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Hundreds of Chechen rebels showing fierce resistance continue their attacks on Russian troops after six months of fighting.
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Former first lady supports Logan Center

♦ **Carter uses her influence and own experiences to aid fundraiser**

By MICHELLE KRUPA
 Senior Staff Writer

When Father Ted Hesburgh decided in the early 1970s to help 1 million Cambodians fleeing Pol Pot's violent regime, he got \$60 million from President Jimmy Carter. And he got Carter's wife, Rosalynn, to fly to the Cambodia-Thailand border where she delivered aid to ailing refugees.

"Rosalynn Carter isn't just a lady who'll say she'll be on your team," Hesburgh said Tuesday. "She didn't just talk about [aiding Cambodians], she went there."

A human rights advocate, the former First Lady is known for rolling up her sleeves to aid the sick. Tuesday, she visited the Joyce Center to help South Bend's Logan Center raise money for mentally ill patients and their caregivers. Carter addressed more than 600 local business people, volunteers and community members who attended the Great Logan Nose-On Luncheon.

"There should be no shame and no embarrassment in being mentally ill or having a family member who is mentally ill," Carter said, explaining that the public's generally negative perception of mental illness arises because medical professionals' understanding of mental diseases as biologically-based is not widely known.

"We must try to overcome the stigma, myths and misconceptions," she said.

Carter, who became an advocate for mental health as active honorary chair of the President Carter's Commission on Mental Health, discussed the need to support those who care for mentally ill patients.

"I knew how hard caregiving was for my family," said Carter, whose widowed mother cared for four children and her own aging father. "People who are lonely feel unappreciated. We must search for those in our communities who care for mentally ill people. We must give caregivers in our community a new appreciation."

Citing her book, "Helping Yourself Help Others: A Book For Caregivers," Carter recom-

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Rosalynn Carter
 former first lady

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Former first lady Rosalynn Carter spoke at a fundraising luncheon for the Logan Center Tuesday at the Joyce Center, stressing the importance for public acceptance of the mentally disabled.

♦ **A Saint Mary's junior and her 'best buddy' accept honor from Carter**

By MICHELLE KRUPA
 Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary's junior Courtenay Verret attended Tuesday's Logan Center fundraiser to support her friend Rhea Warner, a 61-year-old mentally disabled member of the Logan community, who said a prayer at the luncheon.

Little did Verret know, she and Warner would be honored by the center's Board of Trustees and guest speaker Rosalynn Carter for their exemplary relationship, forged through the Best Buddies program.

"I love her spunk," said Verret of Warner, who she met last fall when she joined Best Buddies, which randomly pairs volunteers with mentally disabled adults. The women meet once or twice monthly to chat, attend concerts or get Dairy Queen.

"I like that she's so nice," Warner said of Verret. "I had two other buddies who weren't worth it. They would just come over and

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Groups emphasize importance of environment, diversity

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
 Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's Board of Governance approved a Student Environmental Policy Statement at their meeting on Tuesday. Allison Trdan, a senior anthropology major and environmental studies minor, submitted the policy on behalf of the Environmental Coalition. Trdan pledged her personal and group's support of the policy, which she said would last after her graduation in the spring.

"We don't have any formal commitment to the environment right now," Trdan said. "In the next five years we will have a lot of change on campus...[This policy] will make sure it's a good change."

Trdan's policy, endorsed by BOG, advocates reducing, reusing and recycling all waste materials on campus and making sure that all waste is deposited in the con-

tainers. The policy hopes to initiate student activities that will educate people on environmental concepts and issues.

As Saint Mary's begins to implement its five-year Campus Master Plan for construction and renovation of the college, the written policy will examine costs for each of the projects and assess the short and long-term costs to the environment.

Trdan next plans to take the policy to faculty and staff, and then to the administration for approval.

BOG also discussed a part of the policy that would create a position on the Board for an envi-

ronmental ombudsman to oversee the implementation of the policy, and to voice concerns about environmental issues on the campus.

Akmaral Omarova, current diversity commissioner and founder and first president of the Diversity Board, voiced her support of Trdan's policy, and pledged that the Diversity Board would help oversee its tenets until a position on the Board becomes a reality.

"Someone in the Diversity Board will work on it next year," Omarova said.

Ed Foy, a junior at Notre Dame and next year's director of Teamwork For Tomorrow, asked for BOG's support and volunteers

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Allison Trdan
 Saint Mary's senior

softball dugouts, which were painted blue by volunteers before this week's games.

"[Painting the dugouts] was big for school spirit and involved the student body," said Johna Indriolo, who presented the idea to BOG.

Student body vice president Michelle Nagle expressed her appreciation for the painters.

"I think you're a great example of Saint Mary's pride," Nagle said.

In other BOG news:

♦RHA's national communication coordinator position is still open for applicants.

♦Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dalloway's and the Saint Mary's College Welcome Center at 1:30 p.m. on March 30.

♦A Health Fair in honor of Nurses Week will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. in Reignbeaux Lounge, Le Mans Hall on March 30.

INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing my sister's identity

"Yes, she looks like me. NO— she is not my twin— she is my YOUNGER sister." I have to constantly tell people when Sarah and I are together.

I was blessed, (only now that I am not living in the house any longer do I think of it that way), with three younger sisters and one brother. Sarah is the closest to me in age.

This past weekend was the first time she has been able to come to campus to visit me. After seventeen years of sharing a room with her, secrets every night with her, a year of sharing a car with her, and millions of minutes spent fighting with her, I actually miss her at college (or maybe it's just her clothes). Either way, I was excited for her to visit me and to be able to share my life here with her (not to mention, take her to some parties).

Nellie Williams

*Saint Mary's
Photo Editor*

My mom called the night my sister arrived with some last minute advice, worried to think of what two of her daughters could do together.

"Remember, the money I sent with Sarah is not to buy beer," my mom said as I rolled my eyes at my grinning sister. We had a whole weekend ahead of us.

But by Friday night, my nerves were already worn with my sister. She had come ready to shop. We had spent the whole day at the mall, she had already called her boyfriend twice, and it was getting harder to convince her to let me borrow her clothes. After shopping all day again on Saturday in Chicago, (we had to find the perfect prom dress for Sarah), I was exhausted. Especially at the thought of all my studying and homework I still had to get done.

It's stressful bringing someone from "outside" of campus into your life on campus. College life is already so incredibly busy and you just want that other person to fit perfectly into your daily routine of classes and friendships and to love your college as much as you do. Although I don't exactly know how I would feel if Sarah came to college here, I at least wanted her to want to come here. I wanted her to think I was a "cool" big sister and wish to be like me.

During one of our "arguments," (you couldn't expect us to go a whole weekend without one, could you?) I discovered how much Sarah hates being compared to me. I never thought it was such a big deal until she mentioned it this weekend. She complained of how she always felt she was being measured up to me. It's funny because we're not even alike. That's one of the reasons I like her, because she's not like me. Do you remember when you were younger how you always had to say to other kids, "Stop copying me?" We didn't want anyone else to steal our ideas then. Those ideas helped mold us into the young adults we are today. We don't want to lose our identity.

As we grow older (and more tolerant of each other) my respect for my little sister grows. She is not only my sister, but also my confidant, and always has a new wardrobe for me to wear.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Art: "A Life in Art," works by Margaret Iannelli; noon-5 p.m.; New Moon Gallery, Benton Harbor; (616) 926-9391.	◆ Music: Borders: Don Conoscenti in concert; The Carvers; 8 p.m.; Mishawaka.	◆ Comedy: Jamie Foxx; 8 p.m.; Star Plaza Theatre, Merrillville; (219) 769-6600.	◆ Theater: Pump Boys and Dinettes: By Troupe America; 8 p.m.; Mendel Center Mainstage, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor.
	◆ Music: Student recitals; 7:30 p.m.; Everest-Rohrer Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Bethel College.	◆ Music: Jazz Combo Concert; 7 p.m.; Umble Center, Goshen College; (219) 535-7572.	

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Yale orders Versity.com to pull notes from Web

PRINCETON, N.J. A recent controversy at Yale University has brought Versity.com, an Internet company that provides lecture notes for courses at about 150 colleges and universities nationwide, to the forefront of a continuing debate over professors' intellectual property rights.

Versity.com pays students for their lecture notes and then makes the notes available online. At most schools, however, the company does not seek the permission of professors from whose courses material is posted.

Versity.com pulled all notes from courses at Yale last month, several days after the university demanded that it do so.

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assistant director for institutional issues

ment by Yale assistant director for institutional issues Thomas Violante. "They complied and took down the Yale notes. We said we will meet with them at a later date."

Versity.com manager of campus relations Jennifer Keesler explained the company's reason for pulling the material from the site. "We removed the notes because we respect the students, faculty and administration

at Yale," she said. "Beyond that, we hope this leads to us learning more about their needs."

Though the Website allows users to get notes for about 7,000 classes, it does not offer notes from any Princeton courses.

According to Keesler, the company does not play a role on the Princeton campus because of a lack of student interest. Versity.com did not receive the "overwhelming student demand for notes" from Princeton undergraduates that it had from students at other schools, she said.

Dean of undergraduate students Kathleen Deignan said she believes this lack of demand is the result of specific university regulations that preclude the sale of lecture notes. "The university has a policy that long predated Versity.com," she said.

Mich. St. preparation prevents riot

EAST LANSING, Mich.

More than 600 people filled the streets near Cedar Village Apartments Saturday night, celebrating Michigan State University's win over Iowa State in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. But the scene of chanting partiers was very different from a year ago, when nearly 10,000 people stormed East Lansing's streets on March 27 and 28. "Both the university and the city made a real conscious effort to educate the community that type of behavior is scary," East Lansing Mayor Pro Tem Beth Schwarze said. "With the winds [Saturday], Cedar Village could have burned down." The March 27-28, 1999, riot resulted in 132 arrests, including 71 of MSU students. That massive enforcement — mixed with university and community efforts — may have played a large role in deterring people from rioting Saturday. Prosecutors sported a remarkable 86 percent conviction rate, sentencing 113 people for 55 felonies and 58 misdemeanors. "I think all of those things have provided a wake-up call," MSU spokesman Terry Denbow said. "We owe a lot of credit to our students and credit to our university commu-

Ohio court defends college records

COLUMBUS, Ohio

A recent federal court decision added another twist to the manner in which Ohio State and Miami (Ohio) Universities must handle students' disciplinary records. The federal district court ruled that the records are protected from public release under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or the Buckley Amendment. According to the decision, OSU and Miami University have been violating FERPA by releasing student disciplinary records, along with personally identifiable information to a national newspaper, The Chronicle of Higher Education. The act defines education records as follows: "Those records, files, and documents and other materials that contain information directly related to a student; and are maintained by an educational agency or by a person acting for such an agency." Despite what is said in FERPA, opponents believe it is in the best interest of the public to have access to this information. According to S. Daniel Carter, vice president of Security on Campus, Inc., "The Department of Education is just stopping the schools from doing something they didn't want to do."

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday ☁	48	31
Thursday ☁	52	35
Friday ☁	55	38
Saturday ☁	59	43
Sunday ☁	65	49

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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 29.

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Atlanta	68	50	Las Vegas	74	50	Portland	56	40
Baltimore	54	36	Memphis	62	46	Sacramento	72	44
Boston	52	38	Milwaukee	48	34	St. Louis	56	42
Chicago	52	34	New York	52	40	Tampa	80	63
Houston	82	60	Philadelphia	52	38	Wash DC	56	40

Lecturers: Debt relief is crucial for third-world nations

By KRISTEN ALLEN
News Writer

Advocating the Catholic responsibility to Debt Relief in the Jubilee Year was the focus of a presentation given by Father Tom McDermott and Elizeus Rutebemberwa Tuesday.

There is a crippling financial burden that is bearing on the poorest countries of the world, according to McDermott.

"It's sad to think that people are forced into a situation where they must choose between putting money aside for basic health care and education and repaying their debts," he said.

When a country borrows money, the citizens are not always aware and even when they know about the loans that their country has taken, they do not always know what the money is used for, explained Rutebemberwa, a Ugandan.

Debt repayments take money away from health care and education. The problem builds as funding for these payments often comes in the form of aid from other countries, he said.

"If you get a loan, you must pay it back," Rutebemberwa said. "So why then do we have this debt relief?"

For third-world countries like Uganda, the reality is that

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Elizeus Rutebemberwa
lecturer

their debt will probably never be paid. Instead of paying back the countries they owe, the money should

go to the poor for education and health, Rutebemberwa said.

"It's important for us to raise our conscious to the reality of the debt in the third-world countries," said theology professor Father Bob Pelton after Tuesday's lecture. "We must bring pressure to

alleviate that situation."

Rutebemberwa said that people from his country were not afraid of first-world nations because of their money, but rather because of their power.

"We don't blame rich countries because they are rich," he said, when asked how the people of Uganda feel about the disparity of wealth. "What we want is that we [do] not become slaves."

McDermott, who has spent many years in Uganda, is reminded of how much wealth there is in the American culture, of how much Americans live as influential people, and of how much education is power to us.

"We live in such a culture that makes us people who are used to choice, who are used to power, who are used to wealth - we expect that life can and will improve," he said. "We live in a life of hope."

"Calling Students to Jubilee Debt Relief at Notre Dame" was sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.



ANDREW WILSON/The Observer
Elizeus Rutebemberwa discussed the debt crisis in third-world countries, such as his native Uganda. He said that wealthy nations need to relieve poorer nations of old debts.

SMC students learn what employers, grad schools seek

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Leadership Development Committee and Center for Academic Innovation sponsored a lecture that gave students the opportunity to learn what grades mean to graduate schools as well as employers.

Faculty and administrators educated students on what graduate schools want from applicants. They look at how earning a 4.0 compares to involvement in clubs and various organizations.

David Wilkeson, assistant director for Career Development, focused on what employers seek, as well as advising students on how to balance grades with leadership and activities.

"Get involved," Wilkeson said. "I'm a strong believer that education is more than what goes on in the classroom."

The top four characteristics on a resume, he said, are academic major, internship experience, leadership experience and GPA. It is important to gain activities and experience skills, as well as maintain a GPA, he said.

"The most important activities from an employer's perspective are career development, internships, leadership and organizational involvement and community service and student organization membership," Wilkeson said, noting that such experience helps students learn to speak and articulate.

Susan Vance, from the department of Business and Administration and Economics, focused on admission to law

schools and the type of credentials they seek.

"There are some schools that look purely at numbers - the GPA and LSAT," said Vance, "Particularly large schools and state schools."

"However, there are others who will look at the application. These schools look at the application and place them into three different categories: those with strong numbers, those with low numbers, and those that are in the middle. The borderline cases may not be exactly what the school is looking for but

they look at other issues," she said.

She discussed how to go about writing the personal statement that the admissions process

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assistant director for
Career Development

requires. Vance said this statement gives the applicant an opportunity to address the issues related to the grade.

"Don't make excuses but rather look at your grades in context," Vance said. "Did you play sports or were you involved in leadership? Did you have a job?" Vance also discussed that per-

haps graduate school may not be the best step immediately after undergraduate work is completed.

"Get experience by going to work or the Peace Corps," she said. "And then apply when you have more to show for yourself."

"Make 'you' into a different person and bring perspective into the class," Vance told the audience. "This will enhance the graduate experience and the experience of other students."

Biology professor Nancy Nekvasil discussed the admissions process in medical, dental, and other health schools. She agreed with Vance in saying that graduate schools are looking for applicants with life experience.

Senior merit scholar Candice Janiczek advised students to take their lives step by step, semester by semester.

"From my experience, grades are the only things that count for scholarship," Janiczek said. "The way I got involved was by taking baby steps beginning freshman year and increasing what I was doing."

Sophomore Katie O'Connell spoke from the perspective of a student involved in activities.

"From the first day of school, I decided to get involved and my grades came as they came," she said.

O'Connell stressed the importance of experiences as well.

"Experiences enhance life. You need to think about what you want to be when you leave Saint Mary's, a magic number?" O'Connell said. "There's a lot more out there and it's not always that number. You need to learn about yourself."

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Carter

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mended implementing programs like those in place in Plains, Ga., her hometown. There, church leaders join public health professionals, community college professors and the local library board members to educate citizens about mental health. Resource material is readily available as well.

Carter recommended that those who volunteer to help mentally ill patients be mindful of their caregivers. Friends should ask

how caregivers feel and should actively volunteer to help with household tasks rather than waiting for caregivers to request help.

Carter also suggested community residents contact newspaper editors to request fair coverage of local mental health-related issues to increase awareness. She noted that the Atlanta-based Carter Center annually awards \$10,000 in fellowship to journalists who report on mental health issues.

"Get [editors] to cover success stories — mentally ill people who have been successfully treated," Carter said. "Show

your community what these people are really like."

Carter urged attendees to contact national politicians about leveling inequities between physical and mental health insurance, a topic tackled annually by leaders of mental health organizations who participated in the Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy.

"Insurance coverage for mental illnesses is not on par with insurance coverage for physical illnesses," she said. "We need legislation on the national level to right this inequality."

Finally, Carter congratulated area residents who donate money and services to mentally ill community members. She encouraged attendees to continue their dedication to Logan Center and to increasing the public's understanding of mental illness in South Bend.

"Remember what we are working for: individual human dignity," Carter said. "You people at Logan are working to humanize our culture by your effort to help people in your community."

Carter's speech, "Ability in Action," and the luncheon were part of several events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Logan Center.

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former first lady

Verret

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want to talk. [Courtenay] takes me places. I care about her."

Verret, a French and communications major and member of the Notre Dame Marching Band, began volunteering at Logan last fall. Initially, she was unsure of her ability to help center clients.

"When I went out after the first time I visited [Logan Center] and got the tour, I want to run out and cry in my car," Verret said. "I didn't know if I'd be able to handle it. It's kind of a shock, and humbling, so many people in one place who have a disability."

In addition to Best Buddies, Verret volunteers weekly in an adult rehabilitation program, helping to feed and entertain adults, many of who are restricted to wheelchairs and cannot speak. She plans to continue service work and might participate after graduation in the L'arche program, in which volunteers live in community with mentally disabled adults.

Verret and Warner were among five pairs of friends were honored for their dedication to building relationships between community volunteers and mentally disabled citizens. Honorees received engraved picture frames and were photographed with Carter.

ND faculty welcome new fitness facility

By STACEY KAPLAN
News Writer

University faculty and administrators are toning muscles in a new facility. The Raymond and Winifred Rinehart Faculty Exercise Facility, located in the Joyce Center, opened its doors in mid-January. Since then it has received an influx of new visitors.

"People have been telling me that they see a lot of new faces. I

tell them, 'Yeah, you're right.'" said Kevin Hirl, issuing clerk.

The improvement was necessary due to renovations of the men's and women's varsity basketball locker rooms.

"They just wanted to update the basketball locker areas," said Hirl.

Both the faculty locker rooms and the exercise facility itself were expanded and improved. Associate professor David Gasperetti said, "There is more room and better equipment. It's lighter and brighter, and the locker room is a nice upgrade. This is certainly a place that you don't

mind coming to at all."

According to Gasperetti, the only negative effect of the facility was the necessity of closing it down for renovations.

"That was the negative thing. I really depended on this place for workouts," he said.

The room also includes a new entertainment system.

"There is a vast difference from the old room. Where they used to have

just one TV they have three monitors now. People can even bring their own headphones to hear personally," he said.

Structural improvements to the building have also been popular.

"They have windows now to look out so you can see the stadium. The old room didn't have any windows at all, so it's really nice," said Hirl. Saunas were added to both locker rooms.

