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Running mates contemplate their union

By ERIN LaRUFFA
 News Writer

Most Notre Dame students pay little attention to why two candidates in the student body election end up running together.

But to the candidates themselves, running mates are very significant. In fact, some presidential candidates put a great deal of time into deciding whom they would ask to run with them.

"I wanted someone who was a strong leader," said presidential candidate Ryan Becker, who considered several different potential vice presidential candidates before deciding on Nikki McCord in November.

"I think Ryan picked me because he felt I was a very qualified candidate," McCord said, explaining that she and Becker know each other from working together on the Student Senate this year.

Running mates Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona met through their involvement in class council. Last year, Norton was an advisor to the freshman class council, which Moscona was part of.

"We've been able to work together for the past year and a half ... We work very well as a team," Moscona said.

Norton called Moscona at home in January to ask him to run with her, he said. The two talked on the phone for several hours.

"He's a really good person.



Photo art by PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

The inclusion of both sexes is an important issue in this year's elections. "I felt that it was important to have a female to balance the ticket," said presidential candidate Ryan Becker. "Women's issues are very important."

He has his values in the right place," Norton said.

"I was really flattered ... because I have tremendous respect for Brooke," Moscona said. "I feel absolutely honored to be running with her."

Moscona added their respective strengths and weaknesses complement each other well, a characteristic other tickets also find beneficial as they run their campaigns.

"I think there has to be a chemistry or a compatibility

[between the president and vice president]," Allison Henisey said. "Holt [Zeidler] and I definitely have that."

In fact, these two running mates have been friends for almost three years, and also have been involved in student government together.

"We met each other on the first day of freshman year," Henisey said. "We've always been able to work together to get things done."

Zeidler did not originally consider Henisey, she said,

because the two are so close. However, he realized that she would be a strong running mate and called her over break, according to Henisey.

Not only are running mates Chris Zimmerman and Andy Nelson friends, they are also roommates.

"Fortunately, when the University put us together freshman year, it did a good job. Chris is one of my best

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Americans observe sweatshops

By KATIE MILLER AND BRIDGET PURDUE
 News Writers

"No one can live on live on \$1.25 a day. We know, we starved on it," Jim Keady testified Monday and Tuesday night to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

He and Leslie Kretzu know the impact sweatshops have on families who struggle to survive on less than a living wage. Keady and Kretzu spent the past summer living in solidarity with Nike sweatshop workers in Tangerang, Indonesia as part of their "Living Wage Project."

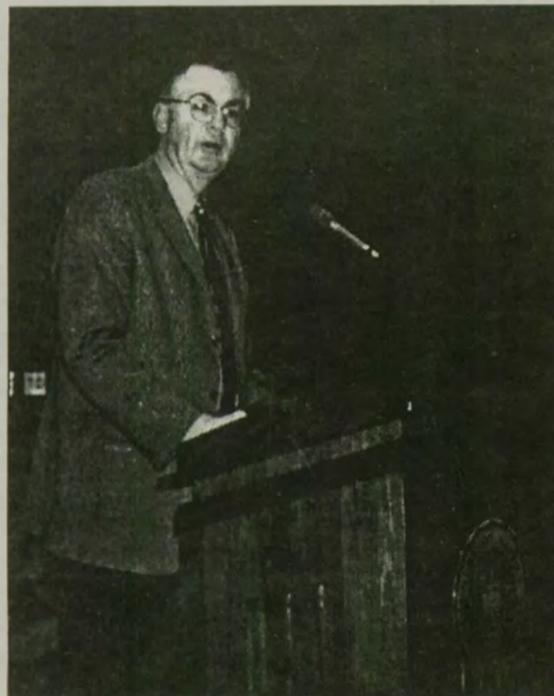
"In going to Indonesia we were looking for the answers to two questions: is sweatshop work beneficial for its workers and can someone survive on \$1.25 a day," said Keady.

The answers soon became very obvious. Keady and Kretzu were horrified at the workers' living conditions which included open sewers on the streets, rats and roaches, undrinkable water, garbage-strewn streets, burning plastic waste in children's play areas and starvation.

"We often had to decide

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 Improving living
 wages"
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AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

Nathan Hatch discusses the newly formed Academic and Student Life Advisory Council.

Hatch addresses Faculty Senate concerns

By ERIN PIROUTEK
 Associate News Editor

Two weeks ago, the Faculty Senate passed several resolutions proposing du Lac policy changes and forwarded them to the co-chairs of the newly formed Academic and Student Life Advisory Council, (ASLAC) Provost Nathan Hatch and Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Poorman. Yesterday, Hatch addressed the Senate and fielded questions about the mission of the newly formed ASLAC and specific actions that he would undertake as co-chair. It was his first visit to the senate since the formation of the ASLAC.

Hatch said they hope to promote activities that encourage students to spend more of their "discretionary" time in intellectual inquiry. He noted one way is to improve the intellectual environment in residence halls, citing the example of presidential

candidate Bill Bradley having dinner in Sorin and discussing political issues with hall residents.

Hatch noted the need for more dialogue between rectors, faculty and administrators about students. On Feb. 26, the University plans to bring together all deans, assistant deans and rectors to encourage the sharing of "what rectors wish faculty knew about students" and "what faculty wish rectors knew about students."

Hatch did not give definitive answers to the resolutions regarding du Lac passed by the senate at their Jan. 24 meeting. Specifically, the senate had requested that a committee of elected faculty representatives from the Faculty Senate and the ACASL. The committee would identify du Lac passages which they feel need revised to protect the academic freedoms of students as individuals and as members of student associations.

"I don't see [the proposed commit-

tee] supplanting the CLC in this regard," said Hatch, explaining it would be unduly confusing to have another committee.

Another resolution asked for reconciliation of a discrepancy between the academic freedom granted faculty and students in the "Academic Articles" of Notre Dame and academic freedom granted to students in du Lac.

"It's the kind of issue that should be taken up," said Hatch, but said he would not comment on whether he would endorse the proposal to revise du Lac.

"I have to study it," said Hatch. Following the address, philosophy professor Ed Manier expressed frustration about Hatch's response.

"That answer from my perspective is disappointing," said Manier. "We've got to give student the same right of inquiry in student organizations as they get in the classroom."

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INSIDE COLUMN

The bane of my existence

First of all, you have to understand this about me. I moved to North Carolina when I was 13. The years between 12 and 18 are what I call "the formative years." These are the ages when you first learn about pop culture, and begin to form opinions on things.

It was at this time that I learned about the good and evil in sports programs. Duke and Notre Dame were teams I considered "good" because they both have outstanding reputations.

On the other hand, North Carolina was a team I considered "evil" because of the cockiness of their fans.

I can remember my coach explaining to me how people in North Carolina call UNC-Chapel Hill "Carolina."

"What about a team like South Carolina?" I asked.

My coach replied, "There is only one 'Carolina'."

From that point on, I have hated UNC. The way that people in North Carolina talk about the Tarheel basketball team, you would think that Dean Smith was a God, and that he won 35 national championships in his 35 years of coaching. In fact, Dean only won 2 national championships as a coach, and on one of those championships he needed the help of a certain #23 that is the greatest basketball player ever.

I believe UCLA would have something to say about being the greatest college basketball program of all time (10 championships in 12 years). Ok, so you get my point, I hate the North Carolina Tarheels.

Last summer the plot thickened when UNC decided to hire away Matt Doherty from Notre Dame. Doherty, in case you have forgotten, was sort of like a basketball version of Lou. He was flamboyant and emotional, and best of all he really wanted to be here. So when "Carolina" decided to steal him away, I was very emotionally upset. How dare the cockiest college ever steal away OUR coach? It just wasn't fair.

And that is where the story turns completely on its head. This past summer I vowed to hate Carolina even more than I usually do. I promised to root for everyone (including the evil Michigan and Ohio State programs) against the Tarheels. I hoped Doherty would fall flat on his face.

Then last Thursday night I watched the UNC-Duke game on ESPN. The game was at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Duke's campus. I usually root for the Dookies, and this game was no exception. Or so I thought.

As I watched the game, the more I began to root for Doherty. It was amazing for me to see a team walk into Cameron and not give up. I have been to a game at Duke, and trust me it is a really hard place to play. The students there are very intimidating. Doherty walked the sidelines as enthusiastic and confident as ever.

That is when I realized something. Doherty is the same coach he was here. The only reason he left was because UNC was his alma mater. I realized that I was a Doherty and a North Carolina fan.

I would never have been a UNC fan, but from witnessing what Doherty did for Notre Dame basketball last year, that makes me respect him and his program at UNC.

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

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: Notre Dame Women's Basketball Game, Joyce Center, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Concert: Jo Dee Messina, Morris Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.	◆ Event: Notre Dame Hockey Game, Joyce Center, 7 p.m.	◆ Event: Notre Dame Hockey Game, Joyce Center, 7 p.m.
◆ Event: Jazz Soundsations Concert, Century Center, 7 p.m.	◆ Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sale Program, the Soil and Conservation District office, all day.	◆ Movie: "Dancer in the Dark," Snite Museum of Art, 7 p.m.	◆ Theater: "Guys and Dolls," Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Western Kentucky prof recovers from rescue

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.

Chris Groves was following the footsteps of every other caver that had been in the back part of Sides Cave. The ledge was just tired of being stepped on.

"Every single person that has been in that cave has been across that ledge," Groves said. "I'd been across it 10 or more times myself."

Groves, an associate geography professor at Western Kentucky University, fell 30 feet when that ledge collapsed. He was inside for almost 15 hours after the fall until finally being pulled from the cave the next day.

He has spent every day since in a small room in University of Louisville hospital, with his wife at his side.

Groves is expected to stay in the

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Chris Groves
Associate geography professor

hospital until at least Thursday while recovering from four broken ribs, a broken shoulder bone and a partially collapsed lung.

Mammoth Cave Park Hydrologist Joe Meiman and Brice Leech, a park employee, accompanied Groves on the

research trip. They were two of Groves' visitors on Friday.

"He was in good spirits," Leech said. "He didn't seem to be in too much pain. Well, he did have the painkiller button that he pushed every once in a while, but he didn't show it."

Groves said he's improving each day. He's been out of bed walking up and down the hospital hallways to regain his strength.

Conrad Moore, interim head of the geology and geography department, also spoke to Groves in the hospital.

"He was very upbeat and concerned about his classes," Moore said. "He wanted to start teaching next week. I told him not to worry about it, we had his classes covered."

Various instructors will be teaching his classes until Groves returns.

ARKANSAS STATE

Expenditures favor athletics

JONESBORO, Ark.

Arkansas State University spends a higher percentage of money on athletics than it does on academics, according to a Faculty Senate Finance Committee report. Out of the total budget, only 29.74 percent of university expenditures are for academic purposes like technology, teacher salaries and instructional materials. According to the Finance Committee's report, athletic salaries have increased 76.24 percent since 1996, while expenditures for educational purposes have increased only 18.16. Students, however, must bear the brunt of the athletic expenditures. According to a comparison of athletic fees paid by Arkansas college students, ASU students pay \$10 per credit hour, while students at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville do not pay athletic fees. Money taken from auxiliary funds and the educational and general fund is used to balance the university's budget when the athletic department has a budget deficit.

OHIO STATE

Papers stolen from campus

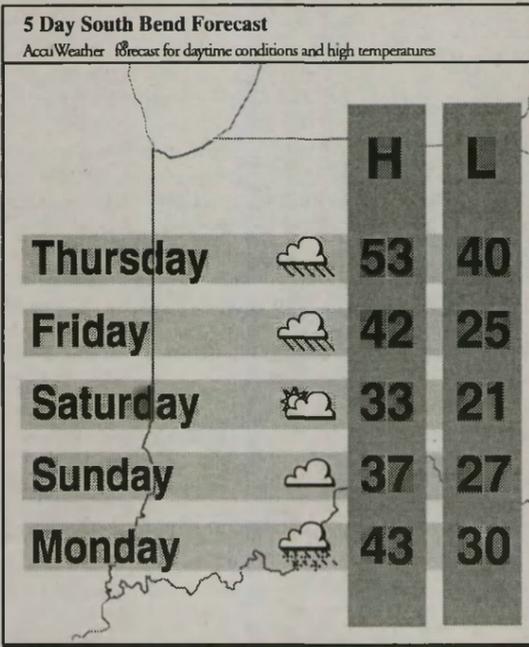
COLUMBUS, Ohio

Students all over campus found Monday's issue of the Lantern missing. According to Ray Catalino, Lantern business manager, papers were confirmed missing in the Ohio Union, Sullivant Hall, the Main Library and the Journalism Building. This brought the count in the early morning up to 1,000 papers unaccounted for. "It's really sad the papers were taken," said Brian Clark, Lantern news editor. "Whoever did it doesn't have any respect for the amount of time the entire Lantern staff gives to produce the newspaper everyday. Unfortunately newspaper theft happens on college campus throughout the country. It's illegal, but I've seen it happen at OSU three times now." Photo editor Melissa Miller found newspapers thrown away in dumpsters. "This is the first time in a long time that we've had this happen on this campus," Catalino said. "It has happened on other campuses too when certain groups want to prevent the paper's message from reaching the campus."

