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Firefighters tend to Boland Hall on Seton Hall University's campus early Wednesday morning. The blaze claimed the life of three students and injured 62. Careless smoking may be the cause.

Fire blazes through Seton Hall dorm

Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.

Fire broke out at a Seton Hall University dormitory early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 62 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas through choking smoke into the freezing cold outside.

Four students were critically burned. One of them suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

Many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall rolled over to go back to sleep when they heard the alarm around 4:30 a.m., thinking it was another in a string of 18 false alarms set off in the six-floor building since September.

But many soon heard screams for help, smelled the smoke and saw flames creep under doors.

"I opened the door just to check," Yatin Patel said. "All

the ceiling tiles were coming down. I saw a ceiling tile fall on someone."

"It was panic. Everybody was just, 'Go! Go! Go!'" said Nicole McFarlane, 19. She was treated for exposure because she left her room in only a short nightgown, a jacket and hiking boots.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The tragedy cast a pall of grief over the campus of the Roman Catholic school 15 miles southwest of New York City. Classes for the 10,000 students were canceled for the week. A memorial service was planned for later Wednesday. Sports events also were postponed through Thursday.

"There's not much you can say at this time," said Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who came to offer sup-

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NDFD emphasizes fire prevention on both campuses

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's combine education, preparation and fire safety devices to blaze to prevent incidents like the blaze that killed three students Wednesday at Seton Hall University.

All of the dorms on the two campuses have alarms and at least some form of automatic sprinkler system and a series of regulations banning certain high-risk objects from student rooms.

Full sprinkler systems — with heads in each room — exist in all Saint Mary's residence halls, according to Dana North, assistant director for Residence Life at the College.

Those systems are in place in approximately half of the dorms at Notre Dame, said University fire chief John Antonucci. Fifteen Notre Dame residences have "partial" sprinkler systems that protect high-risk areas such as boiler rooms and laundries, Antonucci said. The rest have full systems with a sprinkler in every room. These, and an extensive network of extinguishers and alarms, help the department combat blazes.

But the fire department — located on campus next to Haggart Hall — focuses on prevention first. The on-campus fire department gives officials the jurisdiction to enforce fire code regulations more easily and check sprinklers, alarms and extinguishers frequently, Antonucci said.

"What an on-campus fire depart-

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SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

A student shops at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore amid current talks about the University's sweatshop policies.

ND adopts new sweatshop policy

By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

As the leading university in the movement against sweatshop labor, Notre Dame recently adopted three recommendations made by the University's Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives.

The University now prohibits the manufacturing of Notre Dame products in countries that do not recognize the legal rights of workers to form labor unions. It also created a model factory monitoring program and it will demand full public disclosure of manufacturing sites by all its licensees.

Each recommendation builds upon the initial structure put in place in March 1999 to monitor production of Notre Dame licensed products

and apparel.

Bill Hoye, chairperson of the task force, appreciates the actions of the University and its president Father Edward Malloy.

"Obviously, we're really pleased that Father Malloy has adopted the recommendations of the task force," he said. "We think that they'll make a real and substantial contribution to improving the conditions of the workers that make Notre Dame licensed products around the world."

The original idea behind the task force was to make a statement in response to the increasing public awareness and opposition to what is known as sweatshop labor. The statement declared the University's position on the issue and began to set forth a code of conduct among the

manufacturers and to put in place a monitoring system to ensure adherence to the code.

"The next big issue is just the physical implementation of the plan: looking at the monitoring, gathering lists of what our vendors are and who our licensees are. Once we have full disclosure of factories' locations, we can send out the monitoring groups," said student body president Micah Murphy, who served on the task force.

The changes in the monitoring system will include the involvement of representatives of non-governmental groups like labor leaders, human rights activists and church leaders.

"[The changes] will add an element of credibility and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Millennium, schmellinnium

How was your millennium celebration? Did you watch the millennium coverage on ABC? Or maybe you've heard President Clinton talk about our country in the new millennium?

Millennium, schmellinnium.

I still have a year to plan my millennium celebration and so do you. Sorry to break it to you, but the turn of the century and the new millennium starts next year — Jan. 1, 2001. We're still in the 20th century and still in the second millennium. Anyone with a first grade education and a little common sense could tell you that.

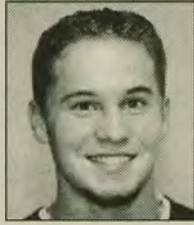
Last time I checked, there was never a year zero. Back in the sixth century, a monk named Dionysius Exiguus (literally translated Dennis the Short) determined that time should be marked by the birth of Jesus. As a result of his studies, he set the year AD 1 (the first year of our Lord). However, in his plan, he counted backwards the time before the birth of Jesus down to the year 1 BC, and then immediately shifted to the year AD 1. There was no year zero in between.

So anyone who can count to 100 can tell you that the first century comprised the years AD 1 through AD 100. The second century began with AD 101 and continued through AD 200. By extrapolation we find that the 20th century comprises the years AD 1901-2000. Therefore, the 21st century will begin with Jan. 1, 2001, and continue through Dec. 31, 2100. Similarly, the first millennium comprised the years AD 1-1000. The second millennium comprises the years AD 1001-2000 and the third millennium will begin with AD 2001 and continue through AD 3000.

Here is another way of looking at it. If you had 100 pennies, the 100th penny would complete the dollar. The 101st penny starts the next dollar. Therefore the 100th year is the last year of the century and 101st year starts the next century. Similarly, the 1000th year is the last year of the millennium and the 1001st year starts the next millennium. So the third millennium and 21st century start at 2001.

Now that's not so difficult, is it? You would think a society that invented the computer, landed on the moon and cloned a sheep would be able to do a little math and accurately point out the start and end of the centuries and millenniums.

I guess not.



Brian Kessler

Sports Editor

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Acousticafe: LaFortune, 9 p.m.	◆ Ceremony: Rededication of gallery spaces, Little Theatre Lobby, 5:30 p.m.	◆ Performance: "Dream Team Comedy Show," O'Laughlin Auditorium, 8 p.m.	◆ Session: Scuba diving course information session, 218 Rockne, 1 p.m.
◆ Rave: Rave and Ho-down, Alumni-Senior Club, for all ages, 10 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Eyes Wide Shut," Snite, 6:30 p.m.	◆ Concert: Pat Heiden Quintet, jazz and blues music, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.	◆ Concert: Altenburg Trio, Snite, \$3, 2 p.m.
◆ Movie: "American Beauty," 101 DeBartalo, 10:30 p.m.	◆ Dance: Folk Dance Group, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.		◆ Performance: "Pride and Prejudice," Little Theatre, 3 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Live animal experiments canceled at Illinios

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. Live animal experiments for first-year veterinary students were cancelled this semester by the College of Veterinary Medicine, as administrators explore alternatives to experiments that kill animals in order to teach students.

The new policy will likely establish procedures where students will learn how normal animals function by using less invasive methods in their basic physiology classes. They also might watch demonstrations instead of doing their own experiments. But those procedures "change the intensity of studies," said the college's dean, Victor Valli.

University veterinary students were never forced to participate in the experiments, but were not offered alternatives. More than 25 students opted out of the experi-

"There is a movement to bring respect for non-human animals and vet schools need to move forward."

Teri Barnato
Association of Veterinarians
for Animal Rights

ments last semester. Some professors said available alternatives were not good enough.

The policy the school has been developing since last fall will probably make the alternatives a formal part of the class, said Gerald Pijanowski, the college's associate dean for academic and student affairs.

"This is not new," he said. "We're

trying to be deliberate and work with reasonable speed. It just takes time. It has become a media event."

However, veterinary schools nationwide are moving toward using live animals less — especially in beginning classes.

"From what I understand, most veterinary schools aren't using live cadavers to teach physiology — it's just not necessary," said Teri Barnato, national director of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights. "There is a movement to bring respect for non-human animals and vet schools need to move forward."

Valli agreed that veterinary schools are moving toward a less hands-on approach but said real experience is still the best way to learn.

NAACP boycott may keep Duke students from Myrtle Beach

DURHAM, N.C.

If the early response from many Duke students is any indication, the power of the NAACP's tourism boycott in South Carolina will keep some Duke students away from Myrtle Beach this May. But although students who support the boycott are doing so with fervor, others insist the issue will not keep them away from Myrtle's surf and sand after finals week. Protesting the Confederate flag flying above the state capitol, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led nationally by Kweisi Mfume, has called for a boycott in South Carolina until the state's legislature agrees to remove the flag. Although the source of the controversy lies in a neighboring state, many student groups and individuals have a vested interest in the issue. Duke NAACP President Kameron Matthews, a senior, said that the Duke chapter will do its part to persuade University students to support the boycott. "We will be asking others to seriously consider canceling their Myrtle Beach plans for May."

Washington student sues LSAC

SEATTLE

A class-action lawsuit against the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) was filed Tuesday in Pennsylvania on behalf of three disabled women in Seattle, one a student at the University of Washington. It joins one filed by the US Justice Department last month. The most recent lawsuit alleges that the LSAC, which administers the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), violated the Americans with Disabilities Act when they refused to make testing accommodations for the women. The class-action lawsuit alleges the council, in its policy of granting or not granting accommodations to the disabled, controls who can go to law school and who cannot. In that way it acts as a blockade to those trying to earn a law degree. "Every law school accredited by the American Bar Association requires the LSAT," said attorney David Ferleger, who has been hired to take the case. "To become a lawyer you need to graduate from an accredited law school." The lawsuit from the US Justice Department also says that the LSAC violated the law when it denied additional time to four physically disabled persons.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Baltimore	35	19	Memphis	42	23	Sacramento	59	44
Boston	28	18	Milwaukee	17	4	St. Louis	38	21
Chicago	20	4	New York	30	14	Tampa	73	41
Houston	66	40	Philadelphia	24	8	Wash DC	36	18



SHANNON BENNETT/ The Observer

Student Senate member Phil Dittmar discussed the issue of using old tests to study for upcoming exams. The Senate decided to contact the CLC and address putting the issue in DuLac.

Senate discusses uses of old tests

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

At its first meeting of the new year Wednesday night, the Student Senate addressed the issue of professors using past tests as study guides.

"The real problem is that the use of old tests can give students a major advantage. They will help students to have a good idea about which questions will be asked," said Philip Dittmar, the Fisher Hall senator. "This is an unfair advantage because from dorm to dorm, test files are unequal."

Last semester certain students were given an advantage by acquiring specific tests from other residents living in their halls. The same tests were not available to students in all dorms or to off-campus students, Dittmar said.

"The fact is, if a teacher offers an old test as a study tool, that's great. But if kids are buying tests to study by rather than reading the book and studying their notes, it is not fair that they do better than students who are studying the correct way."

Dittmar said that he will continue work on this issue.

"I would like to see either teachers put tests in the library or on the Internet so that students all have equal access," he said. "Across the board, all students should have equal access. There must be high integrity in the teachers' action or our actions. The fact is, test files in the dorms do not equate."

Dittmar explained that he will address the Campus Life Council and try to have this issue addressed in DuLac.

In other senate news:

♦The nomination for Dan Peate as senate parliamentarian was unanimously approved.

♦A resolution in honor of Father Theodore Hesburgh was passed unanimously. The resolution recognizes Father Hesburgh "for being a true model of servant-leadership to follow" and congratulates him for winning the Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Freedom, the highest award given by the United States government to a civilian.

♦Another resolution was passed ordering the Club Coordination Council, the Off-Campus Council, the Senior Class Council and the Freshman Class Council to submit a transition report to the senate.

♦Student body president Micah Murphy announced that the administration and the Hall Presidents' Council agreed to name the student section at basketball games "Matt's Outrageous Bunch," or the MOB.

♦Murphy added that SafeRide will begin in approximately two weeks.

♦Joe Cassidy, Director of Student Activities and the LaFortune Student Center, also addressed the senate.

"Cushing is currently under construction," Cassidy said. "Therefore, SUB movies will be moved to stadium seating in 101 DeBartalo."

♦Also, a banner offering condolences to Seton Hall University, where three students died in a dorm fire on Tuesday, will be available for students to sign.

Asbestos discovered in Le Mans Hall during pipe repairs

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

A hot water pipe containing asbestos-filled insulation was removed from the attic directly over the fifth annex in Le Mans Hall during winter break.

The asbestos was discovered when repairs were needed on the pipe, causing minor inconvenience to fifth annex residents.

Several residents were required to move furniture in order to provide space for workers to complete the removal.

The process, which took approximately one week, required "clean rooms" for workers to clean up following removal. Five rooms in fifth annex were affected as either clean rooms or passageways to

the attic.

"No asbestos was removed from any of the rooms," said John DeLee, director of facilities at Saint Mary's. "There was no hazard whatsoever to the residents in the rooms. Unfortunately, it was just an inconvenience to the women because it was our only way to the attic."

Asbestos, a fibrous material

that can cause lung damage and other medical complications if the fibers reach the air, is found in several older buildings as an insulating material.

Testing of the air in the rooms and attic was completed following the removal to ensure that no asbestos particles were in the air.

While asbestos does insulate pipes in several buildings around

campus, it is encapsulated, meaning that it cannot become airborne, said DeLee.

Asbestos is removed when the area is renovated or repaired, which increases the chance the material will become airborne, he said. No areas on campus are in danger of asbestos consequences at this time, he said, although it is something facilities constantly monitor.

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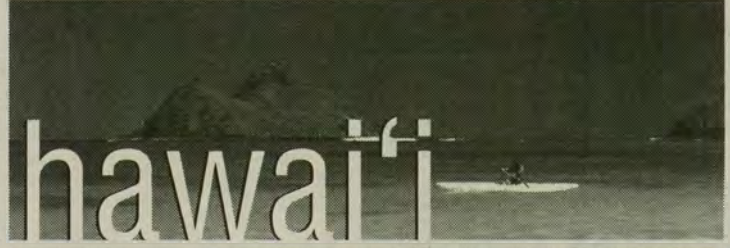
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Fire

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Patel, who lives on the third floor down the hall from the lounge where the blaze broke out, said he put a wet towel under his door, kicked out his window screens and threw his mattresses on the ground in case he had to jump.

At least two students did jump, witnesses said. Tim Van Wie, 18, of Flanders, said a friend jumped from the third floor and suffered a broken wrist and sprained ankle. Others tied sheets together to climb down from the windows, but firefighters arrived in time and rescued them by ladder.

Keara Sauber, 18, saw one fellow student shivering in a T-shirt and boxers, his skin completely blackened by burns. "His skin was, like, smoking," she said.

Two of those killed were found in the lounge and one was found in a bedroom nearby. Their names were not released. It was not immediately known whether they were students.

Two firefighters and two police officers were among those hurt. The injuries ranged from exposure and smoke inhalation to burns.

The blaze was largely confined to the lounge. Students said they frequently saw people smoking in the lounge, though it is prohibited.

Essex County Prosecutor Donald C. Campolo would not comment on whether careless smoking may have caused the fire. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms was assisting in the investigation.

The 48-year-old building was equipped with smoke alarms and extinguishers but did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before they were required, Campolo said.

Fire hoses inside the building had been disconnected because the equipment was obsolete, Seton Hall spokeswoman Lisa Grider said. Campolo said firefighters generally use their own hoses.

The smoke alarms and extinguishers had passed inspection recently and at least one extinguisher was used during the blaze, he said.

After the fire, soot-faced students lined up in the student center to comfort each other and call parents.

Three roommates on the ground floor slept through the fire and were not hurt. They woke up more than two hours later.

NDFD

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ment does for us is [put] us in a very proactive position," Antonucci said. "We're able to initiate preventions."

The Notre Dame Fire Department also covers the Saint Mary's campus, and residence halls at both schools run fire drills regularly and train resident assistants to assist in fire protection.

But prevention is the key to fire safety, Antonucci said.

"What people don't seem to realize is that fire suppression is a totally reactive activity," he said. "Once a fire has moved from its initial state to a free-burning state, it's very difficult to mount enough manpower and

enough equipment to bring that incident to a successful close without injury or fatality. That's what happened at Seton Hall."

As a result, regulations are in place banning a number of items, including candles, microwaves and toaster ovens, from dorm rooms.

At Notre Dame, smoking is banned in all residence halls. Students are allowed to smoke in their rooms at Saint Mary's, but there are non-smoking floors in some of the College's four dorms. The key to prevention, fire officials say, is residents

obeying these regulations.

"We have the policies in place and we ask the students to follow them," North said.

Antonucci said he meets with residence halls on occasion to discuss fire safety and

"What people don't seem to realize is that fire suppression is a totally reactive activity."

John Antonucci
NDFD chief

impress upon them the importance of remaining smart about flames.

"They are the ones that can prevent the incidents

from happening," he said. "They can abide by the rules we have to stop them."

Rectors, who often serve on the front lines of fire protec-

tion, said they think the fire department's prevention and protection efforts are good.

