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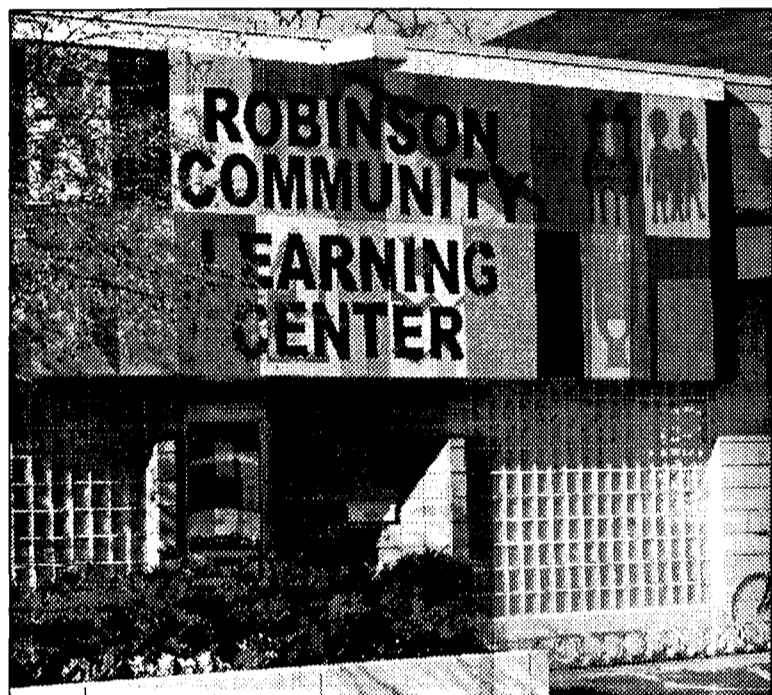
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Robinson Learning Center receives HUD grant

Award will allow community resource center to expand its educational, recreational reach in northeast South Bend



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The Robinson Center received a \$398,097 HUD grant that will enable the community resource facility to expand its services.

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The Community Outreach Partnership Center branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded South Bend's Robinson Community Learning Center with a \$398,097 grant.

For the last two years, the Robinson Community Learning Center, which is sponsored by the University, has provided educational and recreational services to South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood.

According to director Jay Caponigro, the grant will enable the center to expand its activities in the areas of youth mentoring, job training and preparation and lead poisoning prevention.

"In the youth mentoring initiative, we will utilize violence prevention training, educational tutoring and recreational opportunities to help at-risk children. The job-training component will target high school dropouts, ages 16 to 24, and help them acquire the

skills to get decent jobs," Caponigro said. "There are a lot of positions in this area that pay well, and it is a matter of getting people to get the hard and soft skills that they need."

The lead poisoning prevention project will seek to educate people

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Meredith Mechenbier
student volunteer

as to the potential locations of dangerous lead materials in their homes in order to ensure that children will not ingest the toxic substance.

"Lead poisoning usually affects

children in older homes, where the paint and other building materials contain lead," said Caponigro.

The center will undertake each initiative in collaboration with other groups and organizations.

"We have a lot of great partners. Goodwill Industries, the chemistry department, Memorial Hospital, the athletic department, Rec Sports, the Center for Social Concerns and others are all very helpful," said Caponigro.

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are active volunteers for the RCLC.

Meredith Mechenbier, a Notre Dame junior and regular volunteer, is enthusiastic about the grant.

"Although the money is not here yet, it is clear that there will be a lot of new opportunities, at least for the people that are here on a regular basis, and know about the money, there is a lot of excitement," said Mechenbier.

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Students write to troops

Letters from SMC try to boost morale of Iraq soldiers

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

The McCandless Hall Council "Letters to Troops" project aims to boost morale for the Alpha Company spending this holiday season in Iraq by having Saint Mary's students write letters to the 66 troops.

"It's great for us to realize there are so many Americans over there fighting that will be gone during the holiday season," McCandless Hall vice president Jennifer Pillar said.

"They should know we are supporting them."

According to McCandless Hall director Christine Artz, the idea originated as a service project for the hall.

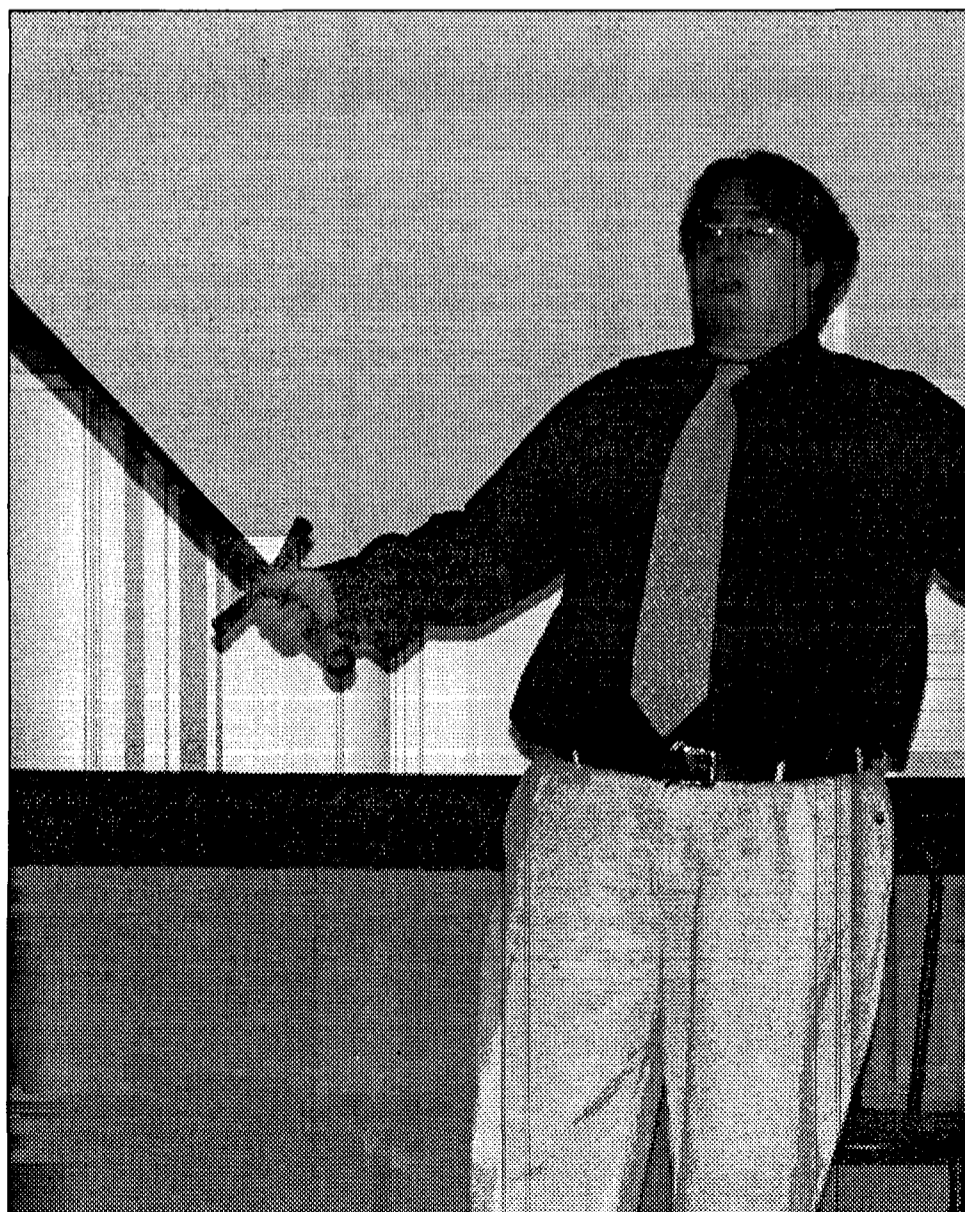
"We thought it would be a nice moral booster for the troops to get mail," she said.

Through the hall project, the council already sent the company 19 letters on Nov. 9, Artz said. The community's positive reaction to the project spurred the council to open it to the entire campus.

"I was very impressed that the women here took the

Transgendered activist tells story

Bergman presents anecdotes of gender identity and confusion



By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

Transgendered writer and activist S. Bear Bergman visited Notre Dame yesterday to perform "Ex Post Papa: Life as a Freelance Dyke Dad," a multimedia presentation billed in its promotional material as "theater about mentoring, gender and getting your parenting a la carte."

A dramatic monologue of a string of anecdotes set against a backdrop of black-and-white photographs taken by Bergman's wife Nicole, the performance pulled together Bergman's experiences as a mentor and advisor, or Ex Post Papa, to friends living outside the world of "straight society."

Bergman's first task was to clarify the meaning of gender and its greater implications.

"I am definitely of the opinion that there are more genders than just male or female," Bergman said. "I don't identify myself as a woman. I identify myself as transgendered. To be transgendered is to transcend, transgress ... to cross genders. Someone who is transgendered crosses our cultural concept of genders."

Dressed in khakis, a brown shirt and a pale yellow necktie, Bergman addressed the issues facing transgendered people in today's heterosexual society, from deciding whether to use the men's or women's restroom to utilizing the proper pronouns when referring to their own identities.

"People look, don't they? They stare, especially when I get close to the bathroom... Don't think it doesn't hurt," Bergman said during the performance, a picture of a bathroom sign projected on the back wall of the stage. "Wearing a hat? Or a tie? The little skirt-wearing girl doesn't wear a hat — or a tie. The little pant-legged boy does."

In a talkback session with audience members following the performance, Bergman discussed the way in which something as simple as pronoun usage is influenced by our two-gender

ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

S. Bear Bergman, a transgendered activist and writer, performs a scene from the play "Ex Post Papa: Life As a Freelance Dyke Dad" at Notre Dame Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Praising Dean

I like Howard Dean. That is not to say that I think the shoot-from-the-hip Vermonter is the nonpareil of Democratic candidates, or that I believe his platform is entirely unsullied.

In fact, Dean's only irrefutable selling point is that he isn't Bush.

So what catapults him to the top of the list of contestants for Bush Whack 2004? In the words of his opponents: shock and awe.

In the midst of high finance campaigning and mindless moralistic jargon, Dean's grassroots approach and outspoken intellect certainly astonish.

However, Dean's shock value does not reside in his characteristic bluntness, but rather in his unexpectedly middle-of-the-road mixture of social progressivism and moderate economic stance.

Despite the image that the GOP would love to project, Dean is a far cry from a bleeding-heart liberal. He exempts himself from extremes, rebuking liberals and conservatives alike.

He rejects the tax-and-spend of liberal democrats, asserting that fiscal conservatism is crucial for the realization of his social reforms.

Americans have become accustomed to politicians who sit the fence and let their Teleprompter speak for them in fear of malapropisms and misinformation. Dean's frank delivery reminds us of that which the American political sphere revolves around — intellectual contention.

He's admittedly headstrong. Opinionated. Even arrogant. But should the leader of a world superpower be a weak, mindless pushover?

In addition to his intelligence and can-do attitude, I like Dean's principles and his staunch adherence to them.

Most significantly, I applaud Dean for his proposals to promote the rights of homosexuals and to reform the overzealous system of capital punishment in America.

Finally, I appreciate the fact that he did not support Bush's war against Iraq. While Dean supported the disarmament of Iraq and the ousting of Saddam Hussein, he perceived that America was not in immediate danger and that we were not prepared to help Iraqis once we won the war.

And he was right. Now that we have alienated ourselves from our allies and have left an entire country in a state of dissolution, and now that we know that our entire populace was duped into believing in non-existent nukes, we need a new man in charge.

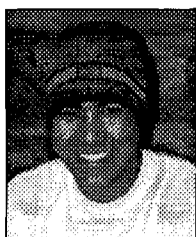
America needs to renew its focus on social justice and peaceful intervention, and Dean might just be the man to get the ball rolling.

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CORRECTIONS

On page three of the Dec. 2 Irish Insider, the final score for the Notre Dame/Stanford game was incorrectly printed. The correct final score is 57 to 7.
On the Nov. 25 Scene article "Gothika": scary but stupid script," the writer and director were incorrectly identified. Mathieu Kassovitz directed the film and Sebastian Gutierrez wrote it.
The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LINE FROM A CHRISTMAS MOVIE?



Joe Gulnte
Junior Fisher



Ashley Gross
Sophomore Regina



Kiley Kane
Law student Off-campus



Shannon Hopkins
Sophomore LeMans



James Rudy
Freshman Alumni



Kat Moravek
Sophomore Holy Cross

"Christmas. It's so hot right now. Christmas."

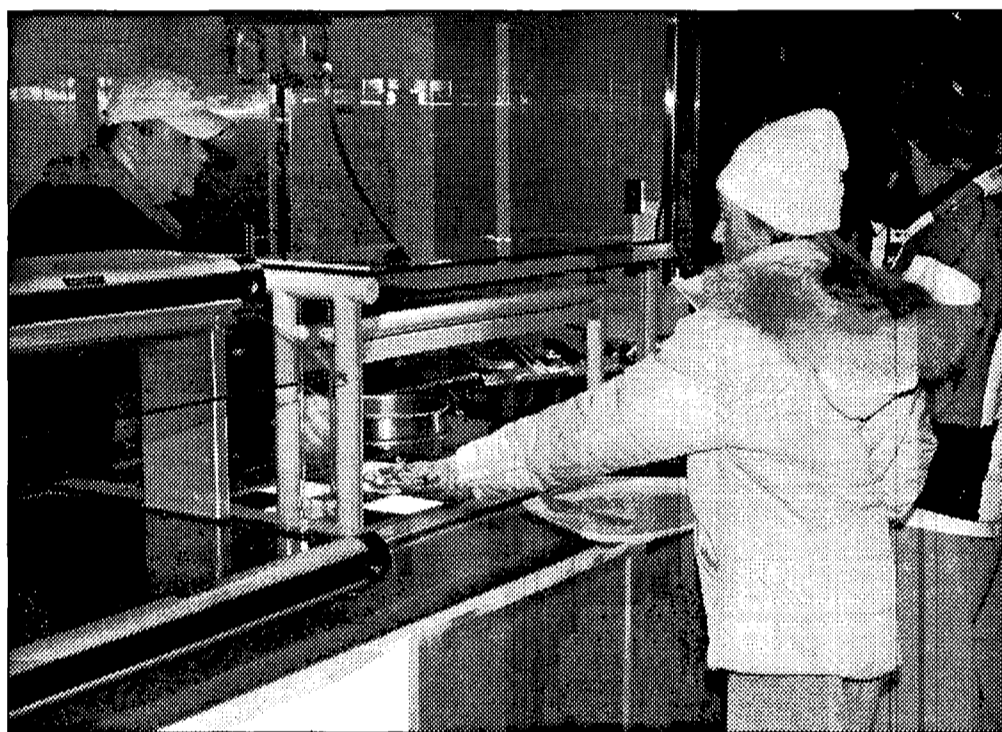
"Buddy the Elf, what's your favorite color?"

"You'll shoot your eye out!"

"Believing isn't seeing, seeing is believing."

"And his heart grew three times too large."

"Ahhhhhh!"



ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

A Saint Mary's student waits in line for food at the Noble Family Dining Hall during lunch on Tuesday. The dining hall opened at the start of this semester, replacing an older facility.

IN BRIEF

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will present its annual "Christmas Around the World" celebration at 6 p.m. tonight in the LeMans Hall Reignbeaux Lounge.

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform "Handel's Messiah" tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available for \$3 at the LaFortune Box Office.

Come "Stump the Priest" this evening at Theology on Tap. Bring questions about the Church, religion and spirituality. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. The event begins at 10 p.m. tonight at Legends.

Stop by the "Howard Halliday" on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include Christmas tree decorating, marshmallow roasting and Christmas music. Bring a toy to donate to the South Bend Homeless Shelter.

Start your Christmas shopping early. FlipSide will sponsor a shopping trip to Chicago on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the LaFortune Box Office.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will present their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office for \$3. All money raised will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Glow-in-the-dark pet fish coming soon

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The nation's first genetically altered household pet — a fish that glows in the dark — is set to begin appearing in stores next month everywhere except perhaps California, the only state with a ban on lab-engineered species.

On Wednesday, the California Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to take up an application from Yorktown Technologies of Austin, Texas, to market the GloFish in California.