The facility is a gift of Raymond Rinehart. He served as chairman and CEO of Clow Corporation until 1980. He is currently chairman and CEO of RGR Enterprises, and has served on the College of Business Advisory Council for almost 30 years. The facility will be dedicated on May 8.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Meningitis strikes Niger, kills 123 people

NIAMEY, Niger

A meningitis outbreak in the West African country of Niger has claimed 132 lives, the government said Tuesday. Close to 1,200 cases have been reported since early January and the disease is spreading, Health Minister Assoumane Adamou said in an appeal for international assistance broadcast on national radio. He said the deaths are concentrated in three eastern regions, including the capital, Niamey. "The situation can be controlled if we have enough funds," Adamou said. He said 5 million doses of meningitis vaccine are needed, but he did not specify how much money the country needs. Meningitis, an infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, can be caused by a virus or bacteria. With treatment, only 1 percent of infected people die. Outbreaks are common in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries, which straddles the southern tip of the Sahara desert.

Sweden investigates forced sterilization scandal

STOCKHOLM, Sweden

Investigators looking into Sweden's sterilization scandal said Tuesday that about half of the 63,000 procedures performed from 1935 to 1975 were voluntary — but that politicians stood by for four decades as other victims were sterilized against their will. The operations were largely forced on poor people and those with mental problems in the 1940s, but there was little evidence that ethnic groups were targeted, according to the report, drawn up by a special government commission and forwarded to the Justice Ministry for review. The report did not accuse individuals, but said that passivity and silence of politicians and loose interpretation of sterilization laws by medical authorities enabled the operations to be forced on people until they were abolished in 1976.

Former militant arrested for shooting two police officers

ATLANTA

Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s black militant once known as H. Rap Brown, was indicted on murder and aggravated assault charges Tuesday in the March 16 shootings of two sheriff's deputies who were trying to arrest him. A Fulton County grand jury indicted Al-Amin on 13 counts, said district attorney Paul Howard. He said he hopes the indictment will clear the way for Al-Amin, who was arrested last week in Alabama, to be returned to Georgia in two to four weeks. Al-Amin, 56, is accused of killing deputy Ricky Kinchen and wounding deputy Aldranon English as they served him with an arrest warrant at his Atlanta grocery store after he failed to appear in court on charges of receiving stolen property, impersonating an officer and having no proof of insurance.

RUSSIA



AFP Photo

Russian soldiers search for snipers after receiving fire from ruined buildings in Grozny. Hundreds of rebels continue to attack Russian troops after six months of fighting.

Chechen rebels clash with troops

Associated Press

ARGUN

Continuing to resist despite six months of battering from superior Russian forces, hundreds of rebels battled Russian troops Tuesday in a village deep in Chechnya's mountains.

Russia also fought rebels in Argun, just east of the capital, Grozny. Light-arms fire rattled and helicopter gunships could be seen firing rockets into a forest where rebels were hiding.

A top Russian commander, Col. Gen. Alexander Baranov, said other fighters have dispersed and

were believed to be regrouping for new attacks. The clashes and Baranov's statement reflected the rebels' determination to keep fighting despite being outgunned.

Russian ground troops steadily pushed rebels out of the breakaway republic's northern flatlands and into the mountains last fall. Since early February, when the rebels fled Grozny, fighting has centered on the mountainous southern third of Chechnya.

The rebels have shown fierce resistance in the rugged terrain, where they can capitalize on their guerrilla skills and

where it is difficult for Russia to move its heavy guns and vehicles.

Meanwhile, rebels filtering back into the flatlands have launched sporadic attacks. One Russian soldier died in rebel shelling of a checkpoint in Grozny overnight and rebels also shelled a military building in Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, Baranov said.

"We have a feeling that it's the calm before the storm," he said. "They are dispersed. They have taken a respite to get ready for new attacks."

There were few details about the fighting in the village of Tsentoroi in the

southern mountains. The federal command said about 1,500 rebels were based in the area, including hundreds in the village itself. The military has said around 3,000 rebels are still fighting around the republic.

The federal command said more troops and equipment were moving to the area around Tsentoroi, about 35 miles southeast of Grozny. Because of Tsentoroi's remoteness, the military relied mainly on air raids. Russian jets and helicopters flew 120 sorties Monday, far more than usual, the military headquarters said Tuesday.

Lott tries to curb Columbia, Kosovo funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott promised Tuesday to try to block a \$9 billion bill that includes money for U.S. activities in Colombia and Kosovo, dampening prospects that Congress will provide the money quickly.

Instead, he said he wants to take President Clinton's full requests for Colombia and Kosovo, shrink the rest of the legislation and include what is left in regular spending bills for the 2001 fiscal year, which

begins Oct. 1.

Congress will probably work on those bills into the fall. But Lott said he hopes money for Kosovo and Colombia can be provided in one of them and approved within the next two months.

"It is too costly," said Lott, "and I will do what I can to block it." The \$9 billion measure is an enlarged version of a \$5.2 billion bill that Clinton requested on an emergency basis.

Lott spoke after meeting with conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who has demanded spending restraints as the Senate begins its budget work for the year. Gramm said he agreed with Lott that only about \$5 billion of the \$9 billion will be provided, although Lott said he

has no specific figure in mind.

Lott has said before that he opposes the bill not only because of its expense but also that it would slow the Senate's work on other issues. His remarks Tuesday were the first in which he has threatened to try and block it.

The majority leader sets the Senate's schedule. Even so, he can be subject to political pressures, and many members of the Senate Appropriations Committee as well as Democrats and the Clinton administration continue to favor action on the bill.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, said he would try pushing his version of the \$9 billion bill through his panel next Tuesday, despite Lott's remarks.



Lott

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Reno defends her actions during Waco confrontation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno testified Tuesday that she never gave approval for tanks to demolish the Branch Davidians' compound near Waco, Texas — and does not believe the FBI intentionally did so — say lawyers for the sect who deposed her for their wrongful-death lawsuit against the government.



Reno

But the Davidians' lead counsel, emerging from the rare deposition of an attorney general, said Reno was less than forthcoming in discussing whether the FBI intended to dismantle the complex during its tear-gassing operation — an interpretation rejected by Reno's aides.

"The only issue where we felt that she was less than candid was on the demolition," Houston lawyer Michael Caddell said outside the Justice Department. "The problem that she's got is she testified to Congress in 1995 that the damage done to the building was the result of tear-gas insertion. And I think it's very difficult for her to back off of that testimony."

"She was forthcoming and candid and answered all the questions. Her testimony will speak for itself, but it was consistent throughout the deposition with her past testimony."

Michael Bradford
U.S. Attorney

U.S. Attorney Michael

Bradford of Texas, one of five Justice lawyers who flanked Reno at the two-hour deposition, disputed Caddell's claim. "We would strongly disagree with his interpretation," he said.

"She was forthcoming and candid and answered all the questions. Her testimony will speak for itself, but it was consistent throughout the deposition with her past testimony," said Bradford, who is one of the government's chief defenders in the Davidian litigation.

For Reno, Waco has been a never-ending crisis.

The deadly standoff between the Branch Davidians and federal law enforcement began in February 1993 — just weeks before Reno took office — with a shootout as Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve weapons warrants on Davidian leader David Koresh. Four agents and six Davidians died.

That was followed by a 51-day

siege, led by the FBI, that ended in a fiery inferno on April 19, 1993. Koresh and about 80 followers died, some from the fire, others from gunshot wounds. The government insists they died by their own hand.

A day later, Reno went on television to accept responsibility — an act that earned her widespread acclaim.

Although congressional hearings that year on Waco were overwhelmingly supportive of Reno, her decision to use tear gas was sharply questioned during hearings in 1995, the first year the Republicans controlled Congress.

And then the issue faded largely from view until last August, when the government was forced to acknowledge that the FBI had used potentially incendiary tear gas canisters despite Reno's orders to the contrary.

Reno acknowledged Tuesday that the operations plan she approved did not authorize the use of pyrotechnic tear gas, flash-bang devices inside the Davidians' Mount Carmel retreat, or building demolition, Caddell said.

"She also testified she was never told ... that there would be no plan to fight a fire at Mount Carmel should one develop," he said.

The plaintiffs, whose suit against the government heads to trial in mid-May, contend the FBI's on-scene commanders ordered the dismantling of

the Davidians' complex several hours into the operation — in defiance of the Reno-approved plan that permitted such destruction only after 48 hours if the tear-gassing proved unsuccessful.

While Reno refused to acknowledge deliberate demolition occurred, Caddell said she did concede that the on-scene commanders would have been required to consult with FBI leadership in Washington before speeding up the plan — which didn't occur.

Bradford declined to discuss Reno's testimony, saying the federal district judge presiding over the case ordered depositions sealed for 30 days.

"The judge has expressed a fairly strong preference that we not get into a public debate over depositions, so I do not want to go point-by-point through the deposition," he said.

Caddell said he will release both Reno's deposition and a

videotape of the proceeding in 30 days.

The attorney said he does not hold Reno responsible for any negligence at Waco.

But he is using his depositions with Reno and other high-ranking FBI officials to buttress his contention that the FBI's on-scene commanders — special agent in charge Jeffrey Jamar

and Hostage Rescue Team leader Richard Rogers — deviated from the approved operations plan by escalating the tear-gas insertion and destroying the building.

He also faults Jamar's decision to hold back fire trucks at a checkpoint while the building was consumed by flames.

Jamar told Congress in 1995

that he kept the fire trucks at bay for fear firefighters might be shot. The government contends any actions Jamar or Rogers took that day fell within their discretionary authority.

Also Tuesday, a federal judge in Waco granted a plaintiffs' request to dismiss their part of a case against an FBI sharpshooter.



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Ex-wife murders former FBI agent

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla.

In the middle of a gunbattle with deputies trying to arrest them, an ex-stripper killed her former husband, a onetime FBI agent, with a shot to the head. She then killed herself.

"No one had any idea they were going to turn into Bonnie and Clyde on us," said Carlos Baixauli, an agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Former agent Justin Haberski, 40, who had become a lawyer and part owner of a strip club, and ex-wife Jennifer Bradberry Haberski, 29, were shot to death Friday as they ran from their car during the shootout with Escambia County deputies.

On Monday, medical examiner Gary Cumberland said autopsies showed that Ms. Haberski shot her husband in the forehead, then shot herself. She was also shot twice in the chest by deputies, Cumberland said. Those wounds would have eventually killed her if she had not shot herself in the head first, he said.

restaurant to their motel. Pensacola fire marshal Bob Lane said the suspects also were wanted for questioning in a fire that caused an estimated \$200,000 damage Wednesday to the Club Mardi Gras, partly owned by Haberski.

During a car chase, Ms. Haberski stood in the sunroof of their Jaguar and fired at officers with a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol. One officer fired back, Sheriff's Sgt. Eddie Barnard said.

"No one had any idea they were going to turn into Bonnie and Clyde on us."

**Carlos Baixauli
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Deputies had started pursuing the couple Friday after a report that they had robbed three men and a woman walking from a

UC research ship sinks, killing four

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

A boat carrying 10 students and others on a university research trip sank off the coast of Baja California, killing at least four people.

Three people swam to safety on a nearby island and were rescued early Tuesday, said Lisa Lapin, a spokeswoman for the University of California, Davis. A search was on for the others.

Lapin said survivors at the scene reported the recovery of four bodies, including a male graduate student and a visiting Japanese scholar. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City also confirmed four dead, including

at least one U.S. citizen.

Among the missing was Gary Polis, the expedition's leader and chairman of the school's Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Lapin said.

The boat was one of two, 22-foot inflatable crafts carrying a total of about 20 people on the trip Monday to research spiders and scorpions on an island near Bahia de Los Angeles, a remote bay 250 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The two boats became separated on their return when strong winds whipped up 4 to 6-foot waves, UC Davis said in a statement.

It was not clear who else was on board the boat that sank.

"From what we understand, there was a mix of students, faculty and visitors from Japan," said Pat Bailey, another spokeswoman for the school, just east of Sacramento.

The boat that made it reported the other craft missing late Monday, prompting a search by the Coast Guard and the Mexican navy.

Mexican and Coast Guard aircraft were searching the area Tuesday under clear skies.

Located in a rugged, desert landscape, Bahia de Los Angeles is a tiny collection of hotels and tourist campgrounds that is a popular destination for fishermen, kayakers and wildlife biologists.

President enters Southern flag debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With a visit to a historically black South Carolina college, President Clinton is wading into the debate over display of the Confederate flag, which could become an issue in November's election.



Clinton

The symbolism will be potent and the political undertones strong Wednesday as Clinton appears at a \$500-per-person fund-raiser honoring Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Along with many other blacks in South Carolina, Clyburn wants the flag removed from atop the South Carolina Statehouse.

Clyburn said he wanted Wednesday's event held at Allen University to make a statement, even though money could have been raised at a larger, more lavish location. There will be seating for about 1,000 people.

"As long as the waving symbol of one American's pride is the shameful symbol of another American's pain, we have another bridge to cross."

**Bill Clinton
U.S. president**

"I want to make a statement about that flag every chance I get," Clyburn said recently.

By his presence at the school, founded in 1870 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Clinton will ally himself with the movement to remove the flag as a symbol of racism, said Bruce Ransom, a political science professor at South Carolina's Clemson University.

"You've got the president in South Carolina, he's a predominantly black college,

talking about the flag, and he's there with Ransom," Ransom said. "As far as symbolism, there's a bundle all together there."

Supporters say the flag, which has flown atop the Statehouse since 1962, honors those who died in the Civil War.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is leading a tourism boycott of South Carolina until the flag is removed.

This week, the NAACP offered some support for a compromise proposed by state legislators on both sides of the flag issue. The plan would remove the flag from the Statehouse dome but erect other Civil War-era flags on the Capitol grounds.

"The president will talk about the flag and he will talk more broadly about tolerance," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Tuesday.

Clinton will likely expand on rhetoric he used this month at a commemoration of the civil rights march in Selma, Ala.

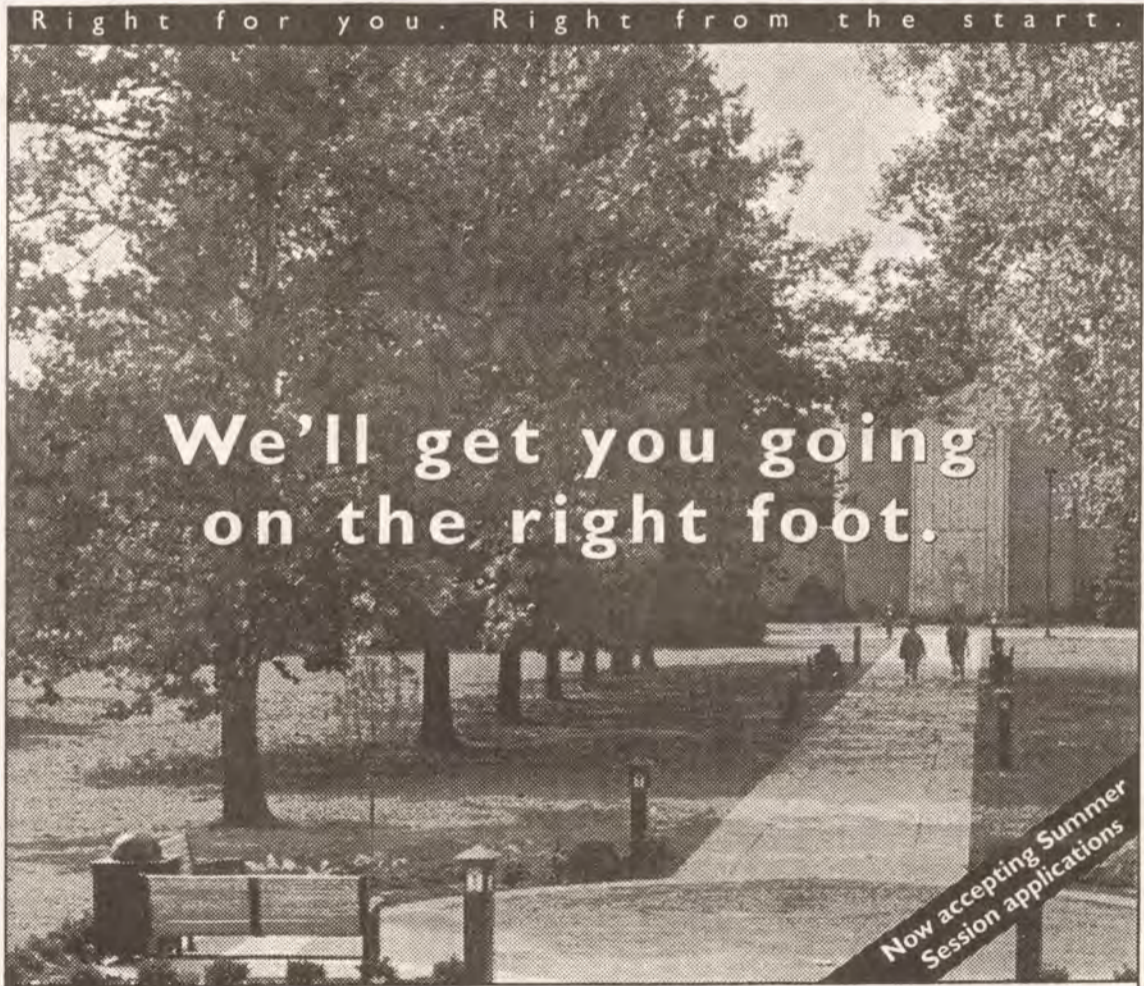
"As long as the waving symbol of one American's pride is the shameful symbol of another American's pain, we have another bridge to cross," Clinton

said at Selma.

And in a state likely to vote Republican in the fall, Clinton will point to the political controversy over the flag in this year's pivotal South Carolina GOP primary.

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee George Bush demurred on the question of whether the flag belongs at the Statehouse, calling it a local issue.

Bush's former GOP challenger, John McCain, also refused to take a position.



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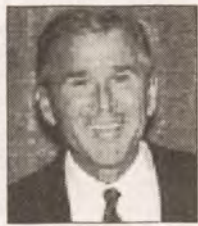
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Bush reaches out to McCain, adjusts education agenda

Associated Press

RESTON, Va. — George W. Bush reached out to vanquished presidential rival John McCain Tuesday, declaring "the past is the past" and it's time for them to meet. Another former rival, Steve Forbes, was endorsing Bush as the Republicans moved toward reconciliation after a bruising primary season.



Bush

Bush telephoned McCain from his car in Virginia, where he laid out a \$5 billion plan to address illiteracy among young school students, declaring the problem a "national emergency."

"Too many of our children can't read," Bush told a group of Asian-American business people in suburban Washington. "Our economy is the envy of the world; unfortunately, our schools are not."

Bush reached out to McCain after Bob Dole, the defeated 1996 GOP nominee who has been acting as peacemaker,

senator and then called Bush.

The Texas governor is hoping for an endorsement from his former foe, but McCain aides said it is too soon to talk about that.

Still, McCain adviser John Weaver said, "The ice has been broken."

Bush said, "I think John and I both understand that the past is the past and it's time to move forward."

McCain suspended his campaign March 9 after Bush won a string of primaries two days earlier on Super Tuesday. The Arizona senator won seven GOP primaries, including the leadoff contest in New Hampshire.

Bush annoyed the McCain camp by saying that McCain "didn't change my views on reform." But the Texan quickly tried to soften the blow and has spoken more glowingly of his former rival since.