LOCAL WEATHER

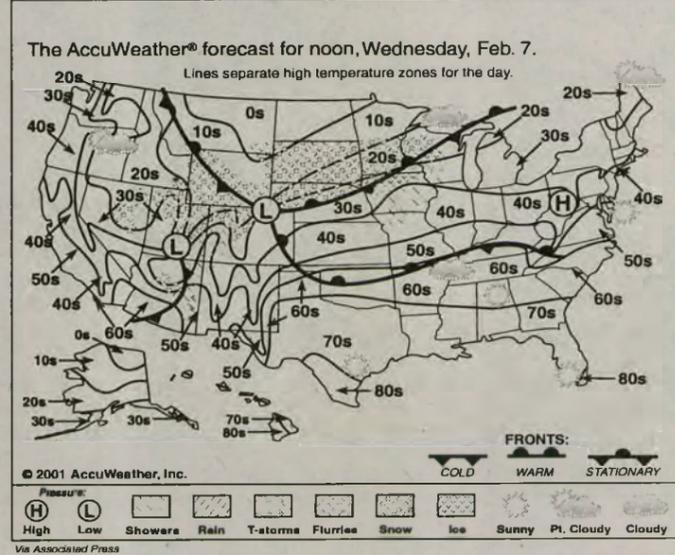
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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Members debate healthcare plans

By NATE PHILLIPS
News Writer

The Graduate Student Union addressed the possibility of expanding the current graduate student health plan Tuesday night. Member Harold Stegel led Union member complaints that expressed the need of a new health care system with better student benefits.

"Our purpose as a body is to represent the students," said Stegel. "Health care is a huge concern for all graduates."

There was some confusion as to whom the students should appeal for a larger health care stipend. Students expressed frustration that current departmental funding of health insurance stipends is not fully adequate.

"Many graduate students fell like they cannot pay completely for health insurance," said

Alexander Samual, GSU vice president. "It is something we should address to the administration next time we speak with them."

"Their perception is that perhaps they already give us enough money," said Mark Buckles, GSU president.

After discussing the issue for several minutes, the board decided it to release a questionnaire to graduate students to obtain a more complete picture of the overall health care dilemma. The questionnaire, the board agreed, would provide them with a solidified argument when the issue is addressed by the administration.

The Union also addressed difficulties with the GSU Web site.

The Web site crashed at the beginning of the semester, and was not fixed until fall break. Even after the mechanics of the site were reworked, the information it contained remains dated and useless to students and faculty.

"We need current information concerning what is going on in the GSU," said Samual. "A Web site must be created that all people can use to gain current information. A lot of work needs to be done soon."

Samual proceeded to propose a plan to hire a web-designer to fix, update and maintain the GSU Web site. The Union decided to wait a week for a graduate student to offer his services, until opening up the job to all students. If the student fulfills his required duties, the Union will pay him a dividend of \$500.

In other GSU news:

♦ Buckles addressed a possible name change for the student organization at the onset of the meeting. Afraid of confusion with other student unions, Union members unanimously decided to retain their original name, confident that it was clearly distinct from other student organizations.

♦ The Union also addressed computer difficulties in the GSU computer clusters. Union members

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Harold Stegel
Graduate Student Union member

plained that computers continued to crash and that the printers continuously were jammed. Ed Kang, head of the computer cluster committee, defended himself against the complaints.

"There is absolutely no dialogue," said Kang. "I am not omniscient, I cannot know everything that goes wrong in there. Please, e-mail me, call me, contact me if there is something wrong. The problem is completely with the apathy of the users who do not take the time to contact me," Kang said.

Despite the complaints, the Union had a positive announcement as well. The GSU reached a new agreement with OIT, and the OIT agreed to provide a consultant in the graduate computer cluster.

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between food and soap," said Keady.

Keady, a former St. John's University soccer coach and professional player, decided to investigate the Nike sweatshops after he was forced to resign because he refused to be a "walking billboard" for Nike. He offered to work in an Indonesian factory but Nike denied his offer.

Kretzu and Keady decided to live with the workers on their own.

"We shopped where the workers shopped, we ate what they ate, we lived where they lived," said Kretzu.

"The women and men working in Nike's

"The women and men working in Nike's factories cannot afford their basic human needs."

Leslie Kretzu
co-speaker on living wages

factories cannot afford their basic human needs," said Kretzu. "This is outrageous considering that they are working eight to 15 hours per day, six to seven days per week for the most profitable sportswear company in the world."

In addition to harsh living conditions, Keady and Kretzu said workers were afraid to union and improve their situation. Workers told them they were threatened and assaulted when they tried to organize.

"Two days after we arrived, a bomb went off at the Phillippine embassy where students were demonstrating against sweatshops, we were supposed to be there," said Kretzu.

Faxed notices posted at the factories issued threats of violence against workers and their families if associated with Keady and Kretzu. Despite the warnings, workers told their sto-

ries to the Americans in an attempt to get their voice heard globally.

Indonesians who tried to raise sweatshop awareness often met brutal consequences.

Kretzu spoke of an Indonesian woman who was working on a documentary about the sweatshops; the woman disappeared and was later found brutally raped and murdered in the jungle.

The biggest problem facing workers are the long hours. Workers must remain until their quotas are met. This often results in no bathroom breaks and long hours.

Indonesian laws allow women two unpaid menstrual leave days a month, a law aimed at women who cannot afford feminine hygiene products. As 80 to 90 percent of factory workers are

women, this becomes a major issue.

"In order to obtain menstrual leave, women must receive permission from several supervisors before they must go to a Nike clinic where they must pull down their pants to prove they are menstruating," said Kretzu. "For Muslim workers who only reveal their hands and face, this is an outright violation of their religious beliefs."

Most women do not try to take their menstrual leave said Kretzu. It is normal for women to bleed through their clothes.

In addition, the health care provided to sweatshop workers for an entire year will barely cover the slight illness and medication of one family member. Keady and Kretzu took a child from the village to the doctor for a coughing virus and the medication alone cost 694 percent of a day's wage.

Trade panel: U.S. violated NAFTA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A trade panel ruled unanimously Tuesday that the United States violated the North American Free Trade Agreement by barring Mexican trucks from most of its highways. But it said the United States can require Mexican truckers to meet U.S. safety standards.

The ruling leaves to President Bush the question of how to comply while ensuring the American public does not share roadways with unsafe Mexican trucks.

The Transportation Department's Inspector General's Office said 35 percent of Mexican trucks that entered the United States last year were put out of service for significant safety violations.

An official from the U.S. Trade Representative's Office did not say how authorities would keep unsafe trucks from entering the country, but said Bush "has

"ATA strongly believes that motor carriers operating in the United States, ... must abide by U.S. safety standards."

Walter McCormick Jr.
president of ATA

made clear he believes the NAFTA trucking provisions should be implemented." Pedro Cerisola, Mexico's communications and transport secretary, said he welcomed the decision and said his agency would work with truckers on how to take advantage of the opening.

Another Mexican official, Deputy Transport Minister Aaron Dychter said 184 Mexican trucking firms have applied to transport cargo across the border into the United States. He said Mexico has now "harmonized" its safety standards to meet those of the United States.

NAFTA, the free trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico, called for Mexican trucks to have unrestricted access to highways in border states — Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona — by 1995 and full access to all U.S. highways by January 2000.

The Clinton administration, citing safety concerns, but also under pressure from unions representing U.S. truckers, refused to implement the provisions.

Canada has a truck inspection program similar to the U.S. system, and its truckers are allowed access to all U.S. roadways. Mexico has no such system, and its trucks are only allowed within a 20-mile zone north of the border, where they transfer their loads to American trucks.

Mexico estimates that about 14,000 trucks cross the border daily and that it has lost about \$2 billion because of the U.S. policy.

"It is imperative that we continue to limit access for these dangerous trucks even if it means paying trade sanctions."

Joan Claybrook
president of Public Citizen

inspections, says it inspects about one percent of those trucks.

A report issued Tuesday by the consumer group Public Citizen and its sister organization, Global Trade Watch, found that Texas border communities have seen a dramatic increase in highway fatalities and serious injuries from crashes involving trucks with Mexican registrations.

"It is imperative that we continue to limit access for these dangerous trucks even if it means paying trade sanctions," said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen.

The American Trucking Associations applauded the panel's decision.

"ATA strongly believes that motor carriers operating in the United States, no matter what their nationality, must abide by U.S. safety standards," said president Walter McCormick Jr.

About 70 percent of the approximately 5 million trucks entering the United States every year come through Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety, which is responsible for truck safety

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"I do not believe the University will be extending benefits for domestic partners, either heterosexual or homosexual," said Hatch.

Hatch cited statistics that illustrate the small gains in faculty diversity. The number of female faculty increased from 17 to 21 percent in the past four years. The percentage of minority professors, excluding non-resident aliens, increased from 12 to 13 percent.

"The progress continues, although not at the rate I wish it was," said Hatch. He said that plans are underway for forming a discrete office to handle issues of affirmative action and diversity.

Hatch also noted that he sees hiring faculty appropriate to the University's Catholic mission as an extremely vital issue.

He was subsequently questioned about the University's response to the expected June approval of Ex Corde, a document originally issued by Pope John Paul II on the role of Catholic Universities.

"I think Notre Dame will continue to do what we currently are doing," said Hatch, noting that the University works very hard internally on fulfilling its mission as a Catholic University. He said Notre Dame has a strong commitment to academic freedom.

"I don't see any change with respect to how we treat theologians or other faculty," he said.

Prior to Hatch's address, the senate approved a memorial resolution honoring Arthur Quigley, emeritus professor of electrical engineering.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Eritrean agrees on a buffer zone:

After months in a stalemate, senior Ethiopian and Eritrean officials agreed Tuesday to set up a U.N.-patrolled buffer zone in an area where the two neighbors fought a bloody border war for 2 1/2 years. A 16-mile-wide temporary security zone will be established starting Feb. 12. The plan requires the Ethiopian army to withdraw from territory inside Eritrea that it has occupied since last May, as well as the repositioning of Eritrean forces, the statement said.

Rain drives Bolivians from homes:

Weeks of rain, the heaviest to hit Bolivia in recent years, have driven thousands from their homes across the country, the government said Tuesday. News reports said at least 20 people have been killed as a result of the steady downpours.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Study shows TV sex on the rise:

Sexual content on television has risen sharply since 1997, showing up in two of every three programs last season, according to a study released Tuesday. Research conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found sexual content in 68 percent of the 1999-2000 shows studied, compared with 56 percent in 1997-98. Such content includes talk about sex, flirting, kissing, intimate touching and depictions of intercourse. Fox's "Ally McBeal" and ABC's soap "Port Charles" were noted as having depicted intercourse.

Miami man goes on trial: A Miccosukee Indian accused of drowning his two sons by driving into a canal went on trial Tuesday despite the tribe's attempts to thwart prosecutors. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Kirk Douglas Billie, saying he murdered 5-year-old Kurt and 3-year-old Keith to punish their mother for rejecting and disobeying him.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man dies outside nursing home:

The state has issued a warning to a Clay County nursing home where a resident died in the extreme cold after a nurse's assistant ignored an alarm triggered when the man wandered outside, a newspaper reported. Forest Collins, 84, died of a heart attack brought on by exposure to below-zero temperature the Clay County coroner's office ruled. His body was found 68 feet from the door of the Cloverleaf home in Knightsville. Collins, fitted with a special safety bracelet, had a history of wandering outside.

ISRAEL



Supporters of right-wing Likud party leader Ariel Sharon celebrate his victory over incumbent Ehud Barak in the election for prime minister Feb. 6 in Tel Aviv. Sharon thrashed Barak with a 19 point margin.

Sharon takes Barak at the polls

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Ariel Sharon, the tough-talking former general dubbed "The Bulldozer," lived up to his nickname Tuesday with a landslide victory over Ehud Barak, the prime minister whose peace hopes were dashed by some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian blood-letting in decades.

"The state of Israel has entered a new path, a path of security and true peace," the portly, white-haired Sharon told cheering, chanting supporters at his campaign headquarters.

"I call upon our Palestinian neighbors to cast off the path of violence and to return to the path of dialogue and solving the conflicts between us by peaceful means," he said. "I know peace requires difficult compromises — from both sides."

Sharon said President Bush had called to congratulate him and to urge close cooperation, and also urged Barak to join forces with him in a broad-based national government.

An emotion-choked Barak conceded defeat soon after TV exit polls predicted Sharon had rolled over him with 59.5 percent

of the vote to his 40.5 percent. Partial official results — about 25 percent of the vote — showed a nearly identical margin of victory.

"The road we chose is the one and only true path," Barak said as backers, some teary-eyed, slowly waved blue — and — white Israeli flags. "The true path requires courage ... and it is possible that the public is not fully ready for the painful truth. ... The truth will prevail."

Barak, who said he would step down as Labor Party leader and give up his seat in parliament, did not rule out an alliance with Sharon, but made no

promises either.

"We should not rule out being part of a unity government," he said. "If it is not possible, the Labor Party will be a fighting opposition, and will fight for what it believes."

It could take weeks or months for Labor to choose a new leader, depriving Sharon of a negotiating partner in the rival political camp.

Once complete election results are announced, within eight days, Sharon will have 45 days to form a coalition government and get it approved by Israel's parliament, or Knesset.