State wildlife officials

have concluded that the Florida-grown fluorescent zebra fish poses no danger, and they have recommended that the state exempt it from the ban. But environmental and public interest groups, along with commercial fishermen, oppose an exemption.

Australian sells bottled water for dogs

CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian launched the latest accessory for pampered pooches Tuesday — bottled water in flavors like chicken and corn, liver and bacon, or beef.

The purified Dog Plus K-

9 water went on sale in pet stores at \$2.10 for 1.3 pint plastic bottle.

"It's like a sports drink for dogs," said Andrew Larkey who thought up the idea. "Dogs get bored with plain water — they deserve variety just as much as people."

Larkey plans a similar line of drinks for cats, in roast chicken and pork flavors early next year.

People can safely drink it as well, he said, but it probably won't be a hit with humans.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 32 LOW 23	HIGH 38 LOW 29	HIGH 38 LOW 25	HIGH 35 LOW 27	HIGH 35 LOW 22	HIGH 40 LOW 25

Atlanta 51 / 33 Boston 34 / 24 Chicago 36 / 28 Denver 54 / 30 Houston 68 / 53 Los Angeles 74 / 54 Minneapolis 33 / 24 New York 38 / 30 Philadelphia 36 / 26 Phoenix 75 / 50 Seattle 46 / 36 St. Louis 38 / 30 Tampa 74 / 59 Washington 39 / 26

FACULTY SENATE

Members elect new chairman, debate TCE release

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Faculty Senate elected chemistry professor Seth Brown as its new chairperson at its Tuesday.

Brown succeeded John Robinson, who stepped down due to an illness.

Jacqueline Brogan was appointed to Brown's previous position, chair of the Academic Affairs committee.

The Academic Affairs committee discussed the library budget, specifically the loss of significant journal subscriptions.

"I'm really stunned at the loss of online services that could be made cheaper, but aren't being recognized by the University as legitimate," said Brogan. "If they want us to be the best of the best, then we have to have those journals."

The Administrative Affairs committee announced that it would present revisions to the grievance procedure resolution at the Senate's next meeting.

The committee plans to consider faculty complaints regarding the newly formatted letter being sent to tenure candidates in the

College of Arts and Letters.

Many faculty members have expressed dissatisfaction with the new requirements these letters set forth.

"Many feel that the stakes have been raised significantly," said chair of the Administrative Affairs committee Paula Higgins

The Benefits committee also updated the Senate on their progress and announced plans to meet with retirees to discuss issues and concerns regarding health benefits for retirees.

The Student Affairs committee will participate in an Academic Council ad hoc committee to consider student proposals for changes in the format of Teacher Course Evaluations.

Committee chair Jay Brandenberger said that early feedback suggests that faculty members wish to honor student concerns while keeping faculty issues in mind.

"There is no great opposition to publication [of Teacher Course Evaluations] as long as faculty concerns are met," he said.

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Jay Brandenberger
chairman
Academic Council
ad hoc committee

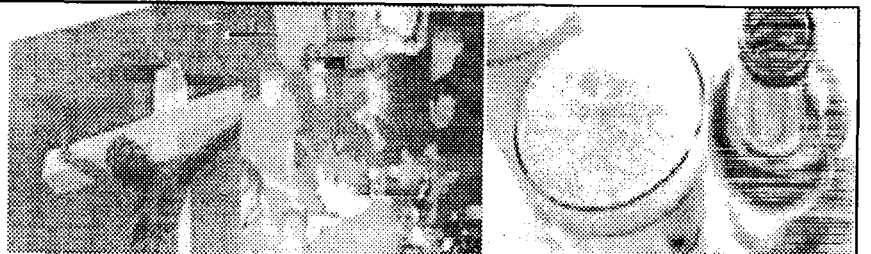
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ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

Members of the Faculty Senate met Tuesday to elect chemistry professor Seth Brown as its new chairperson and to receive updates from committees. The Senate also announced that it will consider student proposals to change Teacher Course Evaluation publication.

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Bergman

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society, replacing the accepted 'he' and 'she' with 'ze,' while 'his' and 'her' were replaced with 'hir.'

"It's not that I'm against pronouns," Bergman said, "as long as people understand what my gender is. I definitely use pronouns as a teaching tool ... I enforce pronouns when I feel it's useful for people to talk about the concept of non-standard gender."

Bergman was asked after the performance to define non-standard gender, and the use of the word 'queer' throughout the monologue to identify people who identified themselves as non-homosexuals.

"The handy thing about the word 'queer' is that it's the least descriptive and the least proscriptive word we have," Bergman said. "Using the word 'queer' to describe a non-standard set of sexual behavior and desires is a way to describe something that is not only a sexual orientation, but also a cultural orientation."

Bergman went on to recount something that a "smart friend" once said.

"I use it whenever I can: 'To be queer is to pursue your harmless heart's desire in a society that will punish you for it,'" Bergman said. "Queer, for me, is also describing the cultural and political orientation that goes along with being

non-standard in many ways."

Bergman said that the visit, which used humor and personal experiences to tackle a subject not often addressed within the confines of straight society, was part of a concerted effort to break down stereotypes and provide the kind of support Bergman experienced while tackling gender identity. The support of Bergman's father was the subject of much of the performance.

"I have no student loans, no dresses in my closet, and no doubt where my father is. Every day... being a father includes protecting, it includes supporting," Bergman said. "Meanwhile, my father is now the gay answer center for parents... [His answer?] 'Just love your kid. Is she moral, decent, kind? Does someone love her the way your daughter deserves to be loved? Gay, straight — doesn't matter.'"

Others, Bergman said, were not as supportive. "It does make people sometimes very uncomfortable," Bergman said. "I understand gender in this society very well. I am totally in favor of gender. What I am against is the bipolar gender system that says we are man and woman. People begin to police their behaviors and their desires

... to make sure we are staying within the boundaries of man or woman."

That is why, Bergman said, there should be more Ex Post Papas.

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**S. Bear Bergman
activist**

you don't need each other. The soil nourishes the roots, but the roots hold the soil together."

In a talkback session with audience members after the performance, Bergman discussed the differences between biology and gender, and the way in which modern society often confuses the two.

"People think that if they understand my genitals, they will understand my gender," Bergman said. "That is completely untrue. Gender and sex are not the same thing. They are a product of societal and cultural systems that classify people ... dependent upon their sexual organs and secondary sexual characteristics."

Bergman's performance, unprecedented on Notre Dame's campus, was sponsored by a number of on- and off-campus groups. Organizations such as OutreachND and the Psychology

Club joined with such academic institutions as the sociology and psychology departments, among many others, to bring Bergman's performance to campus.

Bergman said that the performance, based on years of activism and personal advocacy, is brought to campuses and other venues to elicit a change in the way people with non-standard sexual orientations are viewed and treated.

"I feel like people should be able to express themselves in gendered ways ... completely regardless of our cultural constructs of man or woman," Bergman said. "Society should change to accept you the way you are."

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Letters

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to sit down and write such nice, thick letters," Artz said.

Monday evening the council held the first all-campus event to create cards and letters for the troops, Pillar said. The evening generated 25 Christmas cards.

Artz, whose boyfriend is commander of the all-male Alpha Company, has been in contact with the company since they received the first letters. The letters are distributed around

the camp before being posted for all to see, she said.

Alpha Company troops plan to respond to the students to show their appreciation, Artz said.

The council has placed folders at each residence hall's front desk to collect additional cards. Guidelines for sending cards are also in the folders. Cards will be collected until Dec. 7.

"We all know how excited we are to get mail in college," Pillar said. "Just think how excited troops are to get it."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia against Kyoto Protocol

MOSCOW — In what would be a mortal blow to the accord aimed at halting global warming, a top Kremlin official said Tuesday that Russia won't ratify the Kyoto Protocol limiting greenhouse gas emissions because it will hurt the country's economy.

The United States rejected the accord for the same reason. Without Moscow, the protocol cannot come into effect even if approved by every other nation because only Russia's industrial emissions are large enough to tip the balance.

The pollution cuts required by the treaty would slow the economic growth that President Vladimir Putin has made a major priority, said top adviser Andrei Illarionov.

"In its current form, the Kyoto Protocol places significant limitations on the economic growth of Russia," Illarionov told reporters in the Kremlin on the sidelines of Putin's meeting with European business leaders. "Of course, in its current form this protocol can't be ratified."

Loyalty to Hussein declining

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Workers began demolishing gigantic bronze busts of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Tuesday, while U.S. troops to the north arrested at least 20 insurgents in a raid — both moves aimed at stamping out loyalty to Iraq's ousted regime.

Iraqi police said a senior former member of Saddam's elite Republican Guard was among those captured in Hawija, 155 miles north of Baghdad. However, the U.S. troops failed to catch the target of the raid — Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, considered a key planner of attacks against U.S. troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court debates warrant serving

WASHINGTON — After knocking, police don't have to wait longer than 20 seconds before breaking into the home of a drug suspect, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in a case involving a man who said he needed more time to get from the shower to the door.

LaShawn Banks emerged soapy and naked to find masked, heavily armed officers searching for drugs in his Las Vegas apartment in 1998. His case gave the court its first opportunity to say how long police must wait before breaking into a home to serve a warrant.

The court didn't set a specific standard but said the brief delay in the Banks case was long enough. Any more time would give drug suspects an opportunity to flush evidence down the toilet.

Boeing scandal affects Pentagon

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will delay plans to acquire 100 air refueling tankers from Boeing in light of a scandal at the aerospace giant that has led to the dismissal of two executives and the resignation of Chairman and CEO Phil Condit.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the Pentagon's internal auditor will examine whether the conduct of the two executives had any negative impact on the contract to lease 20 tankers and buy another 80.

INDIANA NEWS

Turkeys return to Portage

PORTLAND — One of the greatest success stories in wildlife restoration in United States history may come soon to a forest or field near you.

Officials from the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife are currently evaluating parts of east central Indiana — including Jay, Blackford, Randolph and Adams counties — for wild turkey habitat.

Turkeys from other locations in Indiana, most likely southern Indiana, could then be trapped and relocated to areas where wild populations no longer exist.

Man arrested for kidnapping

Alfonso Rodriguez in custody for the alleged kidnapping of North Dakota student

Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — A man described by authorities as a predatory sex offender was arrested and charged with kidnapping in the disappearance of a college student. But authorities said Tuesday the young woman was still missing.

Dru Sjodin, 22, a University of North Dakota student from Pequot Lakes, Minn., vanished Nov. 22 after leaving her job at the Victoria's Secret at Columbia Mall in Grand Forks.

"Dru, we will find you," Grand Forks Police Chief John Packett said at a briefing Tuesday. "With the arrest of Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. last night, this investigation has only reached the 50-yard line. As additional charges and information comes available, we will not be satisfied or comforted until such time as we find Dru."

Rodriguez, 50, was arrested Monday in Crookston, Minn., about 30 miles from Grand Forks, where he lives, police said. He had been expected to appear in court Tuesday, but officials said the appearance would be delayed until Wednesday morning. Court documents in the case were sealed.

Authorities declined to discuss what led them to Rodriguez, other than to say they had probable cause to believe he was in the mall parking lot the day Sjodin disappeared and to note it is standard to look at known sex offenders in such investigations. They declined to say whether he was cooperating.

"Our entire focus on this is in finding Dru," Grand Forks County state's attorney Peter Welte said. "This is by no means the end. This is a marathon and not a sprint."

Authorities issued a plea for at least 1,000 volunteers to search for Sjodin Wednesday in Grand Forks County and in Polk County, Minn., where Crookston is



Tim Pawlenty, governor of Minnesota, addresses the media regarding Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., who allegedly kidnapped North Dakota student Dru Sjodin.

located. Property owners in the two counties were asked to search their land.

Sjodin's father and brother spoke directly to their sister.

"Honey, we will find you," her father, Allan, said. And her brother, Sven, added: "I know we are just around the corner from you right now. We love you. Keep strong."

Rodriguez has a history of sexual contact and attempted kidnapping with adult women, and has used a weapon in at least one assault, according to a Minnesota Department of Corrections summary of his criminal history posted on the agency's Web site.

His past offenses require that Rodriguez be registered as a predatory offender, the department said.

Authorities said Sjodin (pronounced sha DEEN) may have been abducted while talking to her boyfriend, Chris Lang, on a cell phone after leaving work the afternoon of Nov. 22. He called her roommate, saying he heard Sjodin say something like, "Oh, my God," before the phone went dead. During a second call a few hours later, there was only the sound of static and numbers being pressed, he said.

The case had drawn more than 1,300 volunteers who have searched the area without success. In addition, about 30 FBI agents, along with investigators from 20 different agencies in three states and the Canadian province of Manitoba, were working on the case. A \$140,000

reward was offered.

Neighbors of Rodriguez said a town meeting was held in May to inform them about his release from prison. They said he lived with his mother, Dolores. No one answered the phone at the home Monday night.

Sonja Thygeson, who lives about four houses down from Rodriguez and his mother, said she's never seen him do anything wrong, but took precautions anyway.

"I'm a widow and I'm older, and I was scared, so I had my son-in-law come over and install a motion light after he (Rodriguez) moved in," Thygeson said.

Another neighbor, Milton Stave, said "there were a lot of frightened people around" when Rodriguez returned to the community.

Ohio highway shootings connected

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Twelve shootings along a five-mile stretch of interstate this year are connected, including one that killed a woman, police said Tuesday.

Four of the shootings — three at vehicles and the one that broke an elementary school window last month — were from the same gun, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin said.

Although ballistics tests could not link the remainder of the shootings along Interstate 270, investigators said they "are comfortable" saying all

12 are connected, he said. He would not elaborate.

The shootings began in May along Interstate 270 in southern Columbus. On Nov. 25, 62-year-old Gail Knisley was struck by a bullet that pierced the side of the car she was in. Many previous shootings have been reported since then.

Authorities, who have received more than 500 tips, would not speculate on whom the shooter might be and would not release the type of weapon.

"Collectively, we think it's not good for us to put that information out," Martin said.

Local businesses have established a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

Investigators on Monday linked the Nov. 11 shooting at Hamilton Township Elementary School to the others — making it the 12th shooting police announced in the case.

The school in Obetz is about two miles from the freeway. Superintendent Bill Wittman said he believes the shooting was not meant to harm anyone because it happened overnight.

A house was shot at Tuesday near the freeway that circles Columbus, but investigators have not linked it to the other shootings, Martin said.

Supreme Court weighs religious scholarships

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court justices appeared deeply divided Tuesday in a church-state case involving a college student who lost his taxpayer-funded scholarship because he chose to major in theology.

In a case with implications for President Bush's plan to allow more church-based organizations to compete for government money, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer argued it was improper for Joshua Davey to lose the Promise Scholarship he was awarded by the state of Washington.

The scholarship was rescinded after Davey declared his

major because state officials deemed it an unconstitutional blending of church and state.

"It's treating religion differently from non-religion," Justice Antonin Scalia told Washington's lawyer, Narda Pierce. "You can study anything you like and get it subsidized, except religion. Why does that not violate the principle of neutrality?"

The Bush administration backs Davey, arguing that states cannot discriminate against religious education.

"The Promise Scholarship

program practices the plainest form of religious discrimination," Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the justices during a lively hourlong argument session. "The clear and unmistakable message is that religion and preparation for a career in the ministry is disfavored."

Several justices seemed skeptical, suggesting that the country has long had a hands-off policy when it comes to the training of clergy and that states have considerable

leeway in choosing how to

spend money. Justice Stephen Breyer told Olson that the Supreme Court could force a vast reordering of government spending if it sides with Davey.

A broad ruling that Davey had a constitutional right to the scholarship money would mean government would have to be careful not to exclude religious programs or organizations in many areas, such as government contracting and medical programs, Breyer said.

"The implications of this case are breathtaking," Breyer said. That "sense of doom" is unwarranted, Olson assured Breyer.

Davey qualified for the scholarship along with students

studying other fields. Only his chosen field was excluded, his lawyers said. Davey's backers say that violated the Constitution's guarantee that people may worship freely.

Davey continued his schooling without the financial aid. So, Justice John Paul Stevens asked, how did loss of the money prevent Davey from practicing his religion?

"He practices it at a price," Olson replied.