The Texas governor was lining up the endorsement of Forbes at an evening rally in the millionaire publisher's home state of New Jersey. His



McCain

backing could bring Bush more conservative support even as he targets women and other traditional Democratic constituencies with his reading initiative.

Recent polls give both Bush and his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, roughly equal marks on who would do the best job of improving education.

Bush's education proposal would provide reading instruction for about 900,000 kindergarten and first-grade students. Over time, aides said, he envisions adding a lesser amount of money to diagnose and remedy lingering problems with second graders.

Casting himself as a new Republican, Bush even cited the late Albert Shanker, former head of the American Federation of Teachers, a union traditionally aligned with Democratic causes.

"This plan is different. It's different from my opponent. It's different from the administration. And it's different from those who would say there is no federal role for education, different from those who would throw money into schools without reforming them," Bush said.

Back at the White House, Gore scoffed that Bush's edu-

cation agenda was "subordinate to his risky tax scheme, which would actually slash money for education."

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Vice President said Bush could not pay for his education proposals if he also cut taxes as proposed, by about \$1 trillion over 10 years.

Bush's tax-cut plan "puts a huge cloud over everything that he says about education," Gore told the AP. "You

can't propose an economic plan that results in devastating, slashing cuts to education and pretend that you're not doing so."

The governor's new program, "Reading First," is modeled after a program begun this year in Texas. It would set the goal of teaching every American child to read by the end of the third grade.

According to statistics cited by the Bush campaign, 68 percent of the fourth graders in the nation's poorest school areas were not able to read at

a basic level in 1998.

Bush calls for spending \$5 million annually to diagnose reading problems with kindergarten and first-grade students.

An additional \$90 million per year would be used to train teachers to make the diagnosis. The biggest chunk

of money — \$900 million annually — is pegged for literacy programs that would be designed and implemented locally.

States would have to apply for the money, and it would be

awarded only if they proposed programs that met "research-based" standards.

By contrast, Gore has proposed spending \$115 billion over 10 years to continue President Clinton's program aimed at reducing class sizes by providing more money to hire teachers. So far, about 30,000 have been hired, with a goal of 100,000.

Gore also wants to triple the number of charter schools, make preschool available to every 4-year-old and expand Head Start.

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Scientists blame faulty engines in Mars trip failure

◆ Inadequate funds contributed to crash of \$165 million Mars probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A premature rocket engine shutdown may have doomed the Mars Polar Lander, but the core cause of the botched mission was NASA trying to do too much with too little, investigators found.

Thomas Young, head of an independent team that investigated the failure for NASA, said his group was "almost certain" that the \$165 million Mars probe automatically stopped its engines early and then fell some 130 feet, smashing into the Mars surface at about 50 miles per hour.

Young, presenting his report Tuesday at a news conference,

said the engine shutdown probably was caused by a spurious signal from one of the spacecraft's three landing legs. It's thought that the on-board computer interpreted this signal to mean the craft had landed and it then commanded the engines to stop.

"We're almost certain that if the lander got to this point [above the Mars surface], then this was the cause of the failure," said Young, a retired NASA and industry executive who led the investigation team.

However, Young pinned the underlying cause of the failure on "inadequate funding and inadequate margins" in the planning and execution of NASA's Mars exploration program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

The Mars program, he said, "was underfunded by at least 30 percent."

This forced contractor and

NASA engineers to cut corners, work up to 80 hours a week, and limited testing of equipment and procedures, leading to an "unacceptable high risk" for a very complex and demanding mission, he said. The contractor for the Mars project was Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver.

Ed Weiler, NASA associate director in charge of science, said the space agency would "fully respond" to recommendations.

He said Scott Hubbard, a NASA executive at the Ames Research Center in California, would take over a new position as head of the Mars program in

Washington. A new Mars manager would also be named at JPL, said Weiler.

Additionally, Weiler said he was canceling plans to launch a new Mars lander next year, but would allow a Mars orbital mission to proceed. That mission calls for a spacecraft to map the minerals and water on the Red Planet.

Weiler said cash reserves for the Mars program would now be held at headquarters, instead of JPL, thus forcing the California managers to come to NASA headquarters if there are problems.

"We don't want our best people at JPL to be afraid to raise

issues," he said.

Weiler said the Mars mission could have been saved if it had been better financed at the start, but the effort was driven by a "faster, better, cheaper" NASA philosophy that started in the 1990s with reduced space agency budgets.

"We were pushing the envelope too far" by asking JPL engineers to "do the impossible," said Weiler. "We pushed them too far and I will not condemn them because they failed."

Weiler also ordered a detailed reexamination of NASA's whole Mars exploration program, which involves launches every two years ending with a 2006 attempt to bring back to Earth pieces of the planet.

He said that program will be revised to include the limitations of the budget, a reduction in risks and a relaxed schedule of launches.

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Ed Weiler
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Choate seeks Reform Party stability

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Reform Party Chairman Pat Choate turned from his own party's problems Tuesday to the general election, challenging Al Gore and George W. Bush to prove they're really reformers by forgoing unregulated campaign contributions.



Choate

"Either do the reform thing — stop taking soft money, stop taking PAC money — or stop calling yourself a reformer," Choate said at a news conference at the National Press Club, one day after a federal judge upheld his chairmanship of the fractured organization.

He said stabilizing the party won't be as difficult as skeptics contend.

"George Bush is going to have a tougher time getting John McCain's endorsement than I am pulling this party together," Choate said.

But already, more trouble

was brewing over the same issue that sparked much of the original infighting: Where to hold the party's nominating convention Aug. 15.

Several Reform Party officials said Pat Buchanan, the front-runner for the presidential nomination, and some party leaders now want the event moved from Long Beach, Calif. Buchanan's allies, including supporters of party founder Ross Perot, fought for that site against backers of Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura. They wanted the event held in his home state.

The Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center is now a problem for logistical and political reasons, these officials said. A competing conference by the Jehovah's Witnesses is scheduled there for the same week, which would leave the party fewer than 12 hours to set up its event.

There also is concern that organizers would not be able to keep Buchanan's opponents from protesting in the hallways of the public building, creating a security hazard.

"What was envisioned is no longer possible," Choate said later Tuesday.

For Buchanan, the issue is logistics — not enough available hotel rooms near the convention site to house his entourage, according to Bay Buchanan, his campaign manager and sister. Aides have scouted cities from New Orleans to San Diego and seem satisfied with Nashville, Tenn., she said Tuesday.

"It would make a marvelous statement," she added. "It's middle America."

The new problems arose as Choate and Buchanan emphasized that Monday's court ruling had put the party's fierce infighting behind it, and that Choate's leadership will put the party on track to mount a credible challenge to Gore and Bush, the expected Democratic and Republican presidential nominees.

Choate also announced plans to move the party's headquarters to Washington.

Reverend Richard S. Vosko

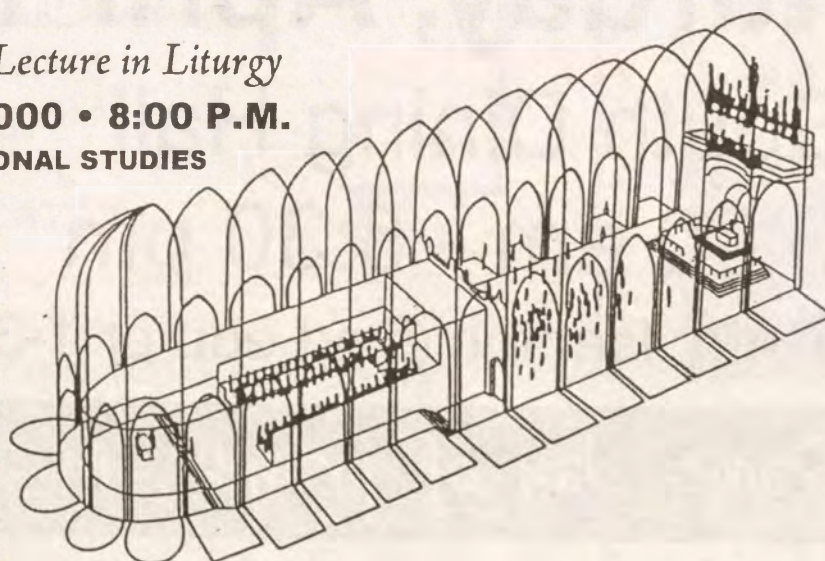
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CHINA

U.S. under human rights accusations

Associated Press

BEIJING

Ahead of a visit by President Clinton's security adviser, China accused Washington today of demonstrating a double standard by seeking U.N. censure of Beijing despite having its own "very serious human rights problem."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi's comments came just hours before National Security Adviser Sandy Berger was due in Beijing for talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Premier Zhu Rongji and their foreign policy team.

Berger is one of the most senior Clinton administration officials to visit since U.S.-China ties plummeted after NATO bombed the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia during the fighting over Kosovo 10 1/2 months ago.

Berger, who accompanied Clinton to South Asia last week, is expected to discuss shared U.S. and Chinese concerns over Pakistan and India's nuclear programs. He also will likely raise human rights concerns and reiterate appeals for Chinese restraint following Taiwan's presidential election 10 days ago.

China is fighting a U.S. effort at the current meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva to censure Beijing for what Washington says is a worsening Chinese rights record.

Sun, the Chinese spokesman, predicted the U.S. effort would fail, as similar attempts have in previous years. He said the U.N. commission should not be a forum

for political confrontation and that China wants to settle disputes over human rights through dialogue.

Sun said the United States would do better to look at its own problems "instead of making irresponsible remarks and accusations against other countries."

"The United States has a very serious human rights problem, with constant ethnic discrimination, police violence, police abuse and also discrimination against women, and there are also constant incidents

such as shootings in the schools," Sun said at a briefing for reporters. He accused Washington of "double standards and hegemonism."

Sun also indirectly warned Washington not to allow a visit by Taiwan President-elect Chen Shui-bian, hinting that ties could suffer. China regards Taiwan as its own territory with no right to diplomatic relations. Beijing distrusts Chen because his Democratic Progressive Party favors independence for Taiwan.

Also today, European and Chinese trade negotiators in

Beijing opened what both sides hope will be the final round in years of negotiations on China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Unlike in two previous sessions this year, European Union trade commissioner Pascal Lamy took part in the talks. His spokesman, Anthony

Gooch, said Lamy was here to deal with thorny political issues, not technical matters of trade.

After the brief opening round of talks, Lamy was invited to meet Premier Zhu Wednesday morning before resuming negotiations, Gooch said.

Zhu intervened twice crucially during China-U.S.

negotiations in November that ended with a market-access agreement and cleared Beijing's biggest obstacle to joining WTO. The 15-nation EU is now the most important among eight WTO members with which China must conclude separate access agreements.

China has been trying to join world trade's rule-making body for 14 years. The communist leadership hopes WTO membership will bring in foreign investment and force long-cosseted state industries to make reforms they have resisted.

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ISRAEL

Netanyahu denies corruption charges

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Delivering an emotional television appeal, Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu angrily denied any wrongdoing Tuesday after police urged the attorney general to indict him and his wife on corruption charges.



Netanyahu

During a 50-minute interview, Netanyahu occasionally used props and paused dramatically to emphasize his innocence and to accuse police of trumping up the charges against him.

Police said Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, accepted favors from a contractor, kept 700 presents meant to be state property, including a golden letter opener from U.S. Vice President Al Gore, and tried to influence others to alter their testimony in the case.

If tried and convicted of the most serious charge, obstruction of justice, Netanyahu could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison. Netanyahu, 50, who was tossed out by voters 10 months ago, launched a counter-offensive against the police in an apparent attempt to rescue his political future.

During the TV appearance, the former leader mentioned his son and recently-deceased mother as he denied the allegations — even, at one point, brandishing a supposedly valuable brooch which he said an appraiser had valued at \$1.

"The whole thing is ridiculous," Netanyahu scoffed during the prime time interview.

Apparently relishing the underdog role, the 50-year-old politician accused police of making up the charges, saying he was being persecuted by the political establishment because of his hardline views.

Shlomo Ben-Ami, the police minister, denied police acted in bad faith. "The police did not, do not, and as long as I am responsible for police, will

not have a political agenda," he said.

Police said that a seven-month investigation indicated that Netanyahu should be charged with fraud, attempted misuse of state funds, breach of trust and obstruction of justice.

His lawyer, Yaacov Weinroth, called the police report "sloppy." He said it "confirms what we thought — the case is one big nothing."

The attorney general, Elyakim Rubinstein, will make the final decision on whether to indict. It was unclear how long that process might take.

Arguing his case, Netanyahu said police interrogated him as to whether a small, valuable pendant was among the state gifts. When he got home from that particular interrogation session, he said he and his wife "turned the house upside down" and found the pendant.

They took it to an appraiser, and were told it is worth less than a dollar, Netanyahu said, waving the tiny pin before the TV cameras.

Asked what the most difficult moment was since the probe began, Netanyahu stopped and looked down. After long seconds of silence, he said his 8-year-old son Yair was tormented at school because of the probe and his mother, Cila, died with the charges still hanging over him.

The case is just one of a series of scandals plaguing Israel's leadership. Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his party are under investigation for violating the campaign finance law; police are looking into a large amount of money President Ezer Weizman received from a French millionaire; and incitement charges are being considered against a religious leader for calling a Cabinet minister "Satan" and other epithets.

Netanyahu's wife, Sara, should be charged with theft and misuse of state funds, police said. Charges were also recommended against Moshe Leon, the director of Netanyahu's office, and Ezra Zeidoff, his office manager.

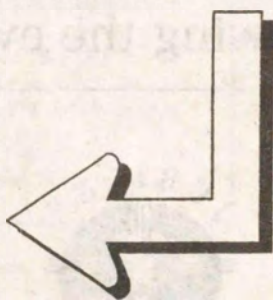
Netanyahu had virtually disappeared from public life in Israel after he was trounced by Barak, a moderate, in May 1999.

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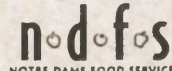
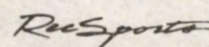
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Births to unwed mothers hit high

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Women in their 20s helped fuel a baby boomlet that pushed U.S. births up 2 percent in 1998, the first increase in several years, said a government report released Tuesday.

The increase reflected growth in the number of women entering childbearing years. These daughters of early baby boomers are having their own kids, but getting married first is a not necessarily a prerequisite to becoming a parent, the report shows.

1998 Birth Rates

- ◆ 13.94 million total births, a 2 percent increase in several years
- ◆ 1.29 million births to single women, a record high

Births to unwed mothers, on the rise for years, hit an all time high in 1998 and accounted for nearly half of all babies born that year, reported the National Center for Health Statistics. But unlike the 1990s, when teenagers were having children at alarming rates, today's unwed mothers are more likely to be in their 20s and 30s.

Researchers attribute the change to a big drop in teen births, confidence in the booming economy and more relaxed attitudes about unwed mothers.

"The social disapproval factor has definitely lessened," said Stephanie Ventura, lead author of the report compiled from state birth data.

There were 3.94 million births in 1998, compared to 3.88 million children born in 1997. The fertility rate, a measure of births among women of

child bearing age, was 65.6 births for every 1,000 females, up from 65 births per 1,000.

These were the first increases in births and fertility rates since 1990, when 4.1 million children were born and the fertility rate was 70.9 births per 1,000 women. Between 1990 and 1997, the number of births fell 7 percent as women waited longer to have children and teen births declined amid the availability of more reliable contraceptives, an emphasis on abstinence and fears about AIDS.

Some 1.29 million babies were born to single women in 1998, up 3 percent from the prior year and the highest number reported since the government started collecting birth data in the early 1900s.

One reason for the rise was a larger population of unmarried women of child bearing age. The number of single women between 15 and 44 rose to 29.2 million women in 1998 from 28.6 million in 1997.

Unwed women in their 20s and 30s had higher birth rates, and that was true for both white and black women. Birth rates for unwed Hispanic women in that age group fell, the report showed.

Birth rates for all women in the 20s and 30s was also on the rise. After falling during the 1990s, the birth rate for women between 20 and 24 — the principal childbearing ages — rose 1 percent to 111.2 births per 1,000. The rate for women aged 30 to 34 rose 2

percent to 87.4 births per 1,000 women — the highest rate since 1965.

Jacqueline Darroch, senior vice president for research at Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private research group, said the rise in unmarried women doesn't necessarily mean that children don't have fathers because many women are living with,

"Non-married does not necessarily mean that it's the mother alone without a father."

Jacqueline Darroch
researcher,
Alan Guttmacher Institute

but not marrying, their partners.

"Non-married does not necessarily mean that it's the mother alone without a father," said Darroch, citing a government study that showed about 4 percent of women, or about 2.6 million, living with partners.

Donna Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said the trend was cause for concern.

"The increase in births to unmarried mothers, as well as the increase in teen mothers who smoke, are troubling," said Shalala.

Other findings:

- ◆ Smoking among pregnant teens increased, especially among blacks.
- ◆ The proportion of women beginning prenatal care in the first trimester continued to rise — an encouraging sign because early care can increase the chances of having a healthy baby.
- ◆ Multiple births continued to increase, a phenomenon tied to the use of fertility drugs.

Scientists develop healthier soy oil

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Government scientists have developed a new soybean that's healthier for the heart because the oil need not go through a process that produces artery-clogging trans fatty acids and it has less than half the saturated fat of conventional soybeans.

Food manufacturers — who use soybean oil in everything from margarine to crackers — are eager to get the healthier oil because of Food and Drug Administration plans to require the listing of trans fats on food nutrition labels.

Consumers won't see the new product before next year at the earliest, however, because the first commercial crop being planted next month in North Carolina will be saved for seed and testing.

The new soybean holds "excellent potential" for food makers and "will provide the needed flexibility to be used in a wide variety of products," the Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils said in a recent letter to the United Soybean Board, a producer group that helped fund the USDA research. The institute represents companies that process vegetable oils.

"Just by changing the kind of oil that's used by food manufacturers and restaurants would go a long way to reducing heart disease in this country," Margo Wootan, director of nutritional policy for the Center

for Science in the Public Interest, said Tuesday.

The new soybean was developed by Agriculture Department scientists in Raleigh, N.C., using conventional breeding methods, not the genetic engineering that has become controversial in Europe and Asia.

More than 80 percent of the vegetable oil used in cooking and food manufacturing comes from soybeans because of its relatively low price and wide availability.

But soybean oil cannot be used for cooking unless it is hydrogenated to extend its shelf life and improve its flavor. Hydrogenation,

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director of nutritional policy,
Center for Science in the
Public Interest

which also solidifies the oil, removes linolenic acid that causes the oil to taste rancid when heated. The new soybeans have a third as much linolenic acid as conventional varieties.

Hydrogenated oil would still be needed for some products, such as baked goods, to give them the proper texture and body, but manufacturers could blend in oil that isn't hydrogenated to lower the overall content of trans fat, according to industry experts.

Health experts say trans fatty acids may be even worse for the heart than saturated fat. Studies indicate that eating trans fat increases LDL-cholesterol, often called "bad cholesterol," which increases the risk of heart disease. At the same time, it reduces levels of HDL, the "good cholesterol" that is good for the heart.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Thursday, March 30

7:00 pm

Father Richard John Neuhaus will discuss and sign his new book entitled *Death on A Friday Afternoon* in which he provides a compelling account of Christ's seven last words from the Cross, including a masterful explanation of why Christians call the day on which Jesus dies "Good Friday." Father Neuhaus is the author of numerous books and has been described by *US News and World Report* as one of the "most influential intellectuals in America."