"I'm personally feeling quite protected," said Pasquerilla East rector Mary Ann Mueninghoff. "I have found them quite timely whenever there has been any kind of emergency."

The fire department has two pumping trucks and four firefighters on duty at all times, according to Antonucci. They are currently in the process of retrofitting the 15 dorms that have partial sprinkler systems with full ones.

The last time a residence hall caught on fire at Notre Dame was when St. Edward's Hall's roof burned in June 1980, Antonucci said. A couch caught on fire in Saint Mary's south lounge of Regina Hall last May.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Northeastern states pressure Congress on gas policy

WASHINGTON

Eight Northeastern states stepped up pressure Wednesday for Congress to give them greater authority to regulate a gasoline additive that helps clean the air but is posing a threat to lakes, streams and drinking water. The air pollution control officials from the eight states from New York to Maine urged Congress, when it reconvenes next week, to move aggressively to lift a requirement for specific oxygen levels in gasoline and allow states more leeway to regulate MTBE, the oxygen additive now widely used. MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, was the additive of choice for the petroleum industry as it sought to comply with federal requirements to have at least 2 percent oxygen in gasoline in areas with major air pollution problems.

Spanish ice: mystery or prank?

VALENCIA

Spain's great ice mystery is beginning to look like a prank. Around 30 chunks of ice are said to have dropped from the sky since Jan. 8, some the size of basketballs, often in gloriously sunny weather, and just about every Spanish region has taken a hit. The precipitation has picked up so much in the past few days that scientists said Wednesday they had collected enough samples and would not accept any more. The Superior Council for Scientific Research urged people who find suspect frozen matter to double-wrap it in plastic and keep it in a refrigerator. The council is conducting chemical analyses and has promised to report initial findings on Friday. In the meantime, chemists in Valencia did some checking of their own. They say they don't know what the chunks are.

Fires rip through business, bushland

CAPE TOWN

Raging fires destroyed at least 10 buildings, came within yards of businesses and ripped through huge tracts of bushland and pine forests Wednesday. "It's becoming a major disaster," police spokeswoman Nina Kirsten said. No deaths were reported, but police threatened arrests if people refused to evacuate their homes. Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel declared the metropolitan Cape area a disaster area and asked people to support a relief fund, the South African Press Association reported. More than 100 fires were reported in the last five days ago but were thought to be under control until they flared up again Wednesday in 105-degree heat, the highest recorded since 1957.

CUBA



AFP Photo

Cuban Elian Gonzales leaves for school outside his Miami home Tuesday. Elian has been caught in the middle of a custody battle between his father in Cuba and relatives in Miami.

Gonzales family goes to court

Associated Press

MIAMI

Elian Gonzalez's relatives in Miami went to federal court Wednesday to challenge the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that the 6-year-old boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, filed the federal lawsuit after Attorney General Janet Reno declared last week

that the boy's status was an immigration matter solely in the jurisdiction of federal law.

"It is about protecting Elian's civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child," said Spencer Eig, a lawyer for the great-uncle. Elian has been living with his Miami relatives since he was found floating on an inner tube off the Florida coast Thanksgiving Day.

The lawsuit names as

defendants Reno, INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, INS District Director Rober Wallis, the Department of Justice and the INS.

It accuses the government of violating Elian's rights to due process of law and asks the judge to prevent the INS from returning the boy to Cuba before the agency gives him an asylum hearing.

No hearing date was immediately set. The Justice Department and

the INS said in statement they were prepared to respond quickly and would ask the court "to expeditiously address this matter."

"It is important for the well-being of Elian Gonzalez that the status of this 6-year-old boy be resolved as quickly as possible," the statement said.

Reno had brushed aside a ruling from a Miami family court judge delaying the boy's return.

U.S. to continue help in Venezuela

Associated Press

TANAGUARENA

The United States will keep helping victims of Venezuela's deadly floods despite President Hugo Chavez's recent decision to reject hundreds of American military engineers, a U.S. diplomat said Wednesday.

"We are moving ahead. There is work to be done. Relations are good," Ambassador John Maisto told The Associated Press during a helicopter tour of the coastal zone most heavily damaged by last month's massive flooding

and landslides that killed as many as 30,000 people.

Nevertheless, the U.S. relief effort is less ambitious than it would have been had the army engineers been allowed to come. There are about 120 U.S. soldiers in Venezuela whose main mission is to help provide clean drinking water to survivors.

Some 450 Marine and Navy engineers had been expected to help rebuild the coastal road, an essential link for the region's transportation and commerce.

But after Chavez said last week that he did not want the American soldiers in his country, U.S. officials ordered a U.S. Navy ship that was en route to Venezuela to reverse course.

U.S. officials said they were dismayed by Chavez's announcement, since Venezuela's defense minister had requested the help in a letter on Dec. 24.

Ambassador Maisto toured the disaster area — a swath of coastal communities just north of the capital of Caracas — on a U.S. Army Blackhawk

helicopter.

The United States is playing a major role in purifying water from the ocean and contaminated rivers to give to mudslide survivors. Eighteen machines — half from the U.S. Army — and half from a private firm contracted by the U.S. government — are purifying some 500,000 gallons of water a day.

Other countries, including Israel, France, Uruguay and Spain, have brought their own water purification machines in Vargas state.

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LaFortune Ballroom

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the Movement and their realities
at Notre Dame.*

Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, c.s.c., President Emeritus

Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.

LaFortune Ballroom

Colors of the World - A Student Panel

Presented by the Student Government. Food from
around the world will be served.

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

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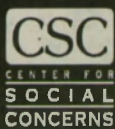
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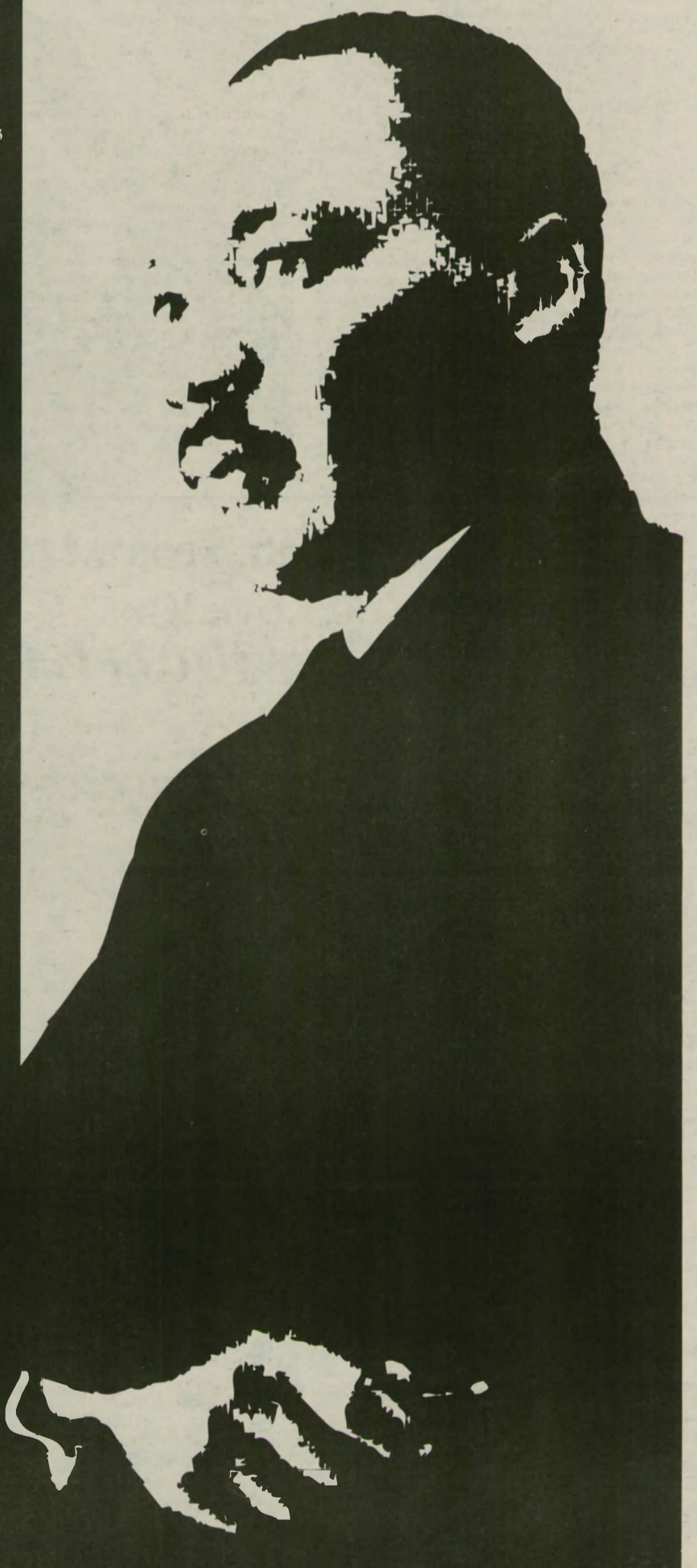
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integrity to the monitoring process," said Hoyer.

"One of the key points is that when you have a code, no matter how good the code is, you have to have a monitoring mechanism. [The task force] certainly addressed that very well," said Father Oliver Williams, a university management professor.

A new addition to the task force's efforts requires the right for workers to organize labor unions.

"The right to unionize is something that everyone should have, and I think that we should try to help people get that right," said Williams.

The University strengthened its policy for including this right, stating that it will not maintain business with any countries or companies unwilling to commit to providing workers with this right. One such country is China.

The unique recommendation holds a specific stipulation against China. While most labor organizations and university task forces mandate the right to organize, no group has gone so far as to cut relations with non-compliant parties.

"The right to organize ensures that the workers who make our products will have a legal right to form unions, to collectively bargain with management and

increase their ability to improve their wages, hours and working conditions," Hoyer said. "It gives them additional power, additional leverage, which is vitally important if they're going to improve their wages and working conditions."

"They all have special country exceptions for places like China that say as long as the licensees work with the Chinese government to improve conditions, they can go ahead and manufacture products in China," Hoyer added. "The problem with that from the task force's perspective is that that exception swallows the whole rule, and we don't think that individual licensees are likely to have much influence over the Chinese government, especially when the United States government hasn't been able to affect positive change on this issue."

Williams considers China differently, taking into account that one-fourth of the world's population resides there. Fair labor conditions should be attained in cooperation with everyone and the United States should work with the Chinese government to improve its labor laws, Williams said.

The companies in China that contract with universities will be forced out of the country in order to maintain their business relations. That will result in massive job loss for the Chinese, he said.

But for Williams, the implementation of a living wage is the most important aspect of creating and enforcing fair labor conditions. Williams defined a living wage as enough money to be able to provide food and moderate shelter for self and family while working as much as a 10-hour day.

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the living wage is something that must be addressed, and so I think we have to continue to pressure [countries like China] to find a way to get that into their code and to monitor it. That's a big gap that isn't addressed yet," he said of the task force's new recommendations.

Murphy stated that the group is still researching the living wage and will address it in the future.

"Our business is not done in making this latest recommendation to Father Malloy, but it's a good launching ground," Murphy said.

ND's Review of Politics publishes forgotten text

Special to The Observer

A recently discovered and previously unpublished text by the American Catholic theologian Rev. John Courtney Murray appears in the Fall 1999 "Millennial Issue" of Notre Dame's Review of Politics.

The text, entitled "The Crisis in Church-State Relationships in the USA" is a 1950 memorandum written by Father Murray to Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, a staff member of the Vatican's Secretariat of State who became Pope Paul VI.

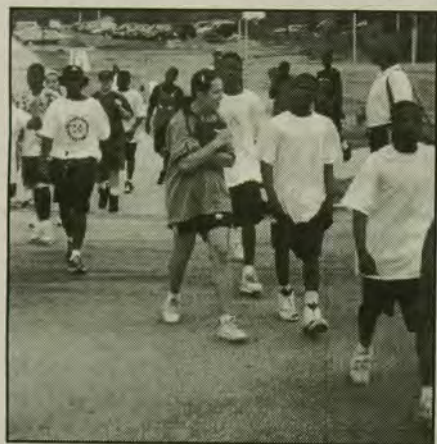
Rev. Joseph Komonchak, professor of religious studies at the Catholic University of America and author of the Review article which introduces the new text, believes that the memorandum provides "the clearest brief statement" of Father Murray's views on church-state relations and that its controversial reception by ecclesial officials both in Rome and the United States helps measure the profundity of doctrinal change brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

Father Murray's views on church-state relations were declared "erroneous" in 1954 by the Vatican's Holy Office (now called the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith) and in 1955 his Jesuit superiors forbade him to publish articles on the subject, despite these strictures, he eventually became the principal architect of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, which substantially incorporated assertions that earlier had been unacceptable.

Father Murray, who died in 1967, wrote prolifically on a wide variety of issues including not only church-state relations, but also funding for private schools, the Cold War and the problem of conscientious objection. He argued that the constitutionally enshrined notion of the separation of church and state was not incompatible with Catholic social teaching. On Dec. 12, 1960, he was featured on the cover of Time Magazine after his book "We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition" greatly influenced public attitudes during John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. Murray was appointed a theological advisor to the Vatican Council in 1963 by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

The Review of Politics was founded by Waldemar Gurian, the German philosopher who, forced to flee from Hitler's Germany in 1937, found a home at Notre Dame, where he died in 1954. From its first issue in 1939, the Review has emphasized a philosophical and historical approach to politics. Among its contributors have been Hannah Arendt and John Kenneth Galbraith.

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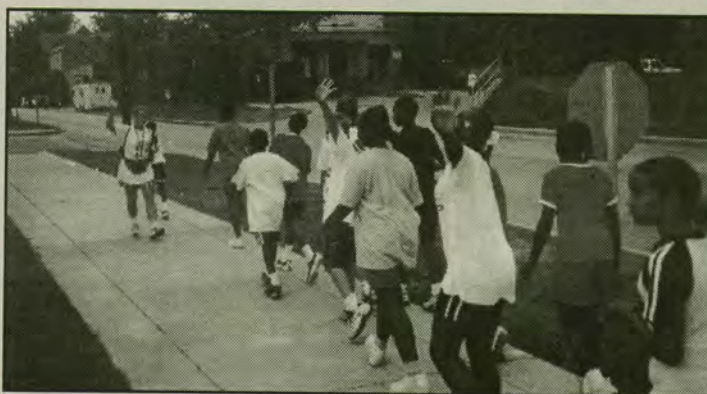
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RUSSIA

Chechen conflict intensifies as forces push toward Grozny

Associated Press

GROZNY
The Russian military redoubled its drive to conquer Chechen rebels on Wednesday, with troops fighting street by street in the capital Grozny while helicopter gunships and cannons relentlessly pounded the southern mountains.

Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshev, Russia's deputy chief commander in Chechnya, announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 26, although "nobody is giving the forces any firm deadlines for ending the operation," the Interfax news agency reported. He did not explain how he arrived at that date.

Federal forces pushed toward the center of Grozny from several directions, trying to squeeze rebel fighters into an ever-tightening circle, the military said.

It was impossible to verify the army's claims of progress. Reporters are constrained from moving freely about the capital because of the danger and the restrictions imposed by both the Russian and Chechen sides.

But an Associated Press reporter watched Wednesday as Russian forces in a northwestern neighborhood called Mikrorayon-3 seized several shell-punctured, five-story apartment buildings. They failed to take nearby nine-story buildings, from which Chechen snipers kept up a steady barrage of bullets.

Russia's military command said 23 soldiers were killed and about 50 wounded in the past three days of fighting in Grozny, the ORT television channel reported.

Russian jets rained bombs on the city throughout the day, sending deafening roars echoing through empty streets.

Grozny has been a bastion of rebel resistance throughout

the war, which has entered its fifth month, and its capture would give the Russian forces a boost after a series of surprise counterattacks by the rebels.

But control over Grozny could backfire, as it did during the 1994-96 bloodshed in Chechnya. During that war, Russians took the city and held it for more than a year, but lost it to the Chechens in a humiliating and bloody defeat.

After facing relatively little resistance in Chechnya's northern lowlands, Russian forces have been stalled at Grozny for months and only recently began pressing into rebel strongholds in the southern mountains.

On Wednesday, Russian helicopter gunships and artillery pounded the steep, wooded mountain slopes near the mouth of the strategic Argun Gorge, about 30 miles south of Grozny. An AP reporter took shelter behind some rocks on the edge of the village of

Dachu-Borzoi as helicopters swooped down to strafe the woods.

Eleven civilians were killed Tuesday in an air raid against Dachu-Borzoi, including seven members of the family of local administrator Alu Khasayev.

At the edge of the nearby village of Duba-Yurt, a knot of elders crowded around Russian officers on Wednesday, pleading for an end to shelling. Adam Akhyazov, chief administrator of the village, said three civilians had been killed in Duba-Yurt over the past two days.