"He practices it without a subsidy," Stevens shot back.

As often happens, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed to be in the middle. She closely questioned lawyers on both sides about the case's similarities to the emotional debate over school vouchers.

"You can study anything you like and get it subsidized, except religion."

**Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court Justice**

Suspected terrorist gets lawyer access

Pentagon announces that U.S.-born suspect Hamdi will be allowed full lawyer, trial rights

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reversing course, Pentagon officials have decided to allow a U.S.-born terrorism suspect access to a lawyer, the Defense Department announced Tuesday.

The Defense Department will make arrangements over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Yaser Esam Hamdi "subject to appropriate security restrictions," a Pentagon statement said. Hamdi is being held as an "enemy combatant," a designation the Bush administration says denies him rights to a lawyer or a trial.

The Supreme Court is considering whether to hear an appeal from a public defender, Frank Dunham, who challenged Hamdi's detention and wanted to act as his lawyer. Dunham did not return telephone and e-mail messages seeking comment Tuesday evening.

Dunham had asked the Supreme Court to decide if the government has unconstitutionally imprisoned Hamdi without access to attorneys and without charges being filed against him.

The Pentagon announcement came one day before the Bush administration was scheduled to file a response at the Supreme Court to that appeal.

Hamdi will be allowed to decide whether he wants to meet with Dunham, a military lawyer or a private attorney, said Air Force Maj. John Smith, a spokesman for the Defense Department's legal office.

Hamdi is being held in the U.S. Navy brig in Charleston, S.C. He was captured in Afghanistan in November 2001. Originally taken to the prison for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he was transferred to the United States in April 2002 after military authorities determined he

had been born in Louisiana and therefore is a U.S. citizen.

The Pentagon statement said that allowing Hamdi access to a lawyer "is not required by domestic or international law and should not be treated as a precedent."

Officials decided to grant the access to a lawyer because Hamdi is a U.S. citizen and the military has finished interrogating him, the Pentagon statement said. Hamdi has not been charged with any crime.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., rejected Dunham's appeal challenging his detention, ruling that the president has wide powers to detain enemy combatants during wartime. The Bush administration

argues that under international law, enemy combatants such as Hamdi can be held until the war is over — which could be years, if not decades, away.

Dunham and other lawyers challenging the detentions say they violate the prisoners' constitutional rights to a lawyer and a trial.

Hamdi is one of three terrorism suspects being held at the Charleston brig as enemy combatants. The other two are Jose Padilla, a former Chicago gang member who is accused of plotting to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb," and Ali Saleh Kahlal al-Marri, a Qatari man accused of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent.

"[Allowing lawyer access] is not required by domestic or international law and should not be treated as a precedent."

Pentagon statement

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SUV safety set to improve

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The auto industry is adopting standards to improve the safety of vehicles in side-impact crashes over the next five years.

The Washington-based Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents 10 automakers, plans to announce the commitment Thursday. The standards are voluntary, but automakers are expected to implement them by 2009.

Alliance spokesman Eron Shosteck said Tuesday that automakers adopted a set of

performance standards that can be met through a variety of safety devices, including side-impact air bags and improved door beams and bumpers.

Shosteck said most automakers will be able to meet the new standards by adopting side- and head-protecting air bags. Automakers also may make design changes to the front of sport utility vehicles so there is a lesser height difference in collisions with passenger cars.

The Alliance and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which is funded by insurers, promised

to develop the voluntary standards in February in a letter to Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Some safety groups have argued against voluntary standards, saying they hold no weight because automakers can choose not to adopt them.

Runge has said voluntarily standards can bring safety enhancements to the market more quickly, since the government's regulatory process can require years. Shosteck said the Alliance planned to send the automakers' offer to Runge on Tuesday.



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↑ Up: 1,614	Same: 205	↓ Down: Composite Volume: 1,375,742,976

AMEX	1,117.17	+4.62
NASDAQ	1,980.07	-9.75
NYSE	6,139.62	-7.73
S&P 500	1,066.62	-3.51
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,410.15	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,378.90	-31.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.70	-0.18	25.66
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	-0.91	-0.02	2.18
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.88	-0.11	12.40
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.56	-0.19	33.85
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.04	+0.087	4.347

Treasuries		
30-YEAR BOND	-0.21	-0.11 51.47
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.27	-0.12 43.80
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.81	-0.28 34.11
3-MONTH BILL	+2.23	+0.20 9.17

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.83	30.78
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.80	404.60
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	0.00	88.625

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EURO		0.8262
POUND		0.5776
CANADIAN \$		1.286

Steelworkers protest policies

President visits Pittsburgh for fundraiser as workers rally to keep steel tariff

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush may be following the course of least political resistance by lifting the steel tariffs he imposed in March 2002.

The duties on imported steel probably seemed like a good idea at the time. They enabled Bush, with an eye toward the 2004 electoral map, to extend a helping hand to a beleaguered major U.S. industry. Since then, however, the tariffs have turned into a huge policy headache for him both at home and abroad.

By ending the tariffs, as is widely expected, Bush risks angering steel makers and their workers in vital electoral states including Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and West Virginia.

But analysts suggest leaving them in place could risk even more by sparking a global trade war and unleashing punitive duties against a range of American goods from yet another set of battleground states.

Such a trade war could threaten the fledgling U.S. economic recovery and squelch the recent stock market rally.

The controversy is casting a shadow over Bush's fund-raising visit Tuesday in Pittsburgh, where one of his hosts will be Thomas J. Usher, chairman and chief executive of U.S. Steel Corp. Administration officials said Monday that Bush has not made a decision on the tariffs, but principal aides have recommended that they be removed.

Among the American products targeted by the European Union, Japan and others if the steel tariffs should stay: orange juice from Florida, nuts from California, apparel from North and South Carolina, rice from Arkansas and apples from the Pacific Northwest.

The tariffs also are hurting steel-using manufac-



Dave Hrabowsky, a steelworker from Clairton, Penn., participates in a rally against President Bush's steel policy. Bush visited Pittsburgh to hold a fundraising dinner.

turers, including the auto industry, and their consumers. That's important in auto-making Michigan, another expected 2004 battleground, where Bush went on Monday.

"The political benefits, to the extent that they existed, are water under the bridge. And the political costs have been mounting," said Brink Lindsey, a trade expert at Cato Institute, a Washington think tank.

"I'm sure the administration will try to make lemonade out of the lemons here. But ultimately the decision focused overwhelmingly on choosing the lesser of two evils from a domestic political perspective," Lindsey said.

It's not as if the tariffs have won over many steel

industry workers. The United Steelworkers of America union has endorsed Democrat Dick Gephardt for president.

Internationally, the tariffs have become a source of friction with countries like Britain, Italy, Spain and Japan that are supporting the United States in Iraq. They've also tarnished Bush's credentials as a free trader.

The dispute was an irritant during Bush's trip last month to Britain, where British Prime Minister Tony Blair raised the subject "not once, not twice, but three times," according to Bush's count. Blair is under mounting criticism for failing to get more in return from the United States for his help with Iraq.

The president and his top aides overestimated the political advantages of the tariffs and underestimated the downside, even some Republican advisers suggest privately.

The World Trade Organization ruled last month that the tariffs are illegal. Bush has until Dec. 10 to act or risk retaliatory tariffs beginning Dec. 15.

"A trade war would be very hard on the U.S. economy, particularly at a time when it's still very fragile," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, a research and consulting firm in West Chester, Pa.

"The global economic costs would be too great for the administration to risk."

IN BRIEF

Investor Kerkorian takes stand

WILMINGTON, Del. — Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian testified Tuesday that he never would have supported the deal creating DaimlerChrysler if it had not been portrayed as a "merger of equals" between the American and German automakers.

Kerkorian, who is suing the company for more than \$1 billion, said that in his dealings with former Chrysler chairman Robert Eaton there was no indication the Daimler Benz-Chrysler combination was anything else.

"It was called a merger of equals. ... It was always called a merger of equals," Kerkorian testified in federal court in the nonjury trial.

Kerkorian, whose Tracinda Corp. was the largest Chrysler shareholder at the time of the merger, claims Daimler-Benz officials secretly organized a Chrysler takeover while proposing a merger of equals.

As a result, Kerkorian claims, Daimler-Benz avoided paying him an acquisition fee of up to 62 percent on his stock when the companies merged. Kerkorian owned 14 percent of Chrysler's stock at the time.

Invesco charged with fraud

NEW YORK — Regulators charged Invesco Funds Group and its chief executive with civil fraud Tuesday in the rapidly expanding mutual fund trading scandal.

In separate filings, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and the Securities and Exchange Commission accused Raymond Cunningham and his Denver-based company of defrauding shareholders by allowing certain big clients to engage in market timing — frequent, short-term trading that skimmed profits from long-term shareholders.

Invesco Funds denied any wrongdoing and said it would vigorously contest any charges against the company or its employees. A call to Cunningham's lawyer was not immediately returned.

Regulators are expected to seek the return of more than \$160 million in ill-gotten gains, plus other damages and civil penalties.

The investigation of the mutual fund industry has already resulted in complaints against other well-known fund companies, including Putnam Investments and the Pilgrim Baxter fund family.

Disney CEO criticized by staffers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With two on-again-off-again allies turning on him, Michael Eisner's micro-managing style of leadership at the Walt Disney Co. is again getting scrutinized.

Still, industry experts say Eisner may hold what Disney needs to weather a difficult period and also what will help him survive the latest challenges to the chief executive's position he took in 1984.

Roy E. Disney and Stanley Gold have called on Eisner to resign, saying he is to blame for a tumbling stock price, embarrassing management missteps and a focus on short-term profits over the company's core

mission.

But odds are that Eisner, credited with turning a sleepy theme park company and also-ran movie studio into a major media conglomerate, will keep his job at least until his contract expires in 2006.

"Mr. Eisner did a very good job for a long time for the company," said Harold Vogel of Vogel Capital Management in New York. "He now has stronger board and governance procedures than he ever had before, which would mute complaints of institutional holders, and institutions are not clamoring for him to leave."

In resigning their posts on Disney's board of directors this week, both Roy Disney, nephew of Walt, and

Gold, singled out Eisner and his management style as the main factors in the decline of Disney's fortunes over the past seven or eight years.

"You had a very successful first 10 years at the company in partnership with Frank Wells, for which I salute you," Roy Disney wrote in his resignation letter Sunday.

"But, since Frank's untimely death in 1994, the Company has lost its focus, its creative energy and its heritage."

Wells died in a helicopter crash. Eisner is famous for managing every aspect of Disney's business, from approving carpet patterns in hotels to commenting on TV and movie scripts.

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This was a holiday to remember

This last Thanksgiving holiday is one that I will not soon forget — at least not in the span of the next 24 hours because I went from seeing America at its best to America at its worst.

To be perfectly honest, last Thursday was shaping up to be just like any other turkey day. Like every other American, I

planned to stuff myself to the gills with corn pudding, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and all the other great Thanksgiving fair. After about three, four or maybe even five trips through the family buffet line with my stomach on the verge of exploding, I would finally say enough is enough. Now weighing 10 pounds heavier than the day before, it was time for the only exercise of the day. Somehow I would muster the energy to get up from my chair at the dining table, walk 10 feet to lie down on the couch and then let the tryptophan kick into high gear.

There is nothing like falling asleep in front of the Dallas Cowboys game. Only this year was different; this year my favorite holiday was a little more special than usual. Instead of falling asleep, I stayed awake flipping between all the major news networks hoping to catch footage from President Bush's historic visit to Iraq. I probably watched it 50 times — President Bush popping out from behind the stage at the military barracks in Baghdad to surprise the U.S. troops eagerly awaiting their Thanksgiving dinner. Seeing him actually sit behind the buffet line and serve the troops their turkey is what makes our nation truly unique. While he might hold the highest office in the land, George W. Bush is no better or worse than any other American.

Like him or not, you have to respect President Bush for putting himself in harm's way to thank the troops for their bravery and sacrifice. No, the President was not on the front lines like the troops he sent to Iraq who confront violent threats every single

day. However there is still a tremendous amount of risk involved in successfully carrying out this secret mission. As the tragic events from this past month have painfully reminded us, the security situation in Iraq remains shaky. The evil terrorists crawling in Iraq could have potentially fired a missile at Air Force One as it landed on the runway at Baghdad International Airport or attacked the military envoy escorting President Bush to the marine barracks.

The bottom line is that President Bush did not have to travel to Iraq. Contrary to Will Ferrell's brilliant impersonations from Saturday Night Live a few years back, "W" is not a robot who just follows orders from his father, Karl Rove, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld or his dog Barney. The decision was entirely his own. This was not just some outlandish political stunt to convince the American people to reelect him as his harshest critics have suggested, but a genuine way for President Bush to express his gratitude and to rally the American people behind the troops finishing the job in Iraq.

If the trip helped him politically, then so be it. But the way things are going with a resurgent economy, last week's passage of a Medicare reform bill, and a Democratic Party ripping apart at the seams, President Bush does not seem to need a whole lot of help these days. Who would not want a President willing to throw himself into the fray to stand alongside the troops he has called upon to fight America's war against terror?

All of the warm sentimental feelings from Thursday's unforgettable Thanksgiving were dampened the next day when I learned about an unfortunate incident at a Wal-Mart in Orange City, Florida. According to news reports, 41 year-old Patricia Van Lester sustained a concussion

when fellow shoppers knocked her to the floor in a mad rush to buy a \$29 dollar DVD player. A short time later, paramedics found VanLester lying unconscious on top of the prized DVD Player.

After the incident, Linda Ellzey told the press how other shoppers remained completely oblivious to her fallen sister's condition. "She got pushed down, and they walked over her like a herd of elephants," Ellzey said.

While this incident in no way negated the power of Thursday's historic events, it unfortunately captured what is wrong with America. In some ways, it is almost comical that grown

adults would act like little children fighting over a toy. But truthfully, it is downright pathetic. We now live in a culture that has grown so materialistic that people actually risk their lives shopping for Christmas presents. Admittedly, visiting the malls the

day after Thanksgiving has become a holiday in and of itself for many Americans, but you should not have to wear a helmet to feel safe at Wal-Mart.

Not to get sappy, but I fear that people have forgotten that Christmas is a religious holiday. I am no theologian, but I am pretty confident that people biting and scratching each other to buy Christmas presents was not what Jesus had in mind as a way for people to celebrate his birthday.

Despite this incident, I still remain hopefully optimistic that the Christmas spirit still hides somewhere in America today. It just might take President Bush to dip into his bag of tricks again to find it.

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We now live in a culture that has grown so materialistic that people actually risk their lives shopping for Christmas presents.

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display — so much tinsel and decorations. For it is not the tree, not the firelight's glow. It is the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again."

anonymous

Banning partial birth abortions

Editor's note: Because the late-term abortion procedure is a current political issue and some descriptions of it may contain graphic content and offensive language, the letters discussing this issue may contain such language as well. In order to foster an intelligent dialogue on this matter, this language must be included. Readers who might be offended by such language are cautioned.

The new federal law banning "partial-birth abortion" will not stop a single abortion and it will probably be struck down by the courts. So why did they enact it?

Most abortions after 12 or 13 weeks are done by dilation and evacuation. The cervix, or entrance to the womb, is dilated, the fetal sac is punctured and drained and the unborn child's head is crushed. The body is then dismembered and removed with suction and forceps. Abortionist Martin Haskell developed an alternative, dilation and extraction, because "most surgeons find dismemberment at 20 weeks and beyond to be difficult due to the toughness of fetal tissues" and because dilation and evacuation can involve a risk of perforating the uterus.

Dilation extraction is called "partial-birth abortion."

In partial birth abortion, which is done after 20 weeks, the cervix is dilated to allow removal of the child's body except for the head. The abortionist uses forceps to deliver the baby feet first up to the head which is too large for the opening. He inserts scissors into the back of the baby's skull and opens the scissors to enlarge the hole. He inserts a suction tube and sucks out the brains. The empty skull then collapses enough to fit through the opening. The new law contains Congressional "factual findings" that "during [partial birth abortion] the child will fully experience the pain associated with piercing his or her skull and sucking out his or her brain." The Alan Guttmacher Institute reported this year that 2,200 partial birth abortions were performed in the United States in 2000. In 1996, 650 were performed.

