big East Championships and to get people qualified at the NCAA's."

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by Darrell Paulsen
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And because we are a community that has much to be thankful for, we are also a Eucharistic community that gathers, in hall chapels and in the Basilica throughout the week, around the table of the Lord as the source and summit of our faith tradition.

College is a time of great transition. Four years of asking questions you never thought you would ask yourself. College is a time of trading in a child-like faith for a mature belief system that integrates faith, values, relationships, and vocation. Often students say, "I've always prayed these prayers before bed, but now they don't seem to 'work' for me." The challenge here is to see that we are no longer eight and that maybe what worked during childhood needs to change as we have changed. When we recognize that our relationship with God has changed, so too must our expression of that faith. God is there for us. We sometimes have to change the direction we are looking. What I realized in college was that I needed to speak with someone else about what God was doing in my life so I could find my bearings.

For students abroad last semester, Campus life was not the same without you and we are glad you are back among us. Past students returning to campus from overseas have sometimes found it a hard re-entry. We would like to encourage you to share your experience with those you meet so that our community may share in your great cultural experience. Some of you who were abroad also had the opportunity to work with our campus minister in Europe, Michael Downs, and had the opportunity to partake in retreats, service and faith-sharing groups. We hope you will seek out similar opportunities while here on campus.

If it appears as if we are only interested in the students who have gotten on board early in their college experience, that is a false perception. Each semester there are numerous opportunities for students to get involved in our programs on a one-time only or long-term basis. Campus Ministry is about reaching **all** students where they are and helping to build communities of faith that will help us become people of faith for a lifetime.

Welcome Back Mass for Students Returning from Abroad

5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Dinner follows at CoMo

mark your calendar

A run-down of Spring Semester Retreats

Freshman Retreats

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| #45 Jan. 24-25 | Sign-up thru Jan. 20 |
| #46 Feb. 28-Mar. 1 | Sign-up: Jan. 27-Feb. 24 |
| #47 April 4-5, 2002 | Sign-up: March 3-31 |

Learning to Talk about Race

Jan 24-25
Feb. 7-8

Notre Dame Encounter with Christ (NDE)

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| #74 Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003 | Sign-ups closed |
| #75 Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2003 | Sign-up: Jan. 27-31 |
| #76 April 11-13, 2003 | Sign-up: March 3-7 |

Senior Retreat

#8 Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Sign-up thru Jan. 27

Sophomore Road Trip - Destination: Unknown

Be on the look out for details, coming soon....

mass schedule

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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| Saturday 5:00 p.m. Rev. Bill M. Lies, c.s.c. | Sunday 10:00 a.m. Rev. Bill M. Lies, c.s.c. 11:45 a.m. Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c. |
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Around Campus (every Sunday)

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| 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass Zahm Hall Chapel | 5:00 p.m. Law School Mass Law School Chapel | 7:00 p.m. MBA Mass Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge |
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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Reading 1Sm 3:3b-10, 19 2nd Reading 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Gospel Jn 1:35-42

ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Team hopes to avoid letdown after victory

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame womens swimming team will travel this weekend without a group of its key swimmers in the hopes of keeping them healthy for later competition.

Coming off a 129-69 victory over Kansas in Acapulco, Mexico, the 4-1-1 Irish travel to Champaign, Ill., for a two-day meet against Illinois.

Freshmen Christel Bouvron, Kara Santelli and Kalei Walker, sophomore Katie Eckholt and diver Kristina Kennedy will stay in South Bend for the weekend to rest. Cold weather and wear and tear are among the reasons for their absence.

"We would like the entire team to be healthy for our next meet against Bowling Green," coach Bailey Weathers said.

Illinois will compete with both Notre Dame and Michigan, but Notre Dame and Michigan will not score against each other at the meet. The Irish are scheduled to swim against Michigan, who is ranked right behind Notre Dame, on Feb. 1. Neither team's coach sees it as necessary to score twice.

So Notre Dame focuses on Illinois, an unranked opponent but nonetheless an obstacle in the way of the streaking Irish swim team.

"Their best events are the backstroke and the breast-

stroke, but we're real strong in those events," Weathers said. "They have a couple European kids who have helped them, but I think our girls will be real competitive against them."