"When people want to leave the village, the Russians prevent them, promising not to target the village," he said.

Meanwhile, a pro-Moscow Chechen leader claimed Wednesday to be mediating in talks between several Chechen warlords and federal authorities. Malik Saidullayev said the talks were proceeding "with difficulty," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. He

refused to say which federal agencies were involved in the alleged negotiations or to name the Chechen commanders.

"[The federal authorities] need to carry out a political dialogue with these people, which is what I'm doing," Saidullayev told Echo of Moscow radio.

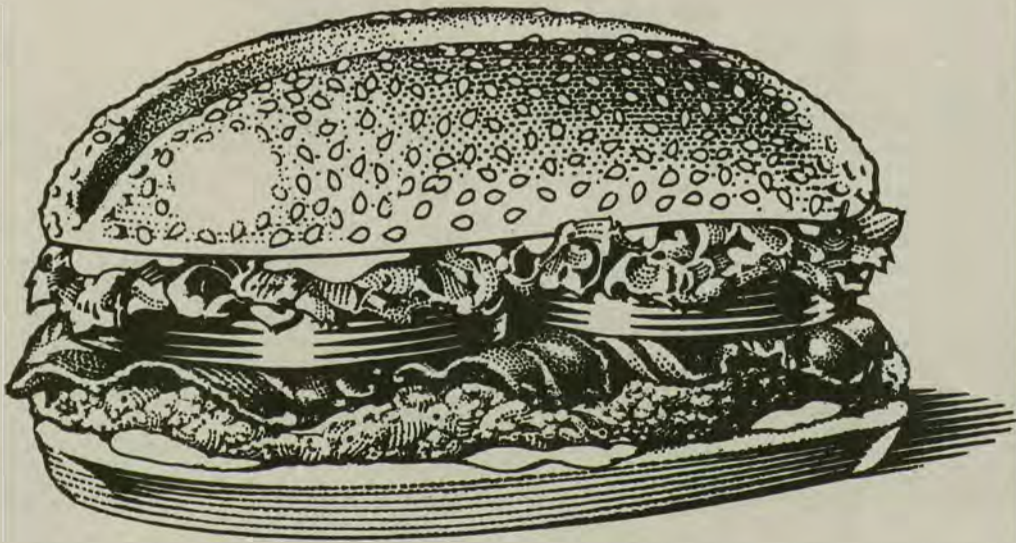
Government spokesman Andrei Korotkov confirmed that four Chechens had arrived in Moscow for talks on conditions for civilians in the breakaway republic, but said they did not constitute an official delegation.

"Negotiations are held continually," Korotkov told the AP. "As for these envoys, we don't know whom they represent."

Russian troops marched into Chechnya in late September after rebels staged armed incursions into the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan and allegedly organized the bombing of several apartment buildings, killing 300 people.

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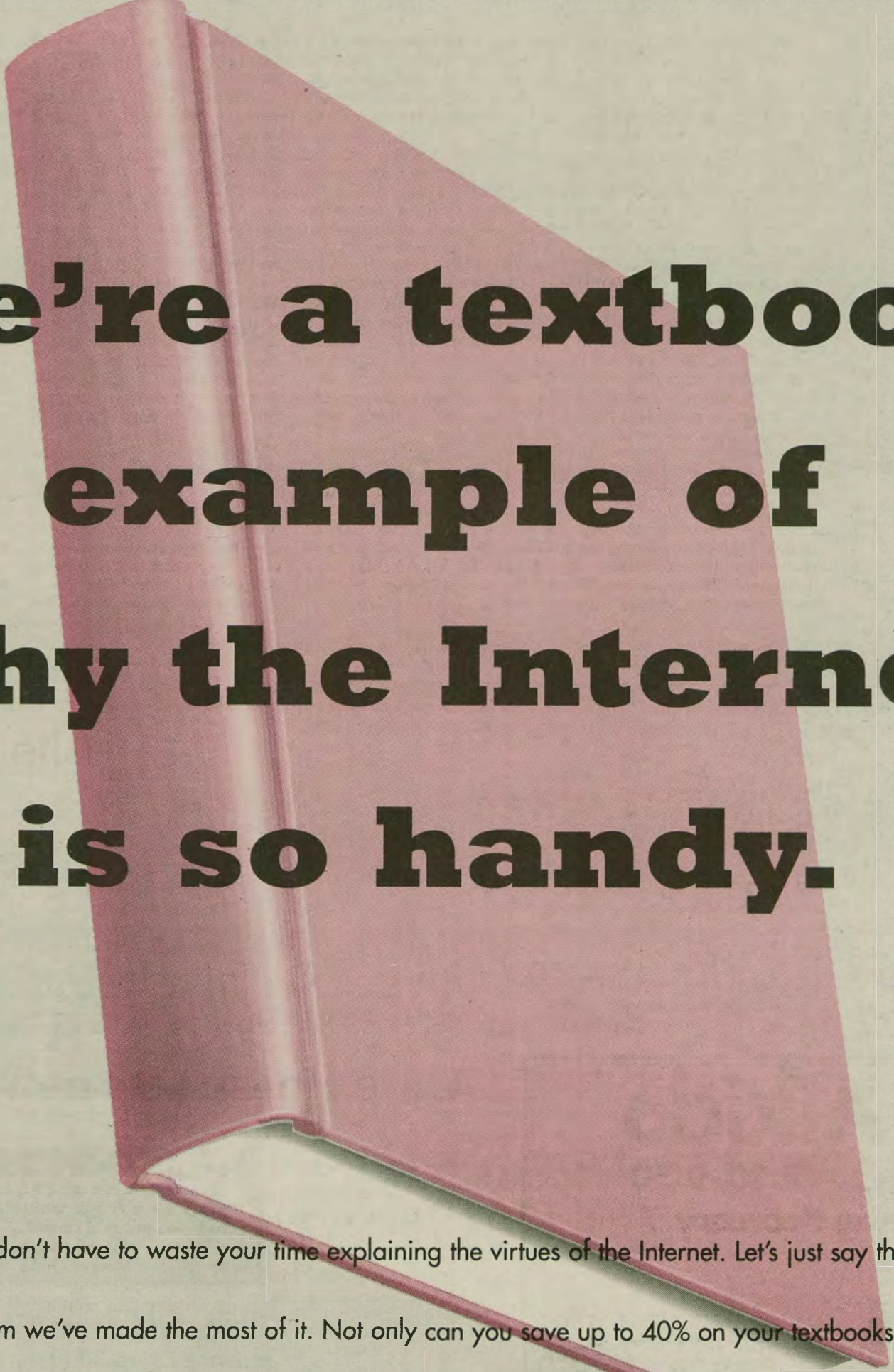
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Kennedy relative surrenders to cops

Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A nephew of Robert F. Kennedy was charged Wednesday with bludgeoning a girl to death with a golf club in 1975 when he was 15, providing the long-awaited break in a case that frustrated police in wealthy Greenwich and raised suspicions of a Kennedy cover-up.

Michael Skakel, 39, flew to Connecticut from his home in Florida and surrendered at Greenwich police headquarters after a warrant was issued for his arrest in the slaying of Martha Moxley. Because of Skakel's age at the time of the crime, the case will be handled, at least initially, in juvenile court.

"Michael has stated all along he did not do this," said his lawyer, Michael Sherman. "He had no knowledge of it. He had no part in it. He is not guilty."

Because Skakel was a juvenile at the time of the crime, it was not immediately clear Wednesday what penalty he could face.

Martha was beaten with a 6-iron and stabbed in the throat with a piece of the club's shattered shaft. The club was quickly matched to a set owned by the Skakel family, who lived across the street in Belle Haven, an exclusive gated community in the moneyed New York suburb of Greenwich.

But the investigation kept hitting dead ends, and police were

accused of apathy and ineptitude. A special prosecutor quit partly in frustration over unproven claims there had been payoffs aimed at thwarting the probe. Skakel's father, Rushton, is the brother of Robert F. Kennedy's widow, Ethel.

As the years went by and no arrests were made, rumors of a Kennedy cover-up circulated in Greenwich.

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Michael Sherman
Kennedy's lawyer

The idea that someone might have gotten away with murder in this community of wealth and privilege made the case the subject of a TV movie and the books "A Season in Purgatory" by Dominick Dunne in 1993 and "Murder in Greenwich," by former Los Angeles Detective Mark Fuhrman, in 1998.

Investigators got their big break during the past year, when a one-man grand jury heard testimony from former patients at the Elan school, a substance abuse treatment center in Maine that Skakel attended from 1978 to 1980. Prosecutors filed court documents that said Skakel admitted killing Martha to fellow students at Elan.

Prosecutor Jonathan Benedict said juvenile law prevented him from identifying the suspect. But Sherman confirmed it was his client.

The case could get stalled in juvenile court for a year or more if Skakel's lawyer fights prosecutors' bid to transfer the case to adult court.

New dietary standards target fat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Nutrition experts revising the government's dietary guidelines want to tell Americans to limit sugary drinks and sweets and cut down on foods rich in saturated fats such as meat and dairy products.

The guidelines also would specify for the first time who might benefit from moderate consumption of alcoholic drinks — primarily middle-aged men and women — according to a draft of the new standards obtained by The Associated Press this week.

The revised standards also will put more emphasis on eating whole grains, fruits and vegetables and will include a special section on food safety.

"These guidelines will be better than they have ever been," said Margo Wootan, a senior scientist with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition advocacy group.

First published in 1980, the guidelines are revised every five years to reflect the latest developments in scientific research.

Federally funded nutrition programs, including school lunches and Meals on Wheels, are required to adhere to the recommendations, and they are also widely used by professionals and dietitians in advising consumers.

"Usually when they come up for review it seems like an opportunity for the food industry to weaken them," Wootan said. "This time I think the dietary guidelines will actually ... provide consumers advice that's a little stronger and

more straightforward."

The 11-member advisory committee that's writing the new guidelines is including a subtle change in wording meant to make the standards more palatable to consumers: The current guidelines recommend that people follow a diet that is low in total fat. The new recommendation is for a diet that is "moderate in total fat," but low in saturated fat and cholesterol.

The recommended maximum fat intake won't change — it will remain 30 percent of total calories, or 65 grams a day in a 2,000 calorie diet.

But research by the food industry indicates consumers are put off by the term low-fat and see a moderate-fat diet as easier to follow, even if the fat content is the same.

"The goal is not to get people to eat no fat," said Susan Borra, a dietitian with the International Food Information Council, the food industry's consumer research arm. "The goal is to get people to manage their fat, to control their fat. We need to find the word that communicates that."

Wootan said the wording change emphasizes that "what's really important is to cut back on is saturated fat."

As for alcohol intake, the existing guideline says "moderate drinking is associated

with a lower risk for coronary heart disease in some individuals." The draft guideline specifies who those individuals are — men over 45 and women over 55 — and says there is "little health benefit for younger people." Moderate drinking is defined as one drink a day for women and no more than two daily for men.

Before the guidelines become official, they must be approved by the departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. The departments typically go along with the advisory committee's recommendations.

Panel members either declined comment on the draft or did not return phone calls.

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International Food Information Council

The departments were recently sued by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine and other groups that contend the committee is stacked

with scientists biased toward meat and dairy products because of their ties to those industries through research or advisory work.

The lawsuit, which seeks to block the committee from releasing its recommendations, alleges that the guidelines emphasize the consumption of meat, dairy and egg products, ignoring the special dietary needs of minority groups. Many blacks, for example, are lactose intolerant.

White House sets new drug policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House drug policy office set guidelines Tuesday to clarify its arrangement with broadcasters who want government financial credits for inserting anti-drug messages into their programs.

Under the new rules, the government will not review program episodes for such credits until after the episodes have aired or been published. The office also said it would keep separate its process for granting financial credits from its role in advising networks and producers on how to portray situations involving drugs.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said the change should put "the program on a track where it will get universal support."

"They've revised their policy to no longer look at scripts or do changes in programming for credit before a program is finished," he said.

The office was responding to recent fallout from the disclosure that the government used financial incentives to get TV networks to include anti-drug messages into their shows, in some cases even reviewing the scripts before the programs aired.

The arrangement has been criticized as government

intrusion on the independence of networks.

The guidelines set out Tuesday are an effort "to eliminate any misunderstandings and prevent any inference of federal intrusion in the creative process," said Barry McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The new parameters still require a 100 percent match for every dollar the federal government spends on media outlets and continue to allow broadcast executives to decide how to meet this requirement. Namely, networks can still receive financial credit for the content of their programs.

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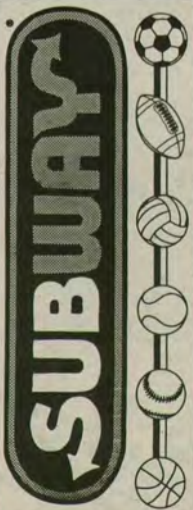
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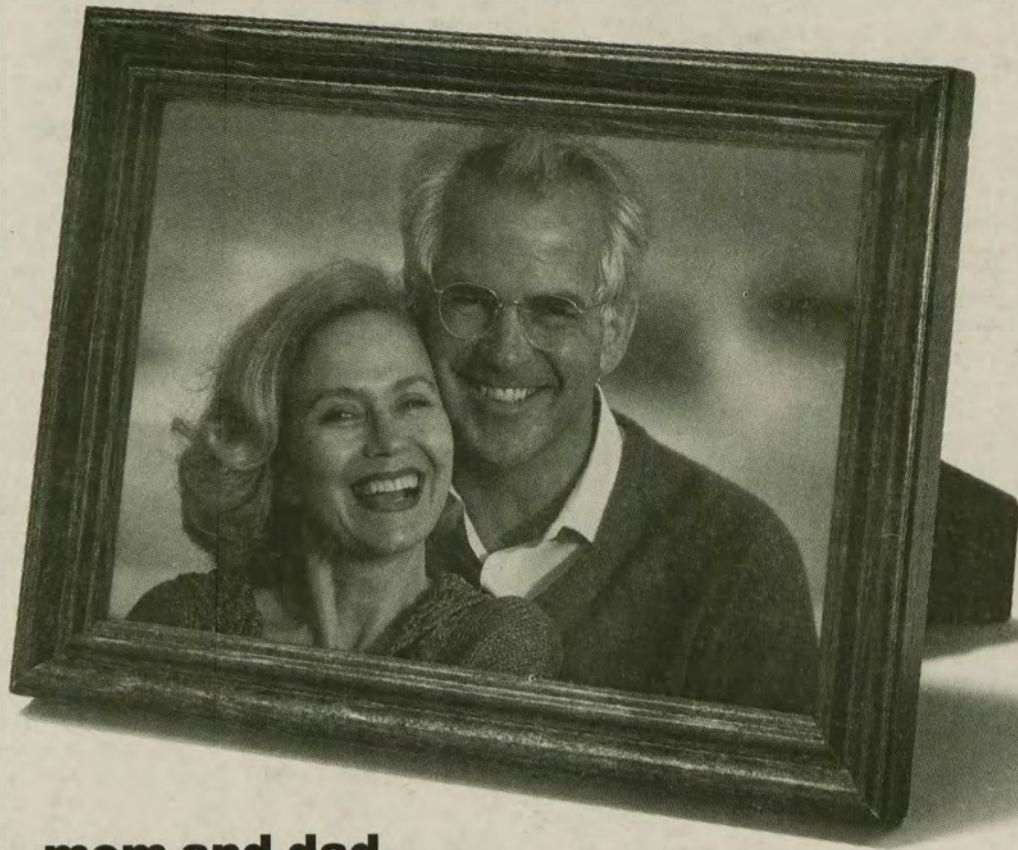
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Energy Department finds evidence of racial profiling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A six-month Energy Department investigation has found evidence of racial profiling and an "atmosphere of distrust and suspicion" toward Asian Americans at nuclear weapons labs because of the uproar over alleged Chinese espionage.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, vowing to stamp out such profiling, insisted Wednesday that Taiwan-born scientist Wen Ho Lee was never singled out or fired from his job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory because of his race.

Nevertheless, Asian-American scientists widely believe they have been unfairly targeted because of their race since Lee's dismissal last March for security violations, according to a task force report on racial profiling in the department.

Lee, at the center of a three-year espionage investigation, was indicted in December for

copying top-secret nuclear weapons files and remains in jail, awaiting trial. He has denied giving secrets to China or anyone else. While not charged with espionage, Lee could face life in prison if found guilty of the security violations.

"While specific incidents and examples of racial profiling may differ from site to site, the general concerns and issues were virtually identical department wide," said the report, ordered by Richardson last summer when the uproar over alleged Chinese espionage at weapons labs was at its peak.

Despite directives from Richardson against racial profiling, managers and supervisors at the weapons labs — Sandia, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore — and other DOE facilities were found to question "the loyalty and patriotism of some employees based upon racial factors," the report said.