USDA may seize suspect sheep

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture can seize two flocks of imported sheep suspected of carrying a form of mad cow disease, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge J. Garvan Murtha said the owners of the sheep imported from Belgium must comply with an order issued last summer by former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to give up their herd.

The USDA moved to seize the 355

sheep in July, after a laboratory test indicated that four animals were infected with a form of "transmissible spongiform encephalopathy," a family of illnesses that includes mad cow disease.

The owners, Linda and Larry Faillace of Warren, and Houghton Freeman of Stowe, appealed the ruling in U.S. District Court. They claimed the science used in determining that the sheep were infected was flawed.

In November, the owners turned down a government offer of more than \$2.4 million for the sheep.

Davis Buckley, a lawyer for the Faillaces, said they would appeal the ruling and asked the USDA not to physically seize the sheep while the appeal is pending.

"We're looking at our options, we're considering appealing but we haven't made a decision," said Thomas Amidon, a lawyer for Freeman.

Linda Faillace criticized the Agriculture Department as being selective in its measures to prevent the potential introduction of infected meat and cattle by-products into the United States from Europe.

Market Watch 2/6

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Nelson friends, they are also roommates.

"Fortunately, when the University put us together freshman year, it did a good job. Chris is one of my best friends here," Nelson said.

Both feel that their friendship will benefit them if they are elected to office.

"We'll share duties ... There won't be any animosity if one of us asks the other to do something," Nelson said. "I look forward to the prospect for us to work together."

Zimmerman and Nelson first discussed running during last year's student body president election, according to Nelson.

Zimmerman initially suggested the idea, so he is the one heading up the ticket.

"Chris was the first person to say we should run, so that's why he is president," Nelson said.

Although not roommates, Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman are good friends and partners on the debate team, according to Gottlieb.

"At the end of the day, we're friends, and I think that's the most important thing," said Gottlieb. "We didn't just come together as a ticket to run. We work together all the time."

They first talked about running together a year ago, but did not decide definitely until the beginning of this semester, according to Gottlieb.

"We both wanted to do it," Gottlieb said. "We picked each other."

As for running mates Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre, they met while studying in France last year.

"We formed a very strong bond. We have a mutual respect," Andre said.

"Yogeld was the first person who popped into my head," Smith said of her decision on a running mate. "I thought about a number of people, but in the end, Yogeld seemed like the person I should run with. He was very enthusiastic."

For Smith and Becker alike, it was important to have a running mate who would be willing to voice a dissenting opinion about platform ideas and other campaign issues.

"[Smith] knew that I have different perspectives on things and that I would not be afraid to tell her when I disagreed," Andre said.

In Becker's case, he said he noticed in the senate that McCord is not afraid to stand up for unpopular ideas, even if she knows she will eventually be outvoted.

"That impressed me," Becker said.

He added that because McCord has been a student senator, she has the experience necessary to run the student senate, a job required of the student body vice president.

"Senate experience for the vice president is a must," Becker said. "Nikki's been there."

None of the other vice presidential

candidates has senate experience, but they said they do not believe it is necessary to be an effective senate chair.

"I know experience matters, but I think what matters most in the election will be good ideas and a desire to do good things for the University," Nelson said.

"I was never in the Senate," said Norton, who as current vice president has been running the group for almost a year. "As long as you like to work with people, you can be chair of the senate."

Not only is it possible for someone without senate experience to be its chair, it can also be beneficial to have an outsider as chair, according to Norton.

"It also brings new flavor to the senate, new ideas," she explained.

Other candidates added that what is important is for the vice president to have some form leadership experience, not necessarily experience in a particular group.

"I do have leadership experience," Andre said. "I have been involved in this community."

Similarly, Henisey and Zeidler said that lack of senate experience was not a problem for a student body vice president. Henisey has held leadership positions and knows how to run meetings, according to Zeidler, who credited Norton as having done a good

job as senate chair without having been a senator.

Factors other than experience and strong working relationships may also play into the vice presidential selection process. One such factor is gender.

Four of the six pairs in the race consist of one female and one male.

While Becker said gender was not the only factor he considered in picking a running mate, he added that he felt it was beneficial to have a male and female running together.

"I felt that it was important to have a female to balance the ticket," said Becker. "Women's issues are very important."

Gender balance is not necessary for a strong ticket but can help, according to Moscona.

"I think it's important to have a male and female on the ticket because it brings a different perspective," he said. "It's important to have balance and to have those different opinions."

Nelson, however, said it was an "incorrect assumption" to believe that he and Zimmerman are identical because they are both sophomore males. Nelson explained that they come from different parts of the country, different high schools, and different families, and also do different activities on campus.

"It's not like you're electing Chris and his clone, or Andy and his clone," Nelson said. "Chris and I bring a certain kind of diversity."

Whether it is better for the candidates to be from different graduating classes was another point of disagreement among the candidates.

Over the past year working with current student body president Brian O'Donoghue, a senior, Norton said she has learned that there are many benefits to having a student body president and vice president from different classes.

"I think you get more perspectives that way," said Norton, a junior. She added that that such a ticket is "more representative of the student body."

"I'm not so far away from freshmen," sophomore

Moscona said. "She's coming from more of an upperclassman's perspective."

Becker, a junior, and McCord, a sophomore, similarly feel that coming from different classes adds to their ticket.

"It definitely helps. Student government is about representation for the whole student body," said McCord.

Some candidates, however, feel that a sophomore could not be as prepared as a junior for the role of vice president.

"I think it's one of our strengths that she has another year of experience," said junior Zeidler, referring to his running mate, junior Henisey.

"I'm not so far away from freshmen."

Brian Moscona
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Palestinians willing to talk peace

Associated Press

RAMALLAH

The Palestinians said Tuesday they are ready to conduct peace talks with Ariel Sharon but warned that his hard-line program was a recipe for war.

"We respect the Israeli people's choice and we hope the peace process will continue," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying by his adviser, Nabil Aburdeneh.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, news of Sharon's victory over Ehud Barak in the Israeli prime minister's race was met with dread.

Yehia Qabbani, 18, a Palestinian living in the al-Husseini refugee camp near Amman, Jordan, said Sharon "is a criminal and he killed all my family's hope to return to our home."

In Kuwait, Mohamed al-Othman, a 40-year-old civil engineer, watched the election results on TV. "Couldn't they have chosen someone else, someone with clean hands?" he said.

Sateh Nouredine, managing editor of the Lebanese newspaper As-Safir, predicted more bloodshed. "There is little opportunity for negotiations. The door has been shut firmly by Israel," he said.

The Palestinians say negotiations must resume where they left off last month — when Barak offered them a state in virtually all of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and parts of contested Jerusalem.

Sharon has said he does not

want to give the Palestinians more land — beyond the two-thirds of Gaza and 42 percent of the West Bank they now control — and is not ready to relinquish any part of Jerusalem.

"If Sharon wants to talk about the peace process, he has to understand that we have to begin where we left off, we cannot go back to point zero," said Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian negotiator.

"If on the other hand, Mr. Sharon starts to implement the program he announced during the election campaign, that is to keep the occupation of Jerusalem, the (West Bank's) Jordan Valley, I think that he will be producing a recipe for war," Erekat said.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of Palestinians burned pictures of Barak and Sharon in the West Bank town of Ramallah and said their uprising against Israel would continue, regardless of who won.

In scattered clashes in the West Bank, three Palestinians were wounded by live rounds and 43 hurt by rubber-coated steel pellets fired by Israeli troops. Gun battles erupted in two locations. Palestinians had called for a "day of rage," but the clashes were relatively muted by the standards of the past four months.

The mood across the West Bank and Gaza Strip was one

of indifference, with many Palestinians saying both men have a history of oppressing them, and that they don't believe their situation can get worse under Sharon. Palestinians do not have the right to vote, unlike Israel's Arab citizens.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Abdel Salam Abu Boub, 37, a marketing manager, watched the election coverage with his wife, Sana.

As footage showed Sharon supporters dancing with joy, Abu Boub said, "We will see them tomorrow on the mountains near Nablus, building settlements."

He said with Sharon in power, he was braced for the worst. "If he reacts harshly to violence, I expect a war any time."

Although Barak's offer to the Palestinians at the negotiating table was the most generous ever made by an Israeli leader, many ordinary Palestinians judged him largely on his actions during 17 weeks of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

More than 300 Palestinians have been killed in clashes with Israeli troops, and throughout the fighting, Barak enforced tight travel restrictions on Palestinians, in many cases barring them from leaving their communities for weeks at a time.

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Saeb Erekat
Palestinian negotiator

MEXICO

Strike supporters block university

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

About 1,000 supporters of a dying strike movement blocked branches of Latin America's largest university and marched on Mexico City's main avenues Tuesday to commemorate the first anniversary of a police raid that ended their nearly 10-month school takeover.

Members of the self-named General Strike Council barred workers of the National Autonomous University of Mexico from entering the rector's building and prevented 50 employees from leaving the school of political and social sciences by forcing them to take off their pants and shoes, the government news agency Notimex reported.

The students also blocked several other branches of the university. Accompanied by members of unrelated radical neighborhood activist groups, they later marched along Mexico City's main avenues.

Despite the disruptions — which also included a separate march by about 200 students opposing the strikers — university officials said 80 percent of the school's facilities were open and operating normally.

The same strikers had occupied and effectively paralyzed academic activity at the 260,000-student university from April 20, 1999, until Feb. 6, 2000, when they were evicted at dawn by unarmed federal police agents, who arrested 430 students.

Most were released days later, but a half-dozen remained in jail on various charges including robbery after they allegedly removed and destroyed university

equipment. The last six detainees were released on bail last June.

The 291-day strike was launched to protest plans to raise annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the equivalent of \$140.

Early into the strike, the university backed down, but a small core of radical students continued to occupy the campus. They pushed an agenda to reverse recent academic reforms and give students more power within the university administration. They also used the strike as a stage to denounce the free-market economy and Mexico's political system.

The longer the strike continued, the louder grew a chorus of opposition from university officials, students and parents who held their own marches and blockades to demand that the strikers give them back their school.

Since then, the smaller core of strikers has occasionally occupied the rector's building and other facilities, but with only minor disruptions to the university.

But the strike did major damage to the state-funded university. Last year, university officials said new applications for undergraduate admission dropped from 70,000 to 40,000 following the strike.

Since then, the university has been working to restore its reputation as a respected institution that had educated generations of Mexicans for free.

On Tuesday, TV broadcasts showed crowds of students carrying books and backpacks gathered outside the entrances to several closed branches waiting to see if they could get in.

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Appeals court weighs Microsoft's fate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The appeals court weighing Microsoft's antitrust case Tuesday invited lawyers on both sides to debate whether the federal judge who ordered the company's breakup made inappropriate and biased comments in public.



Gates

Last week, the software giant and the Justice Department agreed it was not necessary to bring up U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's extralegal comments in oral arguments later this month.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia wanted to talk about them, allotting one hour to discuss them.

Jackson made critical comments about Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates as well as the appeals court during numerous interviews with reporters after the trial ended last summer.

Legal experts following the case said the decision to consider the matter indicates the court is likely to remove Jackson from the case if it is returned to the district level. That could be a major blow to the government's efforts to prove Microsoft used anticompetitive business practices and should be broken up.

"That means there's at least one judge, perhaps more, that cares a lot about Judge Jackson's out-of-court statements, and they're taking this issue very, very seriously," said University of Baltimore School of Law professor Bob Lande.

Lande predicted the court will probably "slap him down" for his comments to reporters about Microsoft after the trial ended.

"He spit in their eye," Lande said of Jackson. "He did it in a legal way when he wrote his own opinion, but his out-of-court statements were just outrageous."

George Washington University law professor Bill Kovacic said Jackson's comments will be an "awkward and difficult" topic in the courtroom, and will spell Jackson's removal from any further part in the case.

"He's not going to have a part in the sequels, he's finished," Kovacic said.

Jackson declined to comment on the court's deci-

sion.

After Jackson ruled in June that the Redmond, Wash., company should be split in two, he gave numerous interviews to reporters, filled with comments critical of Microsoft. Experts said Jackson went too far when he directly attacked the appeals court now hearing the antitrust case.

In Ken Auletta's book "World War 3.0: Microsoft and Its Enemies," Jackson was quoted as calling the appeals court judges "supercilious" and lacking practical trial experience. He said they "embellish law with unnecessary and, in many cases, superficial scholarship."

Jackson also explained one reason he took the unusual step of issuing separate findings of fact and conclusions of law.

"What I want to do is confront the court of appeals with an established factual record which is a fait accompli," Jackson said. "And part of the inspiration for doing that is that I take mild offense at their reversal of my preliminary injunction in the consent decree case, where they went ahead and made up about 90 percent of the facts on their own."

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the company looks forward to presenting its arguments.

"We are ready to talk about any of the issues the court wants to talk about," he said.

Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona declined to comment.

The appeals court also decided to devote a total of 90 minutes to discuss penalties against Microsoft. The company and the government had settled on only 60 minutes.

Taken along with the decision to talk about Jackson, Lande said the court may think Jackson rushed through the penalty process. "That implies there's at least one judge that thinks there's a chance of a violation," Lande said. "so we do need to talk seriously about relief."

Kovacic said the court will probably give less deference to all of Jackson's decisions throughout the trial, which could only hurt the government's case.