In *Stenberg v. Carhart*, decided in 2000, the Supreme Court struck down the Nebraska ban on partial birth abortion because it failed to allow partial birth abortion to preserve the "health" of the mother. "Health" includes mental and emotional

health and it amounts to abortion on request. In the new law Congress declared that partial birth abortion "is never medically necessary to preserve the health of a woman." The Supreme Court is unlikely to defer to Congressional findings on any law restricting abortion.

The new law allows a partial birth abortion if it is necessary to save the mother's life when it is endangered by a "physical condition." This exception can be evaded; it could include a physical condition arising from the mother's asserted disposition to commit suicide. The Congressional findings call partial birth abortion a "gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited." If so, how can it be allowed even to preserve the life of the killer?

As Ron Fitzsimmons, of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said in 1997, "the real world impact" of a partial birth abortion ban "is virtually nil." He said doctors would use an alternative method such as dilation and evacuation, "making sure the fetus is dead before extracting it." Or the abortionist could do a hysterectomy, the abortion version of a cesarean section.

If the partial birth abortion ban will not stop any abortions, why did Congress enact it? Republicans who are soft on abortion voted for the law to obtain "pro-life" certification from the Beltway pro-life establishment. President Bush signed it, confirming his "pro-life" credentials for the 2004 election. "The Republicans got a free vote," said Judie Brown of the American Life League. "It was the least they could get away with in order to receive the pro-life vote."

The partial birth abortion ban, however, is a pro-life tactical victory because the campaign for it raised awareness of abortion. "With [partial birth abortion], you cannot miss the baby," said Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA). Pro-aborts fear that if people focus on partial birth abortion they might realize

that the "choice" in every abortion is in the moral but not the legal sense — to murder. Unfortunately, the emphasis on the closeness of partial birth abortion to infanticide might cause people to forget that the use of a morning-after pill is no less a murder than is the debraining of a birthing infant by partial birth abortion.

The enactment of the partial birth abortion ban is less a triumph than a sign of futility for the establishment pro-life movement. In a civilized society, the issue must be whether innocent human beings may be intentionally and legally killed. Over the past three decades, pro-life leaders, including the bureaucracy of the Catholic bishops, have sought to limit, but not wholly prohibit, abortion, thus framing the issue as one in which innocents may be killed. The partial birth abortion effort is a further retreat, framing the issue not in terms of whether and not even in terms of which, but in terms of how innocent human beings may be legally executed. It is a confession of moral and political bankruptcy by the establishment pro-life movement.

Abortion is a legal and political issue, but only incidentally. It presents a non-negotiable moral imperative, that no innocent human being of any age can rightly be classed as a non-person and subjected to death at the discretion of another. The focus on partial birth abortion ought to remind us that the ultimate remedy for legalized abortion is restoration among the American people of the conviction that the right of innocent human life is absolute because it is the gift of God.

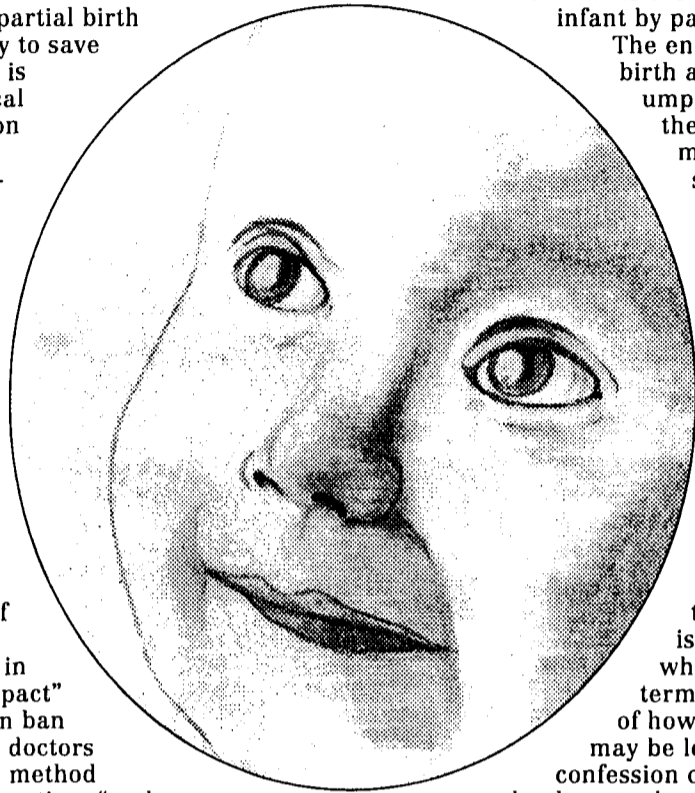
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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?



EDITORIAL CARTOON



Respect views of others

Monday night, after studying all evening in a booth in the basement of LaFortune, I packed up my books and got up to leave. I glanced at the booth beside me, where two guys were huddled around a laptop screen. Despite their attempts to hide it, I had a clear view of the extremely explicit pornographic video they were watching.

I quietly informed the two students that I found the material offensive and suggested that they had no business bringing such videos into public. Embarrassed, they muttered apologies.

My question is: When did the objectification and disregard for the dignity of the human body become so accepted that two guys have no qualms about viewing such material, albeit covertly, in the student center of a University where one might hope that women would be respected for their minds and characters, rather than objectified by two guys who get their kicks out of using images of women for their own selfish pleasure?

Explicit material brought into the open constitutes sexual harassment under University policy, as I learned today during a conversation in the Office of Residential Life. No one, male or female, should have to view images whose content are offensive to them, whether they are in La Fortune or

walking down a dorm's hallway. When I saw the video, my heart hurt, for although they were not objectifying me individually, I am a woman and felt personally offended by the use of a woman's body as an anonymous object.

No human being should be used as a means to a selfish end. This issue has been addressed throughout history, in fact, I believe a civil war was fought over a hundred years ago in this country over the question of whether a human being should be seen and used as an object devoid of personal dignity.

No one is anonymous. The woman in the video had parents. She was someone's daughter, maybe someone's sister. What if she were your sister? Or your daughter?

Forgive me for daring to mention something religious on a Catholic campus, but it is the season of Advent, when Christians await the celebration of Christ's incarnation, a testament to the dignity of the human body. Let us take this occasion to remember the respect and love which we owe to every human being.

Erin Griswold
 senior
 Pasquerilla East Hall
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ALBUM REVIEW

Jay-Z says goodbye

By KENYATTA STORIN
Scene Music Critic

Widely regarded as one of the best in rap ever, the self-proclaimed king of rap, Jay-Z, claimed that he is leaving the throne, despite being at the peak of his career. Love him or hate him, for years no one else in rap has garnered the affection of both the public and critics as well as Jay-Z. While it remains to be seen whether *The Black Album* is truly Jay-Z's last record — and likely, it isn't — it is clearly meant to be a goodbye album of sorts.

Unlike previous records, *The Black Album* is an entirely Jay-Z affair. Gone

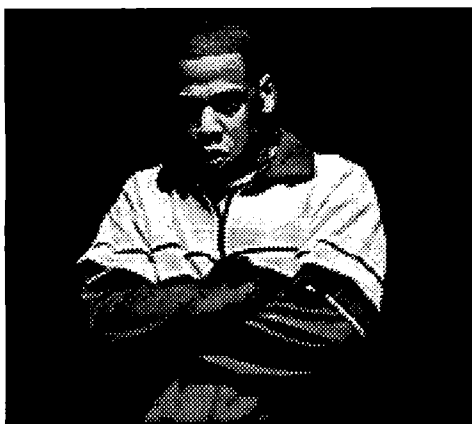


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Jay-Z has created a farewell album, but only time will tell if it is his last.

are loads of guest rappers and female pop hooks, which will likely please hip-hop fans that generally find Jay-Z too pop for their tastes. The decision to go strictly solo works to Jay-Z's advantage, allowing him to showcase his lyrical prowess. He clearly feels like he has nothing left to prove on "What More Can I Say," sampling Russell Crowe's audacious "Are you not entertained!?" speech from *Gladiator* and later following with the boast, "Pound for pound I'm the best to ever come around here."

Cleverly implementing the names of all his albums in the chorus of the Eminem-produced "A Moment of Clarity," Jay-Z defends himself for changing his music for money and popularity: "If skills sold, truth be told, I'd probably be lyrically, Talib Kweli / Truthfully I wanna rhyme like Common Sense / But I did five mill — I ain't been rhymin like Common since."

And even though he claims he is quitting rap, he maintains on his concluding track, "My 1st Song," that his love for rap is still as strong as it ever was: "The song that I sing to you it's my everything / Treat my first like my last, and my last like my first / And my thirst is the same as when I came."

But as good as his rhymes are, Jay-Z spends a little too much time focusing on himself. Rap has always been about self-promotion and boasting, but that is no excuse for the lack of variety in Jay-Z's subject matter, which hurts the

overall longevity of the album. Thankfully, the only true lyrical mishap is the corny, autobiographical "December 4th," which is bogged down by mundane anecdotes from his mother, Gloria Carter.

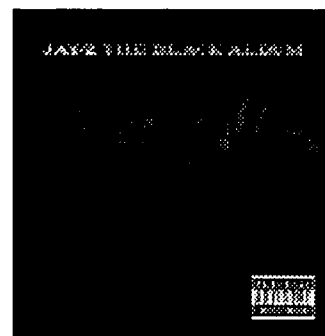
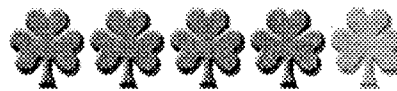
Nevertheless, missing are a few more varied tracks like the party jam "Dirt Off Your Shoulders" by Timbaland, or the vibrant Rick Rubin produced story rap "99 Problems," where Jay-Z bitterly attacks the rap media, and contrives a clever anecdote about a run in with a racist police officer.

As usual, Jay-Z is backed by an all-star cast of producers, and all of the aforementioned tracks have solid beats. However, other tracks are a bit more disappointing. The Neptunes ("Change Clothes," "Allure") in particular fall under their capabilities as their beats are oddly tame, and lack the spice and flavor they normally have. 9th Wonder's "Threat" and DJ Quik's "Justify My Thug" have its moments, but are also not up to par with the rest of the album's production.

The Black Album

Jay Z

Def Jam Records



On the whole, *The Black Album* is well done, but its narrow subject matter and occasionally inconsistent production keep it from joining the same league as Jay-Z's classics, *Reasonable Doubt* and *The Blueprint*. But it is still a solid record, and there is no denying the skill of Jay-Z. After all, no other MC has had the staying power of Jay-Z. Since he debuted in 1996, Jay-Z has witnessed many rappers rise and fall from superstardom, while remaining at the top. And as much as it looks like it, this is not the end for Jay-Z. Undoubtedly, either idleness, his love for rap, or maybe even jabs from his nemesis, Nas, will provoke him to return.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Beatles simply let it be

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

The year was 1969, and as the tumultuous decade that had seen the clash of civil rights, the assassination of a president, the Summer of Love and the rise of Vietnam, came to a close, so was rock n' roll's greatest band nearing its end as well.

Despite the forces pulling the Beatles apart, recording contracts and obligations were precariously holding the band together. In January of '69, the Beatles began sessions at London's Twickenham studios for an album tentatively titled *Get Back*. Too exhausted for the daunting task of reviewing the hours of studio recordings, the Beatles shelved the tapes and began work on a new album, *Abbey Road*.

Over a year later, the Beatles called in legendary producer Phil Spector to edit the hours of *Get Back* tapes and produce what was to be their final album. Given free

reign, Spector produced a hard-to-read album of contradictions. What had started as a "back to roots," raw Beatles sound was embellished with grand chorale and string orchestration. Although not overjoyed with the results, the Beatles were too engrossed in their legal battles to rework the album now titled *Let It Be*. Released as the band's swan song one month after their official break-up, *Let It Be* remained the final word from the Beatles for nearly 33 years.

Now the year is 2003, and Paul and Ringo, with the blessings of Yoko Ono and the late George Harrison have had *Let It Be* stripped down to its origins and rebuilt into a new album titled *Let It Be ... Naked*.

The result is a stellar collection of songs filtered to their core elements of rock n' roll — simply the Beatles and their instruments. There are no over dubbings or excessive productions as on the original album. The only addition is the keyboarding of an old friend from the Beatles Hamburg days, Billy Preston.

Although the title, *Let It Be ... Naked*, suggests a sparse acoustic set, the album is far different from the *Anthology* series released in the 1990s. The producers, Paul Hicks,



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Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, with the blessings of Yoko Ono, have had *Let It Be* stripped down to its origins and rebuilt into a new album.

Guy Massey and Allan Rouse listened to the 32 reels of tapes, chose the best takes of each song, cleaned up the hisses and hums, and mixed each of the songs from scratch. The songs are found in a new line up with the short ditties "Maggie Mae" and "Dig It" removed from the album and the song "Don't Let Me Down" added.

Upon listening to the new album, any Beatles' fan will be quickly struck by the obvious differences from the original song versions. The title track, "Let It Be," for example, differs from the 1970 version with a new clarity in both McCartney's vocals and piano and Preston's supporting keyboarding. Although the new version lacks the suspense of Ringo's drumming in the original, this is made up for by Harrison's spectacular guitar solo, which is brought forward with new emphasis and lucidity.

The most strikingly different track on

this album is "The Long and Winding Road." The 1970 version of this song was over-saturated with grandiose background orchestration that hid its core beauty. On this take, it is simply McCartney and his piano with subtle percussion accompaniment and a supporting keyboarding solo in the middle. Shed of its lavish embellishments, the song is heard as McCartney had originally intended — a delicate balance of grace and strength.

An exciting and captivating listen for Beatlemaniacs and music fans alike, *Let It Be ... Naked* is the raw display of unsurpassed rock n' roll purity and talent that is essentially, the Beatles. Even with its posthumous release 33 years late, this album is yet one more testament to the Beatles as the greatest band in rock n' roll.

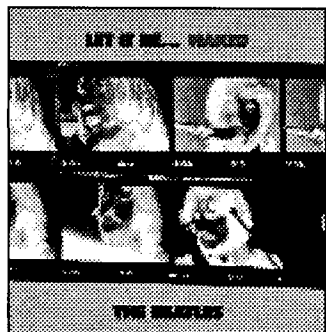
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ALBUM REVIEW

Blink 182 shows signs of maturity

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Assistant Scene Editor

When thinking of Blink 182, images of near-nude So-Cal punks performing songs with raunchy lyrics immediately come to mind. However, on the band's latest self-titled release, its fourth major-label album, these childish antics are noticeably absent.

When describing this obvious change, singer/guitarist Tom DeLange told MTV, "We were young. We want to go out and break sh-- and we grew up in Southern California, that's just kind of who we are, but at this point in our life, with this career, we love art, and we wanna create art that's developed from what we all learned

from being in a band for the past 11 years."

A sure sign of the band's new-found maturity, Blink 182 eventually abandoned the working title of its recent release, *Use Your Erection I and II*, opting instead for the more conventional *Untitled*. Not only is this change a sign of maturity, it also signals that something different should be expected from this album.

With most songs addressing more adult themes, including romantic woe, depression and loneliness, Blink 182's latest album has a much more serious tone than all previous releases, with the entire thing written in the vein of "Adam's Song," the track about suicide found on 1999's *Enema of the State*.



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Showing signs of maturity, Blink 182 succeeds in creating a unique and experimental sound on its latest release.

Despite the apparent darkness of the album, an album that might even be described as "brooding," Blink 182 succeeds in creating a unique sound, one that still allows moments for rocking out, and one that is somewhat experimental for this band of pranksters.

Blink 182
Blink 182
Geffen Records




"Travis said it best when we very first started. Travis was like, 'Don't think of this as the next Blink-182 record — think of it as the first Blink-182 record,'" lead singer Mark Hoppus told MTV. "So we had this mindset that we weren't going to second-guess ourselves ... [or] worry if people are going to accept it or if it sounds like Blink-182. If it was an idea that we wanted to pursue, we were gonna pursue it. And so we tried out all these different ideas and it was like a musical laboratory."

This experimentation is certainly present on several of the new tracks, from the Pink Floyd-esque intro on "Asthenia" to the guest vocals provided by The Cure's Robert Smith on "All of This."