Although the Irish will be missing Bouvron, who swims freestyle and butterfly, and others, the team will still bring solid performers like Laurie Musgrave, who took the 100 breaststroke in 1 minute, 14.07 seconds against Kansas, and Danielle Hulick, winner of the 100-meter backstroke in 57:30 against Pittsburgh, to combat Illinois' strengths.

In addition, Weathers points out, it is important for his girls to get used to the format of the upcoming meet.

"The order of events [against Illinois] is done the same as it will be in the Big East and NCAA championships," he said.

The Irish usually compete with Iowa in this meet, as well. Regardless, Weathers is pleased with his team's refusal to let down over the break between the Pittsburgh and Kansas meets.

"We had a really good training camp pretty much with everybody," Weathers said. "We could see where the kids were. Everybody did a great job after Christmas in practice [and against Kansas] as a team."

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Irish Verbal Commitments

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Nick Borsetti | LB | Danvers, Mass. | 6-foot-4, 218-pounds |
| Joe Brockington | LB | Palmyra, Pa. | 6-foot-2, 215-pounds |
| John Carlson | TE | Litchfield, Minn. | 6-foot-6, 230-pounds |
| Isaiah Gardner | RB | Virginia Beach, Vir. | 5-foot-11, 185-pounds |
| Ryan Harris | OL | St. Paul, Minn. | 6-foot-5, 270-pounds |
| Trevor Laws | DL | Apple Valley, Minn. | 6-foot-3, 285-pounds |
| David Marrero | RB | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | 5-foot-11, 185-pounds |
| Ashley McConnell | FB | Adairsville, Ga. | 5-foot-11, 230-pounds |
| Chinedum Ndukwe | WR | Dublin, Ohio | 6-foot-11, 195-pounds |
| Greg Olsen | TE | Wayne Hills, N.J. | 6-foot-6, 235-pounds |
| Freddie Parrish | DB | Long Beach, Calif. | 6-foot-1, 195-pounds |
| Brady Quinn | QB | Dublin, Ohio | 6-foot-4, 215-pounds |
| Jeff Samardzija | WR | Valparaiso, Ind. | 6-foot-4, 190-pounds |
| Travis Thomas | RB | Washington, Pa. | 6-foot-1, 190-pounds |
| Tommy Zbikowski | DB | Buffalo Grove, Ill. | 6-foot, 190-pounds |

Recruits

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native amassed 87 tackles during his senior season.

"Guilford is an undersized free safety, but he can really hit," Lemming said.

Guilford could join the likes of Glenn Earl and Vontez Duff in the secondary and help, along with Zbikowski, replace graduating seniors Shane Walton and Jerome Sapp.

The Irish were looking to improve their linebacker core by landing Maryland linebacker Wesley Jefferson, named The Washington Post's defensive player of the year in the area. But Jefferson may decide to cancel his visit to South Bend, according to Lemming, because he seems to be leaning toward Miami or Ohio State.

Regardless of the talent they secure this coming weekend, the Irish have done a formidable job landing highly-rated athletes from around the nation.

Notre Dame's gem is quarterback Brady Quinn, who at 6-foot-4, 210 pounds, comes physically prepared for a West Coast offense in which he should be comfortable.

"He has the potential to be a difference maker," Lemming said. "He is a better fit for the West Coast offense than Holiday. If he plays to his full potential at the end of four years he could be a Heisman candidate. He's a Carson Palmer type." Lemming's comments flatter the Ohio quarterback.

"Anytime someone says something like that about you, I mean it's hard to respond to compli-

ments like that. But I definitely have to say the West Coast offense is a good fit," Quinn said. "Hopefully I can reach up to the ranks of Carson Palmer. But Carlyle Holiday is a great athlete and quarterback, and none of that is to be seen until I get up there."

Quinn was named to the Division I All-Ohio first team after finishing with 1,931 yards passing his senior season. Quinn could very well end up competing for a starting job next season if he learns the offense quickly.

"Basically it's going to be something that will be answered by the coaches," Quinn said of his chances of starting at quarterback next season. "I'm going up early in the summer to get started, and hopefully everything will work out."