Yvonne Lee, a member of the U.S. Civil Rights

Commission and a task force member, said there is "a general sense of fear" among Asian-Americans of being unfairly targeted. They cited as an example, she said, a practice by the FBI to call Asian-American scientists simply because of their race "to see if they knew Lee."

T o m T a m u r a , another task force member, said Asian-American scientists related how counterintelligence officials joked about the Chinese connection in briefings to scientists. The briefers would ask the scientists whether they knew why there were so many Chinese restaurants in town. "Why for spying of course," the briefer would say, according to Tamura.

Richardson said no specific case of racial profiling has

been proven but "we're admitting to a problem, a problem of perception, of mistrust."

To emphasize that such profiling "is never welcome"

Richardson said there would be a department-wide satellite-linked "stand-down" in the coming weeks so employees can focus on the issue and discuss their concerns.

Richardson also appointed Jeremy Wu, former deputy director of the Office of Civil Rights, as a department ombudsman on worker issues.

Since Wen Ho Lee's indictment on Dec. 10, a growing number of Asian-American groups have come to Lee's support, creating a defense fund and scheduling rallies. These groups claim Lee was singled out because of his race.

"I reject the view that racial profiling was present in this case," Richardson said, referring to the Lee dismissal.

Yvonne Lee, the civil rights commissioner, said she's reserving judgment on the matter. "None of us can say (at this point) this is racially motivated," she said of the Los Alamos case.

But she said one thing is certain. "Asian-American employees are feeling the sting."

And Richardson said the impact could be long-lasting.

"This perceived hostile work environment imperils an invaluable partnership between the Energy Department and Asian Pacific Americans. Worse ... [it] can foment a dangerous 'brain drain' where we lose our best scientists, hobbling our research quality, leading edge science and ultimately our national security."

Already, he added, "We are not having as much success in recruiting top flight scientists."

"Asian-American employees are feeling the sting."

Yvonne Lee
civil rights commissioner

Woman's identity discovered

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY

A woman who had been in an almost vegetative state for two years, with hospital officials never knowing her name, kept repeating four numbers when asked for a Social Security number.

Last week, when a persistent nurse's technician asked again, she recited all nine.

The numbers unlocked Mary Joyce Howard's identity and officials hope to see the 39-year-old reunited soon with family in North Carolina.

Howard's lost years began on Feb. 13, 1998, when she was run over and left for dead on Interstate 40 in far western Oklahoma. Authorities had reports of a person walking along the road, sometimes in traffic, and found her uncon-

scious. She had no identification, so they named her Jane Doe.

After surgeries and hospital stays, she was confined to a nursing home in a vegetative state.

She began talking in July. Her speech is slow and hard to understand, but she got the nurses' attention when she objected to the name Jane Doe. She told them she was "Joyce."

The latest breakthrough came when she was transferred to Presbyterian Hospital with pneumonia. Nurse technician Jamie Carey befriended her and talked to her daily. When she asked for a Social Security number, Howard mumbled four digits. Carey kept asking.

A week ago, Carey clocked out but decided to look in on Howard before she left, and

she got the answer she wanted — all nine digits of her Social Security number.

"I think everything was starting to come back to her day by day," Carey said Wednesday.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation took fingerprints, which the FBI matched Tuesday, said Lorna Palmer, a spokeswoman for state investigators. The FBI was unable to find a match two years ago, said Rick Spence, a criminalist supervisor for the state agency. This time, the Social Security number led to her identity, and authorities tracked down her father in High Point, N.C.

Presbyterian Hospital and Skyview Nursing Center are raising money to have Howard transferred to a North Carolina nursing home. Howard also said she has a daughter and two brothers.

Carey said Howard talked to her father Wednesday and looked forward to seeing him. The hospital wouldn't provide his name, saying he didn't want to be contacted.

No one is sure how Howard got to Oklahoma or of the circumstances that led to the hit-and-run that nearly killed her. Carey said the family indicated Howard left North Carolina 20 years ago.

Howard speaks a little bit more as time goes on, but her recovery will likely be limited, officials said.

When asked the year, she first said 1998 and even gave her age as what she would have been two years ago, but she comprehends the year 2000.

"She won't get a lot better," said hospital spokesman Dennis Gimmel.

Carey said Howard told her, "I never thought I'd make it this far."

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Humanity is on both sides of the Rio

El Paso, Texas, is a city set up for movement. Train tracks crisscross its streets, serving several active cargo stations and at least one active passenger depot. Greyhound and other distance-traveling buses pull into two different stations. Trucks transport parts to be put together in Mexican factories. Interstate 10 streaks through downtown, intersecting there with Interstate 54. Streets are cleanly asphalted and labeled with signs large enough to assist Mr. Magoo about the city.



Kate Rowland

Read this.
It may save
your life.

Juarez, Chihuahua, is a city transportationally distinct. Two-thirds of the roads in the city are not paved, and cars and buses clog the streets that are. Pedestrians and motor vehicles dodge donkey carts, even downtown. Trucks transporting completed manufactured goods to the U.S. chug around the city. The clean, sleek tourist-attracting trolleys of El Paso contrast sharply with the recycled school buses that carry passengers around Juarez. Some still have familiar signs up: Do not distract driver. Do not use profane language. No standees permitted.

The no standees sign particularly amused me as I rode, standing, on a packed bus back to the border from the colonia of Puerta de Anapra on my last day in Juarez. The other 10 participants of the CSC's Border Issues Seminar and I were returning to the U.S.A. after Mass in the colonia. Anapra is the largest of Juarez's colonias, shanty towns where people live in self-built houses made from cardboard, wood or cinderblock, with no running water and pirated electricity. The residents of the colonia are employed mostly by maquilas, factories run by United States companies. The average weekly income from the maquila is

about \$35.

The reality of how little money that is came quickly, on the first day of the seminar, before we even saw the colonia. In groups, we were given a scenario based on actual people living in Anapra. My group's family was headed by a single mother with three children. Working on a maquila salary, we figured that our average daily budget was \$1.60, if all of our earnings for the week went to food.

Tim and Oscar, both volunteers with the Annunciation House Organization and our hosts for the seminar, took us over the border to a supermarket, where we learned exactly how far that money could stretch. The four of us walked out with a packet of tortillas, a bag of beans, a box of rice and one small tomato. We cooked lunch in the colonia, toting water in from a cistern outside to boil the rice. As we cooked a sufficient but uninspiring meal, I noticed that one of the groups, who had been given a different scenario, finished off their meal preparations by slicing into a block of cheese that had cost more than our entire day's budget.

For the first time the thought crossed my mind: Wait a minute, that's not fair!

It was certainly not the last time any of us thought or said that during the ensuing five days. We saw all kinds of injustices: children limited to fifth- or sixth-grade educations because their families can no longer afford their schooling, mothers forced to the lone shelter for women in Juarez by sexual threats from family members or by abusive spouses, United States employers who first contact a shelter to offer work to immigrants and then threaten to call immigration authorities to avoid having to pay them.

I had expected to encounter injustices when I signed up for the seminar, but I encountered a lot of surprises, too. While in the colonia, we spoke with Cristina, a mother of four children whose husband was leaving soon for the United States. She told us that she never imagined that he would have to leave Mexico to be able to provide the most basic things for their children.

Another man we talked to at Annunciation House, the shelter in El Paso for undocumented immigrants, said he had been working in the United States for years without papers. He'd gone back to visit his wife and his nine children in Chiapas and was returning to the U.S. just for another year or two, he said, until he had saved enough money to be able to go home for good. We never met with anyone who was looking North for anything but a job.

No one wanted to settle here or raise children here. That surprised me. Despite the utter poverty in the colonia, the normalcy and the happiness that never quite reached contentment of life there surprised me. The attitude of the Border Patrol agent with whom we spent an entire morning surprised me. He admitted freely that the U.S. depends on an immigrant workforce and that the Border Patrol is helpless to completely stop illegal border crossings.

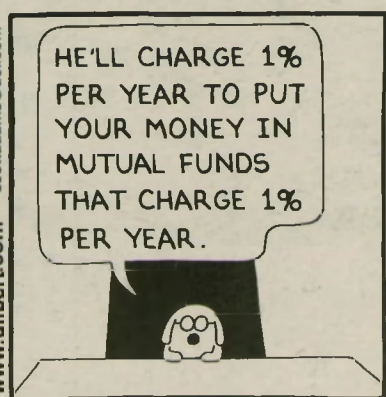
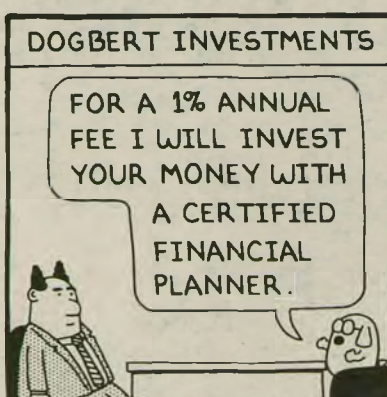
My time on the border was short, but the seminar accomplished what I hoped it would. I have a much better understanding of the problems that make people want to come to the U.S. from Mexico. It is work and little else. I had anticipated feeling differently about the border and about illegal crossings.

I had wanted to come back with some hopeful idea as to how the problem could be solved. I know now that even people who have been there for years still haven't figured that out. They strive for a personal interaction, a little-boy-throwing-starfish kind of approach to helping the poor and the undocumented.

Over and over again, the people we talked with said, "Somos todos hermanos." (We are all brothers and sisters.) That's what I tried to take away from the seminar, the humanity of all people, on both sides of the Rio Grande.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"How strange when an illusion dies.
It's as though you've lost a child."

Judy Garland
American singer and actress

VIEWPOINT

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What is left of King's dream?

PHILADELPHIA — The birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. marks a familiar annual American ritual of remembrance and celebration. Millions of citizens of all racial and ethnic origins are encouraged to reflect upon the amazing achievements of King and the civil rights movement, and more broadly, what it means to be an American.

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Many critical (or cynical) observers have noted the more insidious undertone of this national holiday: the implication that the days of racial injustice — specifically against black Americans — are behind us, that the disgrace of "separate but (un)equal" ended a long time ago. But I'm not going to reiterate these objections which, after all, have more to do with the politics of American society than the life and death of a great leader and visionary.

Instead, I'm going to talk about the kind of places where King's dream never comes close to being dreamt. A couple of months ago, I met an old classmate who is now working on the Penn campus. I hadn't talked to him for almost two years and was surprised to find out that he was also teaching at a middle school in North Philadelphia.

Though I didn't grow up in a neighborhood like the one around my friend's school, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what conditions there were like. Man, was I wrong.

Kids coming to school high — if at all — or the selling of drugs you've never even heard of in the bathrooms and hallways. Twelve-year-old girls giving birth in the cafeteria. A majority of students can't even read at a fourth-grade level. Over three-quarters of black males disappear from the Philadelphia public school system between the ages of 10 and 18, many literally lost from the records.

One can debate endlessly who is to blame for allowing conditions to deteriorate to the point of desperate inhumanity. But there is no question that these children grow up on blocks where the only functioning traces of social organization are liquor stores and drug-dealing operations. This is probably the worst imaginable environment for fostering self-esteem, hope or academic performance.

Imagine walking down the block to a school that hasn't seen repairs, new lab equipment or (in the worst cases) new books in decades and seeing a banner proclaiming that "The American Dream is Alive and Well at Hood High." And for MLK's birthday, someone in your class is asked to read that famous "I have a dream" speech all over again. And nobody dares discuss the true meaning behind those words, to ask whether that dream will be realized anytime soon — not to mention the struggle against segregation in a school whose students' faces make a mockery of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

As award-winning educator and writer Jonathan Kozol points out in the book "Savage Inequalities," such empty slogans cause even

more damage to children who desperately need real answers and hope, not worthless platitudes and political soundbites. Rarely in a suburban high school would you see a banner proclaiming the survival of the American Dream. It would seem not only unnecessary, but almost laughable. Why broadcast the obvious?

Consider on the other hand what happened to Kozol in the 1960s, when he dared to have students in a poor grade school in Boston read Langston Hughes' almost equally famous words about "a dream deferred." He was promptly relieved of his teaching position for including "inappropriate material."

Once again, Kozol points out, suburban schools place no such restrictions on their curricula. One poem by a great writer of the Harlem Renaissance poses no threat to the minds of young, well-off, mostly white children, who are more likely to reflect on how they might not grow up to be an astronaut than on the contradiction of being poor in the richest nation on earth.

To be sure, as author Walter Mosley argues in his most recent book, this is beginning to change now that more and more white Americans are losing control of their lives and finding themselves victims of HMOs, corporate downsizing, globalization and other consequences of The System. But the racial and economic gap isn't going away anytime soon, not as long as we refuse to face the tragedy of inner-city neighborhoods.

Children don't know much about politics or the workings of the outside world, but they are often more keenly observant of hypocrisy than adults. For the children of North Philadelphia and many other urban hellholes around the country, King's birthday — meant to be a celebration of all the moral and social progress that has been made against racial oppression and inequality — has become yet another painful reminder of a world beyond their reach.

To those children, and to those who suspect that I have done a disservice to the name of the great Southern preacher, consider this: In 1964, a leader of a very different black civil rights movement angrily declared, "I don't see any American Dream. I see an American nightmare."

By the time of his assassination four years later, King was starting to agree. Walking through the garbage-piled streets of Harlem in 1967, seeing despair far beyond any he'd encountered in his years of leadership, the great idealist expressed doubts about the realistic chances of his dream.

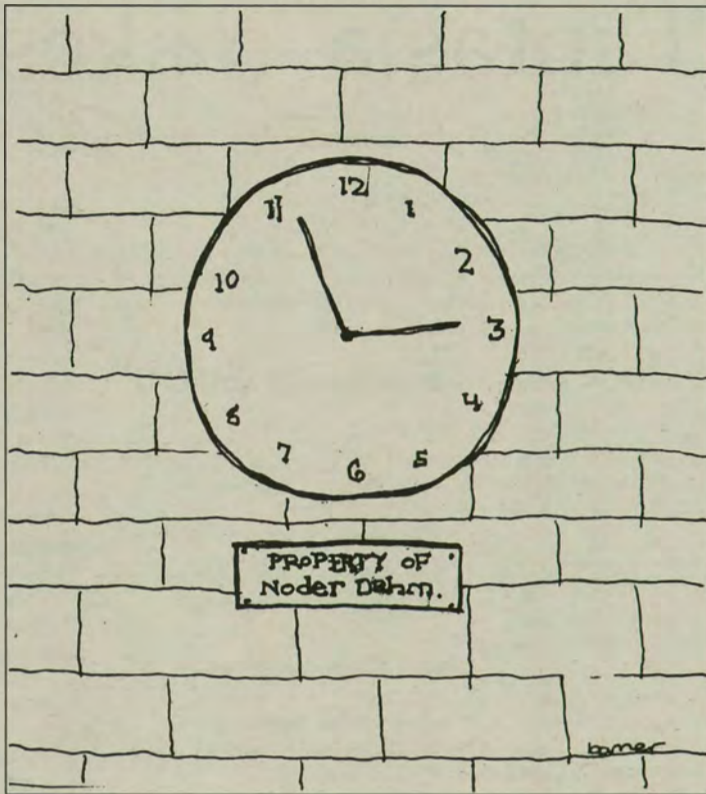
It was then that he, in one historian's words, "began to understand something of the world that created Malcolm X."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



There are reasons for 'mysteries'

I enjoyed Laura Petelle's column in Wednesday's *Observer* and wanted to respond to three of her questions.

There are no clocks in O'Shaughnessy Hall because when there were clocks, people took them. For a couple of years, battery-operated clocks were on the wall in every classroom. They were put in when — believe it or not — the bells that signaled the beginning and end of class time were mercifully silenced. The clocks were on the back wall, too, where teachers could see them and students couldn't, which was very nice. About half of them "walked" the first year and were replaced. Substantial quantities were liberated the second year. They were replaced. By the third year, whoever was responsible for clock replacement must have given up. Eventually they all disappeared.

The no food/no drink signs in DeBartolo Hall are there precisely because "we are incapable of cleaning up after ourselves after we eat." Know what happens after all the students leave at the end of spring semester? The carpets in DeBartolo classrooms have to be cleaned! Wouldn't it be nice to use that money for something else? It might be enough for the Annual O'Shaughnessy Clock Replacement Fund!

Lastly, some of us pronounce it "Notre" because it is "Notre" and not "Noder." Granted, some people have trouble with that final "e" and it comes out "Notra" which doesn't sound very nice. Those people should take a semester or two of French. Please don't suggest that if we say "Notre" we should also say "Dahm." That would be going too far, except in reference to the cathedral in Paris. Personally, I think "Noder" is fine for football, and I always say it that way in that context.