"It unmistakably diminishes the government's prospects for success," Kovacic said. "If (Jackson's) aim was to teach Microsoft a lesson, this was a perverse way of trying to do it."

HAITI

Talks collapse, turmoil continues

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Talks collapsed Tuesday between Haiti's opposition and President-elect Jean-Bertrand Aristide's party, and the opposition immediately announced its own alternative president a day before Aristide's inauguration.

The 15-party opposition alliance Convergence announced former presidential candidate Gerard Gourgue as the country's provisional president, setting up a power struggle with Aristide.

One of the Convergence leaders, Evans Paul, called for the people "to rise up" and peacefully demonstrate their rejection of the president in front of the National Palace on Wednesday, where he is to give his inaugural address at noon.

Convergence refuses to recognize Aristide's legitimacy as president, saying his party won legislative and local elections last year through fraud. The opposition boycotted the presidential vote.

The talks, which began Saturday, had aimed to find

the common ground, and the two parties had set a deadline of midnight Monday to reach an agreement. Negotiations were extended into the early morning, but then failed, according to those who were there.

Aristide's Lavalas Family

party and the opposition alliance blamed each other for the breakdown, with mutual accusations of intransigence.

Gourgue, a 75-year-old lawyer and human rights activist, was minister of justice in the ruling junta that followed the ouster of dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier in 1986. He was a presidential candidate in the 1987 elections that were aborted by the army.

The selection of Gourgue (pronounced GOORG) as provisional president was revealed to The Associated Press by Hubert Deronceray, a leading member of Convergence. The Cabinet members in the opposition's parallel government have yet to be appointed.

Clones Lans, a senator in Aristide's party, criticized the creation of an alternative government as a "mad dream."

U.S. ambassador Brian Dean Curran said Monday that "the formation of a provisional government does not advance prospects for dialogue or a solution of the political crisis."

Aristide was re-elected president on Nov. 26, handily defeating his six little-known opponents. His Lavalas Family party also won more than 80 percent of

local and parliamentary seats in a series of elections last year.

The Organization of American States said 10 Senate seats won by Aristide candidates should have gone to a second round vote, and some countries threatened to withhold or rechannel aid through non-governmental agencies if

the government did not revise the results.

"The respect of democratic principles has not yet been re-established in Haiti," the

European Union said in a statement on Jan. 29, when it decided to block \$49 million in aid to Haiti. Some \$17.7 million, intended to help cover the country's budget deficit, also was suspended.

In a letter to former President Clinton in December, Aristide offered to rectify the election results, include opposition figures in his government and appoint a new provisional electoral council.

The opposition rejected Aristide's offers, saying last year's elections should be nullified and new elections should be held.

"We want a compromise," said Jonas Petit, a Lavalas Family delegate to the talks. "Unfortunately, Convergence wants to wipe the slate clean."

Aristide first won the presidency in a landslide electoral victory in 1990.

The army ousted him in September 1991, and a U.S. military invasion three years later restored him to power.

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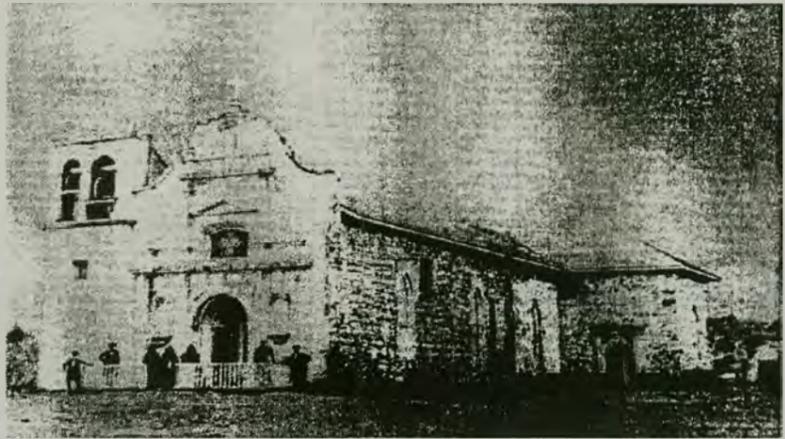
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Bush urges airlines to avoid strikes

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President Bush urged the nation's four largest airlines and their workers on Tuesday to avoid strikes this spring and said he would "explore all options" if they are unable to settle their differences.



Bush

"I am worried about strikes at airlines. ... It could have a harmful effect on our economy," Bush said during a visit to a toy store in the Washington suburb of McLean, Va., to promote his tax plan.

Urging agreements, he said, "The president's got some opportunities if they're unable to do so. ... I will explore all options."

In the next few months, Delta will have to settle with its pilots, American with its flight attendants and United and Northwest with their mechanics. The four airlines combined carry more than two-thirds of the 588 million domestic passengers who travel on U.S. airlines annually.

The prospect of major disruptions during spring break travel and summer vacations has attracted the attention of the White House, which last week began conferring with the National Mediation Board, the government agency that oversees labor relations in the airline and railroad industries.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said if federal mediation fails, Bush could

declare an emergency and create a presidential emergency board to force an end to a strike for 60 days while it considered recommendations for a settlement. Those recommendations would be non-binding. But Bush also could ask Congress to order the board's recommendations be followed, he said.

The first pending strike could come as early as next month if an agreement is not reached between Northwest Airlines and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which represents about 9,500 mechanics and cleaners.

Both sides met Monday afternoon with National Mediation Board mediators and talked through the night until about noon Tuesday, said Steve Lanier, union secretary. Negotiations were resuming Tuesday night and another all-night session was expected, said Lanier, who would not discuss details or progress.

The union opposes the appointment of a presidential emergency board.

"White House intervention now is premature, unjustified and unprecedented," said union spokesman O.V. Delle-Femine. "Continuing down this path will only serve to undermine the progress that has been made so far."

United Airlines also is in dispute with its mechanics, and both sides are being called back to the National Mediation

Board next week.

While United, the world's largest carrier, wouldn't comment Tuesday on the latest plan, there is no outward evidence the sides are budging.

Joe Tiberi, a spokesman for the International Association of Machinists unit representing 15,000 United mechanics, said there had been no communication between the two sides.

"We're going in there ready to talk and complete an agreement," he said. But, he added, "our position hasn't changed."

The mechanics, whose contract came up for renewal last July, have appealed to the mediation board to declare an impasse in the negotiations — giving them the right to strike.

The mediation board has been loath to start the 30-day clock ticking toward a possible strike, particularly in light of the other labor stand-offs. The government is determined

to avoid a repeat of what happened in 1966, when five major carriers were on strike at the same time, effectively shutting down commercial air travel in the United States.

At Delta Air Lines, the 9,500 pilots represented by the Air Line Pilots Association International also are seeking to be released from mediated talks to strike if a contract agreement is not reached.

The union said it plans to release results of a strike authorization vote on Friday, and pilots could strike as early as April 1.

"The White House intervention now is premature, unjustified and unprecedented."

O.V. Delle-Femine
Union spokesman

Judge orders power sold to California

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

U.S. judge Tuesday temporarily ordered an electricity supplier to continue selling power to the state, effectively extending an emergency federal directive. Two other suppliers agreed they would continue sales as well.

U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell, citing the possibility of "obvious irreparable harm to the public," said Tuesday his temporary order requires Reliant Energy Services Inc. to continue sales at least until a further hearing on Wednesday.

Wholesalers AES Pacific Inc. and Dynegy Power Corp., not covered under the temporary injunction, said they would continue sales until that hearing as well.

The suppliers provide enough electricity to serve 4 million homes. Electricity grid officials said losing that source could have produced rolling blackouts like the ones that hit the state twice last month.

The Independent System Operator, which maintains the state's power grid, sought the restraining order on an emergency basis as the federal directive neared its midnight PST Tuesday expiration.

President Bush had said his administration would not renew the orders, which were first issued by the Clinton administration and were extended by Spencer Abraham, Bush's energy secretary.

Reliant filed a lawsuit against the system operator last week after receiving a letter it sent to 140 power generators asking them to agree to continue selling power after the expiration. The Houston-based company

said it should not have to bear the cost of California's energy crisis.

Reliant lawyer Terry Houlihan said California utilities already owe the supplier \$300 million.

"What we are trying to do is stop the blood flow from our company," Houlihan said.

Gov. Gray Davis' administration is spending \$40 million to \$50 million a day to buy power for energy-strapped parts of the state while lawmakers try to reach a long-term solution to the crisis.

The state is buying power for the utilities because energy producers have refused to sell to them directly, fearing they won't be paid.

Davis said Tuesday the state Department of Water Resources has reached its

first agreement on long-term electricity contracts, expected to provide cheaper power to Southern California Edison and

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. customers than the day-to-day buys.

The contracts provide enough power for about 5 million homes and range from three years to a decade, water resources power adviser David Freeman said.

He did not disclose the purchase price or the suppliers. Legislation signed by the governor last week lets the state spend an estimated \$10 billion on the power buys.

PG&E and SoCal Edison say they have suffered \$12.7 billion in losses from spiraling wholesale electricity costs. They have been unable to pass on their costs to customers because of the state's 1996 deregulation law.

They hope a federal court judge at a hearing Monday will grant SoCal Edison's request to raise rates and pass costs to customers.

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Thoughts from an American classroom

All right. Here we go. Only 52 minutes. I can handle this. Just don't think about the time. Concentrate on the professor. Yeah. This sounds important. Like test material. I should learn this. Concentrate.

Concen — that's a nice coat. **Scott Blaszak**

The Early Essays

Black leather. I should get a coat like that. Then I would be cool. Who am I kidding? I can't pull off a coat like that. You have to know your limitations. Right. Okay. 51 minutes. Come on clock. Move. Wait. Don't look at the clock. Pretend it's not even there.

I think Shiny-Watch Brunette is looking at me. Maybe. Nice eyebrows. She looks very studious today. I should try to talk to her after class. Ask her to borrow her notes. "So didn't I see you at Corby's this weekend?" I could say. Or something. She'd probably look down on me because I didn't do the reading. Or maybe she'd like it. Rebellious. Brave. My own man. Like a young Steve McQueen. Hollywood Bad Boy. Hmmm. I'll talk to her next week. Yeah. It will be easier to pull off some time next week. Certainly. I'll even remember to shave. Good decision. Okay. It's decided. Christ. I am a coward.

Uh oh. Discussion time. God I hope she doesn't call on me. Look very unassuming. Look. Very. Unassuming. Oh good. Ask her. She'll know the answer. You can tell by her posture. Yup. I knew she'd have the answer. That's it. Keep talking. Keep talking. Keep taking up time. I tried to read it. I really did but the paragraphs were so daunting. Two or three-page paragraphs. Like continents.

I mean come on. I used to be a good student. Sophomore year I would've read it. Maybe even pursued it like she told us. Pursue.

Yeah right. I used to be a good student. No more. Used to have this fear, this adrenaline-fueled anxiety that drove me to prepare for class or study for tests. Or come to class. Or buy the books. Back then I couldn't sleep the night before big tests. Now I can sleep through tests. Yeah. Well. Memories.

Is that clock even moving?! It's been like 3:53 for about 15 min — Oh. Very good then. 3:54 and I feel like a new man. Um. Hey you. Yeah. You with the high school class ring on. Stop. Just stop it now. Stop. Talking. Can't someone do something? He obviously doesn't have a clue what he's talking about. If you don't know anything keep your mouth shut. Like me. I'm not paying \$30,000 a year so Mr. High School Ring Man can play professor. Of course I'm not listening. But at least I'd like the option. I wish the teacher would just tell him for once what she really feels about his insights. Just once. It would be good theatre. We could all eat popcorn. Alright then.

Where we at? 47 minutes. Not bad. Now don't think about the time. Think about something else. Anything. Birds. Think about birds. Perfect. Birds. Okay. Here we go. Birds. Birds. Birds.

46 minutes. Come on. Move. Clock. Come on. Move. Come on. Come on Eileen oh I swear well he means at this moment you mean everything with you in that dress my thoughts I confess verge on dirty ah come on Eileen. Good song.

Wow. Listen to that girl swallow. Do I swallow that loudly? Sounds like a seal or something. Hmm. I wonder if other people are thinking these same kind of

thoughts? Probably not. Well. Maybe. That guy in the corner looks like he could be doing this right now. Hmm. There she goes again. Swallowing. So loud. This is weirding me out. All right. Time for experiment. I'm taking a sip and listening. Here we go. Sip. Jesus I do swallow loudly. It's disgusting. I'll never swallow in public again. I'll get an I.V. or something.

Wait a second. What is she talking about? I'm completely lost now. Ubiquitous? What does that mean? I have no idea. But that guy in the corner is lost with me. He doesn't know what it means either. We're in this together. Shiny-Watch Brunette looks a little puzzled herself. Or she doesn't care. Yeah. I think that's it.

In fact. Look around. I think maybe no one is paying attention anymore. For all I know they're having the same thoughts I'm having. Except Mr. High School Ring Man. Five minutes ago the professor sneezed and he recorded it in his notebook.

Kind of sad though. All these uninterested faces. In fact you sort of have to feel for the professor. I mean here she's going on and on. And she's a smart lady. To this class full of people who don't care or probably don't understand what she's trying to say anyway. Uh oh. I can feel myself getting cynical here.

Hey look at that. Only 39 minutes to go. Well I'll be. Now.