If Quinn should eventually start for Notre Dame, he may line up under USA Today first-team All-America selection center/guard Ryan Harris, who committed to the Irish on Nov. 24. Lemming rates Harris as the third best offensive lineman recruit in the country. The lineman from St. Paul, Minn., did not allow a sack in his final two seasons in high school.

Lemming rates verbal commitment defensive tackle Trevor Laws as the second best at his position. Laws (6-foot-2, 280), who is a USA Today first-team All-America selection, made 87 total tackles during his senior season, including 17 tackles for loss and 11 sacks.

Prior to the Olsen and Zbikowski announcements Thursday, the Irish recruiting process had practically come to a standstill. Another prize Irish

recruit, speedster Reggie Bush, committed to USC following the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Game. Bush was rated as the best running back in the country by several recruiting publications.

"I think what deterred Bush [from signing with Notre Dame] was the USC game," Lemming said. "He was there, and the loss turned him away from Notre Dame."

With Bush out of the picture, the Irish are left with Washington, Pa., running back Travis Thomas or Fort Lauderdale, Fla., athlete David Marrero in the backfield. Lemming does not see either as a future feature back in most scenarios.

"Thomas could possibly play linebacker," said Lemming. "[Notre Dame] needed a difference maker and didn't get it yet at running back. Marrero has great speed but he needs to get bigger. If he got up to 210 [pounds], he could possibly be the guy."

What the Irish did not secure at running back, however, they got at wide receiver. Valparaiso, Ind., 6-foot-4 high school star Jeff Samardzija and Quinn's high school teammate 6-foot-3 Chinedum Ndukwe have already made verbal commitments to catch passes for the Irish. Lemming ranks Samardzija as the 23rd top wideout in the nation and Quinn has nothing but praise but his favorite target from Dublin, Ohio.

"[Ndukwe] is a great athlete. He has very good size, great hands, and great speed. And the best thing about him is he's a great person," Quinn said. "He's my best friend, and I couldn't imagine going away without my best friend."

The recruits remaining uncommitted are players such as Baltimore defensive end Victor Abiamiri and offensive lineman Mike Jones, who want to make all of their visits to campuses before finalizing their decision.

"Abiamiri is the top defensive end in the country," Lemming said.

The ESPN expert said Notre Dame has been leading in recruiting Abiamiri most of the year, but now it comes down to the ability of Irish head coach Willingham and competing coach, Maryland's Ralph Friedgen, to convince Abiamiri. It seems the Irish have done an effective job convincing recruits so far.

"I think they've done a great job recruiting," Quinn said. "And I think they will continue to do so in years to come."

None of the verbal commitments from the high school seniors are binding contracts. The official signing day is Feb. 5.

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Full game necessary for Irish to be successful

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

A basketball game is 40 minutes. The Irish know that. Now they have to play like they know it.

In their last two home outings, the Irish have struggled and faced two very frustrating losses. On Saturday, as they take on Rutgers at home, it's time to stop the frustration and play 40 minutes of basketball.

"In those two home losses we played a good 15 minutes out of 40," forward Jackie Batteast said. "We can't do that against tough teams. We know we're going to have to compete for 40 minutes and that's not what

we've been doing."

The Irish have had as much of a hand in their recent home losses as their opponents have. Against Purdue and Miami, the Irish reached upwards of 25 turnovers and struggled on the boards. But what has plagued Notre Dame most is lack of confidence.

"I just have to not get frustrated with myself if I miss a shot or if I go 0-for-8," Batteast said. "I can't get down on myself and take myself out of the game."

Notre Dame's game against Rutgers on Saturday starts off a long stretch of difficult games including NCAA Tournament teams Connecticut, Villanova and Boston College. They have to improve their play if they hope to

take any victories against their Big East opponents.

"We haven't been playing well right now but we have a lot of opportunities in the next four games to play some quality opponents," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Hopefully we'll start to get a little bit better by playing them."

Notre Dame showed some of its capability against St. John's. McGraw is hoping that her team's Tuesday night victory against St. John's is enough to give the Irish the confidence to turn things around at home.

"I think we really need to take care of the homecourt," McGraw said. "It's going to be tough to win on the road so you just made it harder on yourself if you can't

take care of things at home."