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Forgive others as Jesus forgave us

In a recent bible study group, we discussed the story of "The Lost Son," also known as "The Prodigal Son." This is the parable in the gospel of Luke that details the life of a young man who squandered his inheritance on prostitutes and other frivolous things. Upon his return home, with nothing left, his father welcomed him back with open arms. He forgave his youngest son without condition or hesitation.



Kimmi Martin

Reflections of a Nice Girl

Although I had heard this parable many times, it wasn't until recently that I thought about what it had to do with me. What does it mean for all of us today? Even though it was written centuries ago, its purpose is timeless.

It is human nature to release emotions when something has affected us deeply. Whether we are moved to tears of joy or sorrow, our minds seldom forget that initial feeling of what moved us in the first place. This is applicable to our relationships with others. The majority of us function in a world where we build relationships on trust.

The relationship we have with our parents is also based on trust. From birth, we were taught that with unacceptable behavior, certain consequences result. It may take a lot of begging, washing dishes, sorting laundry and other tasks to "get back in good graces." Time heals all wounds, right? If this is human nature, then why did Jesus find it necessary to tell us the story of a father who forgave so easily?

Take close friends for example. Real friendships develop over time. A close friend has hurt us at some point in our

lives. Many of us have been hurt by the same friend many times. Sometimes we forgive, sometimes we do not. Rarely do we forget. If the friend were truly sorry for their actions, and wanted to re-enter into a loving relationship, is it the Christian thing to make that road back as difficult as possible? Is it the Christian thing to extend our arms without condition or hesitation? Should we strive to be like that forgiving father?

This same parable mentions the eldest son as one who dedicated his life to serving his father. He too was a recipient of his father's wealth. Instead of spending all of his money, like his brother, he continued to serve his father and never disobeyed him. Upon hearing the news that his father was rejoicing because of the younger brother's return, the eldest brother grew angry and critical.

Often we want credit for things that we should be doing in the first place. We often want to be rewarded for deeds that are respectful and "morally right." Along with this desire to be recognized comes a criticism of those who stray from the path that is accepted. We question, like the brother, rewarding people whom we think should not be rewarded. Is criticizing and judging others based on our standards the morally right thing to do?

Perhaps the answer lies in treating people with that golden rule we learned in the first grade: "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Perhaps we should view each other's sins as equal. One person's sin should not be viewed as bigger than our own. In the end, God judges us all and does not discriminate. I do not believe that He is selective in determining sin. I do not believe there is some big contest at the end of the world called "Who's the biggest sinner."

Perhaps this is why Jesus died for all of us. Perhaps this is why it is so easy

for the Lord to forgive us. We all make mistakes, yet He always welcomes us back with open arms and no questions asked — without condition or hesitation.

I certainly understand the difficulty in forgiving those who may have hurt us deeply. I struggle with the question of "well, they did it once, they'll probably do it again." It is hard to release pain. It is hard to forgive people we sometimes think should not be forgiven. But who are we to judge?

Easter is certainly not that far away. This is the time that we should reflect on our own actions as well as the actions of others. Perhaps it is within our human nature to forgive others as Jesus forgave us.

When you feel as though someone has betrayed you, it feels like disregarding that person is the easiest thing to do. You may not speak anymore; you may not even see each other anymore. How easy it is to sweep something, or someone, under the carpet. But, they are still there. That feeling inside of you, that voice from within, that might be someone asking for forgiveness. When you keep so much hate and anger bottled up inside of you, it can literally feel like it is eating you alive.

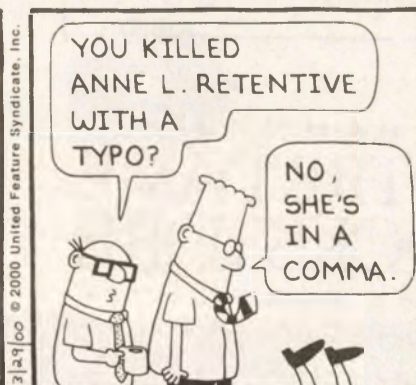
Forgiveness is not just for the person who wants to be forgiven. It is also for the person who forgives. Whichever person we may be, we are all equal in spite of our faults. We are all judged and we are all forgiven, without condition or hesitation. Perhaps now is the time to extend this same grace to those around us. Perhaps they may need it.

Perhaps we do too.

Kimmi Martin is a senior at Saint Mary's. Her column appears every other Wednesday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Giving money and power to the government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys."

P.J. O'Rourke
humorist

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Bridging the gap between people

I realized how important the challenge is for us to "bridge the gap between people." It is often easier to talk about the importance of "relationships" and quickly become caught up in many responsibilities in "our own circles." It is often easier to think and preach about "my neighbor" than to be open to encounters with neighbors who have voices which challenge my comfort zone and fears.

**Father
Don McNeill**

*For a More
Just and
Humane
World*

More than three decades ago, Notre Dame invited a priest psychologist from Holland named Henri Nouwen to teach in the Psychology Department. Henri challenged me and many of my Holy Cross colleagues and hundreds of students to move beyond fear and self-preoccupation toward love and experiential learning to discover the complexities of responding to the needs of "our neighbors."

I think that the reflections of Henri in the last book he wrote before his sudden death in 1996 might assist us in this community to reflect on our response to Jubilee Debt Relief and many other issues facing Notre Dame now and in the years ahead. Please read slowly three reflections he shared in his book "Bread for the Journey: A Day Book for Wisdom and Faith." This is one of more than 40 books of Henri in the area of spirituality which have now been published and continue to be translated and published, especially in the Spanish-speaking world at this time.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians are following meditations in a booklet "From the House of Fear to the House of Love" and taken from his book and lectures on "The Return of the Prodigal Son" during this Lent. These passages have helped me put the challenge of our response to Jubilee Debt Relief and other social concerns in perspective.

Crossing the Road for One Another: "We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another. There is so much separation and segregation: between black people and white people, between gay people and straight people, between young people and old people, between sick people and healthy people, between prisoners and free people, between Jews and Gentiles, Muslims and Christians, Protestants and Catholics, Greek Catholics and Latin Catholics.

There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbors."

Bridging the Gap Between People: "To become neighbors is to bridge the gap between people. As long as there is distance between us and we cannot look into one another's eyes, all sorts of false ideas and images arise. We give them names, make jokes about them, cover them with our prejudices, and avoid direct contact. We think of them as enemies. We forget that they love as we love, care for their children as we care for ours, become sick and die as we do. We forget that they are our brothers and sisters and treat them as objects that can be destroyed at will.

Only when we have the courage to cross the road and look in one another's eyes can

we see there that we are children of the same God and members of the same human family."

The speakers coming from other countries for this week would not have been possible without Father Tom McDermott, who hosted a group of Notre Dame faculty and staff in Uganda and Kenya this past June. The group realized how important it would be to invite speakers to "cross the road to ND" from various settings impacted by incredible debt which is hampering the poor.

Tom is a Holy Cross priest who, for me, has been a witness to the above words and spirit of Henri Nouwen while he was here on campus for six years working with Campus Ministry and "bridging the gap" between the people off-campus and entities like the Center for Social Concerns. His spirit, his way of loving each individual person and ability to enter into the joys and sorrows of life have been a gift to this campus. We celebrate his return for this challenging week focusing on debt relief and our call for global solidarity and response. Upon return to Africa, we hope Tom will continue "bridging the gap" by facilitating an international summer service project in Uganda for African-American Notre Dame students in 2001.

What about "crossing the road for one another" in our local Notre Dame-South Bend relationships? I am grateful that this year that there is renewed energy and vision thanks to Lou Nanni as Executive Assistant to Monk, to explore "bridging the gap" between the University and neighborhoods in South Bend, especially in the Northeast Neighborhood and the West Side.

I have watched students in our seminar on Christian leadership listen to neighbors express their concerns and needs. We at the CSC are exploring the challenge for improved relationships for most students and residents in the Northeast Neighborhood with revitalized vision and passion for shared and collaborative leadership. These are great signs of hope for the future.

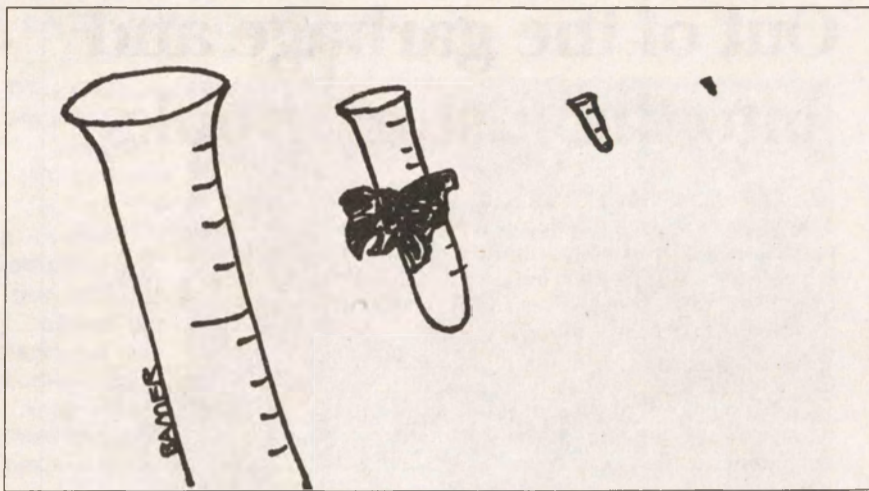
I conclude with an expression of gratitude for the words and deeds of Pope John Paul II in his recent trip to the Holy Land. During his time the Pope has clearly lived out the spirit of these passages from Henri Nouwen. His gesture at the Wall in asking forgiveness from the Jewish community for the centuries of Christian sins of commission and omission which have caused great pain and need reconciliation. It was a gesture in a moment of silence and deep prayer. May we follow his example in praying and then acting in response to the challenges related to debt relief which can impact the lives of millions of people if we all work together in "bridging the gap" creatively.

Don McNeill, CSC, is the founder and executive director of the Center for Social Concerns. The Center for Social Concerns column runs every other Wednesday.

He asks that anyone interested in following up what they have learned and responded to this week on debt relief or exploring creative ways to develop relationships and programs with the South Bend residents in the Northeast Neighborhood contact the Center for Social Concerns at ND.ndcntrsc.1@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Donate bone marrow today and save lives

As you may or may not know, I have been diagnosed with leukemia. For those of you who have been so gracious to write or say prayers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Those letters get me through everyday.

The doctors don't think I have the best of odds. The doctors can go to BC for all I'm concerned. So, I write one telling you that, hate it or love it, I WILL be among you next year.

Secondly, I write about the upcoming bone marrow drive. Please go. I know I probably wouldn't, I would be hanging out or doing a well overdue paper or just napping or who knows what. Maybe I would want to and I'd forget, giving it a shrug at the salad bar at NDH that night.

Please don't do that. They say blood is the gift of life. It is true. I have received many need blood transfusions since I've been here. Bone marrow is the gift of a LIFETIME. One is NOT guaranteed a bone marrow match. If you don't get one, most likely, you die. If you do, you have a chance to live.

It will be quick and easy to get tested, and if you were ever one day selected it would be equally pain free. And someone's daughter, wife, sister or mother would live.

Please go.

I see a lot of people everyday whose lives are depending on it.

Conor Murphy

Sophomore
Zahm Hall
March 29, 2000

Vote for resolution on IBM pensions

I am writing to respectfully ask that all faculty, staff, students and alumni who hold stock in the IBM corporation carefully consider the IBM stockholder proxy votes you make in the coming days leading to the annual stockholder's meeting on April 25.

In the case of the IBM employees' resolution on retirement and retirement medical, I am asking that you vote all IBM stock held in favor of the resolution.

The entire text of the resolution can be found in the recent annual meeting notice which also outlines the board of director's election and other business to be held at the annual meeting. In summary, IBM decided to change the pension plan from the long-held traditional plan to a cash balance plan.

The net result to tens of thousands of IBMers was a drastic 30 to 50 percent cut in retirement benefits. The public outcry and resultant Senate hearings forced IBM to restore some benefits to a subset of employees in the hopes of quelling the criticism. However, IBM chose to use age as a criteria for determining who received and who did not receive benefits under the old plan. That age is 40.

Hundreds of Notre Dame alumni who graduated after 1981 are still severely affected by this change. For example, I started in 1983 and was fully vested in IBM's retirement plan in 1988. In mid-1999 I was removed from the old plan and placed into the cash balance plan for the simple reason that I was not quite 40 years-old. The personal cost to me was an approximate 40 percent loss in value. If I had been one year older and worked seven fewer years at IBM, I would have received my full pension.

This raiding of the pension plan was done at a time of record IBM earnings. In the early 1990s, when IBM still held respect for the individual high, the IBM pension fund was left untouched despite the fact the company was losing billions of dollars.

My story is not at all unusual, and in fact it is rather average. I sincerely hope that a Catholic university that prides itself on teaching Christian and moral values to its students and the community at large will carefully consider its vote on this issue and cast a vote in favor of the stockholder resolution.

John W. Goetz
Class of '83
March 27, 2000

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Out of the garbage and into the history books

I had some Garbage Pail Kids when I was younger. People always act surprised when Garbage Pail Kids come up in conversation, but seriously, none of us will ever forget ... Scotty Potty, Adam Bomb, Corroded Carl and Junkfood John — just to name a few. Some other fun names of Garbage Pail Kids are Dirty Harry, Rob Slob, Varicose Wayne, Fake Jake, Shrunken Ed and Cheeky Charles.

The Garbage Pail Phenomenon was pretty amazing. Four men started it and then got Topps Cards to carry the first series. Art Spiegelman was one of the four. He also wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning Maus II. For those of you who don't know, Maus II is a cartoon about the holocaust (which Art's father was a survivor of) in which Jewish people are depicted as mice and Nazis are depicted as cats. It is often hard-bound, so we are talking serious comic-book action.

Another creator of Garbage Pail Kids was Mark Newgarden. I couldn't dig up anything on this guy, but he was involved in the comic business as well. The third creator was John Pound. This guy, as well, was a comic book artist. He did most of the illustrations. His artwork is renowned in the comic book world. He also recently came up with a set of trading cards called "Meanie Babies." And the fourth creator is Jay Lynch who wrote for Mad magazine, Bazooka Joe comics, did illustrations for the Chicago Sun and worked on some underground comic books.

If you'll remember, back in the '80s, a popular toy for girls to have was the Cabbage Patch Kid. These big-headed, dimpled, orphan children didn't offer boys very much. They had birth certificates to fill out and cute names. It was really way too much responsibility. Boys had little they could do. We could pretend that the Cabbage Patch Kids didn't exist by immersing ourselves in He-Man or GI Joe. But it is hard to do when your neighbors won't stop riding around on their new Cabbage Patch Big Wheel, and every commercial break during afternoon cartoons boasts of the latest Cabbage Patch Kid. They were always coming out with new ideas: Oriental Cabbage Patch Kid, Black Cabbage Patch Kid, Teething Cabbage Patch Kid and First day at school Cabbage Patch Kid. The only real answer to this invasion of girl culture was a direct attack.

And thus, the Garbage Pail Kid was a knight in shining armor. I don't mean to make it sound like it was only for boys. There were many noble girls fighting for the cause as well. But it was kind of known that the Cabbage Patch was girl territory and if you were in it — and a guy — you wouldn't be considered a boy for very long.

The first series of Garbage Pail Kids cards came in 1985. There were 15 series total. All in all there were 620 cards, but each card had a twin. A twin was the exact same card with a different name on the bottom. For example, Up Chuck and Heavin' Steven, and Boozin' Bruce and Drunk Ken. So all in all, there were actually 1,240 Garbage Pail Kids to collect — plus at least one was a triple. There were also different, bigger collectibles, too. The very, very first card — card one, series one — was Nasty Nick, and his twin Evil Ed.

Garbage Pail Kids can still be found today. They can be bought and sold on the Internet. The most expensive price you'll encounter is \$225 for the box set of series one. The prices of individual cards are actually quite reasonable though. Maybe someday we'll have a Garbage Pail Kids of Notre Dame. We could even create some of our own. Like Patty O'Splatty, or Father Plutoni Tom, Tony Screw Driver or Father Edward Sore in the Face.

The Garbage Pail Kid Phenomenon was rather short-lived, thanks to worried moms. Moms hated Garbage Pail Kids. They were repulsive and often depicted things that couldn't be mentioned at the dinner table. There was going to be a Garbage Pail Kids cartoon in 1988 on CBS Saturday mornings, but it never aired because so many concerned mothers called in.

The legacy did move on though. Garbage Pail Kids went international. In France they were called "The Trash Can Kids" and in Australia they were called "The Garbage Pail Gang." They were almost all bootleg cards. There have even been sightings of GPKs in Israel. In a sense, they will live on forever, and like most great ideas, their spread can't ever be stopped. We can only hope that future generations will be creative enough to solve social problems using methods similar to those of the Garbage Pail Kids.

PS: Sorry there are no pictures of GPKs here. I would have gladly put some here if they let me.

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Scott Little

just a little

Renowned composer g

By KATIE McVOY
Scene Writer

If you watched all of the Academy Awards Sunday night, you might know that composer John Corigliano's score for "The Red Violin" won the Oscar for Best Original Score. Corigliano was one of several composers mentioned in a discussion about composers who cross over the line between writing music for film and concert composing.

Dr. Michael Schelle, a professor at Butler University, gave a lecture entitled, "The Gold Chain around the Hairy Chest of Hollywood," on Monday in the Little Theatre at Saint Mary's College.

One may wonder why anyone would attend a lecture with that title, or why, for that matter, anyone would use that as a title.

Schelle said, "Many directors feel that the musical score of the film is the gold chain around an otherwise hairy operation." He found the metaphor while researching his recent book "The Score."

Music in Hollywood films has changed a lot since the advent of sound in pictures. Early in the 1930s, Hollywood composers worked with existing compositions and fitted them for the films they were working on. The original "Dracula," starring Bela Lugosi, has a score that would sound very familiar to anyone who is part of the ballet world. "Dracula" and the ballet "Swan Lake" claim the same score.

In the middle years of Hollywood, the 1940s and 1950s, many composers kept one foot in the concert composition business while keeping the other foot in film composing.

Today, however, there is very little cross over remaining. Most composers focus either on film or concert music and only dabble in the other field occasionally. For example, Corigliano is a concert composer who has only written scores for three movies.

On the other side of composing, Thomas Newman, who has written the scores for "American Beauty," "The Green Mile" and "The Shawshank Redemption," recently wrote a piece for the world famous Cleveland Orchestra.

Schelle attributes the greater isolation partly to differences in the two versions of the industry: "Hollywood composers are used to having the best players and recording until they get the best sound. They're not used to a whole union orchestra who has complaints. But a concert composer would be floored by Hollywood musicians not complaining."

Following his brief introduction to music in the film industry, Schelle showed the



Dr. Michael Schelle spoke to Saint Mary's students about the importance of musical scores in film. His speech "Hairy Chest of Hollywood" concentrated on concert music and film.

audience just what he was talking about with several film clips that demonstrated the variety of uses and types of music that composers have used throughout the history of Hollywood film making.