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Radio Announcer who says "Notre"

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Fantasia' makes big splash into millennium

By LAURA PETELLE
Scene Movie Critic

"Fantasia 2000" opens with a good but not great sequence set to part of Ludwig van Beethoven's well-known "Symphony No. 5," featuring butterfly-like triangles having a battle of sorts. The vignette is fairly dark and even frightening at times, but of course the good butterflies make it out OK in the end.

"Fantasia 2000"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Hendel Butoy, Francis Glebas and Paul Brizzi

On IMAX until April 30

The opening of the sequence is not as good as the opening J.S. Bach piece in the original "Fantasia." Some of the animation does not fit the music, and sometimes it seems that the soundtrack and picture are just a fraction of a second off.

But things improve.

The music for "Fantasia 2000" is performed by the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Levine. It features eight sequences, including Paul Dukas's familiar "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Unfortunately, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" is slightly grainy in the IMAX format, since it was drawn for a smaller screen. It was never my favorite sequence in the original "Fantasia," so I was surprised by how well-done it was, and by how dark it was. Mickey Mouse chopping up the evil broom with an ax is definitely scary, as is the mindless procession of the brooms to pour the water into the overflowing cistern.

The second episode in "Fantasia 2000" is a dance of whales set to Ottorino Respighi's "Pines of Rome," a piece which will probably be unknown to most audiences. The music and animation fit together startlingly well, and the whales do an exceptional job capturing the changing mood of the music. The flying whales are initially a little off-putting, but as the song continues, it captures one's imagination. The finale of the piece, where the whale swim in the clouds, is particularly majestic and moving.

What "Pines of Rome" takes advantage of — and indeed, what most of "Fantasia 2000" takes advantage

of — is the ability of animation to take viewers to places they can only imagine. So many animated movies merely present a story that could just as easily be told in live action. "Fantasia 2000" takes viewers into the realms of the imagination, showing things that could never be seen in "real life" or even in live action with really good special effects.

Less impressive was Dmitri Shostakovich's "Piano Concerto No. 2: Allegro, Opus 102," which was animated with the story of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." The animation and music fit well together, and the story was compelling, with the one-legged tin soldier meeting the ballerina, initially thinking she has only one leg as well. He discovers she has two, but she doesn't care about his deformity, and he manages to defeat the evil jack-in-the-box and win her heart. It was a nice enough story, but it was so Disney — very much the type of story one expects from Disney, using the style of animation that is so associated with Disney.

The two-minute finale to Camille Saint-Saëns's "Carnival of the Animals" features a free-spirited flamingo with a yo-yo who manages to confound his stodgy peers. It is two minutes of pure, joyful silliness, and the theater was laughing out loud.

Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance, Marches No. 1, 2, 3 and 4" was one of the best pieces, despite the merciless cutting and pasting of the various marches. Most moviegoers will recognize Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" as "that graduation song," but "Fantasia 2000" turns it into a Noah's Ark story featuring Donald and Daisy Duck. I expected this sequence to be silly (I mean, Donald Duck), but the animators gave it a surprising nobility, as well as a few moments of silliness. And in case you're concerned, we never see Noah's face.

One of the best sequences in the film was George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." It's animated in a style reminiscent of Al Hirschfeld, the caricaturist. It features four characters in 1930s New York, each of them unhappy and unfulfilled. It's unbelievably imaginative, and makes "Rhapsody in Blue" into a poignant story of despair and redemption. And trust me, you'll love it



Mickey Mouse stars again in "Fantasia 2000."

Photo courtesy of Disney

when the overbearing wife gets her due.

But the best piece of the entire film is the finale, Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird suite." Disney chose not to use the traditional Russian fairy tale in animating "Firebird," and made the firebird into an evil volcano being, but the sequence is so stunning that they're forgiven. It features an elk and a woodsprite who bring life to a forest, only to have the firebird/volcano destroy everything, plunging the woodsprite into despair. But the elk convinces her to bring renewal to the forest. The entire episode is dizzyingly gorgeous. Parts of it are dark, parts are joyful, evoking a full range of emotions. The woodsprite is a marvelous use of animation, a constantly shifting and whirling, vaguely female-shaped character.

"Fantasia 2000" is confined to IMAX screens until April 30, which means the closest place to see it is Chicago. See it on the IMAX screen, despite the high price of tickets. Being plunged into the lush animation by the enormous screen is breathtaking, and the IMAX sound system is the closest thing to a concert hall I've ever heard for canned music. Some of the clarity of the low bass is lost, but the brass is bright, the woodwinds reedy, the strings warm and the percussion incredibly clear.

Semester At a Glance: Spring at SMC

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Moreau Galleries

Jan. 21 - Feb. 18: Works on paper by Cecilia Ann Kelly, C.S.C.

Feb. 25 - March 24: Prints by Anita Jung.

Feb. 25 - March 24: Chasing the Ideal: Women on Eating Disorders.

May 5 - August 1: Tapestries by Mary Zicafoose.

Theater Productions

Feb. 3-5: Keenan Revue.

Feb. 18-29: 20th-Century Dance Retrospective.

Feb. 22: The Rivals.

April 13-16: "Summer & Smoke."

April 12-16: "The Love of the Nightengale."

Music

March 24: Opera Scenes.

April 1: Fleur de Lis: "April in Paris."

May 4: Spring Choral Concert.

May 12-13: Conservatory of Dance Performance.

Miscellaneous

Feb. 11-13: Sophomore Parents Weekend.

Feb. 25-27: Little Sibs Weekend.

March 11-19: Spring Break.

April 7-9: Junior Mom's Weekend.

April 21-24: Easter Break.

May 8-12: Final Exams.

May 19-20: Commencement Weekend.

Top Ten January 14-16

Movie Title	Weekend Sales
1. Next Friday	\$ 16.9 million
2. Stuart Little	\$ 12.5 million
3. The Hurricane	\$10.5 million
4. Girl, Interrupted	\$ 9.3 million
5. The Green Mile	\$ 8.8 million
6. Galaxy Quest	\$ 8.5 million
7. The Talented Mr. Ripley	\$ 6.8 million
8. Supernova	\$ 6.7 million
9. Toy Story 2	\$ 6.6 million
10. Any Given Sunday	\$ 5.5 million

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HOLIDAY MOVIE WRAP

Three-hour flicks flood holiday theaters

Aside from the kiddie flicks, this past holiday season was marked by a barrage of three-hour epic films, hoping for Oscar attention and big box office numbers. Here are the major films that made news over the past month.

"Man on the Moon"

A performer who seemed to thrive on controversy stemming from his unconventional routines and attempts at humor, Andy Kaufman was perhaps the best cinematic definition of the old saying about a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

"Man on the Moon" is an episodic and mostly satisfying look at the comedian and his many antics. Named after a song by R.E.M. and directed by Milos Forman ("Amadeus"), the film comes off as not much more than an impressively recreated highlight reel of Kaufman's more famous and infamous routines and appearances.

Without it ever really fully explaining his actions or getting the audience to truly care about him, the film often feels as if it's missing some soul.

However, Jim Carrey's performance (a guaranteed Oscar nomination) is a certifiable triumph of physical imitation. His "Andy" is so good and dead-on that anyone remotely familiar with the late comic may often forget it's not Kaufman himself.

Where the film may disappoint viewers is in the fact that like many other films about comedians (such as "Punchline"), this one is rarely outrageously hilarious, and actually only offers a few truly funny moments. And although a clever opening starts the film off with a great bit, the rest of film doesn't live up to anything Kaufman himself would have approved of.

For those with no sense of Kaufman's career or brilliance, this movie might act as a nice introduction. But fans of the comic will find themselves frustrated by the lack of interpretation into the man's life and will probably look to documentaries for a taste of the real thing. **Three and a half shamrocks.**

Review by MATT NANIA

"The Hurricane"

Through the sheer power of his acting, Denzel Washington single-handedly elevates "The Hurricane," an ambitious but flawed movie based on the true story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter.

Portraying Carter, a middleweight boxer wrongly accused and imprisoned for 20 years for a 1966 triple murder, Washington gives one of the best performances of his career, one likely to earn him an Oscar nomination. Through the course of the film, Washington hurls through a range of emotions. He is proud and swaggering, frustrated, humiliated and broken down, and finally, still and smoldering, trying to contain a hate running underneath his skin.

Hate is what Carter struggles against. When the teenager Lesra Martin, played by Vicellous Reon Shannon, befriends the boxer, Carter struggles to trust. In a world of lies and racism, Carter is afraid to open up, afraid to believe in the possibilities of love and goodness.

Unfortunately, Washington's performance is wasted in a movie, while at times riveting, is ultimately a fractured and even melodramatic work. To begin with, the film jarringly flips between Washington's plight in prison and the efforts of three Canadians. That's right, Canadians — who are determined to prove him innocent. While Washington lights up the screen, the Canadians, underdeveloped and unanimated, come off as nothing more than a group of happy-go-lucky do-gooders.

Also not fully fleshed out is racist policeman Della Pesca, portrayed by Dan Hedaya, whose sole purpose in life seems to be to destroy Carter. Without adequate explanations for his motives, Pesca is

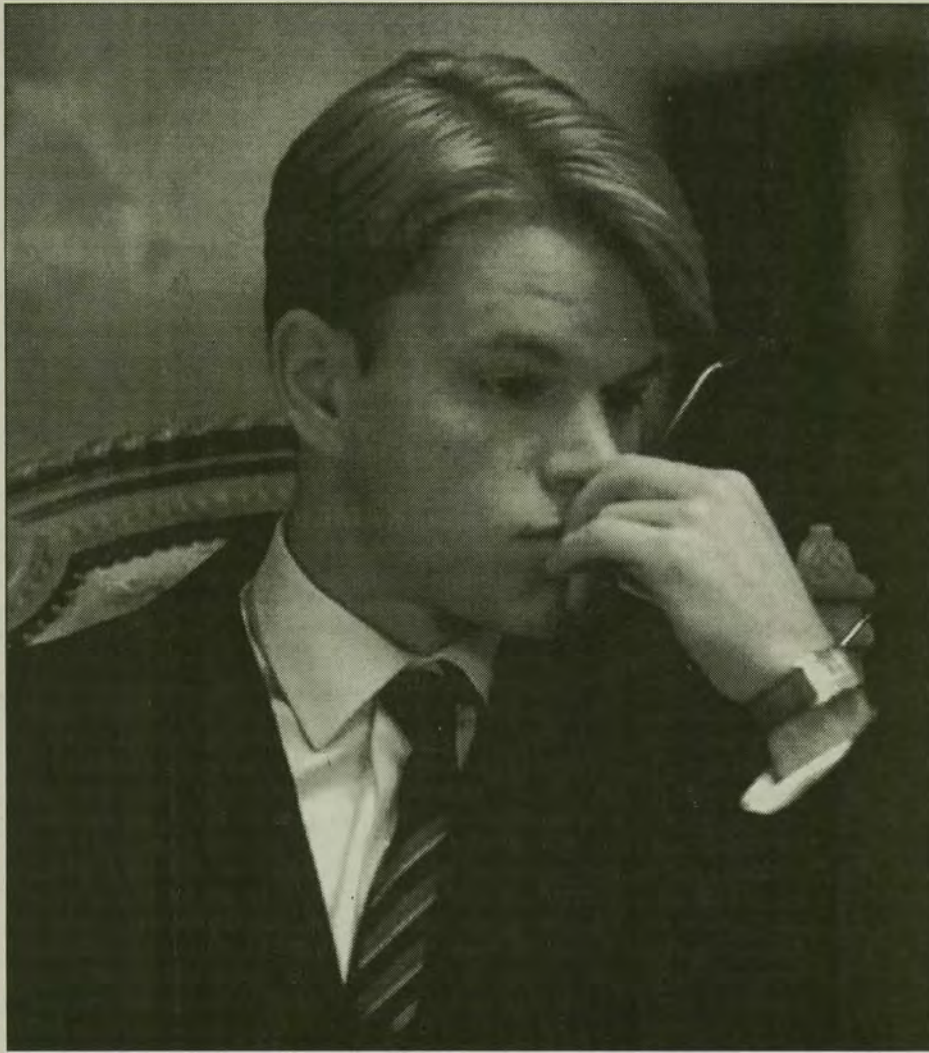


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The talented Matt Damon stars in the quasi-erotic thriller "The Talented Mr. Ripley," with fellow young actors Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law.

about as cartoonish as a Disney movie villain. **Three shamrocks.**

Review by JOHN CRAWFORD

"The Talented Mr. Ripley"

Dare to go where you've never been before. Such is the task Matt Damon took on with his subtly maniacal role as Tom Ripley, a nobody who wants to be a somebody.

Set in 1950s Italy, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" takes viewers on a wicked trip inside the mind of a man who will do anything to become anyone but himself. Initially narrating the film with regret, Damon introduces the unlikely thought that despite his murderous ways, Ripley is the film's hero, however tragic he may be.

But once viewers become acquainted with the laid back lifestyle of the Mediterranean, the film's slow pace becomes enthralling. Little by little, viewers watch Ripley envelope the people he admires, making damn sure no one gets in his way as he obsesses over his own nothingness.

Jude Law plays Ripley's prime object of desire, American Dickie Greenleaf, whose tanned, happy-go-lucky demeanor becomes addictive even to viewers.

Gwyneth Paltrow's Marge, Dickie's fiancée, is a small but integral character. She is manipulated by Ripley, unguardedly allowing him into her and Dickie's lives. Eventually she suffers because of this trust.

Clearly, the homosexual feel of Damon's character provides an uncharacteristic twist considering the tough-guy image Damon has built in his films to date. But the fact that he pulled off the emotional weights of a man in love and in lust with another man, with such believability proves that Damon is this generation's true great actor.

Several Oscar nominations are sure to come to "The Talented Mr. Ripley," proving the film to be one of the big surprises of 1999. **Four shamrocks.**

Review by MIKE VANEGAS

"Magnolia"

After viewing some very odd occurrences in the opening scene of Paul Thomas Anderson's (writer, director and co-producer) "Magnolia," the narrator says, "these things just happen." The audience is not told that this line is taken from Anderson's first feature film "Hard Eight" and the full line is "these things just happen — you just deal with it." This is a major theme in "Magnolia."

The storyline is based on the loose interaction of nine main characters during one rainy day in California's San Fernando Valley. Tom Cruise plays T. J. Mackey, a "seduce and destroy" motivational speaker who teaches men "How to fake like you are nice and caring."

A live-in nurse played by Phillip Seymour Hoffman attempts to reunite Mackey with his dying father Earl Partridge, a game show producer played by Jason Robards. Julianne Moore plays his high-strung trophy wife. The game show Partridge produces has an alcoholic host Jimmy Gator (Phillip Baker Hall) forsaken by his daughter Claudia, wonderfully played by Melora Walters. She is the romantic interest of police officer Kurring (John C. Reilly). The star of the game show is the "cute" brainiac Stanley (Jeremy Blackman). He reads up on the former star of the show quiz kid Donnie Smith played by William H. Macy. The movie is splendidly told by these characters, though there is no clear cut star — except behind the camera.

Anderson is a writer in love with telling the whole story, he creates a viewer connection challenged by none. His binary dialogue is both serious and humorous. Many MTV-attention spans and "fart joke" lovers will not catch Anderson's situational humor. As a director he is most concerned with the tempo of the film. He has a great ear for setting the pace, so much that at over three hours ("just deal with it") the film appears fast paced, which is also a tribute to his segue skills. He is in love with long, held shots and extreme

close-ups.

Brilliant and original, look for "Magnolia" at the podium of the Academy Awards. **Five shamrocks.**

Review by JEFFREY Q. IRISH

"Snow Falling on Cedars"

"Snow Falling on Cedars" is a pretty film but it suffers from visual overkill. Based on the David Guterson novel, it's part love story, part murder mystery, and the director does an admirable job interweaving the two. Unfortunately, the skillful narrative can never breathe under the weight of its images.

In director Scott Hicks' follow up to the acclaimed "Shine," Ethan Hawke plays Ishmael Chambers, a journalist reporting on a local murder trial in which the accused is a Japanese fisherman. The setting is just after World War II and most of the population is still paranoid around Asian immigrants. As the trial unfolds, Ishmael reflects back on his former Japanese girlfriend while deciding whether or not he can help against the town's prejudices.

The trials of the Japanese-American are moving but most characters wither away as the imagery gets stronger. Hawke does fine but any actor with a beating heart could have probably taken his place.

The film is pretty much what the title says: a movie of snow and trees. There's enough extraneous landscapes to comprise many Kodak ads and while it looks sumptuous, the viewer can only watch so much before finally getting lulled to sleep. **Three shamrocks.**

Review by GUNDER KEHOE

"Any Given Sunday"

"Any Given Sunday" is Oliver Stone's ("Platoon," "JFK," "Talk Radio") vision of professional football in the '90s. The story examines the stress and difficulty of an aging coach, Al Pacino ("Heat," "The Godfather" trilogy) and his geriatric quarterback, Dennis Quaid ("Undercover Blues") who is replaced by a more youthful, athletic and controversial figure in Jaime Foxx ("The Truth About Cats and Dogs," "The Jaime Foxx Show"). Foxx plays an arrogant player who has trouble keeping his lunch down and constantly in friction with the other players and coaches.