Taking care of the home court on Saturday will mean taking care of Cappie Pondexter. McGraw has credited the Scarlet Knight point guard with being the springboard for Rutgers' turnaround. The 8-4 Scarlet Knights have relied on Pondexter to provide a majority of their scoring.

"I think Cappie has really turned the program around," McGraw said. "She's scoring a lot of points for them, she's leading the team. She's doing everything she needs to do."

In addition to controlling Pondexter, the Irish are also going to have to watch out for Rutgers team speed and athleticism. The Scarlet Knights have

beaten their opponents by moving more quickly.

"They're very athletic and we're not," McGraw said. "So they have a huge advantage in team quickness and team speed."

But when it comes to Saturday's game, Notre Dame's real opponent will be itself. The Irish will have to control their own turnovers, work under the boards and play solid basketball for 40 minutes.

"We know that only 50 percent isn't going to cut it in these games," guard Le'Tania Severe said.

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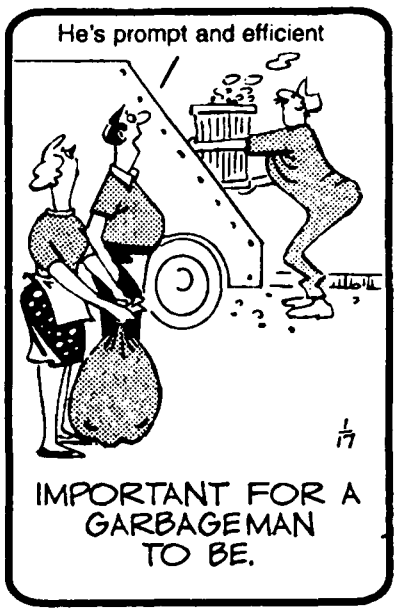
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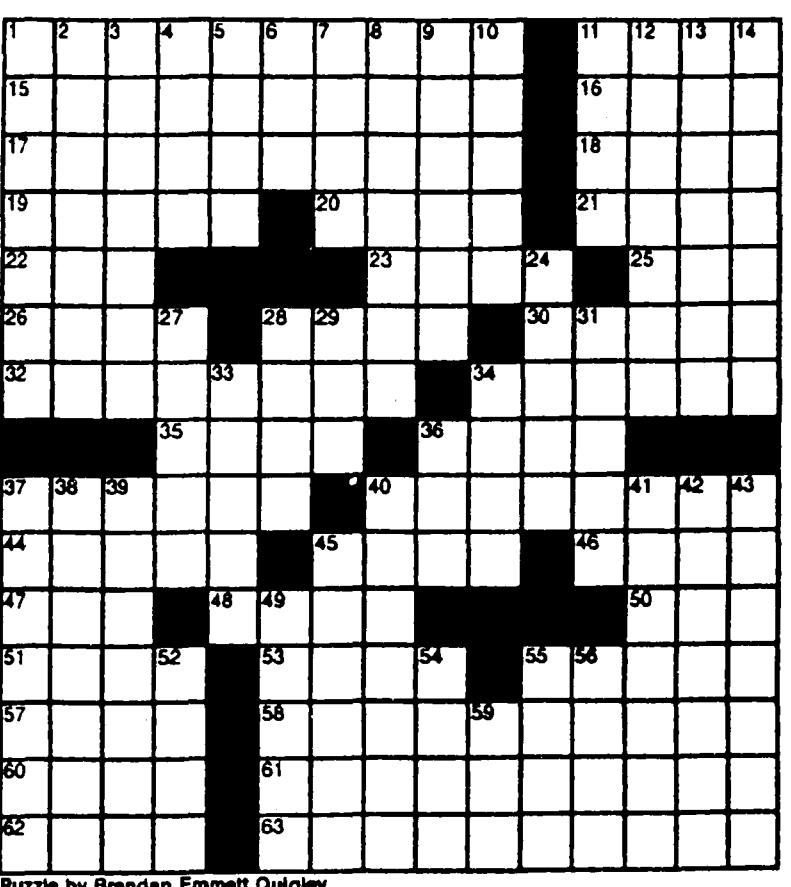
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Played ducks and drakes with
 - 11 Classic symbol of bad luck
 - 15 It may be pushed at a party
 - 16 Mata
 - 17 He hid under the alias Thomas Howard
 - 18 Vision: Prefix
 - 19 Made known
 - 20 Cozy retreat
 - 21 "Shampoo" co-star
 - 22 "Hath sister?": Shak.
 - 23 Originate (from)
 - 25 Name for the nameless
 - 26 Daft
 - 28 Stead
 - 30 Frankincense and myrrh, but not gold
 - 32 Some phones have them
 - 34 Mental problems
 - 35 Icky stuff
 - 36 Weary
 - 37 Choice in trunks
 - 40 Close one
 - 44 Sitcom landlord
 - 45 Slap on
 - 46 "Wait ___!"
 - 47 Grp. with the 1976 platinum album "A New World Record"
 - 48 Colgate, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 50 1990 film star autobiography subtitled "My Story"
 - 51 It rolls in
 - 53 Anthem opener
 - 55 "Incompleteness theorem" formulor
 - 57 Tennis whiz
 - 58 Like the Godhead
 - 60 Zola heroine
 - 61 "Hungry Like the Wolf" band
 - 62 Some marching groups
 - 63 You may get in with it
- DOWN**
- 1 Canadian province capital
 - 2 Get one behind the other
 - 3 Like Rome vis-a-vis New York City
 - 4 Side room
 - 5 Scholarship basis
 - 6 Player whose number 6 jersey is now retired
 - 7 Obi-Wan portrayal, 1999
 - 8 He was told to "let my people go"
 - 9 1974 Mecedades hit
 - 10 Villa
 - 11 Anticipatory cry
 - 12 Haitian dictator, commonly
 - 13 Text accompanier
 - 14 Den mother
 - 24 One may be crowned
 - 27 First host of "America's Funniest Home Videos"
 - 28 Successor to Allen
 - 29 Get to
 - 31 Can you believe it?
 - 33 Spreading plant