The first film clip from "The Spiral Staircase" featured music by Roy Webb, a film composer who composed during the 1940s. Webb made use of a classical Chopin piece during the opening credits of the movie that dissolved into his original score, showing the transition from already

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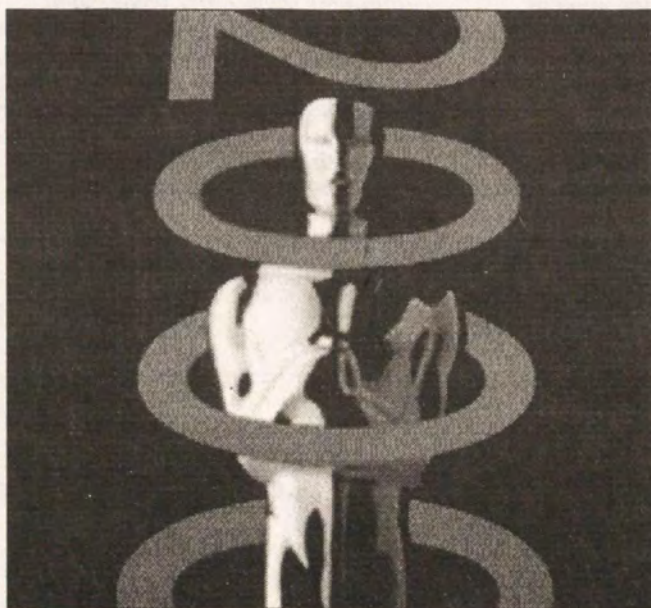


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The 72nd Academy Awards boasted 29 million viewers during Sunday's telecast.

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

ents Monday about composing and the h, entitled "The Gold Chain around the mposers who cross the line between

existing music to new composition.

Bernard Herman was next in the line-up. Herman's name may be familiar from the credits of one of the many Alfred Hitchcock movies for which he composed scores. This particular movie for which Herman composed, "Hangover Square," was a lesser known piece about a mad composer. This piece shows dramatically the crossover between film and concert composition. Along with an original

score to underwrite the action, Herman also had to compose a 12-minute piano concerto for the mad composer to play in the final minutes of the film. In this case, Herman's music "underscored the action and was the action," Schelle said.

The next film clip Schelle showed would have looked very familiar to any four year old if only the director had added a dancing candelabra. An original version of "Beauty and the Beast," with a score written by George Aurich, showed a European movie that made use of music. Europeans today are more likely to be composing both for the concert hall and for films.

Movie music experienced a new phenomenon that came directly from Japan. The score from the movie "Ran," a violent Japanese film about samurai, began a new trend called composing against the action. Film composers today still make frequent use of this style, when sound effects of a very violent or disturbing scene fade away and are replaced by a floating melody.

"Our emotional reaction to what is going on is really captured in the score," Schelle said. He showed "Revolution," a film that appeared onscreen in the 1980s, as an example of this kind of music.

Schelle then showed a clip of a film that had a score composed by Aaron Copeland. Copeland, who died recently, is still hailed as the Dean of American Music. His concert compositions are played by orchestras world wide. He also crossed over the line and explored the world of movie music.

In addition to famous movies, such as "Of Mice and Men," Copeland composed the score for a film called "Something Wild." In this film, the film watcher hears a side of Copeland's music that Americans seldom recognize.

"As [the main character] falls into her dream," Schelle said. "We get the dark side of Copeland that we don't know so much about in this country."

As a finale for his lecture, Schelle showed a piece of film that had a score composed by one of the premier concert composers in Japan, Akira Ifukube. Ifukube, whose compositions are known world wide, composed the score for the original "Godzilla." Schelle added an interesting piece of film trivia: Godzilla's growl was created by playing descending notes on the E chord of a double bass backwards.

So, "The Gold Chain around the Hairy Chest of Hollywood" proved to be a wonderful exploration into the world of movie music.

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Diva Whitney Houston was suddenly replaced by Faith Hill at the Oscars due to a bad rehearsal. Her publicist claims her dismissal was caused by a sore throat, rather than her poor performance.

Photo courtesy of www.whitney-fan.com



Hill replaces Houston at Oscars

LOS ANGELES

The official word is that a sore throat kept Whitney Houston from singing at the Academy Awards. A newspaper, however, reported that she was dropped from the show after bombing in rehearsals.

The New York Post on Tuesday quoted unidentified sources as saying that Burt Bacharach, a musical director for the Oscar ceremony, was so frustrated with Houston during rehearsals last week that he pulled the plug on her performance.

Houston's publicists said the singer backed out because her throat was sore.

"I was in the rehearsal myself the whole time, and it was really obvious the poor lady was having a problem with her throat," Oscar show publicist Jane LaBonte said Tuesday.

Houston, Bacharach and others involved in the show decided that it would be better if she did not perform, LaBonte said.

Houston was scheduled to join other singers in a medley of movie songs. She was replaced by country singer Faith Hill.

The Post quoted a source as saying Houston showed up for rehearsal last Thursday, gave Bacharach only 15 minutes and was "totally out of it."

A source told the paper that Houston seemed a bit "discombobulated" during further rehearsals Friday, missing a cue and singing the wrong song. That's when Bacharach decided to replace her, the source said.

Priestly on probation for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES

Former "Beverly Hills 90210" star Jason Priestley pleaded no contest Tuesday to drunken driving in a crash that totalled his car and injured a friend. He was given five days at a rehab center and three years on probation.

Priestley, 30, entered the plea through an attorney to a reduced charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence with injury. The actor originally faced felony charges in the Dec. 3 wreck that left his passenger with a broken arm.

"It worked out well, considering," said Peter Knecht, Priestley's attorney. "I'm happy with the result, and so is he."

Priestley has said he swerved to avoid hitting a deer just before the wreck.

Swank's speech infuriates mother

LINCOLN, Neb.

Hilary Swank's Oscar acceptance speech infuriated JoAnn Brandon, whose daughter was portrayed by Swank in "Boys Don't Cry."

Brandon said she objected when the actress thanked "Brandon Teena" — a name that Brandon's daughter, Teena Brandon, used instead of her given name — and referred to her as a man.

"That set me off," JoAnn Brandon said. "She should not stand up there and thank my child. I get tired of people taking credit for what they don't know."

As the film recounts, Teena Brandon posed as a man, dated a woman and then was killed at 21 by two men after they learned her secret.

JoAnn Brandon criticized the filmmakers for failing to explain that her daughter was sexually molested by a man as a girl. She said Teena Brandon began dressing in men's clothing and dating women.

"She pretended she was a man so no other man could touch her," she said.

Prime Minister commits social faux pas

CANBERRA, Australia

Prime Minister John Howard may have breached royal protocol by touching Queen Elizabeth II.

TV images showed Howard apparently putting his hand on the queen's back as he introduced her to dignitaries at a reception Monday.

Howard dismissed the brouhaha and refused to reveal whether he had touched the queen.

"It is terrific to see the press focusing on the big political issue of the day," he said, sarcastically.

In 1992, then-Prime Minister Paul Keating touched the queen's back during her visit to Australia. One British tabloid branded Keating "The Lizard of Oz" for the encounter.

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	14.3	14.4 million
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	13.5	13.6 million
	13.4	13.5 million

Source: Associated Press

FIGURE SKATING

Yagudin celebrates championship win

Associated Press

NICE, France
Alexei Yagudin easily won the men's short program Tuesday at the World Figure Skating Championship, projecting exuberance as he confidently hit a quad toe loop and mimicked an orchestra performing a jazzy Nutcracker.

The two-time defending champion seethed with enthusiasm as he stepped and stroked rapidly across the ice strumming an air guitar, pounding imagined piano keys and banging invisible drums. He ended the program with full-body punch in the air, and won straight 5.9's for presentation.

"There is just one way to win a third world title — to work hard and to give your best," Yagudin said.

Russian teammate Yevgeny Plushchenko, who took Yagudin's European title last month in Vienna, also hit a quad and the required elements skating to "Sabre Dance." But he lacked 20-year-old Yagudin's artistry and polish, and finished second going into the final long

program Friday, which counts for 50 percent of the score.

American Michael Weiss finished third, hitting a quad by stepping out of the relatively simple, required double axel. Elvis Stojko fell on his quad attempt and wound up fourth.

Yagudin said Weiss' error gave him pause.

"When I did the tough part of my routine, I landed the quad and the triple axel-triple

toe loop, I was happy," Yagudin said. "[But] I was a little bit scared because I saw Michael Weiss performance and what happened with his double axel."

The championships have been dominated by events off the ice, following

the unsettling razor attack on the top French skating pair Tuesday and the sudden doping withdrawal Sunday of the defending pairs champions Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze.

Stephane Bernadis was cut on the forearm by a man wielding a razor when he opened his hotel room door, skating officials said. Bernadis managed to slam the door shut, and the attacker fled.

"There is just one way to win a third world title — to work hard and to give your best."

Alexei Yagudin
figure skater

NFL

Johnson disagrees with Jets

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla.

The rift between the New York Jets and star receiver Keyshawn Johnson grew Tuesday when Johnson said he felt "disrespected" by the team.

Johnson wants to have his contract renegotiated. He has two years remaining on the deal he signed when drafted No. 1 overall in 1996, at an average of about \$2 million. He feels vastly underpaid and has pointed to other NFL receivers with lesser credentials who make more.

In a conference call from Los Angeles, Johnson said he is closer than ever to not wanting to play for the Jets again.

"No matter how much money it's going to be, I'm almost at that point, where I can just say, 'I won't play for the Jets anymore.'"

Keyshawn Johnson
Jets player

"I guess you can say I'm dangerously close — once I get there, there will be no turning back," Johnson said. "There's a level of no matter what they discuss with me, I may not want to continue with the Jets. I'm almost there, but I'm not quite there yet."

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it's going to be, I'm almost at that point, where I can just say, 'I won't play for the Jets anymore.'"

Jets coach Al Groh reiterated earlier this week the team will not trade Johnson, nor will it renegotiate his contract. New team owner Woody Johnson said he believes Keyshawn Johnson should honor his contract.

"He is a member of the team and has a contract with the team," Woody Johnson said Monday at the NFL's annual meetings. "I think contracts are a part of this society and contracts are important."

"You promise to do something and sign an agreement and you can take that for what it is."

Saints' Williams hires new agent

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla.

Ricky Williams, whose incentive-laden contract with the New Orleans Saints backfired on him last season, has fired his agent and hired Leigh Steinberg.

Williams had been represented by Leland Harvey, who works for the rapper Master P. His rookie contract contained an \$8.8 million signing bonus, but most of the seven-year, \$68 million deal was

based on incentives, many of which were triggered upon reaching 1,600 yards in a season.

Williams was troubled all year by injuries and finished with just 884 yards on 253 carries. Edgerrin James, whom Indianapolis chose ahead of Williams, made nearly \$15 million last season. James is represented by Steinberg, one of the NFL's upper-echelon agents.

Earlier this month, Williams was quoted in Sports Illustrated as saying he'd pre-

ferred the team be moved to San Antonio, Texas to be nearer his home in Austin. He later apologized.

"Ricky wants to play in New Orleans, he likes New Orleans," Steinberg said.

Steinberg said he has already talked to Randy Mueller, the Saints' new general manager, and will eventually renegotiate Williams' contract. "I always renegotiate," said Steinberg, who has re-done deals for Steve Young and Troy Aikman more than a dozen times.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gwynn looks to top 3,000-hit club

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. So what does Tony Gwynn do for an encore now that he's in the 3,000-hit club?

Win another batting title in this, his 19th season? It's always possible, although Gwynn thinks it's kind of neat that he's tied with Honus Wagner for the NL lead with eight.

Win the World Series title that's eluded him his whole career? He'd love to do that, but the pitching-thin San Diego Padres make no secret that they're building toward 2002 and their new downtown ballpark, not an NL pennant like they won two years ago.

How about simply staying healthy?

"That's my only goal," said Gwynn, who turns 40 on May 9. "I just want to be productive. That's a whole lot easier to live with than going up and down, up and down, like last year."

When Gwynn reached down and golfed a single into right-center field at Montreal on Aug. 6 for his 3,000th hit, his first emotion was relief. His milestone season hadn't exactly been a joyride.

He'd gotten off to a hot start, then strained his left calf on May 21. Missing 44 games on two separate trips to the disabled list meant taking 11 weeks to get the final 25 hits. Everybody was ready to celebrate; everybody was asking him what it was like approaching the exclusive mark.

And Gwynn wasn't altogether thrilled.

"It just dragged on and on and on," Gwynn said. "You're just sitting there on the DL, waiting to come off. I think if I could have stayed healthy last year and just kind of methodically gotten 72 hits, I'd probably feel a little bit different about it. But right now, I'm just glad that part of it is over."

The lefty finished the season 18th on the career list with 3,067 hits and with a .338 average, one point short of his career average. He then hit the weight room to strengthen his leg and worked on his mechanics. He says he feels good swinging the bat and

bouncing around on the bases.

Then came a couple of reminders that the end of his career isn't that far off.

First, the Padres refused to guarantee his contract for 2001, instead giving him a \$2 million bonus on top of this year's \$4.3 million salary in exchange for accepting a \$6 million club option for 2001. Gwynn can automatically trigger the option with 502 plate appearances this year, the same number needed to qualify for the batting title.

Gwynn would receive a \$2 million buyout in the unlikely event the Padres chose not to exercise the option on their most famous player.

"I can imagine he will be here next year, but the reason we put that in there is because we wanted to address the issue of health and age,"

"I just want to be positive. That's a whole lot easier to live with than going up and down, up and down, like last year."

Tony Gwynn
Padres player

club president Larry Lucchino said. "There's a tremendously high probability he'll earn it with 502, and there's another

high probability that we would exercise it."

Gwynn would like to take care of business by getting the 502 plate appearances. But he'll have to do so knowing that due to his age and history of leg injuries, he'll be getting more days off as dictated by manager Bruce Bochy.

And both Bochy and Gwynn know the fans will be keeping track of the plate appearances.

"The last thing I really want to know is contracts," Bochy said. "I talked to Tony about it and he agrees, we've got to do what's right for him and what's right for the ballclub. If that's giving him a day or getting him off his legs late in a game, I'm going to do it."

"Honestly, I would want him to get that [the 502]. It means we're going to be a better club if he gets at least that many."

Bochy wishes he would have rested Gwynn more early last season. Gwynn promises not to gripe about playing time, but hopes that he won't have to sit much if he's playing well.

Someone recently slipped a magazine into Gwynn's locker with the headline, "Turning 40."

Williams breaks bone in foot

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

The Arizona Diamondbacks' bid to repeat as NL West champions suffered a severe jolt Tuesday when All-Star third baseman Matt Williams broke a bone in his right foot in an exhibition game against the Seattle Mariners.



Williams

Team spokesman Mike Swanson said Williams will be sidelined about six weeks, and foot specialist Dr. Peter Mitchell said the injury would not require surgery.

Williams fouled Frankie Rodriguez's pitch off the foot in the second inning, but completed his at bat, lining out to center. He was replaced by Lenny Harris in the top of the third inning.

"Obviously, I'm disappoint-

ed," Williams said. "I was really looking forward to beginning the season and playing on opening day. There are some things, especially in this game, that you can't control."

The Diamondbacks have plenty of talent to succeed without him, Williams said.

"Fortunately, we have a lot of great players on this team, and our team will be just fine and play well," he said, "and I look forward to getting back as soon as possible."

Williams was taken to a hospital for X-rays, which showed his second metatarsal was broken. He left for Phoenix, where he met with Mitchell.

"It's a non-displaced fracture of the second metatarsal which won't require surgery," Mitchell said.

In 1995, a break in the same bone sidelined Williams for 68 games with the San Francisco Giants. On June 3 of that year, Williams fouled a ball off his right foot on a pitch from Philadelphia's Paul Quantrill. He underwent surgery to have pins inserted in the foot. At the time of that injury, Williams

was hitting .381.

"It's a tremendous loss," teammate Greg Colbrunn said. "He's the key hitter in our lineup and defensively. But the realization is he's not going to be around here for however long they say. You can't sit around and cry about it. You have to move on and do other things to help make up for it."

The injury came in the Diamondbacks' final game before breaking their spring training camp and moving back to Phoenix. It made for a solemn departure for the players.

"That's everybody's fear, for something like that to happen the last week of spring training," reliever Dan Plesac said. "When it happens during the season, somehow it's easier to swallow. For it to happen down here when the games don't mean anything, it stinks."

Williams is the team's acknowledged leader in the clubhouse.

"His presence and leadership are just as important as his ability," reliever Darren Holmes said.

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Nuggets, Avalanche difficult to sell

Associated Press

DENVER
No one could blame the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Avalanche for feeling unloved.

Ascent Entertainment Group wanted to sell the teams but couldn't. Liberty Media Corp. didn't want to buy them but did.

Now the teams are being shopped around again.

Liberty nailed down the purchase of Ascent on Monday, taking the teams and the arena in order to get what it really wanted, Ascent's video programming and other operations.

"We intend to sell them [the teams] as quickly as we can find a good buyer for them," Liberty spokeswoman Vivian Carr said Tuesday.

Carr wouldn't comment on potential buyers but said she expects the price to be in the range of previous offers, \$400 million to \$460 million.

Mario Cibelli, an analyst with New York-based Robotti and Co., predicted Liberty will be better at selling the teams than Ascent was. Ascent negotiated two deals last year to sell the clubs and the \$180 million Pepsi Center, but both crumbled only months apart.

With Liberty, "I think you're dealing with stronger hands and a more sophisticated buyer and seller of assets," Cibelli said Tuesday.

He wouldn't speculate on the price.

"They're pretty smart peo-

ple," he said. "Whatever it is, I'm sure it's going to make a lot of sense for them."

Wal-Mart heiress Nancy Laurie and her husband, Bill, offered Ascent \$400 million for the teams and the arena last year, but Ascent managers backed out when their stockholders said the price was too low.

Denver billionaire Donald Sturm then offered \$461 million, but that deal fell apart when Sturm and the city couldn't agree on guarantees to keep the teams in Denver for at least 25 years.

The city has the equivalent of veto power over the sale because of the financial breaks it gave Ascent.

Liberty, a Denver-based communications company with a global reach, has been interested in Ascent for months but made it clear it wanted only Ascent's pay-per-view service for hotels, called On Command, and its other non-sports assets.

Liberty tried to buy Ascent last year but insisted Ascent sell the teams first. When Ascent couldn't close its deal with Sturm, Liberty backed out.

Liberty launched a second bid for Ascent in February, announcing the same day that it would sell the teams after the takeover.

The shuffling at the top hasn't affected the play in the arena, the teams said, and Liberty has said it will keep the teams' coaches and executives in place.

"We intend to sell them [the teams] as quickly as we can find a good buyer for them."

Vivian Carr
Liberty spokeswoman

TENNIS

Venus Williams considers retiring

Associated Press

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla.
For Venus Williams, 19 could be retirement age.

Williams, who has yet to play a match this year, might give up tennis to focus on her education and investments, her father said Tuesday.

"She's considering that very seriously," Richard Williams said. "On a scale of 10, I'd say she's a 7 or a 7 1/2 [to retire]."

Williams said he advised his daughter to take at least the rest of this year off. She has been sidelined since November, citing tendinitis in both wrists.

"She has been playing a long time now, and she needs time off to rest," Richard Williams said. "She needs to get more education."

"She has enough money now for sure. She has some unbelievable investments paying off

"She has been playing a long time now, and she needs time off to rest. She needs to get more education."

Richard Williams
Venus' father

very well. She's in a great position right now."

Venus, who finished last year ranked No. 3, has career earnings of nearly \$4.6 million. That doesn't include her lucrative endorsements.

"If Venus retired from tennis, she'd be making a statement," her father said. "That's why it's time to walk away. I've seen too many black athletes come out of the ghetto and earn all that money, and four or five years later they're broke and no one cares who they once were."