The audience learns of the intense pressure involved with a desperate Florida football team and their pursuit of home-game advantage for the start of the playoffs. With pressure from a young, beautiful and ambitious new owner, Cameron Diaz, ("The Mask," "Being John Malkovich," "There's Something About Mary") everyone involved with the team feels the pinch including the players, doctors and coaching staff.

Stone takes viewers inside the player's world, which includes drug use, lavish parties and money-hungry women. It seems that everyone is after something. The players want more money, the trainers want beautiful girls and the coach just wants everything to return to the way things were when the organization was winning.

There was great potential for the film based on the stellar cast that included James Woods, Mathew Modine, Lauren Holly and Charlton Heston. But the surprise comes with the acting ability of some NFL greats who have bit parts in the movie. Dick Butkus, Johnny Unitas and Laurence Taylor give strong performances as men who have seen the industry firsthand, and acted in that fashion. The idea was good, but it wraps up too nicely in the end making it very unbelievable. To the film's credit however, the sound is fierce, which makes viewers almost feel the violent tackles and hits. **Two shamrocks.**

Review by V. VAN BUREN GILES

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Air Jordan returns to NBA as part-owner, president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Look who's back — in a business suit and not a Chicago Bulls jersey, and with a team that can't get much worse.

One year after he retired from the NBA, Michael Jordan joined the struggling Washington Wizards as part-owner and president of basketball operations.

"I don't get to play. I don't get to wear a Wizards' uniform," Jordan told a packed news conference matched in size and scale only by his own retirement announcements in 1993 and last year.

"But I will have influence with the players who wear the uniform. ... I'm going to try to have my imprint and footprints all over this place."

Jordan becomes only the third minority black owner in the NBA, with Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers and Edward and Bettianne Gardner of the Bulls.

"It's going to show our children what it means to be an executive, a role model," Mayor Anthony Williams said. "It really is simply going to electrify our city."

Jordan attempted to become the league's first black majority owner last year when he negotiated with the Charlotte Hornets, but the deal fell through.

Jordan said the Wizards deal requires an out-of-pocket investment, but would not elaborate what percentage he will own. One of his new partners, Wizards minority owner Ted Leonsis said: "It's obviously sizable enough that he's here."

Jordan also will have an ownership stake in the NHL's Washington Capitals, who are owned by Leonsis.

Jordan was wearing a black suit, but he was feted as if he were wearing a cape and had an "S" on his chest. The Wizards, a moribund franchise suffering on the court and at the gate, are in desperate need of a Superman.

"I have an attitude about the way I play," Jordan said. "I have an attitude about the way I win. ... It's going to take some time for me to come in and evaluate what's here, what's going to stay here and what's

going to leave."

For now, Jordan said he will retain general manager Wes Unseld and coach Gar Heard. Although he won't be able to suit up at games — the NBA's constitution says players cannot be owners and owners cannot play — Jordan said he envisions himself practicing with the team.

"The best way to evaluate a player is to look in his eyes and see how scared he is, and I've seen that," Jordan said.

That same competitiveness was evident to Leonsis, who initiated the negotiations to bring Jordan to the nation's capital.

"I'd like to see a player disregard Michael Jordan," Leonsis said. "Every part of your DNA, when you're with this man, says this guy knows what it takes to win."

Wizards players immediately welcomed Jordan's arrival. Point guard Rod Strickland, who earlier this season said he wanted out of Washington, said he now wants to stay.

"That's very, very fair to say," Strickland said. "This changes everything."

Jordan said he will continue to live in Chicago, where he won 10 scoring titles and five MVP awards during his 13-year career. His family lives there, and he said he will commute to Washington.

"This is new to me ... being in a city to give my support to another team," Jordan said. "Normally, I am in support of the Chicago Bulls."

Entering Wednesday night's game with Dallas, the Wizards were 12-27, with the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference. The franchise hasn't won a playoff game in 12 years and has several high-priced, underachieving players — Strickland, Mitch Richmond and Juwan Howard — who will be difficult to unload because of the league's salary cap rules.

One area where Jordan could help right away is attendance. The Wizards have not sold out a game this year at the 2-year-old MCI Center. Wizards President Susan O'Malley did not miss the opportunity to peddle tickets and shouted out the toll-free ticket number during the televised news conference.

Several complex issues in three-way negotiations had to

be resolved before Jordan could join the Wizards. Leonsis' group bought the Capitals from Abe Pollin last year. Leonsis also owns 44 per-

cent of the Wizards and the MCI Center and has right of first refusal to buy them both when Pollin retires.

But Pollin and Jordan sparred

during last year's owners lockout of NBA players, for whom Jordan was a key negotiator. Both, however, said that shouting match is behind them.



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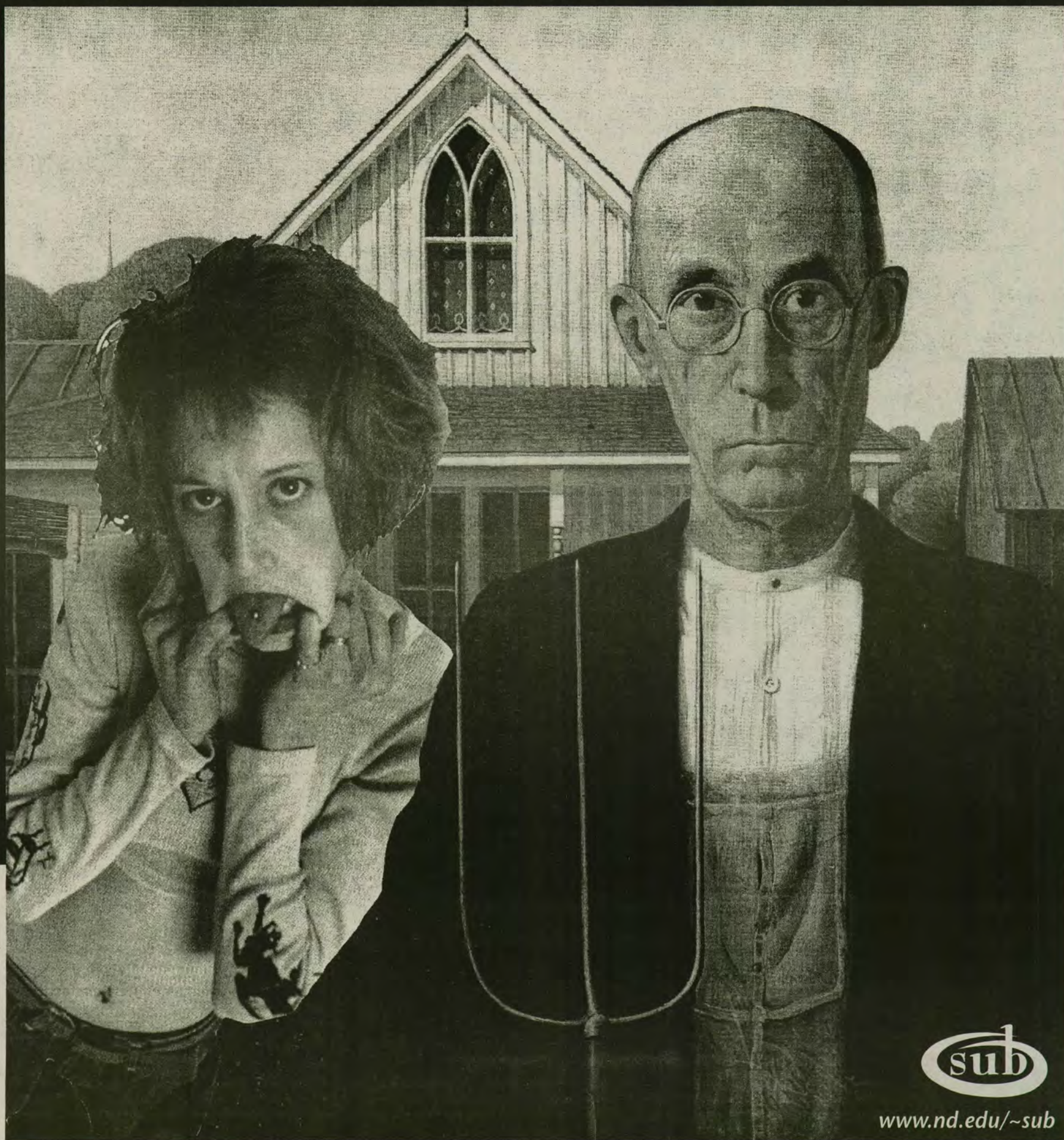
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NFL

Casserly joins Houston franchise

Associated Press

HOUSTON Charley Casserly, who won three Super Bowl rings during 22 years with the Washington Redskins, was picked as general manager and executive vice president of Houston's NFL expansion team Wednesday.

"This is not an on-the-job training program. We want people with a track record and success at this level," franchise owner Bob McNair said. "We did not interview a lot of people but we looked a lot."

"The overwhelming response was that Charley demands respect in the NFL."

Bob McNair
Houston franchise owner

Snyder said he decided to restructure the team's front office after becoming convinced that Casserly and coach Norv Turner could not work together.

Casserly received blame for a series of disappointing first-round draft choices, including Bobby Wilson, Tom Carter, Heath Shuler and Andre Johnson.

"I knew every day I went to work, I was fired," Casserly said at a news conference Wednesday. "When Dan Snyder officially took over the team it was a matter if I left then or in six months."

"I wanted to go then so I could look for another job, I was prepared to do that," he said, adding he has no hard feelings for Snyder. "Now, this is the best thing that has happened to me because now I am here."

The Redskins made the playoffs this year led by other players Casserly acquired, including quarterback Brad Johnson, running back Stephen Davis and receiver Michael Westbrook. The Redskins lost 14-13 to Tampa Bay last Saturday.

He also drafted Georgia cornerback Champ Bailey and left Washington with three No. 1 picks in the April draft.

Casserly was considered a candidate for general manager jobs with the New Orleans Saints and New York Jets.

"We as a family came to the conclusion that Houston was the best fit for us," Casserly said. "The toughest calls I had to make were to those other teams to tell them I was not interested."

"The overwhelming response was that Charley demands respect in the NFL and that is what we were seeking," McNair said.

Houston's NFL team is scheduled to begin playing in 2002. Groundbreaking for the team's retractable-roof stadium near the Astrodome is scheduled March 8, and a team nickname should be announced around that time.

McNair declined to give terms of Casserly's contract, other than to say it was a multi-year deal.

"We are long-term thinkers and we know it is going to take some time for this organization to be successful," McNair said. "Charley will have ample time to put this organization together."

Casserly, whom Redskins owner Daniel M. Snyder forced out before this season began, started with the team as an unpaid intern in 1977 and had been general manager in Washington since 1989.

Redskins hope for Fazio, Rhodes

Associated Press

The Washington Redskins were close to finalizing a deal to hire Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator Foge Fazio and former Green Bay Packers coach Ray Rhodes. ESPN reported Wednesday night.

ESPN said Rhodes would become Washington's defensive coordinator, while Fazio would become linebackers coach.

The deals have not been finalized, ESPN added.

Rhodes was fired Jan. 3 as coach of the Packers after an 8-8 season.

Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Nolan informed his team Wednesday he didn't want to return. The Redskins also fired defensive backs

coach Tom Hayes and defensive line coach Earl Leggett retired after a 24-year NFL coaching career.

Reached at a hotel Wednesday night in Mobile, Ala., where the Vikings' coaches are scouting Senior Bowl workouts this week, Fazio told The Associated Press the information that he was going to Washington was "not necessarily true. ... Right now it ain't." He hung up without clarifying his status.

Vikings coach Dennis Green didn't immediately return a voice mail message left at his hotel.

Fazio would be the second member of the Vikings' defensive coaching staff to leave since the season ended with a 49-37 defeat at St. Louis on Sunday.

The Vikings' defense ranked 27th in the NFL, with the pass defense 30th and the run defense 14th.

Inside linebackers coach Tom Olivadotti told the Saint Paul Pioneer Press for a story published Wednesday that Green fired him Tuesday night. He told the newspaper Green said during a staff meeting Monday that no coaching changes were pending.

Fazio has been the Viking's defensive coordinator for four seasons. He coached inside linebackers in 1995. Before that, he worked four seasons as linebackers coach with the New York Jets.

Olivadotti was defensive coordinator with the Miami Dolphins for nine seasons before being hired by Green in 1996.

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HOCKEY

Irish face adversity, show toughness during holidays.

By **BILL HART**
Associate Sports Editor

While most students were thinking of returning home for their semester break, members of the Notre Dame hockey team were preparing for a shot at rising in the collegiate ranks.

The holidays brought an eight-game schedule which finished with the Irish traveling to CCHA leader Northern Michigan for a two-game series on January 14. The Wildcats had an early 1-0 lead in the first game, but needed a power-play goal to force a 2-2 stalemate. In the series finale, the Wildcats scored three first-period goals, en route to a 6-0 rout. Despite earning only one win over the holidays, Poulin sees some positives in the recent play of the Irish.

"Three of the last four games we played very well," he said. "We've won the season series with Miami and Lake Superior. The beauty of it is that we have control of the situation. Now, we've to go out and play."

On January 8, Notre Dame took advantage of the home ice with a 2-1 victory over Lake Superior State. The Lakers drew first blood four minutes into the game, but sophomore David Inman responded with an assist by junior Jay Kopischke. Five minutes later, senior Joe Dusbabek scored the game-winner on a power play, off of passes from junior Dan Carlson and junior right wing Ryan Dolder.

In the second game, Lake Superior jumped out to another early first-period lead, but a goal by Notre Dame's freshman Michael Chin secured a 1-1 stalemate. Things were beginning to look up for the Irish, mostly due to the arrival of the Junior National team members and veterans off the injury list.

"We got all of our bodies back for that series," Poulin remarked. "The second time we played was the first time we'd had our whole team on the ice."

Notre Dame had little success to start off the new year, losing 5-2 to Colorado College. The Tigers opened up a 3-0 lead, but goals by Kopischke and Dusbabek pushed the Irish to within striking distance before another run put the game away.

The Irish finished 1999 with a New Year's Eve game, in Colorado against Denver. While Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-0 lead the game ended up in overtime. After five minutes of scoreless hockey, the Pioneers won, to send them into the title game.

The Irish began when they played host to the Princeton Tigers. Although taking the ice was a welcome reprieve after exams, the Irish were able to field only 17 healthy players. Three Notre Dame forwards played for the U.S. Junior National team, while four others were out with injury.

Despite the injuries and prior commitments, the Irish were able to stay close to the Tigers due to some unlikely sources. In



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Junior Dan Carlson pushes the puck past a Michigan player in a recent game. Carlson assisted on the game winning goal in the Irish victory over Superior State on January 8.

the first game, Chin and senior Sean Molina earned their first career goals in the first and second periods, while a third-period goal by senior center Troy Bagne tied the game at 3-3.

Two Irish penalties with gave

the Tigers a 5-on-3 situation, which junior Chris Corrinet used to score the winning goal.

In the second game, the home team got on the board first Carlson. The defense was unable to contain a three-goal second period, however, which

led to the 4-2 Tiger victory.

"It was a strange sequence of events," Poulin said. "We've been there, we played well enough to be in those games, and haven't played well enough to win. We simply haven't done it."

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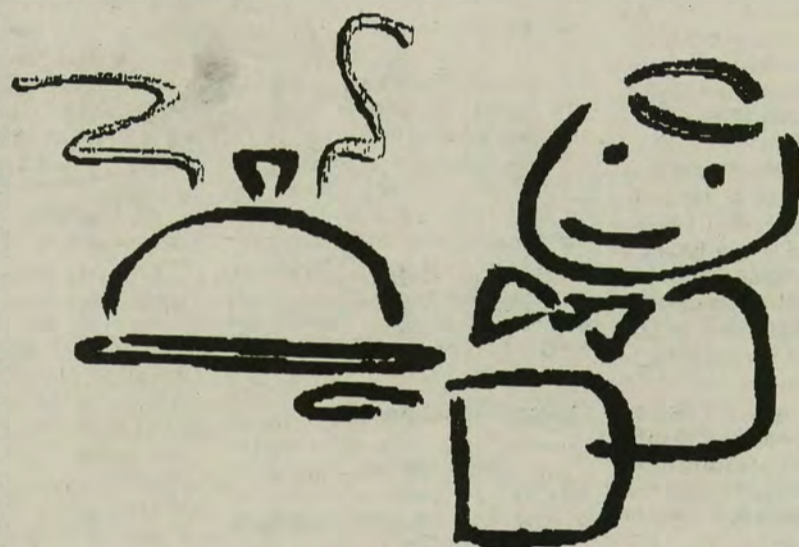
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NBA

Jordan era begins with Wizards' fall to Mavericks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Say Michael, you sure you can't play for these guys? They really could use you.