Don't think about the clock.

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"I don't know, I don't care, and it doesn't make any difference."

Jack Kerouac
poet

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Material poor share in spiritual wealth

How should we as Christians handle the issue of the poor, of individuals living in physical poverty? In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the rich young man, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (19:21). Through the Border Issues seminar over Christmas break,

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our group reflected on the meaning of this passage and sought answers to many challenging questions and ideas.

For a week in January we experienced life along the El Paso-Juarez border. We slept through the freezing nights in houses of single-cinder block walls, lived without running water and shared in the joy of the families, children and community. One of the greatest challenges was understanding the happiness of the people who lived in what seemed to be such desolate and impoverished conditions.

Families of six lived on less than one hundred dollars a week, making 60 cents an hour working in an American company located in Mexico. Yet the community seen at Sunday Mass and the solidarity of children running through the dusty roads kicking a deflating soccer ball showed an alternative life of happiness not centered around money and material possessions. Many people in the colonias had simple desires and lived a happy life.

To help us understand the people's happiness in poverty, we learned from

Father Peter and Sister Betty, two holy individuals committed to a life of assisting the poor in Juarez not physically but emotionally, spiritually and unconditionally.

They spoke of the aura of beauty that they witnessed everyday in the eyes of their friends and their neighbors. They also expressed their disappointment with the growing commercialism, competition and materialism that continues to infect contemporary American culture, which in turn affects border culture.

To depict this problem Sister Betty provided an example of how a certain neighborhood boy took over \$50 of his parent's hard-earned yet scant savings to cross into El Paso to purchase a pair of the latest urban-styled jeans. "He thought he just had to have them," commented Sister Betty. "He chose to put his family's hunger on the line for a material desire."

After hearing from them, we were confronted with some challenging notions. At one end of the spectrum a majority of the American public is educated on tithing, on contributing to the poor in the hope that they will rise out of their present condition to eventually 'ganar la vida.' At the other end of the spectrum people praise the physically poor and see them as the archetype of what it means to live simply. They believe that the poor have a well-developed community emphasizing family values and cooperation.

What are we to conclude? Should the poor stay poor? Should they rise out of their physical poverty? And in doing so,

do they risk living more like typical materialistic Americans? Does a balance exist between the two extremes of poverty with happiness or empty consumerism? What kind of change do we want to see? Do we want the physically poor to attain the same basic amenities Americans possess? What constitutes a truly happy and fulfilling life? Do we want the poor on the border to eventually live as Americans do? Even though we feel that many individuals tend to favor such changes, they tend to overlook how ethnocentric these perspectives are. Why should Americans decide what is the best remedy for the Mexican poor?

Perhaps the best ideas for change should come from the poor themselves. Berta, a resident of Anapra, a Juarez colonia, told our group that too many 'wants' clutter one's life. Such a development can eventually lead to a form of 'internal poverty,' a state of lacking, a state where the soul is distant from the serenity of God. So is it best to do all we can to improve their physical state? Or is it better to not try so hard to 'change them' but instead to let the example of the poor 'change us,' relieving us (as Americans) from our internal poverty?

In truth we found this issue very confusing and frustrating to solve. But as we struggle on a daily basis we must strive to create a system that allows people the freedom to choose their happiness. Part of this challenge includes focusing on our own lifestyles. Our consumerism and materialism helps to perpetuate the restrictive poverty and economic injustice found in Mexico and in many other parts of the world. Thus, as people who seek to follow Christ's example, we must actively strive to live simply and be socially conscious.

Today's article was co-written by several participants of this year's Border Issues Seminar. The Winter Break Social Concerns Seminar examines immigration and related issues that surface between the United States and Mexico through travel to El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. Participants meet with refugees, work with parish organizations and discuss policy issues. The Center for Social Concerns' column appears every other Wednesday.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Television misrepresents Asians

I am a second generation Korean Canadian. It seems that by all accounts I have fully assimilated into Canadian society. I watch Hockey Night in Canada, not Korean soap operas; I listen to the Hip, not Seo Tae-Ji; I eat Kraft Dinner, not Korean instant noodle soups; I play ice hockey, not tae-kwon-do or kung-fu; and I say 'eh' sporadically at the end of my sentences.

To be sure, there are gaping cultural differences between my conservative Korean upbringing and the more liberal Canadian environment that surrounds me. But when I walk down the streets people are not gawking at me, nor are they snapping photos of me, nor are they pointing their fingers at me in curiosity. There seems to be a sense of belonging and feeling at home. This makes sense since I and many other Asian-Canadians have been born and raised here.

Despite this sense of belonging many Asian-Canadians and many Asian-Americans have, it is not indicated in the media. We are rarely cast in television and film roles. Although Asian-Americans make up 7 percent of the population, only .25 percent of all television roles consist of Asian-Americans actors and actresses.

Why is it that Magnum P.I., set in Hawaii where the majority of the population is Asian, had a Caucasian and an African-American sidekick? More recently, the sitcoms Suddenly Susan and Dharma and Greg, which are supposedly situated in San Francisco, do not reflect the 38 percent of the Asian-American population that lives there. MTV's The Real World has only cast three Asian-Americans in its nine years of being on the air — not really indicative of real world demographics. Finally, the CBS breakthrough show Survivor did not have any Asian-Americans cast in its first installment, nor will it have any in this year's Australian series.

Asian-Americans are not only under-represented in the media, but when they are cast, they play stereotypical "Asian" roles. Asian-American actresses are exoticized and fixed with a male Caucasian partner to make it more "palatable" to the audience. The directors of All American Girl starring Margaret Cho purposefully de-

raced the show and fixed her up with a Caucasian boyfriend to target a wider audience. Asian-American actors play the kung-fu expert or the passive emasculated unromantic geeky intellectual with buck teeth or the lost tourist with the big camera or a combination of the three stereotypes. All the while, they speak in broken English.

In short, they are cast in "Asian" roles rather than representing fully assimilated Asian-Americans. As a result of the blatant discrimination, there has been a massive exodus of Asian-American actors and actresses away from the screen to the stage. As East Bay actor Lane Nishikawa remarked, "I'm much more interested in exploring the Asian experience in America than playing a Japanese banker in Rising Sun."

Asian-Americans are not only under-represented, but also misrepresented in the media. Blatant racism and discrimination in the media has been an age-old problem. However, there is no Jesse Jackson of the Asian-American/Canadian community to lead protests against these forms of racism. Years of activism have landed five African-Americans out of a cast of 32 on the show Survivor. Somehow Asian-Americans have gotten lost in the shuffle in what has predominantly been a black-white issue.

I then urge all people — Asians, Caucasians and Africans alike — who oppose any form of racism and discrimination to boycott shows such as Survivor, Suddenly Susan, Dharma and Greg and the like. A choice to boycott may seem drastic but this personal choice not only reaffirms your position against all forms of discrimination and racism but it also adds a little to push along the process of change.

Michael Sohn
Canada
February 6, 2001

A laughing matter

I was sitting around the theology department lounge today having a good laugh with some friends about Christopher Mirus's Feb. 6 letter about why the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church uses wheat bread. He is correct to say the choice of leavened versus unleavened bread is a matter of tradition, but claims wheat was the choice of Jesus. Actually, the one rubric which states the preference for unleavened bread is the same one which states the church's preference for wheat, giving the same reason for both: "according to tradition." (Don't believe me? Check out General Instruction of the Roman Missal #282)

While tradition and scripture are intimately linked, they are two very different pillars on which the church grounds its teaching. Scripture teaches us that Jesus primarily taught (1) about Abba (not the music group, but God) and (2) the kingdom of heaven. The number of sacraments, the recipes for bread, oil and wine, the color and style of vestments, the order and words for liturgical celebrations and the sex of ministers are just a few things among thousands about which Jesus never spoke one word.

But why were we laughing in the theology department? The Passover celebration is a celebration of the barley harvest. If the Last Supper was a Passover celebration, Jesus would have been eating barley, not wheat.

Barley.

Once again, a nice idea is proven wrong by a fact.

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PlayStation 2 can't compare with old school Nintendo

During vacation, I played "NFL Madden 2001" while in "party mode" at another institution of higher learning known as UCLA.

This "party mode" made me both more relaxed and confident that I could judge just how fun PlayStation2 is, especially for potential players in my condition.

My friend Jeff, who was also "feelin' groovy," picked up the PlayStation controllers with me. We immediately tried to find the A and B buttons, and Select and Start if possible. But we couldn't.

Jeff Baltruzak

What led to our confusion? There were lots of buttons on the controllers, in lots of colors. They had weird symbols on them like an X, a circle and a triangle, but no A button or B button.

Short Circuits

Once Jeff and I finally made it past the opening screen, we had to make countless choices about the game we were going to play. Choice after choice after choice concerning difficulty level, the stadium and the weather conditions.

We started to play, and I had to pick almost 100 plays every time. I just wanted to run up the middle on third-and-9 in honor of my personal hero Bob Davie, but I couldn't find the play.

The sharper graphics of PlayStation2 didn't really do anything for me, because it was all blurry anyway.

Not surprisingly, I don't remember who won, and I didn't care. We quit after a half because it took forever. It just wasn't fun for someone who "didn't know when to say when."

We returned to Jeff's dorm and decided to play an old classic, "Tecmo Super Bowl" for the good ol' Nintendo. I had to blow on the game for a while, and fidget with the Nintendo, but it eventually worked.

Unlike the high-tech PlayStation2 games, "Tecmo Super Bowl" has eight plays and uses only two buttons. The graphics look like a first grader drew them with his left hand. Most of the players featured in the game are now retired and selling knives door to door.

When you score a touchdown, "Tecmo" shows the same animation every time. There is no instant replay. You can't go for two. The quarterback for the Raiders is Jay Schroeder. Oh, and that's the Los Angeles Raiders.

But despite having too much "nectar of the gods" that night, I could still play Tecmo like a champ. Bo Jackson ran for 200 yards. I laughed when I scored, I cried when I lost (not really), but most importantly, I had a great time.

"Super Tecmo Bowl" is the most fun game I've ever played. Its simplicity makes it fun. You can actually talk (or slur) to someone while you play. It doesn't consume all your attention like "Madden 2001" and kill your "fun buzz."

I believe that in many cases, video game designers design the fun right out of their games. With each extra button, they make the game that much more complicated and that much more difficult to master.

The majority of today's games are marketed at hard-core video game players that find new ripples as personal challenges.

But many people just want to pick up the controller and have fun, not spend time trying to learn how to play the game. These are the people that don't get video game magazines, or go on the Internet to find out how to beat a level.

For those of us who like these kind of fun games and who traded their Nintendo for an autographed Ron Powlus football, I also suggest "Mario Tennis" for the Nintendo 64.

"Mario Tennis" is really simple and really fun. It has easier levels that can be mastered quickly, and much more challenging modes for those hard-core folks trying to fill their time in between Dungeons and Dragons tournaments.

"Madden 2001" is a good game, so good you might confuse it with an actual NFL game. But there comes a point where if you want to become that real and that in-depth into football, you should just get nine friends together and go play in the park.

Or revert back to the days of Nintendo. Sometimes simple 8-bit graphics and old school players are just more fun.

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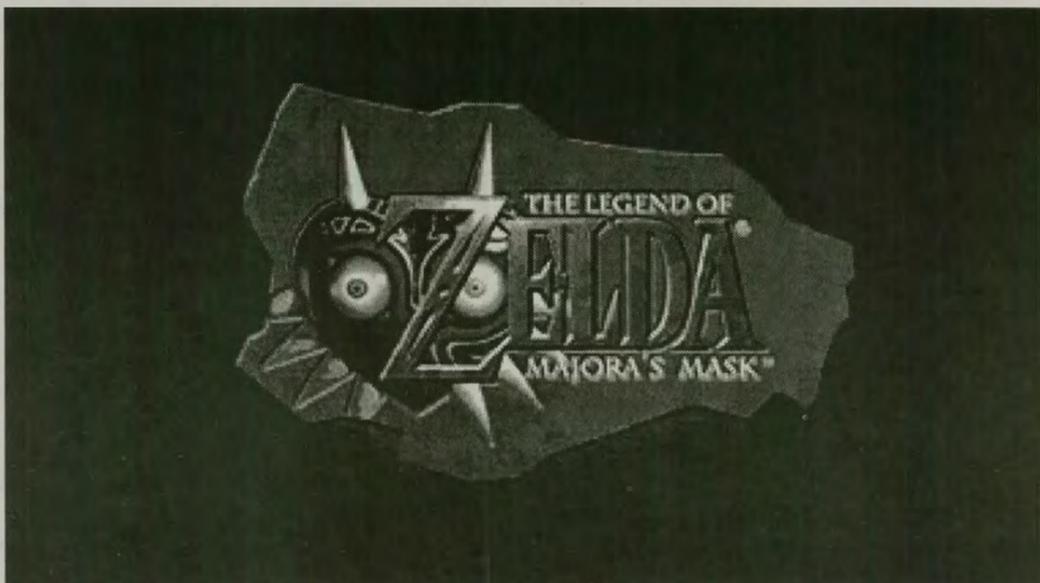


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"Majora's Mask" is the newest installment in the popular "Zelda" series, following the adventures of Link as he travels through the land of Termina.