Venus' 18-year-old sister, Serena, is the reigning U.S. Open champion. She might retire in three years when her endorsement deal with Puma expires, her father said.

"Because of the planning we've done with these two girls, they don't need tennis any longer," he said. "When they're 30 years old, they'll have 10 or 12 businesses. The things they'll be doing when they're out of tennis will surpass tennis so much."

Venus reached at her home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., declined to be interviewed. Her next scheduled tournament begins May 1 in Hamburg, Germany.

The sisters' mercurial father acknowledged that his attitude regarding their retirement might seem surprising. He taught them the game and has long touted them as future No. 1 players who will dominate the women's tour.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Davis, Pyatt suspended after arrest

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.
Kentucky football players Garry Davis and Brad Pyatt have been suspended from the team following their arrests after police broke up a late-night party at Davis' house, coach Hal Mumme said Tuesday.

Davis, 22, a junior wide receiver, was charged with disorderly conduct and allowing nine minors to possess alcohol. Police halted the party early Saturday morning

at his home near campus.

Pyatt, 19, a freshman wide receiver, was charged with criminal mischief. Officers said he damaged a police car.

The suspensions will remain in effect until their legal issues are resolved, Mumme said.

Davis and Pyatt wouldn't be required to forfeit their scholarships under the university's student-athlete alcohol policy because no DUI charge was involved, a statement from the university said.

But an athlete charged with public intoxication or underage consumption would be put

on probation and be required to attend counseling.

The statement said Mumme would have no further comment on the matter.

Davis played in 10 games last season, catching 26 passes for 312 yards and one touchdown.

The arrests came less than two weeks after junior cornerback Jeremy Bowie was arrested in Lexington on drunken driving charges. Bowie also has been suspended from the team.

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NHL

Rangers fire general manager and coach

Associated Press

NEW YORK

With only four games left and the playoffs out of reach for the third straight season, the New York Rangers cleaned house Tuesday, firing general manager Neil Smith and coach John Muckler.

Smith, in his 11th year as GM and president, was in charge when the Rangers won the 1994 Stanley Cup — ending a 54-year drought. But he has not come close to matching that success.

The Rangers, who have the NHL's largest payroll at \$61 million, are five points behind Buffalo in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. New York (29-38-11-3) has lost five straight games and is 1-8-1 in its last 10 games.

"Once you make a decision like this, the sooner the better," Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts said. "We made the decision last night. I didn't see any reason to wait."

Muckler was in his second full season as New York's coach after getting the job on Feb. 19, 1998. He replaced the fired Colin Campbell, now the NHL's disciplinarian.

Assistant John Tortorella will coach the team through the final four games. Checketts said a GM will be hired and he will pick the next coach.

A source close to the team said Wayne Gretzky will be involved in helping select a new coach and general manager, but Checketts would not comment on possible successors.

"He's a former Ranger and one of the great all-time players," Checketts said of Gretzky, whose last three NHL seasons were spent in New York. "I don't expect him to be a part of that process."

The final blows for Muckler and Smith were home-and-home embarrassments on Sunday and Monday in which the Rangers were beaten 8-2 and 6-0 by Detroit.

Madison Square Garden fans booed the players and shouted for Muckler's dismissal. They got their wish a day later.

"It's going to be a tremendous amount of work, and it's going to require new leadership," Checketts said of the rebuilding process. "There

should be more scoring, more defense, more pride in the Ranger jersey.

"I want to do what I have to to make it work for the fans. They deserve so much more."

If the Rangers fail to qualify for the postseason, it will be the first time since 1963-66 they have missed the playoffs in three consecutive years.

"At best it was disappointing, at worst embarrassing," Checketts said.

New York's loss to Detroit on Monday also ensured the Rangers' third straight home-losing record. That hasn't happened since 1957-58 through 1959-60.

"At times things don't work out as planned and this is one of those times," Checketts said. "In the best interests of the franchise and our fans, it has become clear that we have to go in a different direction."

As coach of Edmonton and Buffalo, Muckler never missed the playoffs in six seasons. He was 70-91-24, plus three regulation ties, in 185 games with the Rangers.

Muckler coached Edmonton to the Stanley Cup title in 1990 and the conference finals the following year. He served as Buffalo's general manager and coach for two seasons, before relinquishing the coaching job in 1995.

After a seven-game winning streak turned the Rangers' fortunes around, the club is 6-15-4 since February's All-Star weekend.

"These decisions are made about results," Checketts said. "Our record since the All-Star break has clearly brought this all to a head. Losing creates this."

The Rangers' last playoff appearance in 1997 lasted until the conference finals when the club was eliminated in five games. Those were Mark Messier's last games with New York before he left for Vancouver as a free agent.

Acquisitions such as Theo Fleury, Sylvain Lefebvre, Stephane Quintal and Tim Taylor, and the re-signing of captain Brian Leetch to a big contract failed to pay off.

"I'm not taking myself out of responsibility for what happened," Checketts said. "None of the free agents has performed the way we thought they would."

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Students to display skills for NBA

Associated Press

BOSTON

Neil Fingleton is 7 feet, 6 inches tall but has been playing serious basketball for just three years and could improve with four years of college. For others in the McDonald's All American High School game, the NBA will come sooner.

Maybe next season.

Darius Miles has committed to St. John's. Eddie Griffin says he's going to Seton Hall. Others plan to go to top college programs — Michigan State, Duke, Indiana, North Carolina, Connecticut.

The NBA, though, is the ultimate goal for those who will display their talents for scouts and fans in Wednesday night's game at the FleetCenter.

"My No. 1 priority is St. John's. The NBA, if it's there, it's there," Miles, a 6-foot-8 guard from East St. Louis, Ill., said Tuesday. "That's what people are in college for, really. They're playing for one of those lottery picks. If I get a

lottery pick, there's no need to go to college."

NBA stars like Kevin Garnett and Tracy McGrady, who both skipped high school, show the leap can be successful. Griffin, though, knows there's a huge difference between being dominant in high school and decent in the pros.

"It was a tough decision [to choose college] because the NBA was always in the back of my mind," said Griffin, who played at Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia. "I went to one of the Sixers' games and I got to sit on the floor and I got to see how big they were."

"I know I've got to get a lot bigger. If not, I'm not going to be able to play."

Griffin is a 6-foot-9, 205-pound power forward whose high school career ended prematurely when he was bounced from school after a cafeteria altercation with a teammate. He's studying at home now. His teammate, also 6-9, also was thrown out.

Griffin, who rarely shows

emotion on the court, admits it was a mistake but says the incident was blown out of proportion. It may end up being just a slight detour on the way to a lucrative NBA career.

"It's a big lure because it's a lot of money and kids my age, that's what they want," he said. "I do want the money but I just want to be ready so when I get there I can make as much as I can."

Fingleton is much different than most high school players. He grew up in England. His favorite sport was soccer. But he came to Holy Name in Worcester, Mass., after working with Tony Hanson, a former Connecticut basketball player who moved to England.

He's not as athletic as the other players in Wednesday's game. Running the court is not his strength. His height, though, and room for improvement intrigue North Carolina, where he'll go next fall.

"My first wish is to play pro ball somewhere," he said. "That's what I'm working for. I'm working hard for it. Plan B? I don't know. I haven't thought that far yet."

Boston Celtics general manager Chris Wallace, a long-time observer of high school basketball, thinks North Carolina is a good place for Fingleton.

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WOMEN'S NCAA FINAL FOUR

Teams head home for final games

◆ **Connecticut, Penn State's coaches return to hometown Philadelphia with hope for a championship title**

Associated Press

Nothing like going back home to try to win a national championship.

Connecticut, Penn State, Tennessee and Rutgers will assemble in Philadelphia for the women's NCAA tournament Final Four, and there's a strong Philly flavor running throughout the group.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma and Penn State's Rene Portland both grew up in Philadelphia. Vivian Stringer of Rutgers once coached at Cheyney State, which is just outside the city.

It will be homecoming from some players as well. Penn State's Andrea Garner and Rashana Barnes, Rutgers' Shawnetta Stewart and Tennessee's Kristen Clement are Philly products. Look for those personal cheering sections to be a little larger and louder than usual.

"We've been talking about it since the beginning of the year, since last year," Garner said. "We knew it was in Philly and we said we were going back there. We had a lot of

people behind us thinking we could, too. We appreciate that support. Philly, here we come."

Penn State (30-4) will arrive full of confidence after a dominating 86-65 victory over Louisiana Tech in the Midwest Regional final. The Lady Lions will need that confidence and more because they face No. 1-ranked Connecticut (34-1) in the national semifinals on Friday night.

Connecticut has overwhelmed one opponent after another with its depth and talent, which includes first-team All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova. And though LSU stayed with the Huskies for much of the game before Connecticut prevailed 86-71 in the East Regional, Tigers coach Sue Gunter saw enough to declare, "I would say they would have to be the prohibitive favorite."

Connecticut and Penn State have met once before this season, the Huskies winning 87-74 on Dec. 5.

The Tennessee-Rutgers game sends the coach who has more Final Four appearances and national championships against the first coach to take three schools to the Final Four.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt is in the Final Four for the 12th time and is seeking her seventh title. Stringer had Final Four teams at Cheyney and Iowa before working her magic again at Rutgers, a school she promised to make the "Jewel of the East" when she was hired in July 1995.

"She's a phenomenal woman," Rutgers' Linda Miles said. "She's a coach who gets you to buy into a philosophy of defense."

Rutgers (26-7), the West Regional champion, will show up in Philadelphia with a pesky match up zone, which has put the clamps on its last three opponents. The Scarlet Knights gave up 39 points and then 45 before beating Georgia 59-51 to earn the school's first Final Four trip.

Tennessee (32-3) hopes it will have All-American Tamika Catchings at full strength to crack that zone. Catchings sprained her right ankle in the Lady Vols' 57-44 Midwest Regional victory over Texas Tech, and though she returned to finish with 16 rebounds and six assists, sprains have a way of lingering.

"We knew it was in Philly and we said we were going back there. We had a lot of people behind us thinking we could, too. We appreciate the support. Philly, here we come."

**Andrea Garner
Penn State player**

NCAA BASKETBALL

Fresno State looks into meal scandal

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif.

Fresno State is investigating reports that several members of the basketball team received free meals from a local restaurant even after the owner was warned such handouts could violate college athletic rules.

Ted Kunishige, owner of Tomodachi Japanese Restaurant and a basketball booster regularly seen at Selland Arena games, admitted to The Fresno Bee last week he had given away "several thousand dollars" worth of free food to the players during the past seven years.

Seniors Larry Abney and Terrance Roberson, who helped Fresno State reach the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years this season, have confirmed they both ate free meals at Kunishige's restaurant during their college careers, the newspaper reported.

"I'd go in there and pull my money out to pay, and sometimes he'd tell me to put it away, and sometimes I paid," Abney said.

Athletic director Al Bohl told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Benjamin Quillian, the university's vice president for administration, is conducting a review with the assistance of outside

counsel.

"We're cooperating fully with the NCAA and will have no further comments until the review is completed," he said.

Under NCAA rules, coaches are permitted to accept extra benefits such as free meals, but student-athletes are not allowed to receive any extra benefits unless they are authorized through a special arrangement. Agency spokeswoman Jane Jankowski on Tuesday said the "basic rule of thumb" is that provisions such as meals are not violations "if it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to other students."

Jankowski said she could not confirm whether there was an investigation outside the university's internal probe. She also declined to discuss possible penalties in such cases or the agency's history of disciplining schools found to be in violation of meal policies, saying it would only be speculation.

Bohl told The Bee that the university took steps to stop possible NCAA violations as early as 1997, sending a letter to Kunishige. In January 1998, Bohl's department sent a letter to coach Jerry Tarkanian inquiring about Kunishige's repeated presence in seats allocated to Tarkanian as part of his contract, The Bee reported.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duany makes the most of opportunities

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis.

When he was 4 years old, Duany Duany and his family left the tropical, dangerous climes of Sudan. Thirteen years later, Duany left Bloomington, Ind., for Madison and an unexpected college basketball career.

When Wisconsin's season ends this weekend, Duany will be back home in Indiana, trying to help the Badgers win an improbable national championship.

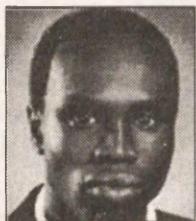
Some time soon, he may return to his homeland and complete the cycle by helping in some way to bring about a much more important victory.

"I think about Sudan a lot," said Duany, his voice betraying a slight Indiana twang. "I worry about the children who don't get the chances I got. It's important for me to make the most of my opportunities and then try to make a difference."

Wal Duany — Sudan's former prime minister — his wife Julia and their family left Sudan shortly before a civil war broke out in 1983, one that continues to this day. Nearly 2 million people have died and another 4 million have been uprooted in the fight for autonomy in southern Sudan.

They lived in London for two years before Wal Duany moved to finish his postgraduate studies at Indiana University. Duany played on a Bloomington North High School team that at times featured as many as nine players who were the sons of non-American professors at the university.

Duany doesn't remember much about



Duany

his native land, but he can't forget where he comes from. Last month, his father was appointed chairman of the South Sudan Liberation Movement.

Wal Duany has spent several months in Sudan recently, trying to unify the various rebellions against Sudan's government, which the United States has accused of supporting terrorism, bombing civilians and committing civil rights abuses.

Duany thinks about his father, but he also worries about the rest of his family. He has two sisters and a brother who played Division I basketball this season, something that might be unprecedented.

His brother Kueth was a redshirt freshman at Syracuse, and his sister Nok played for Georgetown as a freshman this year. His sister Nyagon is a senior forward at Bradley. What's more, Duany's brother Bil is a 6-foot-4 freshman at Bloomington North.

"I like to keep track of how everybody is doing," said Duany, who also has two cousins playing in Massachusetts. "We stay pretty close."

Duany Duany, who has a double name because of a Sudanese tradition for the first-born son, has seen his playing time fluctuate wildly this season after three fairly disappointing seasons and a redshirt year.

In November, he was stapled to the bench. In January, he started several games and led the team in scoring three times. Now he's back on the bench, playing an integral supporting role.

He's primarily a streaky outside shooter and a solid defender, which doesn't do much to distinguish him from many others on the roster. But Doc, as his teammates call him, is happy being another cog in coach Dick Bennett's system.

"He has shown leadership and really been a team player this season,"

Bennett said. "[Duany] has found a niche on this team, I think, and it's a good place for him to finish out his career with us."

The most memorable game of Duany's season so far came in one of Wisconsin's early-season losses to bigger, faster Big Ten teams. When the Badgers fell 71-67 to Indiana in Bloomington on Jan. 5, Duany was given a start by Bennett, and he led the team with 17 points while playing in front of family and friends.

Whatever happens this weekend, Duany will treasure his unexpected trip to college basketball's center stage. But he also won't forget his father's work and his family's support.

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Peppers leads Tar Heels to Final Four

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

With a deep front court coming into the season, Bill Guthridge wasn't counting on help from a 270-pound freshman defensive end with a catchy name.

Now, it's hard to say where the Tar Heels would be without Julius Peppers. Certainly not in the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

The 6-foot-8 Peppers is 22-for-29 from the field over his last seven games as the top substitute for North Carolina, including a 30-minute stint in a 59-55 victory over Tulsa in the South Regional title game after Kris Lang went down with a sprained right ankle.

The hulking Peppers, who wears a size 17 shoe and has 6.1 percent body fat, usually would be halfway through spring football, but could only smile Tuesday at the thought of not knocking heads with offensive linemen.

"I miss it a little bit, but I'm having fun right now," said Peppers, who should play a key role against a deep Florida team Saturday night in the national semifinals. "If we keep winning I'll get back when I get back."

Guthridge helped the football team recruit Peppers with the promise that he could walk on in basketball. The veteran coach

didn't expect Peppers to take him up on his offer after getting six sacks and 50 tackles as a freshman.

He's glad Peppers did, though, as 6-11 Brian Bersticker broke his foot early in the season and Lang has been hampered by illness, shin splints and now a bum ankle.

"Julius has been a god-send for us," Guthridge said. "When basketball season is over, we're going to loan him to the football team."

Senior point guard Ed Cota actually needed Guthridge about putting Peppers on the team.

"Ed Cota came to me several times this summer and said, 'Julius can really play and we need him to come out for the team,'" Guthridge said. "I really didn't know what to expect, but was pleasantly surprised early on. He has learned and gotten better and better."

Practice sure changed when Peppers came on board Dec. 1.

"When Julius came out to practice people had to be aware," said Jason Capel, who played against Peppers many times while growing up in the state. "He came out there blocking shots, dunking and the backboard would be shaking for the next couple of possessions down the floor."

"Everybody took notice of that. We all knew how good he was. We knew once he got his uniform he was going to be a big part of this team."



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NIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wake Forest tops rival NC State

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wake Forest won bragging rights in its rivalry with North Carolina State and earned a spot in the final of the National Invitation Tournament.

Darius Songaila scored 18 points, including six in overtime, as Wake Forest beat Atlantic Coast Conference rival N.C. State 62-59 in the semifinals of the NIT on Tuesday night.

"This was an old-fashioned ACC, Tobacco Road type of game," Demon Deacons coach Dave Odom said. "That's what happens when two evenly matched teams play."

Wake Forest (21-14) will play Notre Dame (22-14) in Thursday night's final. The Fighting Irish beat Penn State 73-52 in Tuesday's other semi-

nal.

"I think the game was what everyone expected," Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek said. "It was a hard-fought, very physical game. Guys on both teams played with a lot of determination."

Songaila made a layup off a pass from Robert O'Kelley with 58 seconds left to give Wake Forest a 58-56 lead in overtime. Songaila was fouled by Kenny Inge on the Demon Deacons' next possession with 35.9 left and made both foul shots for a 60-56 lead.

N.C. State's Tim Wells responded with a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left to bring the Wolfpack within 60-59.

Songaila was fouled by Anthony Grundy with 13.7 seconds and made both free throws to seal it.

"It feels great to be in that situation where you're making key

shots at the end of the game," Songaila said. "The most important thing for me was the confidence my teammates showed in giving me the ball when it counted."

Josh Howard had 14 points and Rafael Vidaurreta added 10 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

"We had guys that really stepped up for us," O'Kelley said. "This win is a great confidence booster for us, and we're looking forward to winning the championship."

Inge, Damon Thornton and Justin Gainey each had 10 points for N.C. State (20-13), which shot just 29.5 percent from the field on 18-of-61 shooting.

The Demon Deacons outrebounded the Wolfpack 46-31, but also made 23 turnovers to 11 for the Wolfpack.

Pelphrey finally gets to Final Four

◆ After two near misses, Florida assistant coach John Pelphrey is going to the Final Four at last

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

The replay tells him otherwise, but John Pelphrey can still feel the leather. He thought he had both hands on the basketball.

That's how close it was, and that's how close Pelphrey was to being the hero in what many consider the greatest college basketball game ever played.

He's an assistant coach for Florida now, and Pelphrey, the former all-Southeastern Conference forward at Kentucky, has finally made it to the Final Four. Eight seasons ago, a

trip was snatched from his hands by Duke and Christian Laettner's miracle shot at the buzzer.

The memories still linger.

"It's very, very tough for athletes when your career ends that way," Pelphrey said Tuesday.

His career ended on a play that ranks up there with The Catch and the Immaculate Reception in the collective memory of American sports fans.

Or, from Pelphrey's end of the action, it might draw comparisons to Bill Buckner's bobble or Jackie Smith's dropped touchdown catch in the Super Bowl.