On the day Michael Jordan became part owner of the Washington Wizards, his new team put on one of its worst performances of the season before a less than half-full arena. The Wizards lost to 104-86 to the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

With Jordan and President Clinton watching from the owners box and security keeping fans at bay, Washington fell behind 17-5 to lose for the eighth time in nine games. Fans held up "Welcome Michael" signs, but booed the Wizards throughout the game.

Michael Finley scored 23 points to lead the Mavericks. Dirk Nowitzki tied a career-high with five 3-point baskets and had 22 points. Shawn Bradley added a season-high 20 points. Tracy Murray scored 17 points to lead Washington.

Wizards center Jahidi White scored eight consecutive points at the end of the first half to narrow the Mavericks' lead to 48-47. Washington took its first lead of the game when Tracy Murray opened the second half with a 3-pointer.

After White's layin tied the score at 54, Dallas used a 16-4 run to go ahead 70-58. The Mavericks built their lead to 85-65 with a 15-2 run. The Wizards never threatened the rest of the game.

The Wizards handed out T-shirts to the fans in the second half with the message: "New Year. New Day. We've got M.J." Unfortunately, the only Jordan on the court for Washington was Reggie Jordan, who played 10 minutes and scored three points.

76ers 107, Hawks 89

Larry Hughes scored 18 points, including two sensational dunks in perhaps his last game for Philadelphia as the 76ers blew out the Atlanta Hawks 107-89 Wednesday night.

Hughes, who could be going to the Miami Heat in a deal for Jamal Mashburn, capped a high-flying show with a one-handed alley-oop dunk as the Sixers led by as many as 30. The Hawks made only one field goal in the third quarter and dropped to 3-15 on the road.

Allen Iverson had 25 points and eight assists as the Sixers won their fourth straight and sixth in seven games. During the game, two league sources told The Associated Press that the Sixers were close to trading Hughes and Billy Owens to Miami for Mashburn. The Sixers declined comment.

Hughes, a 6-foot-5 guard who turns 21 on Sunday, passed to rookie Todd MacCulloch for a dunk that gave the Sixers their biggest lead — 105-75 with 4:07 left. He dribbled out the final seconds and slapped hands with Owens, a reserve who had four points, before walking to the locker room.

Alan Henderson led the Hawks

with 22 points, and Isaiah Rider had 17.

The Sixers made it a blowout with a 22-8 run to start the third as the Hawks made only 1 of 19 shots and scored 12 points in the quarter. Atlanta's lone basket was a 12-foot jumper by Bimbo Coles as they fell behind by as many as 28 points.

Iverson scored 11 in the third, hitting 5 of 7 shots as Philadelphia outscored Atlanta 29-12.

If not for free-throw shooting, the Hawks would've had no shooting at all. They made 10 of 13 from the line in the third.

Hughes threw down an emphatic slam on a broken play off a pass from Matt Geiger, making it 80-56 with 2:06 left in the third. Hughes stuffed it two-handed and hung on the rim for good measure.

Celtics 94, Raptors 90

Paul Pierce scored 30 points, hitting the game-winning 3-pointer with 4.6 seconds left on Wednesday night to cap a 14-0 run as the Boston Celtics beat the Toronto Raptors 94-90.

The Celtics rallied from a 13-point, fourth-quarter deficit with eight late points from Calbert Cheaney before Pierce's right-side shot swished through as the 24-second clock expired. It was Boston's first lead since midway through the second quarter.

Toronto called timeout, and fans showered the court with debris, prompting Celtics coach Rick Pitino to take the public address microphone and beg

them to stop lest his team be charged with a crucial technical foul.

When play resumed, Vince Carter made just one of two free throws and Pierce sank two to clinch the game.

Carter scored 20 points, including a highlight-reel dunk and a half-court, but he was just 8-for-27 overall. Charles Oakley had 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost five consecutive road games.

The Celtics trailed 75-62 at the start of the fourth before mounting a 16-8 run that included two 3-pointers and four free throws by Pierce. After Toronto expanded the lead to 89-78, the Celtics ran off the next 14 points.

Toronto led 89-86 when Potapenko missed an eight-footer that could have cut the lead to one. At the other end, Doug Christie missed a 3-point attempt at 24-second buzzer, and Potapenko got the rebound.

He grabbed another board off a Celtics miss and dished it to Cheaney in the left corner, who hit the 3 to tie it with 52 seconds to play. After Carter's miss and Kenny Anderson's rebound, Pierce nailed the 3 to win it.

Pacers 106, Bucks 84

It's 13 and counting at home for the Indiana Pacers.

Reggie Miller scored 29 points and Mark Jackson had 12 assists as the Pacers defeated Milwaukee 106-84 Wednesday night.

Indiana hasn't lost at home since Nov. 25, when Detroit post-

ed a 107-99 decision.

The Bucks, led by Glenn Robinson with 25 and Ray Allen with 16, dropped their eighth straight at Indiana, including two playoff losses last year.

Robinson had 15 in the second quarter when he was 5-of-7 from the field. Still, Milwaukee trailed 61-54 at halftime as it was unable to match Indiana's 54 percent shooting.

The Bucks were already missing coach George Karl, who picked up two quick technicals with 4:54 left in the half.

Milwaukee cut the deficit to 67-63 on a free throw by Sam Cassell after Jalen Rose was assessed a technical foul for throwing the ball at Milwaukee's Scott Williams. Indiana responded with a 19-foot jumper and a 3-point jumper by Miller and the Bucks weren't closer than six again.

The Pacers led 78-70 going into the fourth quarter and took control with a 10-2 run to open the period. Indiana's biggest lead was 22.

Sam Perkins, Travis Best and Austin Croshere had 12 points apiece for Indiana. Tim Thomas and Sam Cassell scored 11 each for Milwaukee, but Cassell was only 4-of-19 from the field.

There were six lead changes and one tie in the first quarter before Indiana took the lead to stay, closing the period with an 8-2 run.

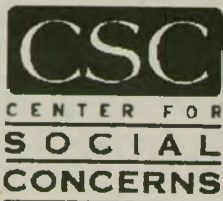
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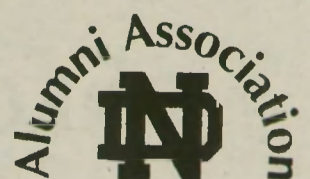
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Football

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•Wide receiver Ronnie Rodamer from Morgantown, W.Va., will announce his college decision today. The 6-foot-4, 190 pound Rodamer, a high school teammate of current Irish player Chris Yura will choose between Notre Dame and Clemson.

•Quarterback Carlyle Holiday from San Antonio, Texas, has narrowed his schools to Notre Dame and Nebraska. Holiday, who would join Matt Lovechio and Jared Clark in an already-impressive group of quarterback recruits, is expected to make his decision this week.

•This coming weekend is a big recruiting weekend for the Irish. Twelve recruits have planned to visit the campus. The players include offensive linemen David Baas (Sarasota, Fla.) and Max Starks (Orlando, Fla.); running backs Caron Bracy (Jacksonville, Fla.), Renaldo Works (Tulsa, Okla.) and Brandon Russell (Atlanta, Ga.).

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SOFTBALL

Irish ranked first in preseason poll

Special to The Observer

The 2000 Notre Dame softball team has been chosen to finish first in the Big East in a preseason poll of conference coaches released Wednesday. The Irish, with eight of the nine first-place votes, finished with 64 votes overall, 11 more than Boston College, which finished second in the voting with 53.

Notre Dame junior pitcher Jennifer Sharron (Agoura Hills, Calif.) was selected the Big East preseason pitcher of the year, while junior short-stop Melanie Alkire (Union City, Calif.) was picked as the Big East preseason player of the year.

Sharron and Alkire were joined on the 12-member preseason all-Big East Team by outfielders Lizzy Lemire (Irvine, Calif.) and Jennifer

Kriech (Indianapolis, Ind.), giving the Irish the most selections of any of the conference's nine teams. Sharron also was the only unanimous selection to the preseason team.

The Irish are coming off a 42-20 season in which they won their first Big East championship and advanced to the NCAA regional round.

Sharron earned her second nod in as many seasons as the 1999 Big East pitcher of the year, while Alkire was honored as the 1999 Big East player of the year. Sharron, Alkire, Lemire and Kriech were all-Big East first team selections in 1999.

Boston College placed three players on the preseason all-Big East team including pitcher Mary Dietz, catcher Summer Jarratt and utility player Lauren Fischetti.

Notre Dame selects Conrad as coach

Special to The Observer

Two-time first team All-American and former Michigan standout Traci Conrad has been named an assistant softball coach at Notre Dame.

Conrad replaces Stephenie Henderson who took over the head coaching position at Loyola-Chicago.

Conrad, a native of Frankfort, Ill., will help coach the batters and infielders and assist Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller in all administrative aspects of the program.

The Big Ten career hits leader won numerous national awards while playing four years at first base under Wolverine head coach Carol Hutchins. As a senior in 1999, she was named a Honda Award Finalist and a third team All-American, while receiving her second nod as Big Ten Player of the Year and Michigan team MVP.

As a junior, Conrad, a four-time all district selection, helped the Wolverines to a national number two ranking for 10 straight weeks, earning first team All-America

honors. Her sophomore season, Conrad helped the Wolverines advance to their third straight Women's College World Series, earning first team All-America honors and her first of three selections to the Big Ten first team.

As a freshman, Conrad was named to the Women's College World Series all-tournament team and earned accolades as Big Ten Freshman of the Year and Michigan Rookie of the Year.

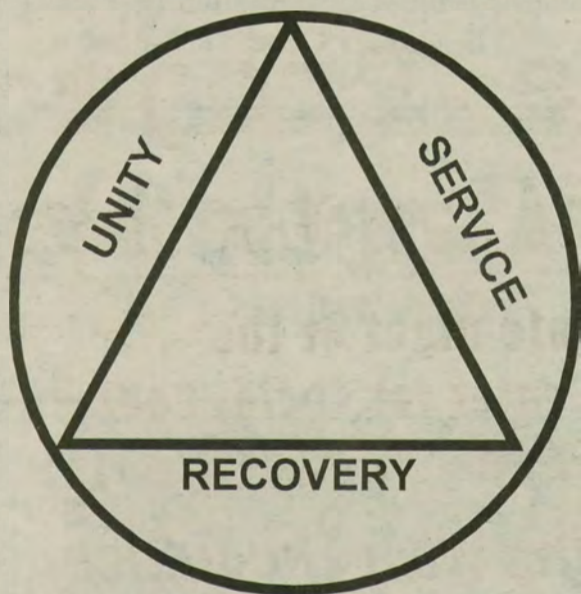
Conrad also earned a gold medal while playing for the 1997 Pan Am Qualifier team in Medellin, Columbia, and was a participant in the 1997 and 1998 USA Softball National Team Festival.

Off the field, Conrad was a first (1998) and second (1999) team GTE Academic All-American and a three-time academic all-district team selection.

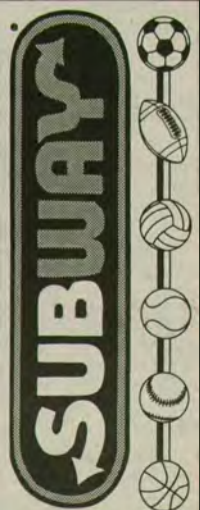
After graduating from Michigan in May 1999 with a bachelor of arts degree in sports management and communications, Conrad helped lead the Akron Racers to the Women's Pro Softball League (WPSL) championship series, where they finished as league runners-up.

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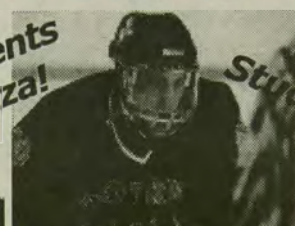
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Magloire lifts Kentucky over winless Mississippi, 74- 69

Associated Press

Kentucky center Jamaal Magloire had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the 18th-ranked Wildcats used inside dominance to overcome poor shooting in a 74-69 victory over Mississippi on Wednesday night.

The win was the eighth in nine games for Kentucky (12-5, 3-1), while Mississippi (12-6, 0-5) remained winless in the Southeastern Conference.

The Wildcats put their size advantage to work by outrebounding Mississippi 45-35 and leading by as many as 18 points before a garbage-time surge by Mississippi.

On the offensive boards, an 18-13 Kentucky advantage led to 17 second-chance points and helped the Wildcats compensate for another poor shooting night by the SEC's least accurate team.

Kentucky was 24-of-59 from the field (40.7 percent) and only 3-of-17 from 3-point range (17.6 percent), with freshman Keith Bogans making all three.

Bogans finished with 12 points and four assists, while Tayshaun Prince had 10 points and four assists.

Marcus Hicks led Mississippi with 27 points, including three 3-pointers, and 10 rebounds.

Syracuse 82, Pittsburgh 72

Freshman DeShaun Williams, scoreless over his last three games, came off the bench for a season-high 23 points to keep

No. 6 Syracuse close until the unbeaten Orangemen could put away Pittsburgh 82-72 Wednesday night.

Williams, who had scored in double digits only twice previously this season, had five 3-pointers while scoring all of his points in the first 28 minutes. He had 12 points combined in his previous six games.

Williams consistently hit 3-pointers from the right wing over Pittsburgh's zone defense, going 4-of-5 from 3-point range in the first half as Syracuse rallied from several seven-point deficits for a 35-all halftime tie.

Etan Thomas and Jason Hart took over after that as Syracuse (15-0, 5-0 Big East) remained the only unbeaten team in Division I, taking the lead for good with a 13-6 run to start the second half.

Thomas hit a jumper just to the right of the foul line to stretch Syracuse's lead to 70-64. After Brandin Knight split the lane for a left-handed layup for Pitt (8-7, 0-4), Ryan Blackwell hit a runner off the glass and Hart made two free throws to put Syracuse up by eight with 3:21 to play.

Duke 92, N.C. State 88

No. 5 Duke matched the ACC record for consecutive regular season wins in heart-stopping fashion Wednesday night, getting a career-high 30 points from Chris Carrawell in a 92-88 victory over North Carolina State.

The Blue Devils (14-2, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 27th straight league game over a three-year span, match-

ing the mark set by N.C. State from 1972-75.

Carrawell, whose previous high was 28 points set in the

season opener against Stanford, had five in the overtime, while freshman Carlos Boozer had six of his 24 in the overtime.

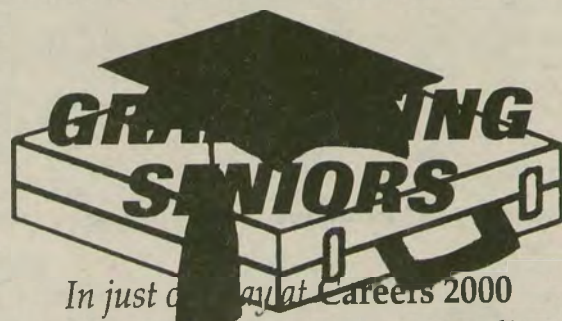
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Senior Retreat (February 11-12) Sign Up

Monday, January 17 through Friday, February 4
103 Hesburgh Library

MBA Retreat "Holding It All Together"

Friday-Saturday, January 21-22, St. Joe Hall

Learning To Talk About Race Retreat

Friday-Saturday, January 21-22, Lindenwood

Africentric Spirituality: Freshmen Intro Spring Retreat "the Plunge - Phase 2"

Saturday, January 22, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Lewis Hall Basement

RCIA Session

Sunday, January 23, ND Room, LaFortune Student Center

Africentric Spirituality:

Sankofa Scholars Honors Assembly

Sunday, January 23, 7:00 pm
Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center

Confirmation Program: Rite of Welcome

Sunday, January 23, 11:45 am
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Misa En Espanol - Spanish Mass

Presider: Fr. John Herman, C.S.C.
Sunday, January 23, 1:30 pm, Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 2000

Monday, January 24, 7:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom

The Dream Through Fr. Hesburgh's Eyes: A personal reflection on Martin, the Movement and their realities at Notre Dame

Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom

Colors of the World - A Student Panel:
Presented by Student Government. food from around the world will be served.

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 pm, Keenan-Stanford Chapel

We Walk in the Light of Christ - A Prayer Service

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Confirmation - "We Pray What We Believe"

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 pm
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, December 15, 8:00 pm, Wilson Commons

Second Sunday of Advent

Weekend Presiders

at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, January 22 Mass

5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 23 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Robert L. Epping, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

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

Scripture Readings

1st Reading Jon 3:1-5, 10

2nd Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

The Norm of Greatness

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

How do we determine who is great among us? Who decides just what greatness looks like? I fear that if it were left to society the measures would miss the mark. Things like wealth, or appearances, or relative fame, or even athletic prowess, would be held up over virtue, or the degree to which one is willing to sacrifice, or to love. The greatness that Jesus held up had little to do with charm, or grades, or good-looks, or money. The norm of greatness for Jesus had to do with humility, kindness, mercy, patience and love.