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

- 34 Not keep to oneself
- 36 Bordeaux blaze
- 37 "Dalibor" composer
- 38 A symbol of Louisiana
- 39 Likely to wear down
- 40 Where Basque is spoken
- 41 First name in dance
- 42 Morning time
- 43 Unequal on all three sides
- 45 Serve
- 49 Abstain from
- 52 The Roosevelt years and others
- 54 Have a kid
- 55 "Travels in the Congo" writer
- 56 Weight
- 59 Pair of nines?

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- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Not everyone will be happy with the things you choose to do. Avoid discord by including others in your activities. You will pick up information today that will enable you to advance professionally. ★★
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Love interests are present, however, the turmoil you are experiencing is all-consuming. Pull yourself away from the stress and spend time enjoying yourself. ★★
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- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your move and speak your mind. If someone interests you, tell THEM. You will get the response you are looking for. This is a day to celebrate. ★★
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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Looking into the future

With national signing day less than a month away, Notre Dame has 15 verbal commitments from high school recruits

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham and the Irish do not have an opportunity to blink as they transition from a disappointing bowl loss against North Carolina State to a focus on a rigorous recruiting process.

Since Thursday, when highly touted recruits Greg Olsen and Tom Zbikowski verbally committed to the Irish, Notre Dame has secured 15 verbal commitments.

The 6-foot-6, 245-pound Olsen the nation's top tight end recruit according to several recruiting publications, took his official visit to Notre Dame Dec. 13. ESPN.com expert Tom Lemming believed the Irish had an excel-

lent chance of landing Olsen, partly because his older brother Chris is currently a quarterback at Notre Dame.

"I'd be shocked if he doesn't wind up at Notre Dame," Lemming said. "I think with Chris already at

Notre Dame it would be easier for his parents to see both of them play at one place."

Olsen, one of three finalists for the Gatorade National Player of the Year award, proved Lemming accurate in choosing



Olsen



Zbikowski

Notre Dame Thursday. Lemming says verbal commitment tight end John Carlson could play defensive end if Olsen gets the call at tight end. Zbikowski, who would likely play defensive back for the Irish, decided South Bend was the place for him after an in-home visit from Notre Dame coaches Wednesday night. He passed on offers from Iowa and Nebraska.