Perhaps this experimentation is most evident during the heart-rending spoken word intro to "Stockholm Syndrome," in

which an elderly woman recites a letter that Hoppus' grandfather wrote to his wife while fighting in World War II. This intro then leads into one of the hardest rock anthems included on the album, creating a nice juxtaposition of soft and hard sounds.

Although Blink 182 will certainly receive a fair amount of criticism from fans for changing their sound and attempting to change their identity as a band, they must be praised for their efforts at experimentation and their openness to try new things. This album may not be as light-hearted as previous releases, but Blink 182 has successfully created an album that appeals to the emotions in ways that were impossible on its other albums.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Cynical Brits Clearlake deliver a humdinger

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Should the illustrious isle of our forefathers, Great Britain, ever find itself forced to restrict its exports to but two, please let them be cynicism and great music. With that said, let us now extend a hearty, red-blooded American welcome to Clearlake. On their latest offering, *Cedars*, the British rock outfit has achieved both par excellence.

Clearlake came together relatively recently, consisting of lead singer, guitarist and principal songwriter Jason Pegg; guitarist and keyboardist Sam Hewitt; bassist David Woodward; and drummer James Butcher.

These boys have crafted twelve superb tracks of it — all worthy of

serious listening. Guitars ascend, crash and simmer. Eerie piano lines weave their way among brooding vocal harmonies. Smoldering bass-lines set the foundation for a concise but affecting lyrical parade.

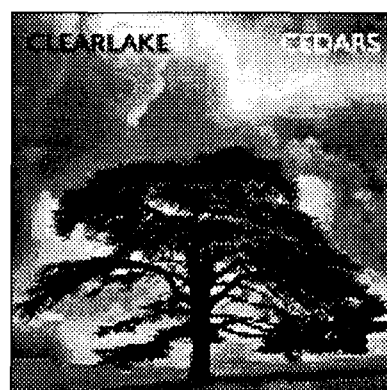

Only the cynical Brits can take a sunny aphorism like "keep smiling" — from the track of the same name — and twist it into a snide assault on the misrepresentation of one's true sentiments. Pegg quips: "Keep smiling / It'll make things that much easier / Don't say how you really feel / You won't be helping anyone."

A similar dark humor pervades "The Mind Is Evil," a string-adorned tune that could almost be the lead character's lamentation number in a musical. Here, Pegg proclaims: "And sometimes I think / if I killed off my mind / Your my heart and I / would be free."

Not to wax optimistic for long, however, the singer quickly adds, "But somehow it knows / what I'm thinking about / And it's always / that one step ahead of me." Futitarianism never sounded so good.

Interestingly, the record in many ways echoes the cadences of the natural day. The opening track, "Almost The Same," bursts

Cedar
Clearlake
Domino Records

forth from the stereo like a rude awakening, only to instantly mollify any disgruntled sleeper with an uber-catchy, driving melody and harmonious vocals. The tracks that follow are decidedly more up-tempo and somehow daytime-oriented. Midway through the album, a ghostly locomotive rumbles in, heralding the arrival of night and the wozy number "Keep Smiling." From here on out, the tracks roll into one another, expertly evoking the many moods of the witching hour, from the exaltation of "Treat Yourself With Kindness" to the drunken waltzing of "Trees In The City." By the album's end, Clearlake has taken the listener on an aural journey that is not soon forgotten.

Clearlake appears to be one of those rare bands whose approach seems wholly conventional and yet wildly innovative all at once. In this regard they recall American counterparts Remy Zero, however musically their

style is more in tune with that of early Blur. Indeed, tracks like "There's No Other Way" would feel right at home among the poppier numbers on *Cedars*.

If the album falters in any realm, it's lyrically, and even then only at forgivable intervals. At times it seems Clearlake is guilty of redundancy for the sake of rhyme, tacking on needless phrases for the sole purpose of scoring an easy phonetic match. A master pop songwriter can achieve rhyme, rhythm and melody while retaining the seamless flow of a narrative that actually goes places. And while Clearlake has not quite attained this, the band is well on its way, and these minor faults hardly detract from the sheer enjoyment of a listen to *Cedars*.

All in all, the land across the pond does not disappoint, yet again.

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NBA

Marshall and Rose propel Raptors over Sixers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donyell Marshall and Jalen Rose helped the NBA's worst offense look much better.

Marshall scored a season-high 27 points and Rose had eight assists in their Toronto debuts to help the Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 95-88 on Tuesday night.

Vince Carter added 21 points and a career-high 12 assists as the Raptors, averaging only 78 points — reached 90 points for just the fourth time this season.

One day after finalizing a six-player trade that brought Marshall, Rose and Lonny Baxter from Chicago, Toronto led most of the way and had one of its highest shooting percentages of the season — 47.2 percent — while scoring at least 20 points in each quarter for the first time this season.

"We have so many guys who can stroke the ball, guys who can draw double teams. We're bound to score more points," Carter said.

Marshall was 10-of-14 from the field and Alvin Williams was 6-for-6. Rose shot just 3-for-10, but repeatedly found open teammates while handling much of the ballhandling duties.

"Sometimes when you go to a new team, there could be jealousy or guys don't want you to shoot," Marshall said. "But they were telling me where to go so I could be open, and Vince was telling me to keep shooting it. It was good that they had the confidence in us."

Carter reached a career high in assists by feeding Marshall for a 3-pointer with 2:47 left, giving the Raptors an 87-80 lead.

Dallas 97, Washington 72

The Dallas Mavericks easily overcame a bad shooting performance to rout the undermanned Washington Wizards.

Antawn Jamison scored 21 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and a season-high 12 rebounds in the Mavericks' 97-72 victory over the Wizards on Tuesday night.

Dallas won despite shooting only 41.7 percent from the field and finishing 2-for-13 from 3-point range. The Mavericks had a season-high 63 rebounds, 19 more than the Wizards.

"We won by 25 so something had to go right, but our energy level wasn't as high as it's been the last few games," Jamison said. "I don't know what it was, but we didn't come out with the effort we needed."

Steve Nash added 14 points and Eduardo Najera had 11 points and 11 rebounds, both season highs, to help Dallas improve to 10-0 at home.

The Mavericks know they'll have to raise their game by several notches on Thursday night if they hope to protect their home court record against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Sometimes you play as poor as the team you're playing and I thought that was the case tonight," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "Some things may have led to that. We know the Lakers are coming in. We have to play better than that if we are going to beat the Lakers."

Larry Hughes had 12 points and Brendan Haywood grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds for the Wizards, who've lost five of six after their most lopsided defeat of the season.

Milwaukee 106, Atlanta 94

Dan Gadzuric joined a growing list of scorers who've taken advantage of the Atlanta Hawks.

Dan Gadzuric? Yep, that's right.

He made all six of his shots and scored a career-high 15 points, helping the Milwaukee Bucks beat Atlanta 106-94 on Tuesday night.

Already this season, Vince Carter and Allen Iverson have set season highs against the Hawks, including a 50-point effort from Iverson on Saturday night. Gadzuric got his chance in this one.

"I wasn't focusing on that," he said. "I just wanted to produce as much as I could. I had no fear."

Michael Redd added 25 for the Bucks, including a 3-point-

er with 2:42 left that boosted their lead to 97-90. After Jason Terry missed a jumper, Redd grabbed the rebound and led a two-on-one break, feeding Damon Jones for a layup and a nine-point lead.

Milwaukee was playing without Toni Kukoc and Tim Thomas, but used a 47-19 advantage in points from the reserves to hand Atlanta its second straight loss. Jones had 11 points and 10 assists off the bench.

"Our bench guys were awesome, I can't say enough about them," Bucks coach Terry Porter said. "We were low in numbers, but everybody had to step up and play some extra minutes."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 26 for the Hawks, the seventh time in nine games he's had at least 20. Jason Terry recovered from a 1-for-7 first half to finish with 23.

Denver 115, Cleveland 103

LeBron vs. Carmelo the sequel had the same ending as the original.

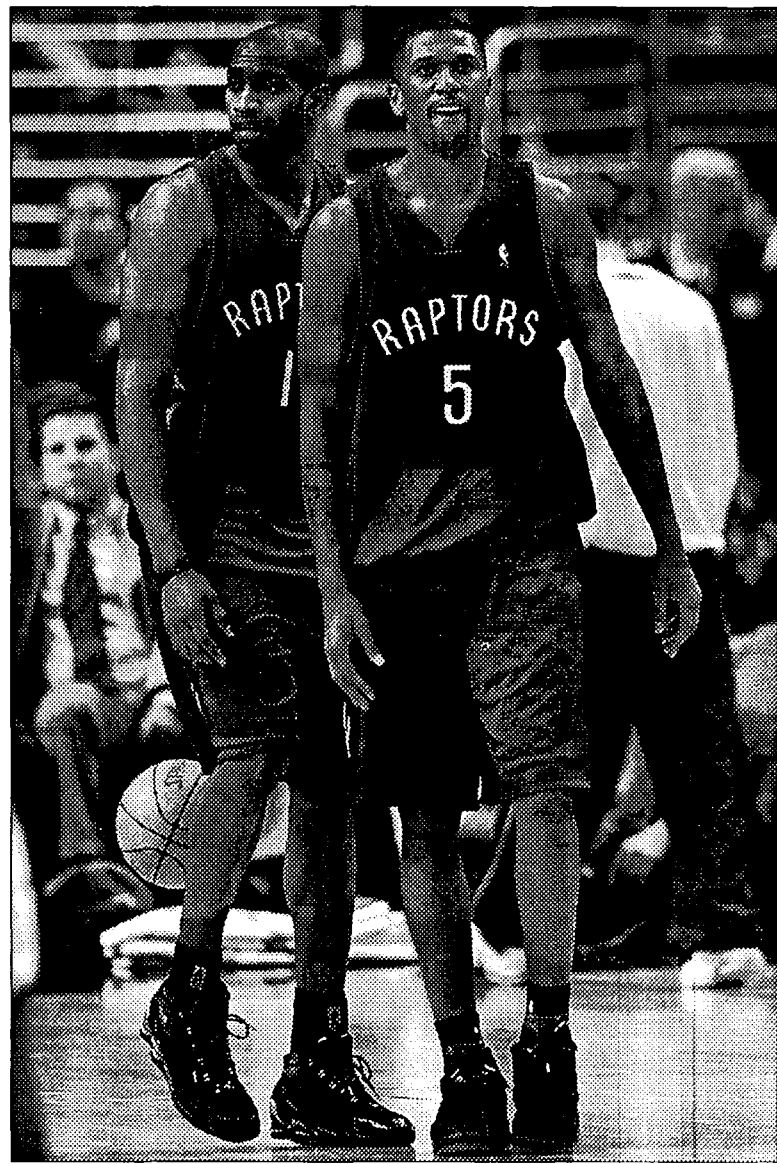
Carmelo Anthony scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half Tuesday night, leading the Denver Nuggets to a 115-103 victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in a rematch of the NBA's top two rookies.

Anthony was just 1-for-5 in the first half, but was 7-of-11 in the second to help Denver to its sixth straight home win. The Nuggets (11-6) have won eight of 10 overall and are off to their best start since 1989-90.

James got off to a quick start, but struggled late in Cleveland's seventh straight loss. The Cavaliers have lost 32 straight road games — 0-11 this season — tying for the third-longest streak in league history.

James finished with 19 points, six rebounds and five assists, but forced several shots late and finished 6-for-19.

Denver won the first meeting 93-89 on Nov. 5, but the second game didn't have the fanfare or the celebrities of the original. Still, there was plenty of excite-



Reuters
Toronto teammates Vince Carter and Jalen Rose walk next to each other during a break in a 95-88 victory over the 76ers.

ment.

Scalpers set up shop in the morning and a crowd of 19,610 were at the game, giving the Nuggets consecutive sellouts for the first time since March 1996.

About a dozen Denver Broncos players were in attendance, including Shannon Sharpe and Clinton Portis, who wore Nuggets' jerseys at center court. Colorado Avalanche star Peter Forsberg also was at the game.

Anthony didn't give them much to get excited about early, but got it going in the third quarter.

He hit a 3-pointer midway through, followed with a driving layup and hit five of six free throws to finish with 10 points in the quarter.

Anthony kept it going in the fourth quarter, faking a pass to set up a layup during a 10-0 run that put the Nuggets up 92-81 midway through. He also had a rebound slam after James hit a 3-pointer on the other end, and had a steal and layup to put the Nuggets up 102-93 with five minutes left.

James started off well after being booed during introductions, but struggled after the first quarter.

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I woke up in New York City from my sleep behind the wheel. Caught a train to Poughkeepsie, and time stood still.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tar Heels hold on at home in narrow victory over Illinois

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — There were ice bags scattered all over the North Carolina locker room and players had a tough time getting their uniforms off.

But boy, the pain felt so good for the 10th-ranked Tar Heels on Tuesday night after an 88-81 victory over No. 11 Illinois in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

North Carolina remained undefeated with the victory, outlasting one of the nation's deepest teams behind Sean May's 23 points and 14 rebounds — both career highs.

"Right now is one of those high moments in coaching that you really enjoy," Roy Williams said. "If we play like this we've got a chance."

May, sidelined most of last season by a broken foot, was nearly unstoppable at times in the paint as Williams used just seven players — two who were questionable with injuries — to improve to 4-0.

"I grew up watching the Big Ten and it's always been the most physical conference in the country," May said. "We knew we had to match their physical play."

May got plenty of help from Rashad McCants, who added 20 points, and Jawad Williams. The junior played with a hip pointer and had 18 points and 12 rebounds as all five North Carolina starters logged at least 31 minutes.

"When you're excited like that, playing in a big game, fatigue doesn't really play a part," Jawad Williams said.

Meanwhile, Raymond Felton

shut down Illinois scoring leader Dee Brown, who missed his first six shots and didn't score until there was 17:36 left.

Brown had a chance to tie the score twice late with 3-pointers, but missed and finished 3-for-17 from the field for just eight points.

"It was just one of those nights," said Brown. "Everything felt good, but they just didn't go down."

Deron Williams led Illinois (3-1) with 22 points, while Roger Powell added 20.

North Carolina led 79-78 before Jawad Williams sank a follow shot and McCants hit a free throw. He missed his second from the line with 46.7 seconds left, but got the rebound and the Tar Heels closed out Illinois from the foul line.

No. 18 Wake Forest 100, Indiana 67

Chris Paul is a natural scorer with an overwhelming desire to pass the ball. The freshman is learning how to balance both roles for No. 18 Wake Forest.

Paul had a career-high 20 points, eight assists and five steals to lead the Demon Deacons to a 100-67 victory over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Tuesday night.

"He's a naturally deferential young man," coach Skip Prosser said. "I have spoken with him recently, telling him that he can score and he should look for his offense a bit more."

Paul did in his best all-around game of his short career at Wake Forest (4-0).

He made his first five shots, and only missed on his sixth because A.J. Moye fouled him as

he drove to the basket on a fast-break off his own steal.

He did his best work in the first half, when he scored 15 points and had five of Wake Forest's 10 first-half steals.

"Coach told me I must become a scoring threat," Paul said. "The first couple of games I wasn't trying to score and he told me it was going to turn into a 5-on-4 and teams would stop guarding me. So tonight I made a point to score."

Eric Williams added a career-high 25 points, Vytas Danelius added 13 points, Justin Gray had 11 and Jamaal Levy had 12 rebounds for Wake Forest, which remained unbeaten in five Challenge games.

The Demon Deacons also extended their streak to 19 straight home victories dating to last season and gave Prosser, the third-year coach, his 50th win at the school.

Bracey Wright scored 27 points to lead Indiana (2-2). The Hoosiers lost for the first time in three Challenge appearances, making No. 5 Michigan State — which hosts No. 6 Duke on Wednesday night — the only unbeaten Big Ten team in the 5-year-old event.

No. 12 St. Joseph's 84, San Francisco 52

Jameer Nelson couldn't resist a half-court bounce pass when Delonte West was open on the fast-break.

"That was probably the flashiest pass I'll ever make," Nelson said. "I like to keep it straight."

Nelson scored 18 points and Wayne Jones added a career-high 13 points in No. 12 Saint



Icon Sports

North Carolina forward Sean May posted a double-double against Illinois Tuesday night with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

Joseph's 84-52 victory over San Francisco on Tuesday night.