'Majora's Mask' challenge a must-have for Zelda fans

By ADAM TURNER
Scene Video Game Reviewer

As we move through life, a few things are constant. Engineers get no play. The best way to a woman's heart is not through haiku poetry. Fish and peanut butter do not go together.

And if Nintendo produces a game with the title "Zelda" in it, it's going to be a solid, quality addition to your collection (except for that second one, which was like passing a kidney stone).

"The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask" is a crowning achievement for the development staff at Nintendo, recreating a classic in a bastardized gaming world dominated by first person shooters and fighting games.

While some still consider "Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time" to be the greatest game they ever played, "Majora's Mask" is a close runner-up. Once again, you, the player, are bidden to journey together with Link throughout a brand new land known as Termina, after defeating Ganon and leaving the land of Hyrule.

While traveling through the woods of Termina, a fiendish little imp known only as the "Skull Kid" steals your horse, Epona, and the Ocarina of Time. After this you are changed into a plant-like "deku scrub" and told that the moon will crush the land of Termina on the day of the great festival, set to take place in three days.

Next you meet another familiar character, the man from the Happy Mask Shop from Ocarina of Time. He informs you that your quest is to steal back Majora's Mask from the Skull Kid, who is using it for its evil power.

This all sounds well and good, and almost surprisingly simple. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, this is the most difficult "Zelda" ever, both in terms of environmental changes and puzzle solving.

You have three days to complete the game. Now you may think this means you must beat the game in 72 hours in order to avoid having the moon crush Termina. However, this is not the case.

Each day in the game translates to about 30 minutes in real time. Thus there are about 90 minutes between the start of the game and the moment where the moon crushes the land.

This impossible hurdle is jumped by being able to warp back in time to the dawn of the first day, and continue throughout the game, warping back occasionally when the moon is about to fall again.

As opposed to other "Zelda" games, "Majora's Mask" contains only four temples, each referring to elements: swamp, mountain, ocean and canyon. Each boss holds a mask, which serves as his remains.

This is the same concept as the medallions in "Ocarina of Time" — the masks don't really do anything, but you must have them all to complete the game. To fill in the loss of gameplay,

these temples are enormous and tremendously difficult to complete.

In addition to temple difficulty, another added concept in "Majora's Mask" is a notebook, which keeps track of certain people you meet that are in need of assistance at a certain day and time.

As you perform small side quests for these people, they give you various rewards that aid you in your search for the four guardian masks held in the temples.

The most innovative addition in this game is the masks, which played an insignificant role in "Ocarina of Time," but provide most of the amusement for "Majora's Mask."

There are three masks that Link can collect that change his form, in addition to 24 masks that are used for various circumstances throughout the game.

Once collected, putting on a mask can morph Link into either a Deku Scrub, who can burrow into the ground and do other things (this mask stinks), a Goron, whose species is from the mountains and is capable of rolling around, (which is pretty cool, although it sounds like it stinks) and the Zora, whose species is from the Oceans and possesses an electric attack (which is pretty sweet).

Other masks serve as objects of side quests, which are just fun to collect and use if you have a desire to pick the game apart until there isn't anything left to do.

The timeframe in "Majora's Mask" is a giant misconception, especially for the casual player who just wants to pick up the control and casually play for an hour or so in between studying or going to class. Or those die-hard players who will even skip class in favor of playing "Zelda."

If time is running short in the game, you choose to either play the song of time or get crushed by the moon. If you play the song, you warp back to the first day, and you lose your non-permanent items — things like money, arrows, bombs and anything you're carrying in a bottle.

But you don't lose the capacity to carry these things. You also don't lose the guardian masks that you may have collected, but the temples that you've played will revert to the way they were when you first entered them, with no puzzles solved.

This becomes increasingly complex. For example, one of the greatest annoyances of "Majora's Mask" comes from playing a temple. If you have to warp back to the first day when the third night comes, the game effectively erases everything previously accomplished in solving the temple puzzles.

This is the most infuriating concept ever, except for the presence of the physics department at this University.

Overall, "Majora's Mask" is an incredible and highly recommended game. If you like "Zelda," and you don't own this game, you should be pummeled with small animals.

Magic of 'Final Fantasy IX' creates best in series

By JOSE CUELLAR
Scene Video Game Reviewer

Known as one of the most popular series in the role-playing game genre, "Final Fantasy" returns with its ninth installment under this title, the last to appear for the PlayStation console.

"Final Fantasy IX" is a great overall game. The full motion videos are incredible, with great detail. The graphics are a step higher than those from previous titles, and the music is just as impressive.

Composer Nobuo Uematsu has written the music for all the "Final Fantasy" installments. Since this is the last "Final Fantasy" for the PlayStation, Uematsu decided to do something that was unheard of for previous titles: "Final Fantasy IX" is the first title to have a character with a voice — Garnet the princess.

Unlike "Final Fantasy" VII and VIII, this ninth installment has a great mix of old and new. The creators wanted to return to the style that made the series popular.

Some of the old elements that creators kept are knights and mages, airships, the job system and having abilities determined by the job. New elements include learning magic and an improved level of involvement in the game.

Now the player can decide whether or not the character is impervious to attacks, and whether or not the player helps in that situation. With the introduction of "active time events," the player can decide what to watch. These active time events provide the option of jumping

to scenes that are happening all at the same time.

Also, in "Final Fantasy IX," the Moogles are back. These characters return with different jobs, and some will ask for favors. The Moogles enable players to save their progress, use their tents and regenerate their party.

The characters in "Final Fantasy IX" draw you into the game. Each character has a past that haunts them throughout the game.

Returning to the world of knights and mages, this story begins when a group of thieves is sent to kidnap the princess of a nearby kingdom. The princess, Garnet til Alexandros the 17th, bored of her life of royalty, instead runs away with the kidnapppers, led by the thief Zidane.

Before leaving the kingdom, a black mage, Vivi, joins them in their flight and the princess' bodyguard, Steiner of the Knights of Pluto, tags along to protect her. Along the way they meet Freya, a dragon knight, Eiko, a summoner, Quina, a blue mage, and Amarant, a martial arts expert.

Like all stories involved in "Final Fantasy" titles, the first part of the story seems easy. In this case, the princess is to return, to find out about her mother, who is trying to invade the world and to persuade her to stop.

The second part, which makes "Final Fantasy" a great series, begins when the party finds out that a power larger than what they expected is actually behind, or controlling, the queen.

The magic system in this ninth installment is similar to the "Final Fantasy" titles before the game jumped to the PlayStation console. "Final Fantasy" VII and VIII both had a magic system that enabled every character to use every magic.

"Final Fantasy IX," on the other hand, has a system that gives characters certain abilities depending on their role.

A white mage can use magic that protects and heals characters. A black mage can only use magic that harms enemies. A blue mage uses magic that he learns, or in this title, eats, from enemies.

Knights and dragon knights have magic that is used with their weapons. Summoners receive help from beasts and supernatural beings called eidolons who cause a great deal of damage.

Items and weapons acquired throughout "Final Fantasy IX" provide skills and abilities that empower each character in different ways. They raise important stats in the characters that increase their power and defenses against abnormal status.

These acquired weapons and items can also be combined to produce new ones. Synthesizing shops in cities join weapon shops and item shops as important stops of the journey of the game.



"Final Fantasy IX" features a return to the old magic system and a cast of new characters like Freya (right) and Vivi (left).

"Final Fantasy IX" contains so many tasks and secrets that it would take a long time to mention every single one. Fans of the series should instead seek to find them out for themselves, for this game should be considered the best in the series.

Enjoy this game if you have the energy and the time, because "Final Fantasy IX" was made for the long haul.

And for those who end up playing this game and become trapped in the eighth hour of non-stop playing, about to be defeated by a powerful foe, remember these words from an old "Final Fantasy" commercial: "The fate of the world is in your hands ... You are up against enemies of incredible power ... If you win, you will be a hero ... If you lose, you can always hit the Reset button!"

'Mario Tennis' challenges novices and pros alike

By MATT ORENCHUK
Scene Video Game Reviewer

Throughout the years, Nintendo has given its fans some great games. From the original "Super Mario Brothers" all the way up to "Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time," Nintendo puts out high quality games year after year.

One of the latest installments for Nintendo's N-64 platform is "Mario Tennis." This game is exactly as it sounds. Just like "Mario Kart," this game uses the

"Mario" characters in a tennis game.

But this game is far more than just Mario and Luigi running around on a tennis court. Mario Tennis is a superb tennis game.

Just what is it that makes Mario Tennis so great? The game can be picked up very easily, yet it is hard to master. Anyone can pick up a controller and press the A button to hit the ball back to your opponent. Nonetheless, the mastering of drop shots, lobs and volleys will take time and keep this game interesting.

One drawback of "Mario Tennis" is that the game is very frustrating. For example, even though you lose a set 6-0, you still feel like you were one or two shots away from being in the set.

Players may feel like they aren't getting any better at the game, especially if they are playing against someone who has played the sport in real life.

For those who have never played tennis before, it may be difficult to get the hang of the different shots and the instinct needed to play the game well.

Yet the game is frighteningly addicting and will keep you coming back for more.

"Mario Tennis" has everything that a great tennis game should have. Characters play different types of games. Some are speedy,

some play a technique game and some have a power game.

In addition to Mario, Luigi, Toad and the Princess, "Mario Tennis" introduces new characters like Waluigi. Waluigi is an evil version of Luigi, basically a counterpart to Wario, who is also in the game.

There are also several other options besides singles for "Mario Tennis." There is a tournament mode, with different cups played on grass, clay and artificial surfaces. There are two mystery players that are revealed when you win one of the tournaments. There is also a skill tester on the game.

One game mode has rings on the court, and players try to hit so many of the rings in a certain amount of time. Another game fires tennis balls at you, and you have to try to return as many as possible out of 50.

"Mario Tennis" ranks up there with "007 Goldeneye" and "NFL Blitz." These games could be called "dorm games," as many a college student has spent late nights with their roommates playing "Blitz" and "007," competing and trying to master techniques. "Mario Tennis" looks to be the same type of game.

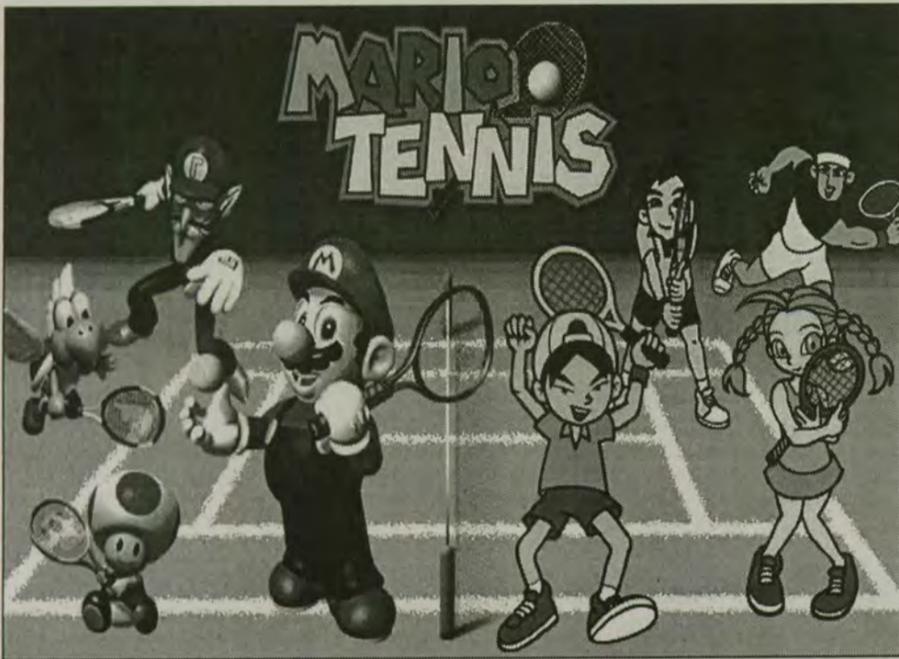
One game of "Mario Tennis" takes only 15 minutes, which means that the game can be played to relax after class without a huge time commitment. At the same time, you can also play "Mario Tennis" for several hours and not even realize it.

One of the most interesting things about the "Mario Tennis" phenomenon is that it is not limited to just guys. Not many girls seem to play "Goldeneye" or sports games like "Blitz" and "NFL Hockey." But "Mario Tennis" seems to have caught the attention of guys and girls alike.

This makes "Mario Tennis" a fun game for everyone to play, as it is not just an after parietals guys' game.

Nintendo seems to have done no wrong with "Mario Tennis." It is fun, entertaining, and best of all, a high quality tennis game.

So fire up the Nintendo-64, because "Mario Tennis" is a keeper.



Mario, Luigi, Toad and the Princess join new characters in the Nintendo-64 version of "Mario Tennis" to create an entertaining and challenging game.



From romantic moments between Sky Masterson (Tommy Curtin) and Sarah Brown (Tricia Gilbert) to full cast song and dance numbers and a bunch of unlucky gamblers, "Guys and Dolls" brings plenty of laughs to Washington Hall.

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'Guys and Dolls' make musical success

Strong cast of PE Musical Company entertains with song, dance and humor

By CHRISTINA MARTINI
Scene Writer

A rich blend of vibrant music, impressive dance moves, eye-catching cast numbers, colorful comedy, well-honed New York accents and raw talent combine to produce a premium Pasquerilla East Musical Company performance of Frank Loesser's classic musical, "Guys and Dolls."