As a quarterback in high school, Zbikowski ran for 1,287 yards and 25 touchdowns and

passed for 1,382 yards and 11 touchdowns. Voted to the USA Today first-team All-America, the Woodland Hills, Ill., native also made 41 tackles and two interceptions as a safety. Now, with two high priorities secured, Notre Dame can shift the focus to recruits such as wide receiver Mark Bradford, scheduled to visit campus this weekend.

Bradford has made Notre Dame his final visit before he decides between LSU, Oregon, Washington State, Washington and Notre Dame. "Bradford is the most important one [of the players visiting this weekend]," Lemming said. "The Irish need a receiver. Bradford will need more work to become a great receiver, but he is defi-

nately a playmaker, similar to [graduating senior] Arnaz Battle."

With only one returning starting offensive lineman, the Irish also place high priority on visiting center/guard John Sullivan. Lemming said the Greenwich, Conn., native and USA Today second-team All-America selection will likely choose Notre Dame.

On the defensive side of the ball, safety Ira-Bell Guilford, who also played running back in high school and carried the ball for 2,268 yards and 29 touchdowns, visits campus this weekend and said he will decide between Ohio State and Notre Dame. The Hoboken, N. J.,

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish hope to make Wildcats blue

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Matt Carroll vividly remembers the last time the Irish traveled to Kentucky's Rupp Arena. Fireworks exploded. Blue-clad fans galvanized the home team into a frenzy. The visitors got rattled — a lot.

"It is probably one of the biggest spectacles in college basketball," Carroll said.

But when No. 9 Notre Dame (14-2) travels to play No. 16 Kentucky (12-3) Saturday for the teams' third meeting in as many years, Carroll is confident the Irish won't repeat their disastrous performance of two years ago.

Then, as a wide-eyed role-playing sophomore, Carroll played on a Notre Dame basketball team that had yet to appear in an NCAA Tournament and was quickly fading out of the top 25. They lost 82-71.

This year's team is completely different.

"Notre Dame is on the map, I consider us one of the elite programs in the country," said Carroll, averaging a team-high 20.1 points per game. "We've been in the top 25 for a while, we've beat some of the best teams in the country this year

which I don't think we've done in the past."