West and Chet Stachitas each scored 13 points and Pat Carroll had 11 for the Hawks.

The Hawks (4-0) dominated from the outset, scoring the first 10 points and holding leads of 27-4 and 34-14 en route to a 46-18 halftime advantage.

Nelson opened the game with a 3-pointer from the top of the arc and Carroll followed with one of his own two possessions later. The rout was on, as the Hawks made 12 of their first 18 shots.

"We really put our foot on their throat and kept it there," Nelson said. "We were just having fun out there."

No. 4 Missouri 70, Coppin St. 61

Missouri survived its second straight scare, getting 16 points, six rebounds and three blocks from Travon Bryant in a 70-61 come-from-behind victory Tuesday night over Coppin State.

The fourth-ranked Tigers (2-0) have won 29 straight home openers since losing to Southern Methodist on Dec. 1, 1973. They were 14-1 in the Hearnes Center last season and won this one despite allowing a 14-0 run in the first half.

Arthur Johnson added 14 points and nine rebounds for Missouri, which was frustrated throughout by a zone defense, committed 19 turnovers and got an off-game from preseason All-

American Rickey Paulding. He had seven points and seven turnovers.

The Tigers trailed Coppin State (2-5) by eight points in the first half and seven after the break. Missouri won its opener by five points at Oakland (Mich.) on Saturday.

Nicholas King scored 25 points and hit five 3-pointers for Coppin State after entering with an 8.5-point average. The losers, who also got 12 points from Jimmy Boykin, were 11-for-22 from 3-point range.

A pair of free throws by Bryant put Missouri ahead to stay at 50-49 with 10:53 remaining. But the game wasn't secured until the Tigers scored nine points in a row for a 67-57 lead with 3:40 to go. The last five points came from freshman Thomas Gardner.

No. 2 Florida 102, Florida A&M 78

Matt Walsh celebrated his 21st birthday Tuesday night with 15 points to lift No. 2 Florida to a 102-78 victory over Florida A&M.

Walsh also had four rebounds and five assists and kept the Gators (3-0) perfect, the day after they climbed to the second spot in the Associated Press poll, and four days after their big 78-77 win over No. 7 Arizona.

Florida's win came despite a 31-point effort from Terrence Woods, a former Tennessee player who moved to Florida A&M (0-4) before last season. It was the most an opposing player had scored at Florida since 1989.

Woods made nine 3-pointers, and when he hit one early in the second half, he cut Florida's lead to 43-34.

Anthony Roberson responded with 11 straight points in a 14-3 run to put the Gators back ahead by 17. Roberson, who went just 4-for-13 in his season debut against Arizona, scored 16 points in a span of 4 1/2 minutes in the second half.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jones to forego final season at Virginia Tech

Associated Press

Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones will pass up his final season of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft, his father and the team's running backs coach told The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

"He's coming out," Thomas Jones said in a telephone interview from his Chester, Pa., home. Kevin Jones did not immediately return several messages left on his cell phone, but Virginia Tech called a news conference for Wednesday for the announcement.

Coach Frank Beamer also did not return a message left at his office, but running backs coach Billy Hite said Jones' stature made his decision very easy.

"I told him going into the season that if he was going to be a No. 1 draft pick, he needed to go," Hite said in an interview from his home, adding that he met with Jones and Beamer for several hours Monday and Tuesday. "It's a no-brainer."

Jones, a 6-foot, 221-pound junior projected as possibly the top running back in the draft, has rushed for a school-record 1,494 yards this season, averaging 5.6 yards for 265 carries. He has scored 20 touchdowns and caught 10 passes for 136 yards.

"Next year could be even better, but I'd like him to take it to the next level and get better, and that's what he's going to do," Thomas Jones said, adding that the decision is the

product of discussions that have been evolving throughout the season.

"At one point during the season we were saying top 10. If not that, then come on back," Thomas Jones said. "Then you start really thinking about it, and the chance of being a first-round draft pick is a great honor anywhere. When that's on the table with the chance of being injured, you just can't pass that by. It's time to move on."

Jones said late in the season that he was unsure what he would do and wanted to wait until after the bowl game to decide, but his father said he's been pretty certain his son would make himself available for the draft since the middle of the season.

"We started getting some pretty good feedback from sources we've got," he said. "Continue to do this, continue to do that and things are going to look right."

"It's the fruit of all his labor."

Earlier this season, Temple coach Bobby Wallace said he recruited Bo Jackson and played against Herschel Walker and that Jones fit into the same lofty category.

"He's got the combination of size, strength, feet, cutback ability and pure speed," Wallace said. "You really have to defend the whole field with him and not overpursue, but when you can't overpursue, how do you catch him because he's so fast?"

Jones' last game was one of his least productive as Virginia limited him to 75 yards on 25

carries, but Cavaliers coach Al Groh, a longtime NFL assistant and then head coach of the New York Jets for one season, agreed that Jones is an elite tailback.

"He's head and shoulders the most elusive back that we've faced," Groh said. "He's got great lateral quickness, he's got a tremendous burst and he's got long speed."

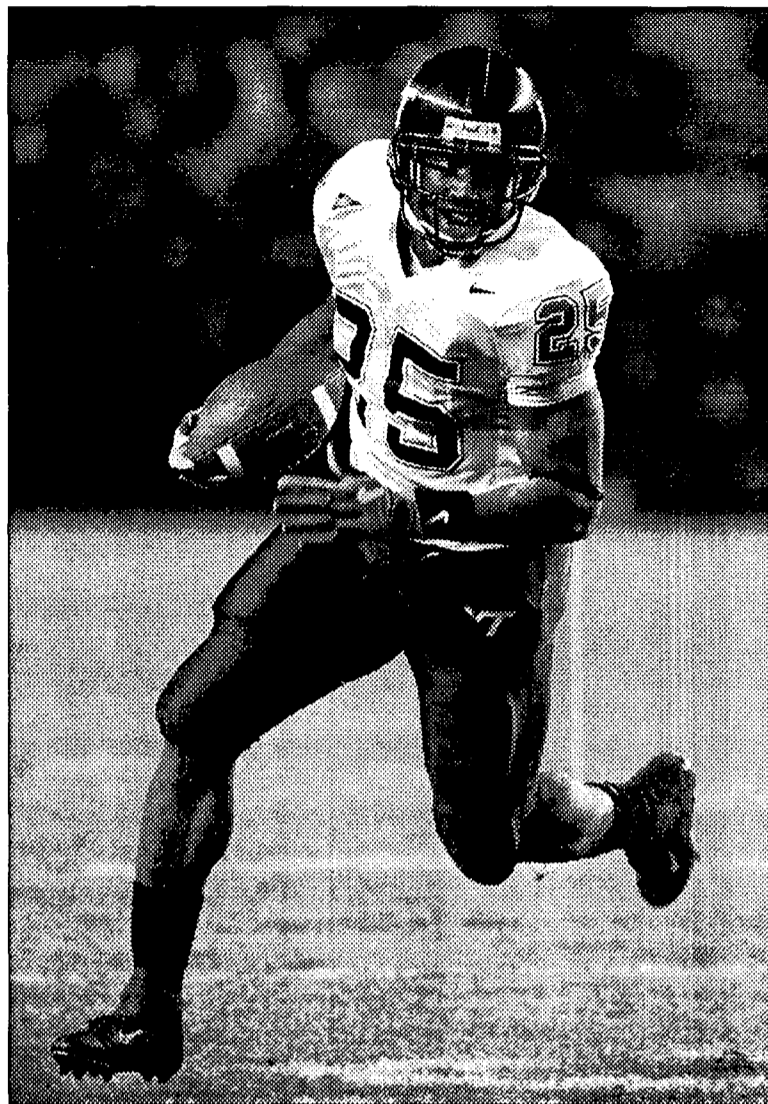
"When he gets through, ... you'll never see anybody catch him."

Jones was viewed by many as the nation's top high school tailback when he entered Virginia Tech in 2001, and he showed why right away. Playing mostly as a backup, Jones rushed for 957 yards and started the last four games, including the Gator Bowl.

As a sophomore, with starter Lee Suggs back from an injury, Jones again was a backup and ran for 871 yards despite missing almost two full games with a hamstring injury. His nine touchdowns included a 67-yard run, his longest to that point.

This season, with the starting job finally his, Jones blossomed. He's rushed for at least 100 yards a school-record eight times in a nine-game span for the Hokies (8-4), and had a record 241 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-28 loss at Pittsburgh.

One of his touchdowns against the Panthers came on an 80-yard run, a sprint down the sideline that showed off his breakaway speed. Against Boston College two weeks later, he showed even more, spinning away from a tackler just past



Icon Sports

Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones announced he will skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

the line and then bursting into the clear, easily outrunning the secondary for a 62-yard touchdown.

"It just took this time period

for him to get on the field and get the job totally to himself so he could prove what type of running back he is," Thomas Jones said.

NFL

Sanders speaks about departure from league

Associated Press

DETROIT — Barry Sanders, one of football's smoothest backs, admits the way he left the Detroit Lions was awkward.

During his first news conference since his shocking retirement on the eve of training camp in 1999, Sanders said Tuesday, "The way it was done may have been a little clumsy."

Sanders announced his retirement through a written statement released by his hometown newspaper, The Wichita Eagle.

"Even had I retired in a more-graceful way, it still would've been taken the wrong way by a lot of people because I retired after 10 years," Sanders said. "The issue was not how I retired, but when I retired."

Sanders did say he should have returned calls from former Lions coach Bobby Ross, who tried unsuccessfully to contact him before the 1999 season.

"It took a long time to figure out what I wanted to do, and how I wanted to say it," said Sanders, looking as fit as ever in a sport coat, slacks and loafers.

Sanders ran for 15,269 yards during his 10-year career with a crazy-legs style that thrilled fans and frustrated opponents.

He walked away from the NFL with Walter Payton's rushing record well within reach.

"At that time, I knew that I just didn't have it in me anymore to continue," said Sanders, who is eligible for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in January.

Sanders, never comfortable talking to reporters, acknowledged he agreed to have a news conference solely to promote his book, "Barry Sanders: Now You See Him..." which was released this week.

"It was probably good that I did the book, because I'm not sure when or if something like this would've occurred," Sanders said of his talk with reporters.

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NFL

League extends Browns' Green's suspension

Green's original suspension for an alcohol-related violation lengthened indefinitely

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns took a big risk two years ago when they drafted William Green. Is the troubled running

back worth another one?

That's the dilemma facing the club after learning Tuesday that Green's NFL-imposed suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy has been extended.

The league's decision to lengthen Green's ban indefinitely makes it unlikely he will play again this season.

The second-year back was suspended four games on Nov. 8 for a violation involving alcohol. He was already in stage two of the league's treatment program.

Green, who was eligible to return to the team Monday, will remain suspended for "treatment purposes." The league said commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide when the 23-year-old can return after consulting with medical experts in the program.

If that doesn't happen until after the season, the Browns will have some tough choices to make on Green. Do they give him a second chance, bring him to training camp and risk Green having a relapse? Or do they release him and move on?

Browns coach Butch Davis refused to address questions about Green's future on Monday.

"William has some personal issues right now that he has to address," Davis said. "He's got to take care of these things. When those things are taken care of and resolved, we'll decide exactly what William's future is."

Before the 2001 draft, the Browns were aware that Green was twice suspended for marijuana use at Boston College.

But the club felt it could help Green deal with his problems,

and selected him with the 16th overall pick before signing him to a five-year contract worth \$12 million if he reached incentives.

When Green got off to a rough start as a rookie, the Browns began to wonder if they made the right choice. But he emerged in the second half of 2002, rushing for 726 yards in his final seven games to help the Browns qualify for the playoffs.

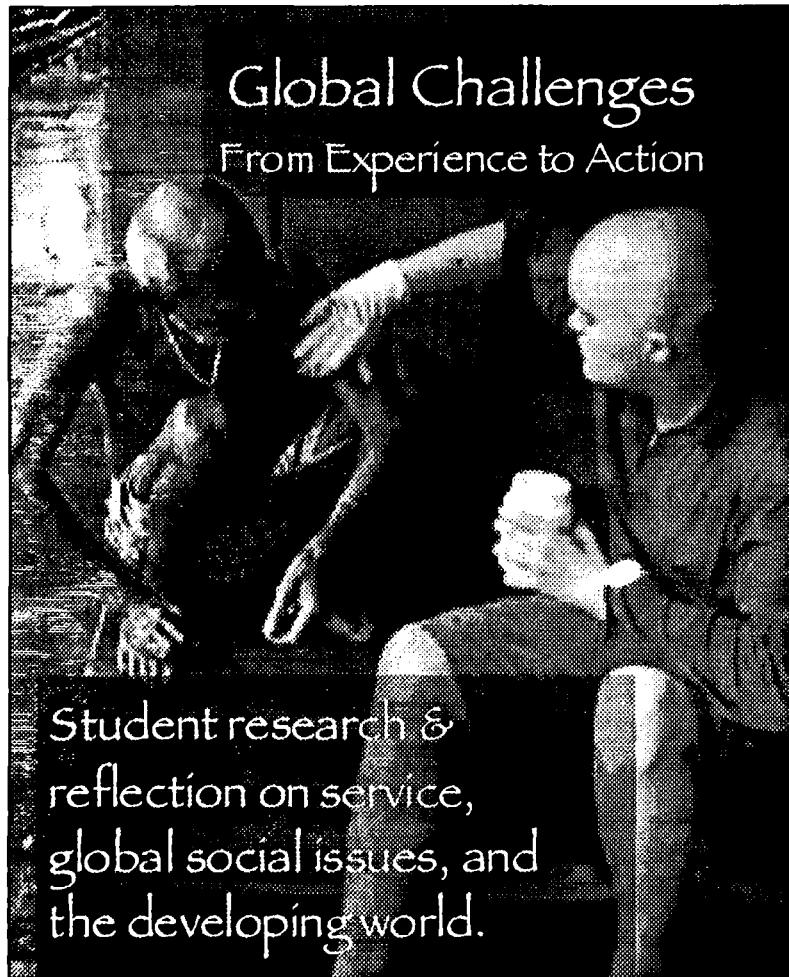
Browns president Carmen Policy has said the Browns will support Green as long as he continues to show a willingness to get better and make lifestyle changes.

Green was suspended by the league after being arrested in October on charges of driving under the influence and marijuana possession. He has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

While serving his suspension, Green's fiancée was accused of stabbing him in the back with a steak knife. Asia Gray, 22, was charged with felonious assault and domestic violence.

Police searched Green's home the night of the alleged attack and said they found marijuana in four locations.

Green's whereabouts remain unknown.