The musical, opening Thursday, is directed by senior Matt Baggetta and senior assistant Tiana Checchia, also the show's choreographer.

"Guys and Dolls" is set in New York City and tracks the back-alley shenanigans of well-known gambling coordinator, Nathan Detroit.

The plot is centered on Nathan's scheme to rent out a location for the "Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York." To raise the \$1,000 he needs to rent out the Biltmore Garage, he bets gambling extraordinaire Sky Masterson, known for his high rolling and affinity for betting, that he cannot get a date with virginal mission worker Sarah Brown.

Amidst the crap shooting and glitzy gambling scene, Nathan also diverts committing to a wedding date with Miss Adelaide, his fiancée of 14 years.

"The cast is amazing," said Baggetta, who became involved with the PE Company two years ago when acting in the group's performance of "Godspell." "They are the most talented people I've ever been around."

"Guys and Dolls" marks Baggetta's first directing experience. "I'm flying by the seat of my pants," he said.

Baggetta and Checchia chose to direct "Guys and Dolls" because of its large supporting cast. "We wanted to get a lot of people on stage," Baggetta said.

Both Baggetta and Checchia said it was a hard decision to refrain from performing this year, but both feel the decision to direct has been ultimately rewarding.

Their efforts have clearly paid off. The musical gleams with professionalism and every character, supporting or principle, is extremely talented.

The show is fast-moving, as each cast member devotes their all to the lines, songs, dance moves and jokes. "Half of the funniest people on campus are in this show," said junior Alan Maginn who stars as Nathan Detroit.

"The auditions were the hardest part," Checchia said. Out of the 120 students who auditioned, only 29 were chosen.

"Guys and Dolls"

Presented by the Pasquerilla East Musical Company

◆ Where: Washington Hall

◆ When: Feb. 8 - 10, 7:30 p.m.

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From the large pool of budding actors and actresses, several freshmen were selected and one, Tricia Gilbert, was even given the principle role of Sarah Brown.

Gilbert has vocal, acting and dancing talent. Her voice is superb and she plays the role of Sarah with maturity and style.

She admitted that performing in "Guys and Dolls" was a huge commitment, but that she could not help but throw her whole self into it. Gilbert said fears about being a freshman in a talented cast was quickly dissuaded.

"The hardest part is coming in as a freshman and being unsure if people are going to accept you," Gilbert said. "It was definitely intimidating."

However, many fruits have come from her labor. "My life is never going to be the same again," said Gilbert. "[The cast and crew] are a part of my life now."

The camaraderie among the cast is obvious, and that chemistry contributes to a fast-paced, easy-viewing show. "We're having fun, and happen to put on a show in the meantime," said Maginn.

This is not Maginn's first time playing "Nad-en" (as the main character's name is pronounced by the gambling gangsters). During Maginn's junior year of high school, he was also cast in the part. "It was neat to do the role again because I was able to see the ways I changed and how that affected the way the character changed," he said.

Maginn's experience is evident in his performance of

Detroit. His easy-going attitude and acting ability is perfect for the conniving yet lovable crapshooter.

Tommy Curtin plays Sky Masterson, the gambler who pursues Sarah Brown. Finesse and sensitivity are needed for this part, and that's exactly what Curtin gives. "Guys and Dolls" marks Curtin's third performance with the Company.

"I always loved theater and it's especially great with a company like this," Curtin said. "The people you meet make the experience — that's what lasts."

Detroit's fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, is played by the talented junior Heidi Kellner. Kellner's petite frame and powerful voice make a great combination on stage.

Kellner's character is distinctly humorous. "This was a fun role because Adelaide is a really upbeat character," said Kellner. "People like her and she is challenging to play."

Because of Detroit's elusive marriage promises, Adelaide develops a psychosomatic cold that leaves her perpetually sneezing. This adds even more absurdity to her extremely high-pitched voice.

The humorous antics of Detroit's comical cronies, Nicely-Nicely Johnson (junior Ryan Cunningham) and Benny Southstreet (freshman Ray Areaux) are also entertaining.

Cunningham and Areaux have a charismatic flare that makes the not-so-bright duo particularly likeable. Their duet which gives the musical its name — "Guys and Dolls" — consists of a complicated yet precise tap act.

"Luck Be a Lady Tonight," an all-male dance number in the second act, is definitely impressing. The well-choreographed moves show off the actors' rhythm and the song's harmony displays their vocal talent.

Another fun full-cast number is "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," a big closing act performed by Nicely-Nicely Johnson at the Save-a-Soul mission. This is a well-known song that is energetic, catchy and pleasing to the eye — a wonderful end to a spectacular show.

Good directing, a wonderful cast, time, talent and dedication are expertly packaged together in this spring's production of "Guys and Dolls."

NHL

Red Wings extend win streak to seven against Senators

Associated Press

DETROIT

Sergei Fedorov scored his team-leading 24th goal and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Ottawa Senators 4-2 Tuesday night, extending their home unbeaten streak to seven games.

Steve Yzerman scored 3:55 into the game and the Red Wings led the rest of the way. They are 6-0-1 in their current string at Joe Louis Arena.

Detroit goaltender Chris Osgood stopped 26 of 28 shots.

The Red Wings beat Ottawa at home for the first time since Nov. 26, 1997.

Igor Larionov and Yzerman skated in on a 2-on-1 break in the opening minutes.

Larionov held the puck until the last second, delivering a perfect pass that Yzerman tipped past Senators goaltender Patrick Lalime for a 1-0 lead.

Fedorov made it 2-0 at 16:45 of the first period when he beat Lalime while being tripped up by rookie defenseman Karel Rachunek.

The Senators cut the lead to 2-1 at 10:28 of the second period when Shawn McEachern put a shot over Osgood's left shoulder into the top of the net.

The Red Wings restored the two-goal lead at 16:43 of the second, just seconds after an Ottawa penalty expired. Brendan Shanahan scored his 18th goal of the season, a knuckler that went in the right side of the net.

Daniel Alfredsson scored a power-play goal with 4:41 left in the game to make it 3-2.

The Red Wings clinched it with an empty-net goal by Martin

Lapointe with 14 seconds to play.

Blues 2, Blue Jackets 2

Scott Young scored his second goal of the game with 8.2 seconds left in regulation as the St. Louis Blues tied Columbus.

The Blue Jackets still extended their points streak to eight games (4-0-2-2), matching the second-longest ever for an expansion team.

They can tie the mark of the

1993-94 Florida Panthers when they play at Nashville on Thursday night.

It was the second time in six days the Blues and Blue Jackets tied 2-2.

Young unloaded a slap shot from the high slot that beat Columbus goaltender Ron Tugnutt.

Young's 26th goal slipped through heavy traffic in front of the net — and was met by a collective groan from a sellout crowd of 18,136 at Nationwide Arena.

Robert Kron's first goal since November gave Columbus a 2-1 lead with 13:16 left in regulation.

In the overtime, Tugnutt made three spectacular stops in the span of 10 seconds, turning away point-blank shots by Ladislav Nagy, Daniel Corso and Bryce Salvador with just over a minute remaining.

With five seconds left, Tugnutt also had a save on Todd Reirden's shot on a breakaway after a setup from Pierre Turgeon.

Turgeon and Dallas Drake assisted on both of Young's goals.

Tugnutt finished with 39 saves. Brent Johnson had 24 for the Blues.

Young's first goal came 4:21 into the game. Turgeon placed a perfect lead pass on Young's stick near the right circle.

Columbus pulled even with a power-play goal midway in the second period.

Lyle Odelein passed to Deron Quint, whose drive from the point was redirected by Steve Heinze for his 15th goal of the season.

The Blues came in as the top penalty-killing team in the NHL.

It remained tied until Kron scored.

Espen Knutsen's cross-ice pass to Frantisek Kucera on the left wing drew the St. Louis defense.

Kucera then passed through the crease to Kron, who was planted at the right post. Johnson was unable to get back in time as Kron jammed in the shot.

Kron's only other goal this season came against Dallas on Nov. 25.

Columbus improved to 3-0-1-1 in its last five home games and 7-3-2-1 in its last 13. The Blue Jackets are now 12-13-2-

2 at Nationwide Arena.

Devils 4, Canadiens 0

Alexander Mogilny scored twice as the New Jersey Devils got all the goals in the opening 12:05 to beat the Montreal Canadiens.

Martin Brodeur, a Montreal native, stopped 27 shots for his 47th career shutout and fifth of the season.

Petr Sykora connected for the fourth straight game and extended his point-scoring streak to eight games.

Sergei Brylin also scored for New Jersey and Bobby Holik had two assists as the Devils improved to 3-0 against Montreal this season.

Mogilny, who had 20 goals in 20 games before being held pointless in his last three games, scored just 1:50 into the first period.

Sykora scored his 20th at 4:17 and Mogilny made it 3-0 with his 29th at 10:29.

Brylin beat Montreal goalie Jose Theodore for his 15th just 1:36 later.

Jeff Hackett, dressed for the first time in 15 games, replaced Theodore to begin the second period.

Hackett, who hadn't played since Dec. 31 after re-injuring his right hand, stopped 14 shots as Montreal held a 27-25 margin in shots.

Mogilny opened the scoring when he raced in from the Canadiens' blue line and fired a quick shot past Theodore.

Sykora took Holik's pass from behind the net and fired from the slot.

His shot went in off Canadiens defenseman Christian Laflamme's skate.

Mogilny's second of the night gave him his seventh multigoal game of 2000-01. He has five goals against Montreal this season.

Holik got his second point of the night as he assisted on Brylin's goal.

Bruins 4 Flyers 3

P.J. Axelsson scored the tie-breaking goal with 9:50 to play, lifting the Boston Bruins to victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Bill Guerin, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star game, had a goal and his 200th NHL assist to help Boston win for the fifth time in six games.

Byron Dafoe had 24 saves. Brian Boucher stopped 27 shots for Philadelphia, which lost for just the second time in eight games.

Boston took a 2-0 lead with goals 34 seconds apart early in the first period.

But the Flyers struck just as quickly, scoring twice in a 69-second span of the second to rally from a 3-1 deficit.

That's when Mikko Eloranta fought through several defenders to feed Axelsson for the winner.

Boston took a 1-0 lead when Andrei Kovalenko centered the puck to Jonathan Girard, who found Brian Rolston in front.

Rolston swept the puck around Boucher for the goal, then took a hit from Daymond Langkow and fell face-first to the ice.

Rolston stayed there until a trainer came out to tend to him, and Langkow was given two minutes for cross-checking.

Only 34 seconds into the penalty, Kyle McLaren's slap shot from the blue line went off of Flyers forward Jody Hull's stick and past Boucher to make it 2-0.

Philadelphia scored in the final minute of the first when the puck came to Michael Sykora during a scrum in front of the net.

He chipped it past Dafoe with 59 seconds left just as a Boston penalty was expiring.

Jason Allison fed Guerin from behind the net for an easy wrist shot to make it 3-1. But Philadelphia tied it in the second with its two quick scores.

When McLaren picked up an interference penalty midway through the period, the Flyers peppered Dafoe with shots until Keith Primeau found the net. Peter White scored 1:09 later to make it 3-3.

Sabres 6, Rangers 3

J.P. Dumont and defenseman Jay McKee scored for Buffalo in the first three minutes as the Sabres sent the New York Rangers to their fifth loss in six games.

The Sabres didn't wait long to break out of the offensive slump they carried into the All-Star break.

Buffalo had won just once in six games — scoring a total of

eight goals — following a 1-0 victory over Florida.

The six goals were a season-high for Buffalo, which hadn't had as many as four since Jan. 12.

Dave Andreychuk had a goal and two assists.

Richard Smehlik, Stu Barnes and Miroslav Satan added goals for the Sabres, who were forced to fly to New York on Tuesday morning after an East Coast snowstorm a day earlier postponed their travel plans.

Doug Gilmour, who reiterated before the game he plans to retire after this season, earned his 900th career assist on Satan's goal that made it 6-2 early in the third period. He is the 13th NHL player to reach the milestone.

Petr Nedved scored for New York when it trailed 3-0, and Mark Messier made it 3-2 with his first goal in 19 games.

But Barnes and Andreychuk restored Buffalo's three-goal lead by the time the second period ended.

Rookie Jeff Ulmer scored his first NHL goal in his second career game to close New York's deficit to 6-3.

Dumont, tied for the Sabres' goal lead with Satan, scored his 16th of the season and first in 19 games just 1:24 in, converting a beautiful behind-the-back pass from Barnes.

McKee snapped a 52-game goal drought, dating to last season, with a snap shot 1:13 later that beat goalie Mike Richter.

Smehlik turned a turnover by All-Star defenseman Brian Leetch into a 3-0 lead at 15:07, but Nedved scored his 17th goal 13 seconds later.

Messier got his 17th goal of the season, 11 on power plays, 2:22 into the second period to make it 3-2.

It was only the fifth power-play goal for the Rangers in 21 games and it snapped Buffalo's penalty-killing streak at 29, spanning nine games.

Barnes made it 4-2 just 1:58 later and Andreychuk made it 5-2.

Satan scored his 16th goal 3:43 into the third on a power play.