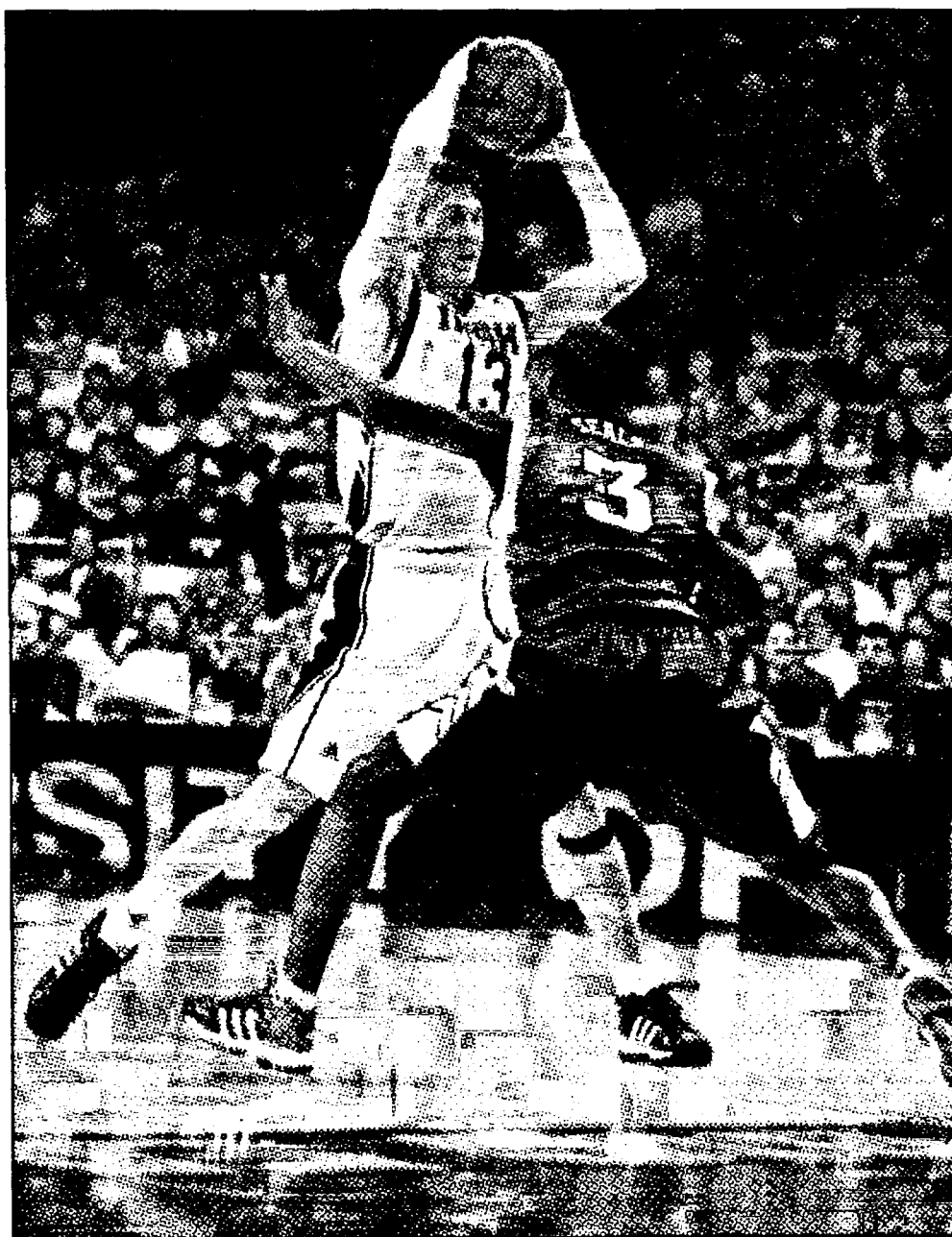
Notre Dame's success has a great deal to do with Carroll's consistency. Since Big East play started, the senior guard has averaged 25 points per game and played virtually every minute.

More importantly, Carroll gives the Irish a calming presence on the court. Although it's hard to identify a go-to player in Notre Dame's team-oriented offense, Carroll best fits the mold.

"I don't think it's an out-there statement to say that nobody is playing better in college basketball right now. A top 10 team, your most consistent guy," Brey said. "It's rewarding for me to see a senior playing well."

To look for the point where Carroll's season truly took off, one should turn back the clock 10 months. That's when Carroll, in the Big East Tournament and the NCAA Tournament, lit up opposing defenses by scoring 20 points in each of Notre Dame's final four games.

The spectacular end to his season propelled him into a summer leadership role, where he organized team workouts while Brey was off-campus



Irish guard Matt Carroll looks to pass the ball around a DePaul defender in a game earlier this year.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles host their final home meet

By ERIK POWERS
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Saturday marks the end of a season and an era for Saint Mary's. The Belles host Alma and Albion in their regular season finale, marking the final home meet at Notre Dame's Rolf's Aquatic Center for senior co-captains Lane Herrington and Lauren Smith.

With the conference tournament only a month away, Saint Mary's (1-3) desperately desires a strong performance in order to build postseason momentum. Thanks to a few extra days of rest, the Belles will be fresher than their last meet against Kalamazoo. A split or pair of victories versus Albion (2-2) and Alma (0-3) would be invigorating.

"This is pretty big," Smith said. "We'll have a little more rest, and it's our last chance for a good seed at conference."

Saint Mary's won a narrow victory versus Albion last year

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Rutgers at Notre Dame

Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Irish will need to play well for 40 minutes to top Rutgers.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame at Illinois

Friday, 6 p.m.

The Irish hope to avoid a letdown after their strong win over Kansas.

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ND TRACK

Notre Dame at Central Michigan

Friday, TBA

Both the mens and womens squads open their 2003 campaign.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's at Albion

Friday,

The Belles hope to get an upset over the Britons.

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HOCKEY

Yale at Notre Dame

Friday, 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs travel to South Bend to renew their rivalry with the Irish.

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MENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame at Pennsylvania

Friday, 6 p.m.

The Irish begin a busy weekend with a meet against the Quakers.

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