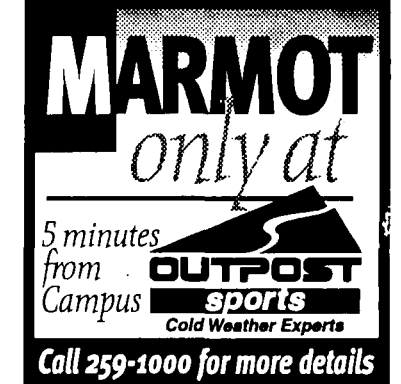
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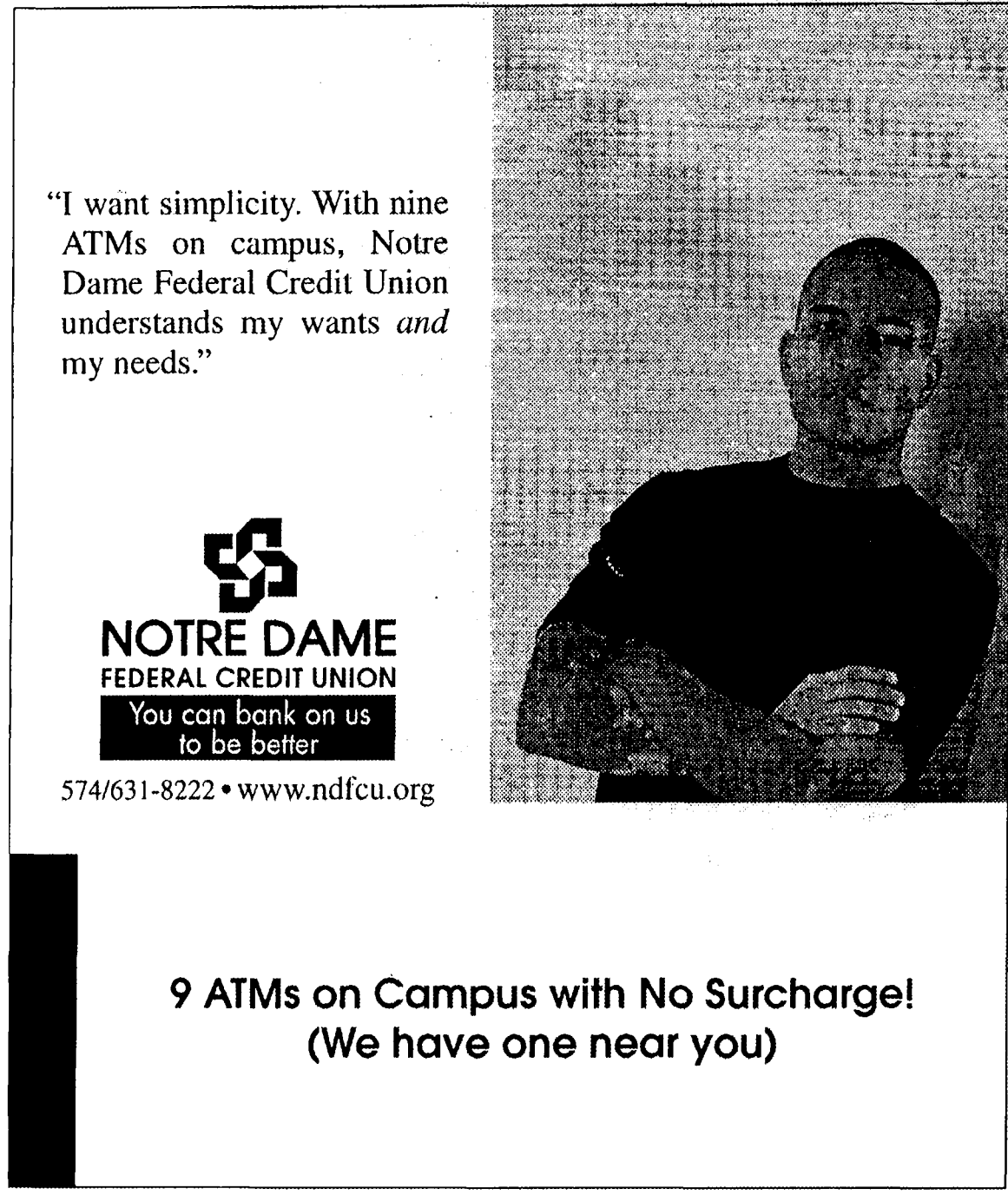
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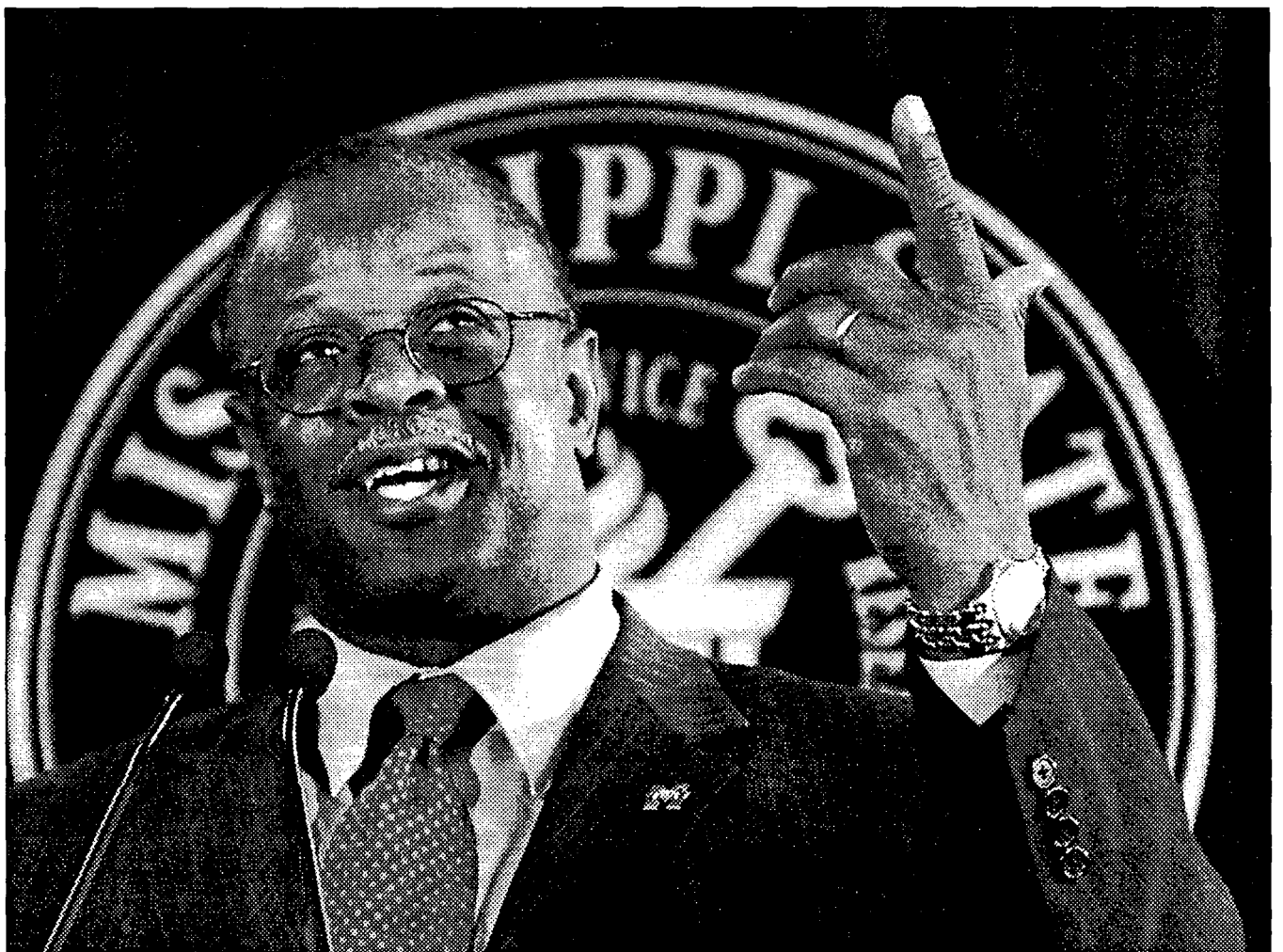
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5	Texas Tech	6-0	834
6	Stanford	5-0	803
7	Minnesota	5-0	726
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19	Virginia Tech	4-0	227
20	Oregon	5-0	207
21	LSU	2-2	166
22	Rutgers	3-2	164
23	Utah	3-1	162
24	Boston College	4-0	103
25	Arizona	3-2	99

NCAA FOOTBALL



Mississippi State's new head coach Sylvester Croom responds to reporters' questions at a press conference Tuesday. In filling the position, Croom became the first black head football coach in the history of the school.

Croom assumes historic role in SEC

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — As a boy, Sylvester Croom would pretend he was an Alabama football player at a time when none of the guys suiting up for the Crimson Tide had his skin color.

Eventually, he became one of the first blacks to play for his hometown university.

"Things do change. And that's what my dad always told me," Croom said. "If you try to do things the right way and put your faith in God they will change."

Croom grew up in the

Deep South at the height of the civil rights struggle. He is returning to his roots to become the first black head football coach in Southeastern Conference history at Mississippi State.

"I am in a lot of ways the recipient of the sacrifices that other people made," he said. "I realize that it's not my doing. I'm just the one that's reaping the benefits."

The Green Bay Packers assistant coach was greeted with a standing ovation, cheers and the clanging of a few of the Bulldogs fans' beloved cowbells as he was introduced at a packed news conference Tuesday.

Croom tried to play down the significance of his hiring, even though SEC commissioner Mike Slive called it historic.

"I am the first African-American coach in the SEC, but there ain't but one color that matters here and that color is maroon," said Croom, referring to the school color.

The son of a preacher and a first-grade school teacher, Croom rooted for Bear Bryant's powerful Crimson Tide teams and idolized Joe Namath as a kid.

"At that time, throughout the Southeast, there were two worlds. One was black.

One was white," Croom said. "Even though things were segregated you were from the South. So, you took pride in anything your state's name was on."

Croom's father, Sylvester Croom Sr., played football for Alabama A&M, an historically black school in Huntsville, Ala. When his father was young, he would watch the Crimson Tide practice through a fence because blacks weren't welcome in the stadium.

Years later, the elder Croom became close with Bryant, acting as a spiritual adviser for Alabama players and giving invocations before games.

NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
New England	10-2	.833	21.4	17.4
Miami	8-4	.667	20.1	15.9
Buffalo	5-7	.417	16.4	16.2
NY Jets	5-7	.417	19.5	19.8

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Cincinnati	7-5	.583	22.3	22.2
Baltimore	7-5	.583	25.0	19.8
Cleveland	4-8	.333	16.0	18.7
Pittsburgh	4-8	.333	18.6	23.1

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Indianapolis	9-3	.750	24.6	21.2
Tennessee	9-3	.750	20.7	19.3
Houston	6-7	.417	17.6	24.2
Jacksonville	3-9	.250	16.8	22.0

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Kansas City	11-1	.917	30.1	18.5
Denver	7-5	.583	23.3	17.2
Oakland	3-9	.250	18.5	23.2
San Diego	2-10	.167	19.4	28.5

NFC East

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Dallas	8-4	.667	18.8	17.3
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IN BRIEF

Blazers' Randolph arrested

PORTLAND, Ore. — Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence after an officer said he smelled marijuana in the player's car.

Randolph was released a few hours after his arrest, just the latest off-court problem for a team trying to improve its image.

Randolph had been pulled over for not driving within a lane when the officer "noted a strong odor of burning marijuana coming from the vehicle," police Sgt. Cheryl Robinson said.

The Trail Blazers did not take disciplinary action against Randolph, saying they would wait for results of tests taken by police. Randolph, who became a starter this season, leads the team with an average of 20.7 points and 11.2 rebounds a game.

"Certainly if it turns out that the tests are not what we'd like to see, then, as I said, there will be conse-

quences," team president Steve Patterson said.

The misdemeanor charge carries a potential sentence of up to one year in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine, according to Multnomah County sheriff's Lt. Mike Shults. Randolph was to be arraigned Dec. 30.

Injury restricts Lemieux to sidelines

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux, still bothered by a left hip injury, will not accompany the Pittsburgh Penguins on their five-game road trip that starts Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

Lemieux has missed 13 games since being injured Nov. 1 against Boston. He has tried to practice only twice since — he hasn't take the ice since Nov. 10 — and the team has said only that he is out indefinitely.

Penguins coach Eddie Olczyk said Tuesday that Lemieux has not been re-evaluated since Nov. 17, and there is no update on his condition.

Steelers' Cowher apologizes for criticizing replay official

PITTSBURGH — Steelers coach Bill Cowher apologized Tuesday for criticizing replay official Dale Hamer following Sunday's last-minute 24-20 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Cowher appeared to question Hamer's competence when he asked why backup quarterback Charlie Batch's fumble during the final minute of the first half wasn't reviewed.

"I don't know who the replay official is but, gosh, I would think he would at least look at the play," Cowher said. "I don't know if those are local guys. I hope not. There is no reason that play should not have been reviewed."

Because the play occurred during the final two minutes of a half, Cowher could not request a replay. Hamer, a longtime NFL official, said he determined immediately that Batch had fumbled.

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main thing against us was that Anderson had a big advantage in rebounds." The depth and experience of the Belles paid off as eight different players scored for

the Belles in the first half. In the second half, the majority of the scoring came from the experienced core of the team. A major concern coming into the game was whether the Belles could compete on offense against a quick defensive team. The Belles passed this test in the first half but showed their durability is still

in question. The Belles (1-3) will look to turn their season around as they open their home season this week and host the Roundball Tournament over the weekend.

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Pruzinsky

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ball great Bob Arnzen to become one of just two Notre Dame student-athletes to be a three-time Academic All-American. Those two are also the only two Irish student-athletes to be named first team Academic All-America in their sophomore and junior seasons. Freshmen are not eligible for the award. It was the latest in a long number of accolades for Pruzinsky, who has been featured in Sports Illustrated and on CSTV, as well as in other publications. Through it all, Pruzinsky has remained pretty matter-of-fact regarding her accomplishments, attributing them to hard work and good time management. "You don't have time to procrastinate, so it forces you to be efficient with your time," Pruzinsky said. "Soccer takes up so much time, I think that

helped also because as soon as I'm done playing soccer I have to get work done." Despite her efficiency, Pruzinsky is the first to admit that balancing soccer and school is not easy, especially with goals as lofty as a 4.0 every semester. "I probably don't get enough sleep," said Pruzinsky. "I wish there were more hours in the day, definitely." With the soccer team's season coming to an end a few weeks ago, Pruzinsky has had the opportunity now to look back on what the team meant to her over her Notre Dame career. "[Soccer] was basically my enjoyment for four years," Pruzinsky said. "Studying and all the homework causes stress sometimes, but soccer was always the fun part of my day and I always looked forward to it. It was a good break from work." Pruzinsky also had the opportunity to compete on two Irish teams that made the College Cup, the Final Four of women's soccer. The highlight

of those experiences came in her freshman season, when the Irish upset Santa Clara in the semi-finals. "We got dominated the whole game, we were playing defense for a full 90 minutes," said Pruzinsky. "We crossed midfield once and scored and won the game." Last season she missed all but a few minutes of action due to a nagging ankle injury that even hampered her some this year. "Last year was a pretty tough season to watch, we had a lot of injuries," she said. "Just knowing that could have been my last season hit me, so this season I just appreciated every game. It meant a lot to me." Having been named Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer, Pruzinsky now is a contender to win the award for all NCAA Sports, won two years ago by women's basketball star Ruth Riley. Contact Andy Troeger at atroeger@nd.edu

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to improve record against Andrews

Saint Mary's squad hopes to gain momentum for weekend tournament

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Already showing flashes of solid play, Saint Mary's will look to improve upon its 1-2 record Wednesday night when it hosts against an eager Andrews University squad. The Belles, led by coach Suzanne Bellina, commenced their season with two quick losses to Hanover College and Franklin College, but they bounced back last Tuesday with a formidable effort in a 73-62 win over Manchester. In this win, Emily Creachbaum and Katie Boyce looked particularly strong with solid scoring efforts of 16 and 17, respectively. Maureen Bush looked very active as well, contributing 10 points in only 18 minutes of play. In their two losses, the Belles have looked decent, particularly in the 68-65 loss to Hanover, when Saint Mary's was down eight points at the half. In this defeat, Creachbaum scored 18 points and grabbed 7 boards, while Bridget Boyce added 16 points and 6 rebounds. On the other hand, the

Belles looked weak offensively in a 54-44 loss to Franklin. Andrews will come into Saint Mary's looking to defeat the Belles in an early season non-conference game. The two teams have already met this year, in a Nov. 4 scrimmage. Saint Mary's is currently 1-0 in conference play, going into Monday night's contest with Anderson. The Belles will need continued strong play from Creachbaum, Katie and Bridget Boyce, and Bush in order to come out with a victory against Andrews. Creachbaum and Bush have been the most consistent in rebounding in the team's first three games, and this continued aggressiveness on the boards will ensure that the Belles improve with each game. If the Belles can come up with a victory, it would provide the team with strong momentum going into this weekend's Saint Mary's College Roundball Tournament, featuring Saint Mary's, Illinois College, Washington University and Calvin College. After the tournament, the Belles play a tough home game against conference opponent Albion College. Saint Mary's College and Andrews University will play Wednesday at 7 p.m. at home. Contact Bobby Griffin at rgriffin@nd.edu

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Holiday's future remains uncertain

By JOE HETTLER and
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Sports Editor and Sports Writer

He's been through a lot in 2003, so don't expect Notre Dame's Carlyle Holiday to know about his future at the University just yet.