On Monday past, our nation celebrated the anniversary of the birth of a child, born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia. This child would be destined to change forever how we view ourselves as Americans, and would almost single-handedly redefine for us, as a nation, the measure of our greatness. On January 17th, our nation marked with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, "King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back." Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Whatever one might think of him, Dr. King's contribution to this nation and the world are undeniable. He woke a world from complacency and indifference, and articulated a dream which has given hope to generations of Americans. That dream is a universal one, one which seeks love and justice for all people, regardless of race or creed. It is a quest that this community must claim as its own. The Gospel which we here so proudly profess, demands it of us. That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, around whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn't take a rocket, or even social scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that is indeed not true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. If we are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, two years younger than I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later, at 39, he would die a martyr's death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn't at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in the *Observer* about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

For some months the MLK Celebration Planning Committee has been meeting to prepare a series of programs that we hope will further an appreciation of the richness and diversity of all peoples on this campus and beyond. Please join with them in reflecting on and redefining our norm of greatness. Please join with us in celebrating the rich diversity of this community by attending the events which will take place next week, which will be advertised in these pages. And finally, a word of thanks to the members of the MLK Celebrations Planning Committee (listed below) for their remarkable spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of our entire community.

Jay Caponigro	Chandra Johnson	Ken Seifert	Sharon Watson
Stephany Foster	Rene Mulligan	Anthony Sieh	Justin Wilson
Kevin Huie	Iris Outlaw	Clare Sullivan	Priscilla Wong, <i>Chair</i>

Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community's norm of greatness can include an appreciation of the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to say it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine:

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless night of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.



WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles surprised by recent splash into record book

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Record-breaking swims are generally the exception rather than the rule for Saint Mary's swim team.

After a series of dual meets over winter break, the women are not only rewriting the record book, but proving they know how to break the rules.

Returning from 10 days of grueling training in Cocoa Beach, Fla., freshman Lauren Smith re-set her own record in the 200 breaststroke against Calvin College last week, lowering the mark to 2:36.15.

Smith's swim, and a number of season and lifetime bests posted by the team at the peak of their training regime, caught first-year coach Gretchen Hildebrandt by surprise.

"I don't know why it's happening, but I'm not complaining," Hildebrandt said. "[Smith] knew that her times hadn't been where they should be for the past few meets, and mentally she was ready for this one. She was tired and worn down — this was a total mental swim."

The peak training period over winter break generally produces some of the slower swims of the season, due to the athletes' fatigue from training two to three times daily.

But Smith's swim was not the only surprise, as her teammates Alicia Lesneskie, Michelle Samreta, Lane Herrington, and Colleen Sullivan posted a record-breaking swim in the 400 medley relay against Calvin, resetting the three-year-old mark at 4:22.11.

"They're posting awesome times," Hildebrandt said. "It's proof that their training is working — they're swimming fast times at practice, and coming back and swimming faster in the meets."

The women kept the pace against Hope College Tuesday night, putting pressure on the No. 1 team in the MIAA.

"We wanted to show them that we're tough," Hildebrandt said. "Looking at their times, I knew that we could get second and third in almost every event. We wanted to give them good competition."

Saint Mary's dropped the meet 120-98, but continued to improve individual performances, securing several lifetime best times.

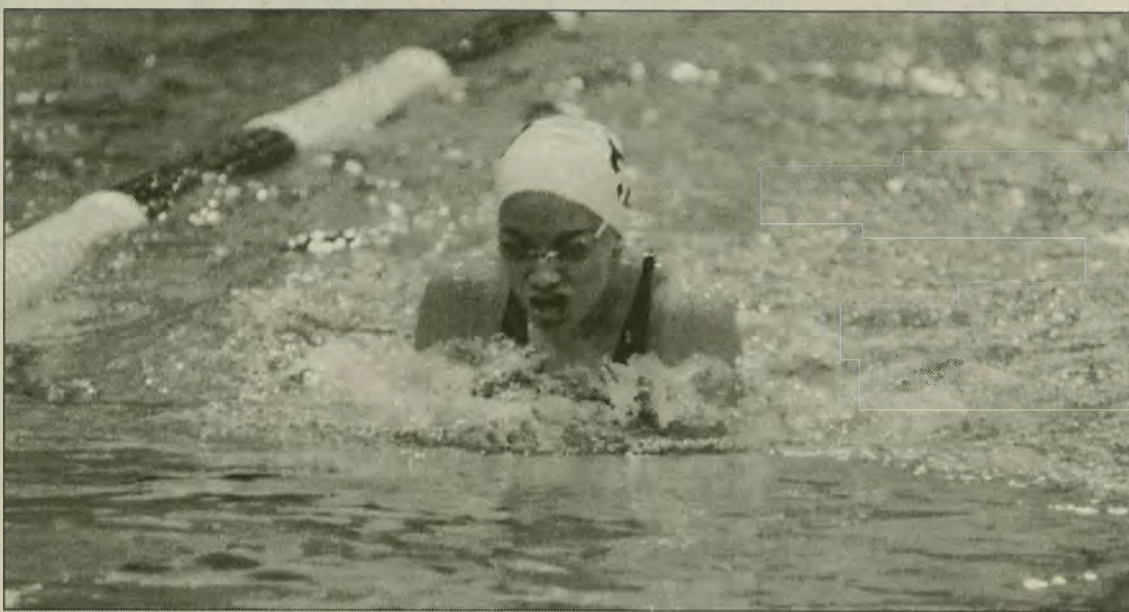
Freshman Meghan Harris swam past the 6:00 barrier in the 500 freestyle, securing third place and surpassing her lifetime goal in the event. Solid performances also came from Alicia Lesneskie and Olivia Smith, who finished 1-2 in the event.

Olivia Smith also posted a season best in the 1,000 freestyle, finishing in first place in 11:37.40. Lori Schulte cut her time in the 100 backstroke, and Erin McCarthy secured a new best time in the 200 individual medley.

Again, the exception became the rule.

While Saint Mary's currently stands at 2-5 on its season, continual strong individual performances give the team reason to believe that the MIAA championship — swum on home turf at Rolfs Aquatic Center — could bring blessings and hard earned results to the team.

But they are not there yet.



Michelle Samreta finished first in the 100 breaststroke Tuesday against Hope College. Despite the loss to Hope, which is ranked No.1 in the MIAA, the Belles improved upon numerous personal records.

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Closing their dual meet competition this weekend at home against DePaw and Kalamazoo, the Belles face tough MIAA competition from Kalamazoo, and will have to step up to defeat DePaw.

Furthermore, the absence of sophomore sprinter Danielle Clayton from a back injury leaves some uncertainty in the lineup until she returns. Clayton is anticipated to compete Saturday, dependent upon practice performance this week.

"If we're on Saturday, we can beat DePaw," Hildebrandt said. "But we're not resting for this. We're training hard this week."

The odds are against them point-wise, but if the team follows its past few performances, it could make another exception the rule — again.

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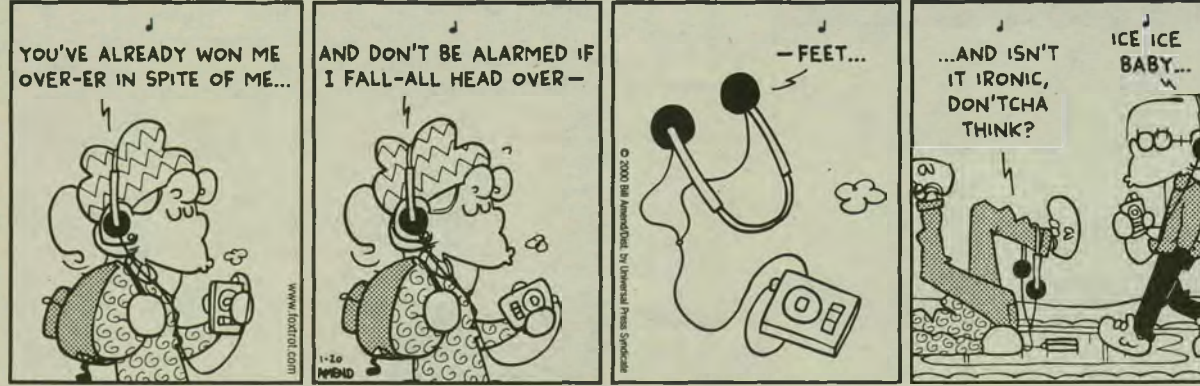
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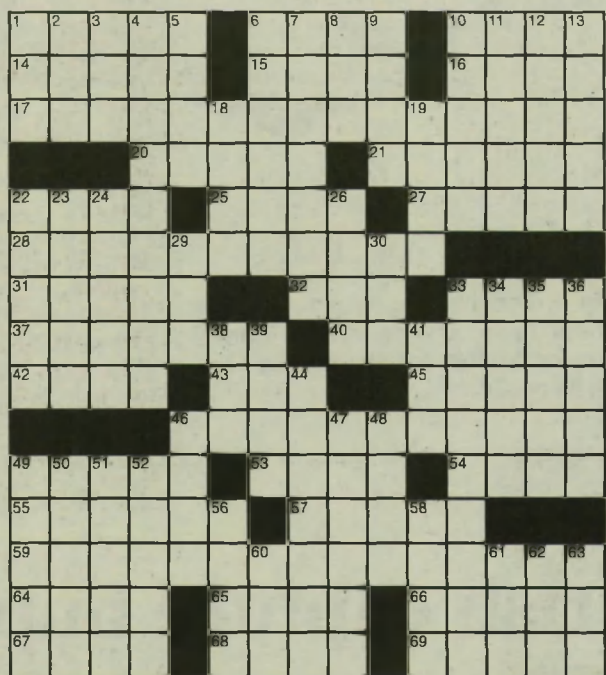
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Puzzle by Chuck Deodene

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Disputes at home will be hard to avoid. Overspending on selfish items, coupled with neglecting your responsibilities, will be the brunt of the problem. Work quickly to rectify this situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are likely to overreact to emotional situations. It is best to step back from the situation, rather than take sides or make hasty decisions regarding your response. Avoid serious talks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can expect to experience some unusual circumstances regarding money or legal matters. Be careful not to divulge valuable information. You could be setting yourself up if you do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional upset will be the case if you don't keep things in perspective. You must busy yourself with energetic activities that will help you vent your anxiety and frustration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be feeling a little depressed about your personal situation. You can turn that feeling around if you plan a quiet evening for two and lay your cards on the table. Investments will be lucrative.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel for business or pleasure. Much can be gained if you organize your course of action. You will have the stamina to accomplish your goals if you direct yourself accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your personal life will be unpredictable. Don't get involved with those who are overindulgent or escapist. Problems with your house must be taken care of immediately.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel will bring cultural knowledge that can't be learned in any other way. Your memory will help you in your creative pursuits. Your honesty will result in new friendships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your personal partner may be less than accommodating today. Don't push your luck. It is best to steer clear of such confrontations. Try to compromise and bend to others' wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pleasure trips will be favorable and result in new friendships or partnerships. Humanitarian groups will want you as their leader due to your strong beliefs and persuasive attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Insight will be greatly needed. Look to those who can offer you advice. You need mental stimulation. Join groups that deal with self-awareness as well as those that offer a creative outlet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let unreliable friends take advantage of your good nature. You mustn't pay for other people's mistakes or their entertainment just because you don't want them to walk away from you.

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Holiday Ice

The Irish hockey team played eight games over the holidays. Despite winning only one game, the team maintains its positive outlook.

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HOCKEY

Irish players lead in World Junior Championships



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Sophomore David Inman, pictured above passing the puck in a recent game, is one of three Irish players who competed for the United States in the World Junior Championship. Inman, along with fellow sophomore Brett Henning and freshman Connor Dunlop, led the team to the semi-finals of the tournament, where the U.S. fell to the Czech Republic.

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The U.S. National Junior Hockey team reached the semi-finals of the World Junior Championship with the help of three Irish players. Sophomore centers Brett Henning and David Inman, along with freshman center Connor Dunlop, all traveled to Sweden for the three-week tournament from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4.

The three selections from the Irish roster marked the fourth straight year that a player from Notre Dame has made the 22-man roster, while it also was the most number of players from any one single team. Boston College leads the way with nine selections to the National Junior Team during the past four years, followed by Notre Dame with 7.

The U.S. team finished 1-2-2 in the Championships, including ties with eventual finalist the Czech Republic (2-2) and Canada (1-1). The lone U.S. victory came against host Sweden with a final score of 5-1. Connor Dunlop figured in the scoring in the victory with one goal and one assist. His goal came unassisted to give the U.S. a 3-1 lead, while his

assist came on the first goal scored.

"It was a great hockey experience—the best that I have ever had," Dunlop said. "To be on a world stage against the best players under twenty from around the world is great. Representing the country is something that I was really glad to do."

The Czechs eliminated the U.S. team in the semi-finals, before Canada was able to beat them in an overtime shoot-out in the Bronze medal game. The Czechs went on to become the eventual champions by defeating Russia in a shoot-out.

"The competition helped a lot," said Dunlop. "The speed of the game is a lot different from the college level and we played on Olympic sheets, which really pushed our skills."

The Irish players put up impressive statistics throughout the Championship, with Dunlop leading all U.S. centers in face-off percentage. He won 69 of 108 (64 percent) as the second line center. Henning also played as a center for the Americans, winning 14 of 37 face-offs. Inman was used as a wing on several different lines for the U.S. in the tournament.

FOOTBALL

Despite violations, Irish capture impressive recruits

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Growing up in a football family, Billy Palmer knew all about Notre Dame.

The son of an ex-Canadian Football League player and the brother of a junior quarterback at Florida, the tradition, academic excellence, and emphasis on religion associated with Notre Dame were all part of Palmer's upbringing.

Now one of the premier high school tight ends in the country and a target of the Irish coaching staff, Palmer also knew that the NCAA would be penalizing the Irish for improper gifts given to players by a university representative.

He didn't let the impending ruling impact his final decision.

"I read the papers and they said it [the violations] wouldn't be anything major," said Palmer who committed to the Irish on Jan. 9. "I actually looked past it. I knew the great

opportunities the school provides."

"It [the ruling] didn't affect me at all," Palmer said. "It was nothing too major and it was the first for the program. I'm very aware of the character of the school."

Palmer's sentiments seem to be consistent across the recruiting circles. As of today, the Irish have received verbal commitments from 13 players for the class of 2004. Five of the 13 rank among recruiting analyst Tom Lemming's top 100 high school players.

According to Lemming, the uncertainty surrounding the NCAA's ruling actually helped Notre Dame in recruiting. Lemming mentioned that most of the top recruits wait until a few weeks prior to signing day, Feb. 2 before making their final decision. With Notre Dame's violations, a loss of a scholarship in football for the next two years, coming in mid-December, the Irish were able to have nearly a month and a

half to attract players without the burdens of the violations.

"At the beginning it [the uncertainty] kept some players from committing," Lemming said. "But inadvertently it helped Notre Dame. They're now getting great players when

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**Billy Palmer
Irish recruit**

before they may have taken weaker players. The better players usually commit late anyway."

Though he believes the Irish are once again in position to have a top 10 recruiting class, Lemming also knows that several schools used the impending violations as a negative against the Irish.

"Every school used it against Notre Dame," Lemming said. "I know Texas used it, Michigan, Purdue — everyone."

"But Notre Dame's the most criticized program anyway because it's the most successful," Lemming said. "Even without the probation, every year they still get knocked. [The coaches say] 'Do you want to go to a Catholic school where you have to go to church,' — I know Auburn said that. Or 'Notre Dame doesn't throw the ball.' Everybody knocks Notre Dame because it's the best school in recruiting."

Only one major recruit's decision, offensive lineman Kwame Harris from Delaware, was swayed by the uncertainty surrounding the violations. Harris, the premier offensive lineman in the country, took an unofficial visit to Notre Dame this summer but has since dropped the Irish from his list of potential colleges. Harris has narrowed his college choices down to Michigan and Stanford.

"I think Notre Dame would have had a very good shot [at getting Harris]," Lemming. "As the season wore on, he lost interest because, among other things, the violations."

Fortunately for the Irish, Harris's case is the exception, not the rule.

Despite the hurdle surrounding the NCAA's ruling, Notre Dame still has a lot to sell to potential recruits.

And so far, they've been successful.

"I enjoyed the people and most importantly, the close-knit atmosphere," said Palmer whose best friend and high school teammate Jeff Faine is currently a freshman center for the Irish. "They've got some great guys there."

"The small school atmosphere with the big-time football program," Palmer said, sounding like the perfect fit for the Irish. "That's what attracted me to Notre Dame."

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