There were 2.1 seconds remaining in overtime of the 1992 East regional final. Kentucky's Sean Woods hit a runner in the lane to put the Wildcats up by one.

After a timeout, Duke's Grant Hill released the ball from the opposite baseline. Laettner ran up from the baseline and snuggled himself near Pelphrey at the free throw line. The replay shows the ball just missing Pelphrey's outstretched hands. A full five inches taller than Pelphrey, Laettner collected the pass, then turned around and made the shot, a 16-foot jumper.

"It was so real to me," Pelphrey said, recalling the sensation of the ball hitting his hands, one that turned out not to be real.

Duke won 104-103. Pelphrey and the rest of that brokenhearted team dropped to the floor in

shock. Their season ended one win, one point and one miraculous play away from a chance at their first and only Final Four.

It was the last chance at redemption for Pelphrey and the other seniors on that team.

They had come to Kentucky in 1987, before NCAA sanctions tarnished both the reputation and hopes of one of the country's most storied programs. They had been part of the only team to post a losing record since the days before Adolph Rupp.

Somehow, they had scratched their way back to respectability, then excellence, and were about to formally shed the label as being "the guys who were at Kentucky when Kentucky was bad," as Pelphrey puts it.

"We had put all our eggs in one basket and losing wasn't in the equation," he said. "To have it end so

abruptly, and with things so obviously in your favor. And not only did the game end and your hopes for a national championship end, but so did your career. It was very, very tough."

Pelphrey got a job coaching at Oklahoma

State for Eddie Sutton, the coach who recruited him to Kentucky in the late 1980s. Then, another twist of fate: Billy Donovan lured Pelphrey to Marshall in 1994, and Pelphrey missed Oklahoma State's trip to the Final Four a year later.

"He came so close," Donovan said. "Now, all of the sudden, he's in this situation. For him to be able to go to the Final Four right now ... to me, that's what brings a smile to my face."

Pelphrey's, too. He has two kids now and a bright future. Some say the 31-year-old assistant could be a head coach as soon as next season.

"He's very intense," senior Kenyan Weaks said. "He gives you great detail. He really breaks down what other teams like to do. He knows the game."

Several seasons away from the heartbreak have added perspective. Pelphrey doesn't think anything will ever replace the void of not going to the Final Four as a player.

"But I can walk in my kids' rooms at night and they don't care one way or another whether that shot went in or out," he said. "The way things turned out, I can't say my life would be any better right now had that shot not gone down."

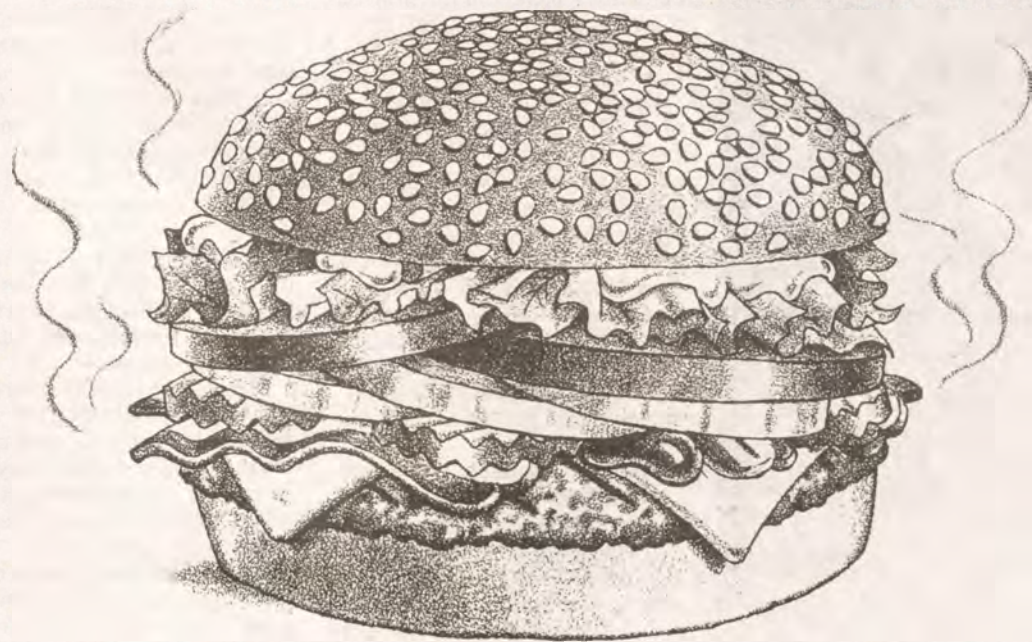
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lead, the Irish gave the Nittany Lions every chance possible for a comeback. Penn State's players rebounded several missed Irish baskets, and the Irish committed four consecutive turnovers. Junior guard Joe Crispin hit two Penn State baskets to bring the Nittany Lions to within seven at 18-11.

But Penn State didn't gain much at Notre Dame's expense. A trey by Irish freshman Jere Macura put the Irish back ahead by 10. Then Dillon swiped a steal, taking it the length of the floor for a fast break layup, and the Irish were once more in control.

"Every time they made a run, we were able to counter that run," Murphy said.

The Nittany Lions kept looking to narrow the gap. Crispin nailed a three-pointer. First Team Big Ten player Jarrett Stephens dunked the ball for two points, and teammate Titus Ivory scored three on a bucket and foul shot.

Just as quickly as the Irish began to fade away, their lead dropping to four at 27-23 late in the first half, they went on a 13-point run. Everybody got into the act as Macura put back a Carroll miss. Graves dropped in four points and Carroll went for a wide-open layup.

The sweetest play of the game came following a Nittany Lions turnover with 5.1 seconds to go in the first period. Notre Dame called timeout to plan its possession. The Irish threw a cross-court inbound pass to Dillon. He lobbed it inside to Murphy, who muscled in two of his 18 points and nailed the free throw to go with the hoop.

"We had a good run late in the

first half," Doherty said. "Jere Macura was pretty darn good on the offensive boards, and I think that was a big key for us to get that lead back to 15 at half-time."

The two teams played another 20 minutes of ball, but that was mainly for show, as they decided the outcome in the first half. Penn State never got closer than 12 in the second stanza.

The defensive intensity of the Irish forced the Nittany Lions into shooting just 33 percent from the field and committing 20 turnovers.

"You've got to put the ball in the hole to sustain your defense," Penn State coach Jerry Dunn said. "When you couple the turnovers and the poor shooting performance, it can be detrimental to your defense. We had some decent looks at the basket, and we picked a bad time to shoot poorly."

Carroll in particular was impressive defensively. He tallied four steals, intercepting Penn State passes with a vertical jump that seemed high enough to scale Mount Everest. He also hit six of eight free throws down the stretch to cement the outcome.

"I was impressed with our guys' intensity," Doherty said. "These kids, they want to win."

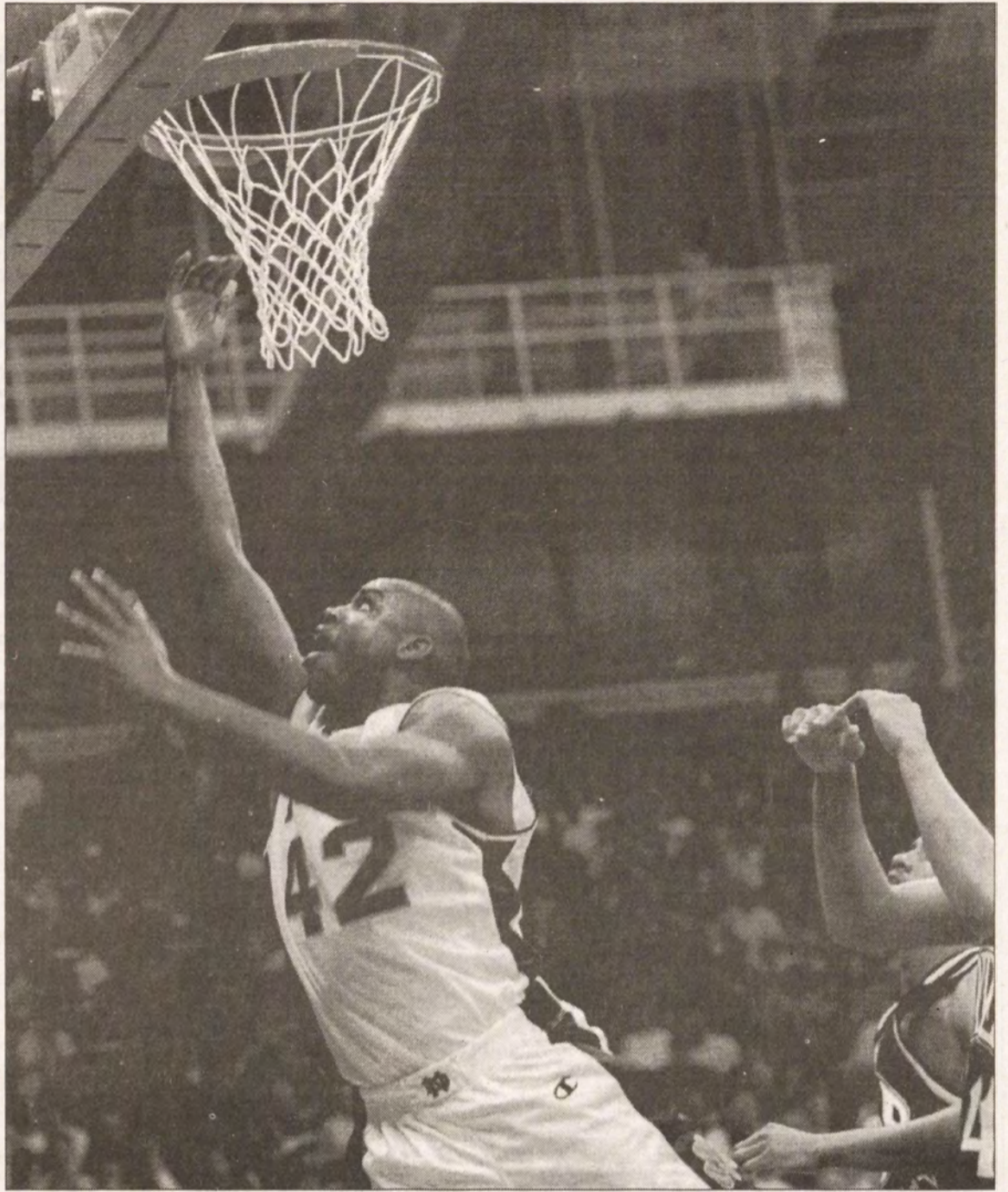
The Irish are going for one more win Thursday when they face the Wake Forest Deacon Deacons in the NIT championship.

Game notes:

◆Notre Dame turned the ball over 23 times.

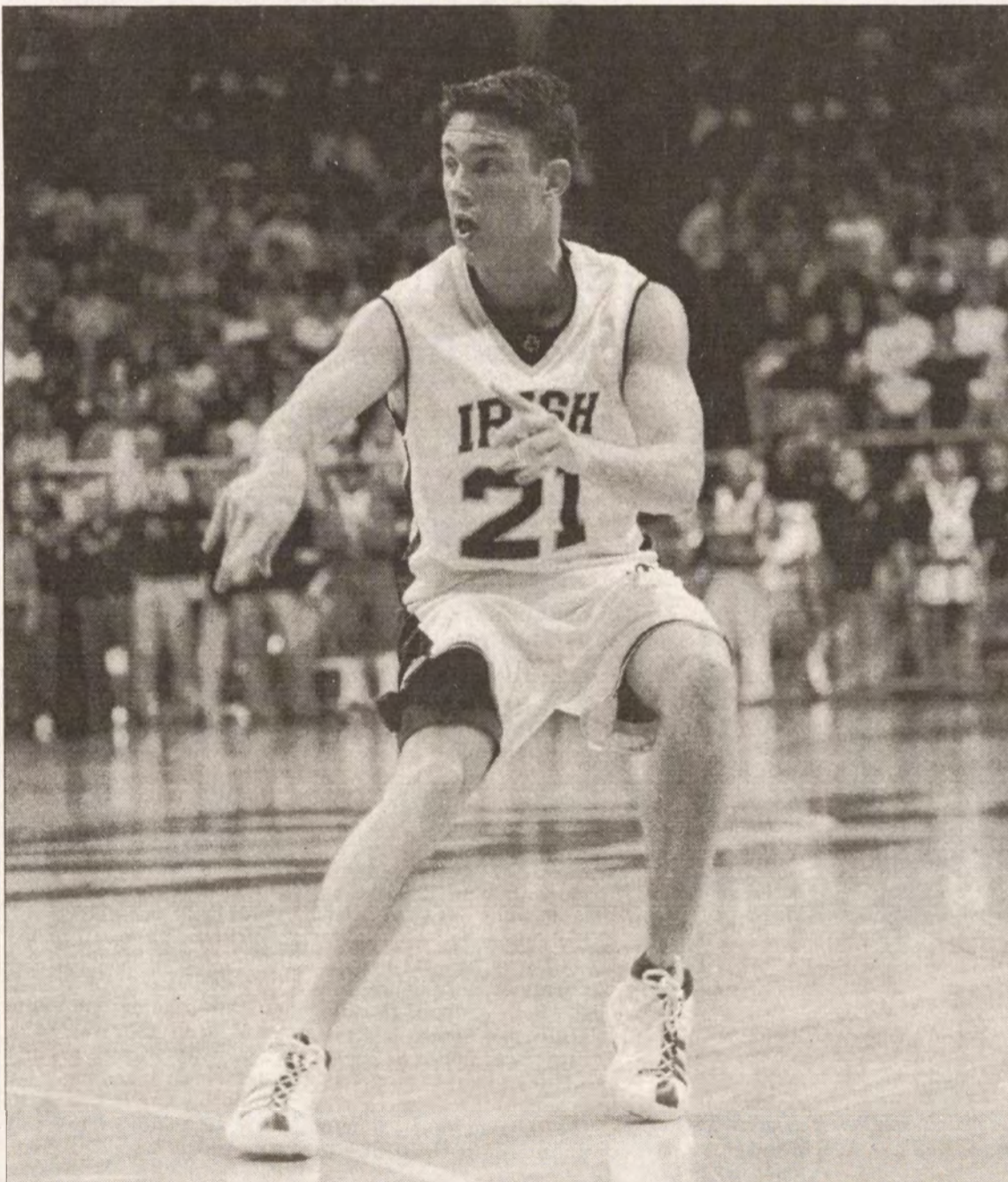
◆Graves broke the school's single-season three-point record, hitting his 81st of the year.

◆The Irish outrebounded the Nittany Lions 38-25.



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Sophomore forward Harold Swanagan scores on an easy layup in a recent game. Swanagan scored six points last night, helping the Irish to their first NIT championship game appearance since 1992.



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Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon dishes off an assist in a recent game. Dillon concludes his collegiate career on Thursday in the NIT championship game against Wake Forest.

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quiet as a mouse and the "Let's go Irish" chant echoed loud and clear at Madison Square Garden.

"I thought the Penn State fans were great and I thought our fans were great," said first-year head coach Matt Doherty, whose Irish squad went wire to wire for the victory. "It was a good college basketball atmosphere."

Notre Dame answered every Penn State basket in the first 10 minutes of the second half and wouldn't let the feisty Nittany Lions back in the game.

Tuesday's win was a total team effort, as eight Irish players contributed with four or more points. Doherty also got 23 points from his bench.

"I think [the balance] was great," sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "Penn State was unable to focus on anybody and with Jere [Macura] hitting those threes early, it opened up the inside. We have some great shooters and we showed we can spread it out."

Doherty was also pleased with his team's mental attitude prior to and during the game.

"I was happy with the defensive intensity and that we were able to maintain it in the second half," Doherty said. "It's tough to play with a lead against a dangerous team like Penn State and they didn't allow them to get a string going in the second half."

"I had to threaten them some with electric shocks from the trainers," Doherty joked. "But these kids want to win and I'm glad we have the opportunity in the NIT to play for a championship."

So far everything is going right

for the Irish in that quest. They definitely have the motivation.

"We are using this NIT to show people that we belonged in the NCAA Tournament," Murphy said. "We are doing that so far."

They also seem to be very comfortable at the Madison Square Garden.

"I like playing here," Murphy said. "This is our fifth game here and it's a nice place to play."

Now that the ingredients are in place, Murphy and the Irish are in position to bring home the school's first-ever postseason title.

"There are only a few teams that end their season with a win," sophomore David Graves said. "If we win, we will be one of them. So that will just be the icing on the cake. No one expected us to be here and it is a relief to prove them all wrong."

But Doherty doesn't know the meaning of relief. When he is on the sideline coaching, he tries his best to keep himself out of that comfort zone.

"Right now I feel in control," Doherty said following the victory. "But I never feel comfortable during the game. I'm always worried. I yanked Jimmy when he threw the ball away twice and didn't contest a short jumper. He walked off the court with a smile on his face, but I wasn't in the mood to smile. I wasn't comfortable until there were 30 seconds left and we were up 20."

Don't worry Matt. One more victory and you'll feel enough relief and gratification to last you through the offseason.

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

Bookstore

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"There are a lot of good teams out there," said Mikolyzk. "We've played against them before but who knows when you start playing outside - anything can happen in Bookstore."

Versatility, the surprise of the 1999 tournament finds itself at the No. 3 spot, after making a Cinderella-like run to the finals last year. Four out of five players are returning to the team: captain Chris Dillon, Joe Lillis, James Cochran and Jason Childress. They lost a valuable player in John Hiltz, who walked on to the Notre Dame varsity basketball team and is ineligible for the tournament, but gains some sharp shooting in newcomer Ross Hanson.

"John had a great tournament last year, but Ross is a good player," said Dillon. "We lose some size but gain a little bit of shooting touch."

The addition of Hanson allows for a restructured game plan that Versatility thinks will help them in the tournament.

"Hiltz took over scoring for us last year - he was the guy taking most of our shots," said Dillon. "This year, we're not as one-dimensional. It opens up a lot of opportunity for us to spread our offense around."

Versatility knows what to expect from the top seeds if they meet in the tournament. Dillon's squad lost to the members of Keyplay.com in this year's interhall tournament and also fell to NDToday.com during Midnight Madness.

"That's probably why we're ranked three, but when you get to the top teams you can really throw the rankings out the win-

dow," said Dillon. "We're just going to go in and play hard." Bookstore Basketball's 1999 Championship team, Malicious Prosecution dropped from its No. 3 ranking last year to the 16th spot in this year's tournament.

Captain JC Coury is the lone returner for the skilled team, but with four new talented players in Justin Crawford, Jason Schauer, Mike Oesterle and Steve Orloski, Malicious Prosecution is ready to defend its title.

"We expected the ranking to come as it did," said Coury. "When you lose four guys you expect to see a drop. But our strength is shooting - anyone can shoot very well from anywhere on the court and we're comfortable playing together."

In addition to the thousands of registered players in this year's tournaments, several varsity athletes will be playing for ranked teams.

Sophomore football player Tony Fisher is making a repeat appearance on sixth-ranked Cocoa Butter, while teammates Bobby Brown and Arnaz Battle will test their basketball skills on No. 10 Rampage.

Eleventh-ranked Hit Squad will benefit from the ball handling skills of Raki Nelson and Eric Chappel, while Tom Lopinski will suit up for No. 14 The Individuals.

Varsity soccer standout Reggie McKnight's team, Like Whoa, comes in at No. 15 in the tournament seedings.

Sophomore Tony Weaver is on the roster for No. 21 Manual Steering and Brad Williams and Jason Ching will step on the court for Scottie Who?, the twenty-seventh seeded team, while Mike Gandy will add size to No. 31 Campusmonster.com.