"I really haven't thought about [next season]," said Holiday, who has one year of eligibility left. "I'm just trying to finish the season up then after the season think about what I'm going to do."

If Irish coach Tyrone Willingham has any say, Holiday will be back in a Notre Dame uniform in 2004.

"We are extremely hopeful that Carlyle will return because we think he can add a great deal to our football team. I have not sat down and discussed next year's possibilities with Carlyle yet," Willingham said. "At the conclusion of the season at some point, I will sit down and do that."

Holiday started the season at quarterback for the Irish, but was moved to wide receiver after freshman Brady Quinn became the No. 1 quarterback. Next season, Holiday could either be a backup quarterback or see more playing time at receiver, similar to the position switch former Notre Dame quarterback and San Francisco 49ers rookie Arnaz Battle made two years ago.

Holiday said he's still getting accustomed to the position move.

"Right now I'm just trying to learn how to block and being in the receiver's shape," Holiday said. "It's different because you run out there and try and attack someone on everyday. You're still going out there and trying to play. It's totally different from playing quarterback."

BCS Implications

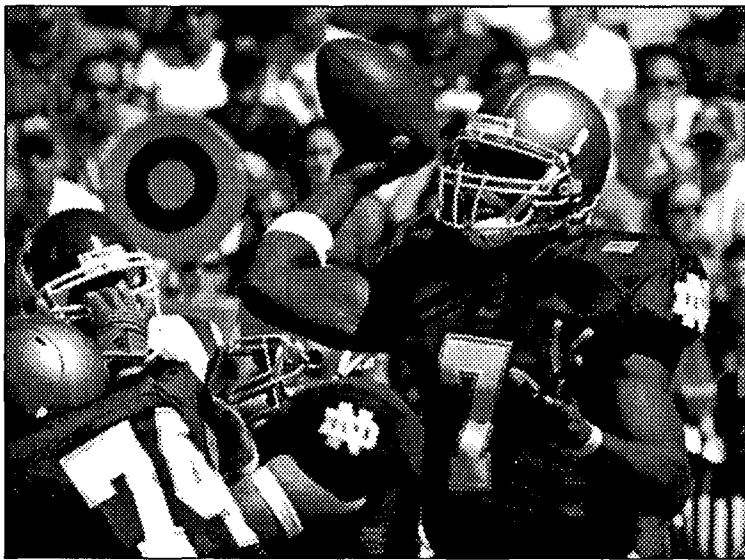
Why will most of the nation be watching a game Saturday between two teams with losing records?

Because the outcome of the Notre Dame-Syracuse game could have a tremendous effect on the national championship game.

If Notre Dame beats Syracuse, the game will help second-ranked USC because the Irish win will help boost the Trojans' strength of schedule, one of several factors the Bowl Championship Series rankings use to determine the two teams who play in the title game. Conversely, if Syracuse wins, third-ranked LSU will be aided because USC's strength of schedule will decrease.

"Wow, that puts us in a bind," senior linebacker Courtney Watson said of a Notre Dame win helping out the school's fierce rival. "I don't want to see USC there, but not at the expense of us losing the game."

"It's interesting to see how



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Carlyle Holiday, shown here throwing a pass in the Washington State game, has an uncertain future at Notre Dame, though he has a year of eligibility left.

our game affects that," quarterback Brady Quinn added. "But we're doing our best to win our game and not worry about the situation. If that helps them, so be it. We're going to do the best we can to win this year."

No intentional disrespect

When Notre Dame ran onto the field less than three minutes before kickoff Saturday, the team interrupted Stanford's pre-game ceremony for seniors, who were playing their final collegiate game.

Stanford receiver Luke

Powell called the move "disrespectful", but Notre Dame spokesman John Heisler said the Irish were just sticking to a pre-arranged schedule set by ABC that determines when teams exit and enter the field prior to kickoff.

Heisler said Notre Dame ran onto the field exactly when they were supposed to and given the go-ahead by a Stanford administrator in charge of enforcing the timeline.

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ND BOWLING

Bowlers finish strong in national match

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame bowling club's men's squad competed this weekend in the prestigious National Collegiate Team Match Games in St. Louis. The club finished 47th in a field of strong teams from across the country.

Pikeville College won the event, with several national powers including runner-up Wichita State, Kansas, Central Florida, San Jose State, Cal State Fullerton, Nebraska, Florida State, Purdue, and Florida following.

Varsity teams competed with the clubs as well.

Captain Jason Raver's 170.1 average led the Irish, with a high game of 219. Gabe Torres rolled the team high game, 244, on lanes oiled for professional competition. Dan Martin and Matt Nieves each posted 193 high pin games, while Vance McClenton's top game was 169. The Irish team average of 158.2 led to the team's improved standing over last year's performance. The club's scores were progressively higher with each game and the strong finish has infused the club with confidence heading into the heart of the schedule.

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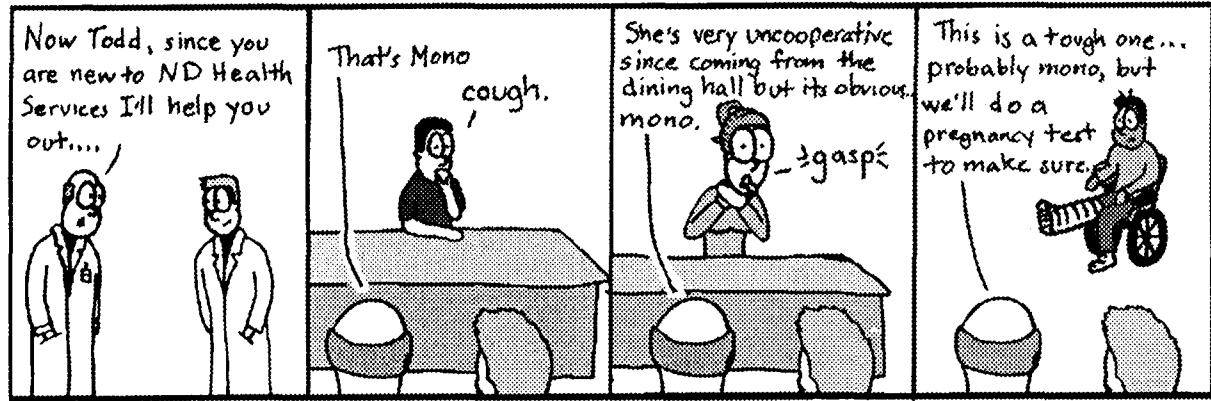
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JUMBLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

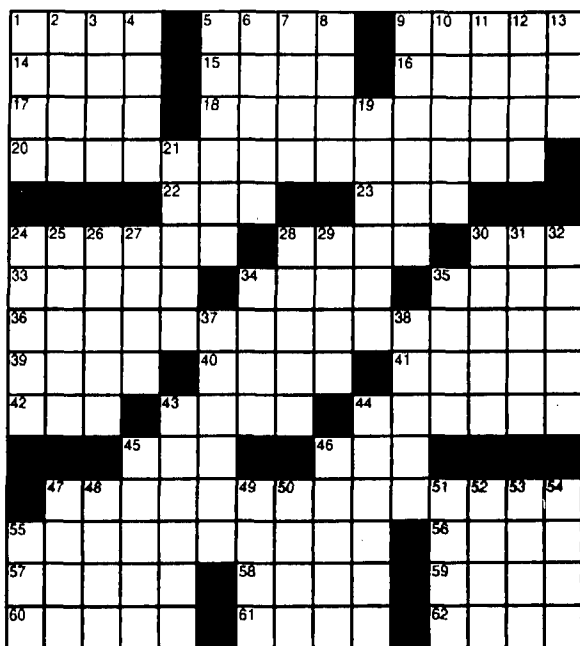
A: "○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○" ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KETCH CRACK DAMASK RANCID
 Answer: Harder to deal with after a while — A DECK OF CARDS

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Admitting a draft, maybe
 - 5 Anthem opening
 - 9 Capp lad
 - 14 Actor Cronyn
 - 15 Gabrielle's companion on TV
 - 16 Have the munchies for
 - 17 Commotions
 - 18 Bullied
 - 20 1915 Lillian Gish film, with "The"
 - 22 Jimmy Stewart syllables
 - 23 Plating material
 - 24 Charged particles
 - 28 Vienna-based cartel
 - 30 Jeter stat.
 - 33 Ballroom dance
 - 34 Gray ____
 - 35 Swindle, slangily
 - 36 1997 Roberto Benigni film
 - 39 One way to turn at sea
 - 40 Hightail it
 - 41 Way to go
 - 42 Georgia, formerly: Abbr.
 - 43 Strongbox document
 - 44 Winter apple
 - 45 Winner's take
 - 46 Galley tool
 - 47 2002 Robin Williams film
 - 55 Landfall for Ponce de León
 - 56 Not stay put
 - 57 Le petit prince's home planet
 - 58 "The Good Earth" heroine
 - 59 Michener's "Centennial," e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Melville mariner
 - 2 Dame ____ Dench
 - 3 Love personified
 - 4 Staff symbol
 - 5 River bends
 - 6 Lowly laborers
 - 7 Small forest buffalo
 - 8 [bor-r-ring!]
 - 9 Vinegary
 - 10 Control center
 - 11 Cold war winner
 - 12 In a tie
 - 13 Cartoon Chihuahua
 - 19 Flat-bottomed rowboat
 - 21 Former enemy capital
 - 24 Travel reference
 - 25 Symbol of toughness
 - 26 Deduce
 - 27 Curved arch
 - 28 Mountain nymph
 - 29 Still-life item
 - 30 Groucho's "Duck Soup" role
 - 31 Ruffian
 - 32 Dock site
 - 34 Busy as ____
 - 60 Bridges in Hollywood
 - 61 Model Banks
 - 62 Hospital supplies



Puzzle by Judy Cole

- 35 Book jacket items
- 37 Prefix with scope
- 38 Cape Cod town
- 43 Like some lines
- 44 1936 Loretta Young title role
- 45 Fencer's deflection
- 46 Award since 1927
- 47 Field of honor event
- 48 Architect
- 49 Race pace
- 50 Overly suave
- 51 Assayers' stuff
- 52 Manage, somehow
- 53 "Ain't Got No" musical
- 54 Pool site, for short
- 55 "The ____ Club" (1970's-80's TV show)

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EUGENIA LAST

Sharing this birthday: Ozzy Osbourne, Anna Chlumsky, Andy Williams, Rick Mears

Happy Birthday: You are truly a remarkable human being. However, you may have been too generous in the past; now it's time to play catch-up. If you can bring yourself to focus on the necessities, you'll find yourself back on track in no time. You have what it takes to move mountains this year, so stop vacillating and get going. Your numbers: 8, 19, 24, 27, 36, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go over the work you've done and make sure you're totally pleased before you present it to your boss. Don't be afraid to discuss your goals with a superior. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow your gut feeling regarding your business ventures. False information is likely if you listen to idle chatter or gossip. Focus on what you know best. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely. Look into career choices and courses being offered. Beware of individuals who are not reliable or well-known to you. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got a lot to do, so you'd better put your head down and dig in. The more relentless you are, the more you'll accomplish and the better you'll feel. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This isn't the time to make mistakes. You may say something you'll regret. You'll get behind if you spend time debating senseless issues. Don't let friends talk you into taking time off. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be able to close business deals successfully. Don't let personal problems interfere with professional responsibilities. Focus on work first and the rest will fall into place. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can clear up important legalities and sign contracts today. Property investments, insurance, taxes or an inheritance should bring you financial gains. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you're willing to cut loose, you'll find yourself in the midst of an exciting encounter. You can mix business with pleasure if you travel or confront large groups. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be your jovial self and you'll get the support you need. Your diplomatic nature will aid you in straightening out unsavory situations. Look out for No. 1. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get involved in competitive sports with clients. They will appreciate your determination and playful nature. You'll make new business connections if you play your cards right. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your head. You may jump from the frying pan into the fire if you make your move too quickly. Someone may not be thinking of your best interest. Don't be too hard on your mate. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need an outlet, so get into physical endeavors that will help you relieve your tension. Entertainment will be pleasing if it's of an energetic nature. **

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FOOTBALL

Positive attitude focused on Syracuse prep

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

There's a difference in a team's attitude coming off a 50-point win, even if Tyrone Willingham doesn't think so.

"I think our guys have been pretty consistent and that's a reflection of the coaching staff," Willingham said. "The attitude is very strong and very positive and it's remained like that all season."

But Notre Dame players were more confident during Tuesday's practice, the team's first since thrashing Stanford 57-7 Saturday.

"The attitude is really upbeat," defensive lineman Darrell Campbell said. "A lot of guys are feeling that swagger. We're really anxious to play this game because it's the last game and hopefully [we will] finish with a four-game winning streak."

The Irish couldn't do anything wrong against the Cardinal, as they scored 57 points in the first three quarters before putting the second team in. Notre Dame hadn't scored that many points since a 62-0 win against Rutgers in 1996.

The victory gave Notre Dame confidence as they prepare for the

Syracuse game.

"[The win] lightens the attitude of everybody on the team and the stress load," offensive lineman Bob Morton said.

Now the team focuses its attention on a Syracuse team that is reeling, from a 24-7 loss to Rutgers. It was their third straight and put them at 5-6. Meanwhile, the Irish are riding a three-game winning streak after beating Navy, Brigham Young and Stanford. With one game left, Notre Dame would like nothing more than finishing the season at .500.

"It's a big game for us," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "We have a chance to even our record at 6-6 and we know that we need to bring our 'A' game. I'm sure they want to go out with a good feeling in the off-season and so do we."

Morton said the team can still make the 2003 season a successful one by defeating Syracuse.

"One thing we've always talked about is that we can make a stamp on our season," Morton said. "We can be a legendary team too. You don't have to be 12-0 to make an impact on football and that's what we're going with. If we turn the season around and we finish up strong this could be our stamp. This could be what we're looking for."

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Julius Jones dives for the end zone in one of his touchdowns in last weekend's game against Stanford. The 57-7 win was the third win in a row for the Irish and nurtured a confident, positive attitude in the team. This outlook has now been focused on preparing for the upcoming contest in Syracuse.

ND WOMENS SOCCER

Senior scores on field, in classroom

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Over the history of the women's soccer program at Notre Dame, very few players have distinguished themselves on the field as much as Vanessa Pruzinsky, and that does not even begin to touch on what she has done in the classroom.

Pruzinsky, one of only three Notre Dame students ever to achieve a 4.0 GPA in chemical engineering, recently was named Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer. She was one of three Irish players selected to the All-American team. Junior Mary Boland and sophomore Erika Bohn both made the second team. With that distinction, the Irish became the first team in NCAA Division I women's soccer history to have three players named to the Academic All-America team.

Pruzinsky also achieved a number of other NCAA Division I milestones. She and



TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Vanessa Pruzinski pauses to catch her breath on the field. She has been honored for her outstanding academic achievement.

Penn State's Joanna Lohman became the first two women's soccer players to earn the first team Academic All-

American award three times. Pruzinsky also joined basket-

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall short in loss to Anderson College

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

A strong first half performance wasn't enough as the Belles fell short in a 76-59 loss to Anderson College.

The Belles came out playing their best basketball so far this season. In the first half, the Belles shot 42 percent from the field, including 45 percent from 3-point range.

"We were really on top of our game during the first half," said Belles coach Suzanne Bellina. "We started making shots and played more aggressively on offense."

The Belles couldn't maintain their early momentum, however. The turning point came at

the end of the first half when Anderson made a run to take a 31-27 lead that they held the rest of the game.

"We started forcing shots at the end of the half and allowed Anderson to come back," said Bellina. "We had difficulty maintaining focus once the tempo of the game had shifted in Anderson's favor."

The quicker pace of the second half took the Belles off their rhythm. Their team shooting dropped to only 29 percent in the final half, and Anderson began to wear down the Belles' defense.

Anderson took control of the game by forcing pressure underneath and dominating the boards. The Belles finished the game with 33 rebounds compared to 45 by Anderson.

"We didn't make many mistakes this game and had fewer turnovers," said Bellina. "The

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Green suspended indefinitely

The Browns' running back has been suspended from the league after violating its substance abuse policy.

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The 1-2 Belles are looking to get another win under their belts before a weekend tournament.

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The Irish club men's squad finished 47th in a strong field.

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