Bookstore Basketball 2000

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2. NDToday.com
3. Versatility
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There will be a Bookstore Basketball meeting for team captains Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in room 101 DeBartolo.

LEWIS HALL REQUESTS THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING MEN AT THE CRUSH THIS FRIDAY!

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Brian Stanley	Alumni	John Dougherty	Keenan	Matt McDonald	Knott	Alan Maginn	Sorin
Joe Media	Alumni	John Hinchman	Keenan	Mike Campbell	Knott	Dave Saracino	Sorin
John Schmiederer	Alumni	John Smigelsky	Keenan	Mike Harwood	Knott	Doug Connors	Sorin
Kevin Murphy	Alumni	Johnny Maas	Keenan	Pat Virtue	Knott	Kevin McCluskey	Sorin
Matt Steenberg	Alumni	Jon Gentine	Keenan	Tim Brick	Knott	Michael Campbell	Sorin
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Patrick Brennan	Carroll	Matt Beck	Keenan	Brett Gansen	Morrissey	Chris Kitalong	St. Ed's
Paul Rodriguez	Carroll	Mike Crowley	Keenan	Brian Juba	Morrissey	Chris Shipley	St. Ed's
Peter Richardson	Carroll	Mike Kassing	Keenan	Daniel Gonzalez	Morrissey	Dan Schmid	St. Ed's
Adam Turner	Dillon	Ned Popit	Keenan	Gabe Wahila	Morrissey	Dave Bishop	St. Ed's
Bill Ponko	Dillon	Rob Kelly	Keenan	Jonathan Kosares	Morrissey	David Pickett	St. Ed's
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Paul Nolan	Dillon	Phil Slonkosky	Keough	Marty Luzzo	off-campus	Jeffrey Schwaiger	Stanford
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Tim Neuner	Dillon	Rocco Piacentino	Keough	Peter O'Donnell	off-campus	Jordan Raniszkeski	Stanford
Tom Cambell	Dillon	Ryan Flannigan	Keough	Rory Draper	off-campus	Justin Dunn	Stanford
Tom Lynch	Dillon	Ryan Gormann	Keough	Fred Rockefeller	off-campus	Keith Auderson	Stanford
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CLUB SPORTS

Men's, Women's ultimate frisbee teams each finish 3-1

Special to The Observer

Ultimate

The best of the midwest converged on Stepan Fields for one of the premier events of the season, as Notre Dame hosted the Whitesmoke Invitational.

The women capped a 3-1 round robin performance on Saturday with a great comeback against Purdue, closing with the final four points and the victory. Carolyn Scully and Allison Hodrick starred for the Irish. Earlier in the day, the Irish had defeated Oberlin 9-2 and Indiana 8-3, while dropping a match to Illinois, 7-4. In Sunday's semi-finals, the Irish defeated Michigan 9-7, riding the handler to long connection of Erin Fleming and Lois Donovan. In the finals rematch, the Irish dropped a close game to Purdue, 10-8. Standouts for the team throughout the tournament included Kathleen Crotty, Monica Kerschner, Lara Pozorski and Jeana D'Agostino.

In men's play, top seeds lived up to their hype as pool

play unfolded on Saturday. Michigan rolled through three opponents, as did the Irish in their pool. Playing tight zone defense spearheaded by Cory Padesky, the Irish overcame a 12-10 deficit in the opening round to subdue a strong Dayton squad, 15 - 10. The Irish also throttled Ohio State, 15 - 9, in opening day play. The third pool was sprinkled with upsets as highly-ranked Winona State was shocked early by Iowa, which in turn was beaten by Indiana. Winona State recovered to earn the right to advance and handily won their opening round on Sunday. In the quarters Winona was in top form, defeating the Irish 13-7, despite stellar defense from Steve Hemkens and Paul Miller.

Pistol

Tes Salb brought glory to Notre Dame in the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships in Atlanta this weekend. Despite competing with a fractured hand, Salb's stellar performance earned her first-team All-America honors in Air Pistol. Salb was among the last of the shooters

to come off the range. With the added pressure of everyone watching her, the 40 shot air pistol individual championship came down to her last shot. Salb lost the gold by the narrowest of margins, one point, yet still captured the silver medal, and the support of the crowd for her gutsy performance.

Later, competing in the 60 shot competition for both men and women, Salb again finished in the top ten nationally, and recorded the highest score of all women in the event.

Sailing

High winds on Gull Lake did little to deter the Irish Sailing Club at the Western Michigan University Spring Regatta. Competing in a field of 13 schools, the Irish placed fifth in the event. Highlighting the event was the A boat's capture of first place, with R.J. Wolney and Jack Gaither on board. J.P. Givens and Sean Donovan crewed the Irish B boat. Top three finishes went to Michigan, WMU, and Purdue.

Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame did not fare as well as hoped at The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Championships. The Irish dropped matches to Iowa, 25-14, 25-21; No. 20 Ohio State, 25-16, 25-20; No. 24 ranked Northwestern 33-31, 19-25, 15-10; and No. 9 Northern Illinois, 25-23, 25-21. Although returning to campus 0 - 4 for the tournament, the Irish played well against these nationally-ranked teams.

BASEBALL

Notre Dame cancels game due to rain

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame baseball team cancelled its game against Central Michigan University Tuesday, due to rainy and cold conditions.

The Irish will make up the game by adding a home game

Thursday against Siena

Heights University, at Eck Stadium. The start time of that game (either 4:05 p.m. or 5:05 p.m.) will be determined today.

Notre Dame's home game versus Wisconsin-Milwaukee on today remains scheduled for a 5:05 p.m. start.

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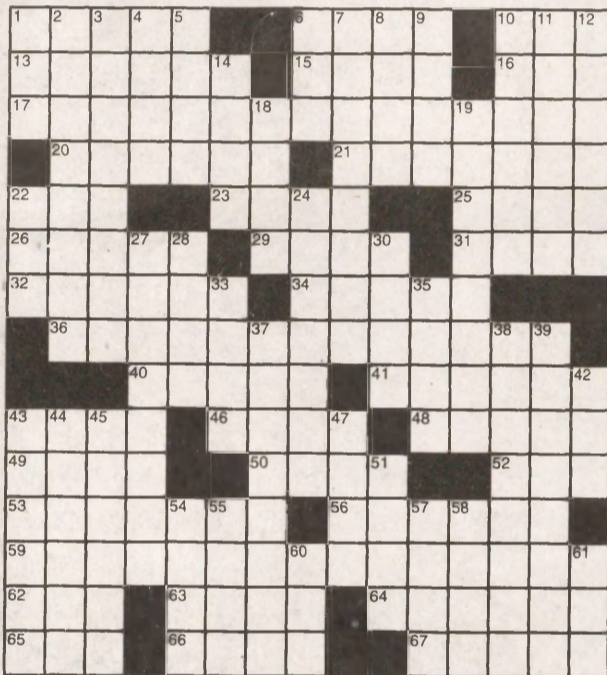
Suddenly, "fall semester dance co-commissioner" didn't look so hot on the ol' resume.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Low-lying area
 - 6 Dept. of Labor grp.
 - 10 A&P part: Abbr.
 - 13 "Three's Company" actress
 - 15 Dazzles
 - 16 River inlet
 - 17 Start of a quip
 - 20 English maritime county
 - 21 Core
 - 22 Matherhorn, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 23 Reason for imprisonment, once
 - 25 Satyr's kin
 - 26 Prettify oneself
 - 29 War room items
 - 31 Recipe amts.
 - 32 Not participate
 - 34 Beauty's admirer
 - 36 Part 2 of the quip
 - 40 Covalent bond formers
 - 41 Like firewater
 - 43 One of Henry's Catherines
 - 46 Concrete
 - 48 Irritated mood
 - 49 Meg's "Prelude to a Kiss" co-star
 - 50 I-80 et al.
 - 52 Stat that's good when it's low
 - 53 Sony rival
 - 56 Beethoven's "Pathétique," e.g.
 - 59 End of the quip

- DOWN**
- 1 Follower of Christ?
 - 63 Eighty Eight, for one
 - 64 Nero's tutor
 - 65 N.J. clock setting
 - 66 Tammany skewerer
 - 67 Radiation quantities

- DOWN**
- 1 St. Louis-to-Little Rock dir.
 - 2 Carpenter's finishing touch
 - 3 Ancient resident of Jordan's present-day capital
 - 4 Wanton look
 - 5 Coastal raptors
 - 6 Symbol of might
 - 7 Fragrant climbing plant
 - 8 Pianist Myra
 - 9 [No return allowed]
 - 10 Scenes of action
 - 11 1996 golf movie
 - 12 Gets dark
 - 14 It has runners
 - 18 Bit of gossip
 - 19 No-no at some intersections
 - 22 G.I. constabulary
 - 24 Played the nanny
 - 27 Saudi Arabia is one



Puzzle by Gene Newman

- 28 Any miniature golf shot
- 30 Talk trash to
- 33 Son of Odin
- 35 Transporters since '76
- 37 Beryl varieties
- 38 Halves
- 39 Hypnotize
- 42 Fed. management agcy.
- 43 Flat peppermint candy
- 44 Warm hellos
- 45 Take offense at
- 47 More, in a saying
- 51 Dipsos
- 54 It may be pumped
- 55 Gymnastics coach Karolyi
- 57 Cry out for
- 58 ___ Domini
- 60 Musician's suffix
- 61 Jabber

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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Happy Birthday: Patience will be the key to getting ahead this year. You must be a careful planner and make sure you are being realistic in your pursuits. Trying to take on the world will result only in disappointment. Being selective will ensure that you accomplish what's important this year. Your numbers: 9, 22, 27, 31, 38, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can ask for favors as long as you don't require help with legal matters that it is best to deal with in private. Take time to visit a friend who has been out of commission.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Promises may be broken. If you are trying to make a deal, get it in writing. Problems at home will surface if you have been working overtime too much.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romantic relationships may appear to be on shaky ground. Don't forget to include your mate in after-hour activities even if the majority of people will be from work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is not the best day to make an investment or sign legal papers. Read between the lines. Short trips may be helpful to an older member of your family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Partnerships may be tense if you haven't listened carefully to each other's

grievances. Property investments or residential changes should be considered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is a good day for making money or changing jobs. However, don't neglect your mate because you're too busy celebrating with colleagues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your creative endeavors may appear to be going nowhere. Take a break, get out and do things that will get your mind off your financial worries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is not the day to put demands on partners. You should look over legal documents and make sure that you have all your papers in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Property deals look good. Avoid letting family and friends get involved in your personal life. You can learn valuable information if you sit back and listen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Correspondence will make the difference. Get involved in business that entails mail order or telephone soliciting. Remember, a change is as good as a rest.

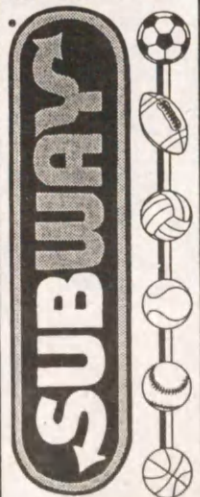
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your energy will surprise others today. Go after your goals wholeheartedly and don't be afraid to include co-workers in your efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If logic doesn't work when you're dealing with your partner, turn your mood around by doing things for yourself. A new hairstyle or a change of image will help.

Birthday Baby: You will strive to accomplish peace throughout your life. You will look for security in all that you do and will have the patience to help others along the way. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Preparing for the Irish
Wake Forest, Notre Dame's
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish move closer to NIT championship

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Notre Dame moved one step closer to winning the NIT title with a balanced team effort and a 73-52 victory over Penn State Wednesday.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon marked the game's tempo, giving the Irish their first two points on the way to a 15-2 early lead. Dillon, better known for passing off an open look to his teammates than for taking the ball to the hoop, started the Irish scoring off with an off-balance jumper as the shot clock ran down.

"I think Jimmy's first shot of the game kind of set it all off," sophomore forward David Graves said. "You never really expect that coming from Jimmy."

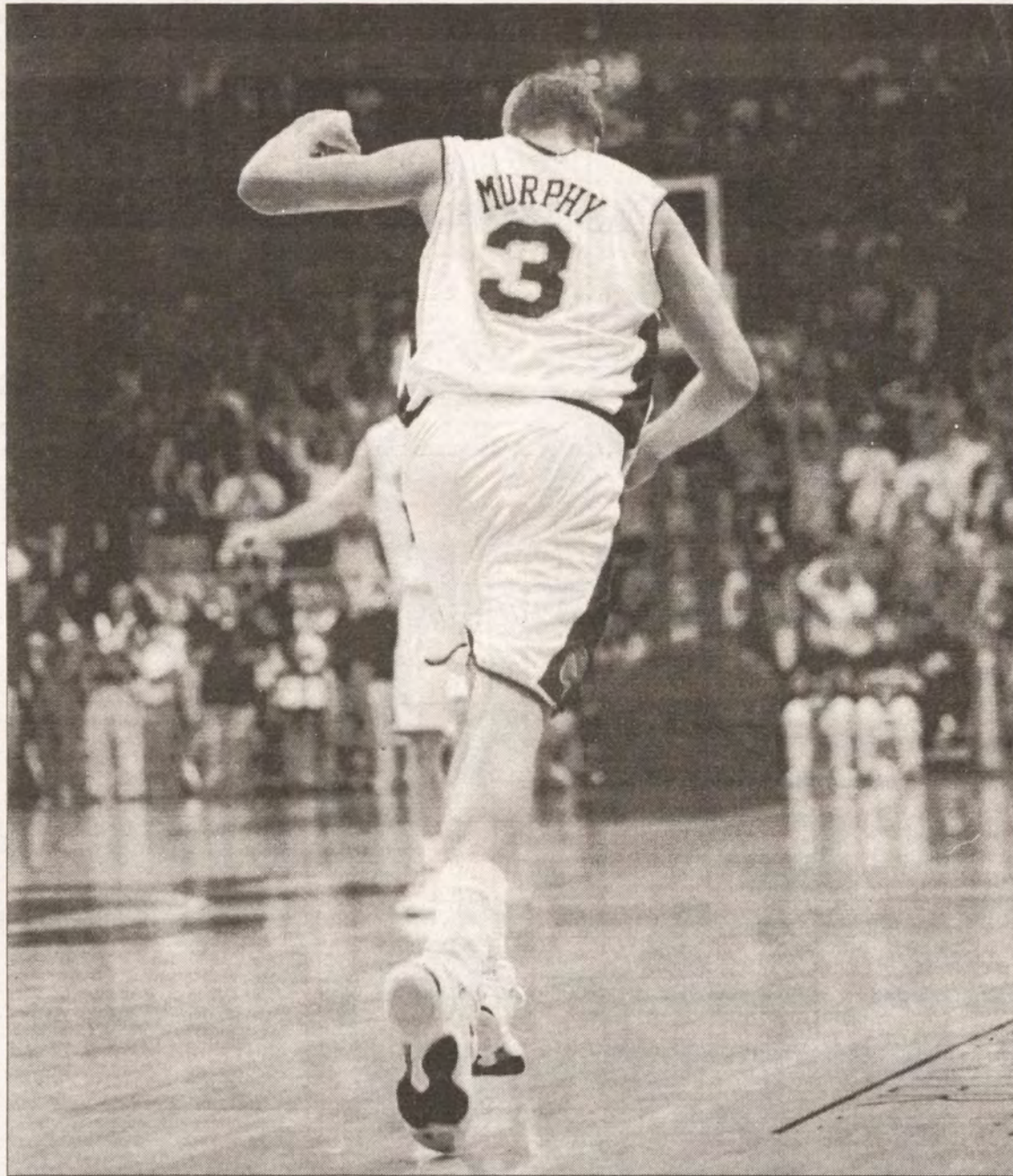
The Irish opened things up with wide open three-pointers by All-American Troy Murphy and freshman guard Matt Carroll, followed by two Graves free throws. As the Irish dominated the boards, sophomore forward Harold Swanagan scored in the paint and back-up point guard Martin Ingelsby swished a trey.

Six Irish players scored in the first six minutes of play, helping demolish the Nittany Lions' hopes of victory.

"The last five games or so, Coach has really stressed for us to come out and be the aggressors," Murphy said. "Right from the start, we wanted to be the aggressors. I think that we did a good job of that tonight, and kind of got them back on their heels a little bit at first."

After opening with a 13-point

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Big East Player of the Year Troy Murphy pumps his fist in a recent game. Murphy and the Irish advanced to Thursday's NIT final with a 73-52 victory over Penn State last night.

IRISH INSIGHT

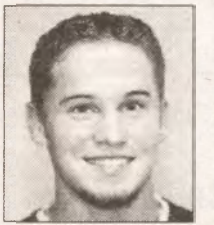
Irish silencing critics

NEW YORK

Busloads of Penn State students made the four-hour trip from State College, Penn., to New York City to cheer on

their Nittany Lions Tuesday night.

Their boisterous voices were heard loud and clear during the pre-game warm-ups and player introductions, but Notre Dame quickly quieted the Penn State faithful with a 15-2 run to open the game. The Irish were in control from the opening tip and were able to finish what they started. After the opening surge, Penn State was never able to get closer than four points. A balanced Irish attack and an 11-0 run to close the first half sealed the Nittany Lions' fate as well as the mouths of their supporters. With just over 11 minutes left in the second half and Notre Dame ahead by 21 points, the Penn State fans no longer roared like Nittany Lions. Instead they were as



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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Keyplay.com, NDToday.com top Bookstore rankings

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With the arrival of spring comes a time honored tradition on the basketball courts at Notre Dame: Bookstore Basketball.

The annual competition, billed as the largest five-on-five tournament in the country, is slated to begin on April 10 with 538 registered teams.

After much deliberation, the Bookstore Basketball

Commission released its ranking of the top 32 entrants Monday.

"All of the commissioners sit down and talk about the teams - who's on them, how good they are," said head commissioner Brian Borger. "We get a lot of our information from watching teams play over in Rolf's or at the Rock. We make sure that the commissioners are well informed to make choices. We don't have a specific formula for picking the teams, but we usually come to a consensus within one or two spots."

Headlining the list of talented teams is last year's second-ranked squad, Keyplay.com. Keyplay.com is a veteran team, returning Cas Schneller, Tom Dietrich, Paul Moore and John Teasdale. Dan O'Leary replaces graduated 1999 All-Bookstore first team player Alex Gese.

The quintet, which fell just short of a chance to play in the finals last year, is banking on its size to help carry them through the tournament.

"We thought we'd be in the top three," said Schneller about

the rankings. "We're a lot bigger than we were last year which helps - that was our big weakness last year. We've all been working out to get ready to play."

As formidable as the squad will be on the court, Keyplay.com has a tough group of competitors waiting to take down the top seed.

At the No. 2 spot, NDToday.com boasts a roster of talented players. B.J. Kloska, a walk-on to the varsity basketball squad last year, will join Todd

Titus, Tim Muething, Mark Godosh and Dave Mikolyzk, all who played on ranked Bookstore teams last year.

"We felt pretty good about [the No. 2 ranking] - we were happy with it," said Mikolyzk. "We've been playing well together and we're looking forward to start the tournament."

NDToday.com finds its strength in its defense - a skill the team will need as it works its way into deeper rounds of the tournament.

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at Kentucky
Friday



at Texas
Saturday, 1 p.m.



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Today, 4 p.m.



Track and Field
Saturday, 10 a.m.



vs. Ohio State
Saturday, 3 p.m.