All-Star goalie Dominik Hasek was solid for the Sabres, who are 6-2-3 against the Rangers in the last 11 games.

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NBA

Robinson arrested on drug charges

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Cliff Robinson rebuilt his career with the Phoenix Suns. Now, he's the third member of the team to run afoul of the law in less than two months.

"Everything that we've been going through," a chastened Robinson said Monday. "This is another shot that we didn't need."

Robinson was arrested early Monday in Scottsdale on charges of possession of marijuana and suspicion of driving under the influence. He joined Jason Kidd and Penny Hardaway on the Suns rap sheet.

Robinson knew he added to a serious image problem for the franchise.

"I want to say this is a very embarrassing situation for myself, especially under the circumstances that we've

been going through," Robinson said Monday with Suns owner Jerry Colangelo at his side.

"I definitely want to apologize to my teammates and the organization for putting the added stress on the team."

Kidd faces a charge of assaulting his wife and has asked the fans for forgiveness. Hardaway was charged with intimidation in an incident involving a handgun, but prosecutors dropped the charges when the woman involved declined to cooperate.

Colangelo, a deeply religious man who always has preached that he seeks players with high character, found himself defending his franchise.

"We have some guys on this team who are really quality people, and there are a lot of quality people in this league," Colangelo said. "I think it's inappropriate to pull down a whole group of players or a team based on the individual conduct of a few."

"I have no idea what's going to take place with Cliff Robinson, but I promise you, I assure you he will be held accountable for his actions."

The news conference with Robinson and Colangelo came in an incongruous setting.

As the two spoke, the last of some 3,000 elementary school students were filing out of

America West Arena.

The children had earned a trip to a Suns practice in the "Quest for the Best" program.

The program challenges the youngsters to come up with a way to improve their school. The trip to practice is one of the rewards.

The last three players introduced to the cheering youngsters were Robinson, Kidd and Hardaway.

Professional athletes should accept that they are role models, Colangelo said, but that doesn't mean they are infallible. He also said the organization does everything it can to select the right kind of people.

"We want good people, we want solid citizens, but people fall," Colangelo said. "That's the point I'm trying to make with everyone. People make mistakes so we have to deal with it. ... This is who we have. This is our team right

now. We have to rally our troops and get what we can out of this season. There's a lot at stake."

Colangelo said that the collective bargaining agreement prohibits him from taking any action against players until the legal issues are resolved.

Robinson, in the second year of a four-year, \$29 million contract, had been a model citizen and the franchise's most consistent player since he signed as a free agent in 1997 following some tumultuous years with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Police said Robinson's yellow 2001 Porsche was stopped about 1:30 a.m. because it was going 55 mph in a 40-mph zone and weaving in and out of traffic.

Robinson agreed to a blood alcohol test, but results won't be known for several days. Police said they also found a pipe and a small foil packet containing what they believed to be marijuana.

Marijuana testing was added to the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement before last season. Under the agreement, players who test positive for the drug must undergo mandatory counseling, and a second positive test would include a \$15,000 fine.

Subsequent positive tests would result in five-game suspensions.

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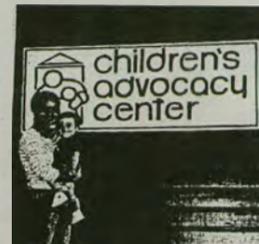
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Hoops

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tured during the early part of the season."

Also missing tonight's game will be forward Dallas Williams, who is ill and will not make the trip.

Even playing shorthanded, Waites expects her team to put out a good effort.

"That's going to be tough to play there but we'll go in there and try to do as best we can," she said. "We're going out there with few bodies, but we still look for a good outcome."

In Notre Dame's last two games against Boston College and Providence, the Irish have struggled to build a significant lead — not leading by double figures until the final minutes of the first half in each game. McGraw looks to improve on that tonight.

"We worked a lot on our offense [Monday] and I think we're getting back to being just a little bit sharper," McGraw said. "I think since we're playing at home that we'll shoot the ball a little bit better."

Despite Notre Dame's superior record, the Irish are aware that they must play the full 40 minutes. Letting up almost cost them a game in their last meeting with the Panthers. Last season, the Panthers rebounded from a 22-point deficit with four minutes remaining to pull within six points before falling 81-74.

"They pressed our bench and outscored us like 16 to four to end the game," McGraw said. "That doesn't really concern me. I think our bench is better this year. I think I have to be a little more careful about subbing."

Students who attend the game will be treated to some early Valentine's Day treats and celebration. Contests throughout the game provide students the chance to win various prizes, including Taco Bell gift certificates.

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

Cody

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that he has yet to play a college game. But if the Irish land Cody, Emfinger will elevate the Irish from his current "16, 17, or 18" to "12 or 13" in his national recruiting rankings.

Thus far, Notre Dame has received 20 verbal commitments. In addition to Cody, the Irish are in the hunt for North Carolina running back Alvin Pearman, who has narrowed his choices to Notre Dame, North Carolina, Virginia and Northwestern.

Lydell Ross, a running back from Florida, may also sign with the Irish. He verbally committed a few weeks ago but changed his mind after visiting Florida and Ohio State. Emfinger believes Ross will sign with Florida and that the Irish trail Ohio State, as well.

"On my Web site I've had Notre Dame people ask me questions all year if they're going to get Lydell Ross or some other big-name running back," Emfinger said. "But if you lose a Lydell Ross and pick up a Ryan Grant [a running back who verbally

committed to Notre Dame], I don't see how there's that much of a difference between those two players. In fact, Ryan Grant's a little bit faster."

Grant's situation shows how difficult it is to trust recruiting analysts' predictions. While Emfinger believes Grant could be a great running back, Lemming says, "I think he'd be an All-American at safety."

Grant, a 6-foot-1 200-pounder from New York, ran for over 2000 yards as a senior. Other top players who have verbally committed to the Irish include offensive lineman Mark LeVoir from Minnesota, linebacker Corey Mays from Chicago and wide receiver Carlos Campbell

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- Dwight Ellick CB 5-foot-11 170 lbs. Tampa, FL
- Zach Giles OL 6-foot-4 280 lbs. Marshfield, MA
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- Matt Root TE 6-foot-6 225 lbs. Tallahassee, FL
- Matt Shelton WR 6-foot-1 170 lbs. Collierville, TN
- Dan Stevenson OL 6-foot-5 275 lbs. Barrington, IL
- Jeff Thompson DL 6-foot-5 260 lbs. Granger, IN
- Justin Tuck DL 6-foot-5 215 lbs. Kellyton, AL
- Marcus Wilson RB/DB 5-foot-11 190 lbs. Brooklyn, NY

from Virginia.

The Irish have also received commitments from five offensive linemen and four defensive backs.

But Cody is the real story on signing day 2001. The 6-foot-5 240 pounder is ranked fifth among Lemming's top 100

recruits.

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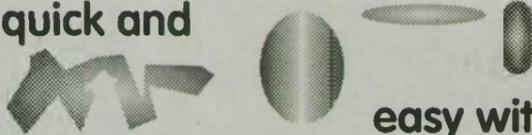
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Jackie Robinson is a legendary figure and his name is now synonymous with the desegregation and redefinition of professional sports. From his earliest experiences with his family in Pasadena, California, he quickly learned that he had to actively respond to racist ignorance. In his first three years in the league, Jackie was forced to passively respond to racist taunts and threats. In fact, the required silence was his most difficult sacrifice, as it went against how he had chosen to live his life. When he was free to speak out, it became clear

that he had his own athletic and political agenda to pursue. Throughout the whole experience, especially in his final years in baseball he used his athletic stature and popularity, to turn society's focus towards humanity and equality for blacks and whites. Robinson is heroic, in part, because of the excellence of his athletic achievement; and equally important, for his political commitment to racial equality. He reaffirms for Blacks that ours is a history of struggle, survival and accomplishment.



Marian Anderson, an artist and musician, was renowned throughout the world for her extraordinary contralto voice and remembered for her dignity and grace under pressure. Before her death in 1993, Marian Anderson placed her personal papers--including letters, music scores, programs, photographs, and sound recordings--with the University of Pennsylvania Library. Thankfully, it is still possible to enjoy Ms. Anderson's renderings of Lieder and spirituals, get a glimpse of the preparation and performance of her repertoire, and through the papers that she left behind, investigate and understand how, when, where, and with whom her life took shape, which was enriched, and became enriching not only for her audiences but also for others in need.



Dr. Patricia Bath is no miracle worker, though her skilled hands continue to shatter darkness for the blind. For Bath, who is now fifty-three years old, an internationally acclaimed ophthalmologist and surgeon, the greatest experience is saving or restoring the sight of people afflicted by eye diseases like glaucoma or cataracts. "The ability to restore vision is the ultimate reward," said Bath. "It is a really great joy to remove eye patches the day after surgery and the patient can see again." Dr. Bath is credited with a number of achievements during her almost thirty year career in medicine. After she earned a patent for a medical invention, she joined the surgery staff at UCLA Medical Center and faculty. She also co-founded the ophthalmology training program at Martin Luther King, Jr - Charles R. Drew Medical Center, and much more.



William Edward Burghardt DuBois, to his admirers, was by spirited devotion and scholarly dedication, an attacker of injustice and a defender of freedom. A harbinger of Black nationalism and Pan Africanism, he died in self-imposed exile in his home away from home with his ancestors of a glorious past--Africa. Labeled as a "radical," he was ignored by those who hoped that his massive contributions would be buried along side of him. But, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "history cannot ignore W.E.B. DuBois because history has to reflect truth and Dr. DuBois was a tireless explorer and a gifted discoverer of social truths. His singular greatness lay in his quest for truth about his own people. There were very few scholars who concerned themselves with honest study of the black man and he sought to fill this immense void. The degree to which he succeeded disclosed the great dimensions of the man."

Test your knowledge of some of the key events and happenings in Black history.

DID YOU KNOW?

The answer to question #1 chose the 2nd week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population.

Frederick Douglass & Abraham Lincoln.

1. In the 1920s which African-American created and promoted Negro History Week?

- a. George Washington Carver
- b. Harriet Tubman
- c. Carter G. Woodson
- d. Martin Luther

2. George Washington Carver is best known for cultivating what?

- a. Cotton
- b. Peanuts
- c. Rice
- d. Wheat

3. When he was a lawyer, what landmark court case did Thurgood Marshall win?

- a. Roe vs. Wade
- b. O.J. Simpson vs. the State of California
- c. Brown vs. the Board of Education
- d. Plessy vs. Ferguson

4. Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to sit on the Supreme Court. Which president appointed him?

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. John F. Kennedy
- c. Dwight Eisenhower
- d. Lyndon Johnson

5. The NAACP distributes an award for the "highest of noblest achievement by an African-American during the preceding year or years." What is the name of the award?

- a. The Spingarn Award Medal
- b. The NAACP Award of Merit
- c. The Hugo Award
- d. The CAPI Award

6. Who was the first Black woman from the South to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and call for the impeachment of Richard Nixon?

- a. Shirley Chisholm
- b. Ann Richards
- c. Barbara Jordan
- d. Jane Addams

7. Which African-American entertainer began his career at the age of three performing with his father and uncle?

- a. Bill Cosby
- b. Spike Lee
- c. Sammy Davis, Jr.
- d. Flip Wilson

8. Which civil rights leader has been referred to as the "Black Moses?"

- a. Malcolm X
- b. Louis Farrakan
- c. Harriet Tubman
- d. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the leader of which boycott, spurred by Rosa Parks?

- a. The Montgomery Bus Boycott
- b. The Tallahassee Bus Boycott
- c. The Oil Boycott
- d. The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott

10. In 1949, Jackie Robinson was the first Black player to receive what prestigious baseball award?

- a. The Most Valuable Player Award
- b. A nomination into the Baseball Hall of Fame
- c. A retired number
- d. Sportsman of the year

*taken from http://www.msnbc.com/modules/quizzes/bhm1999_quiz.asp

Answer key: 1.c 2.b 3.c 4.d 5.a 6.c 7.c 8.c 9.a 10.a

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles aim for upset against league-leading Flying Dutch

By **KATIE McVOY**
Assistant Sports Editor

As women athletes are recognized nationwide, the Belles are looking to soar to victory over the No. 1 ranked Flying Dutch of Hope College tonight.

Today, National Girls and Women in Sports Day, is set aside for recognizing high school and college women in athletics. During tonight's half time, student athletes at Saint Mary's will be recognized for their contributions to athletics and scholarship. But, for the basketball team, tonight's focus is on Hope.

The Belles, who have recently hit a nine-game losing skid, will have a challenge in the 18-2 Flying Dutch who are still unde-

feated in the MIAA. However, Saint Mary's is still hoping for victory.

"To me, you always have to go out for the win," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We played a good game the last time we played them and we're excited to play them at home."

The last time these two schools met, Hope defeated Saint Mary's 75-51. This time Saint Mary's is aiming to play hard ball.

"We are really working on being aggressive," Smith said. "Hope really gets after you both offensively and defensively."

Last year marked the first time in Hope history that the Flying Dutch had consecutive 20-win campaigns; they are currently only two wins short of extending that record to three years. With 11 returning letter winners and two players that have been named MIAA Player of the Week, Hope will make a strong bid for one of those two needed wins.

A concussion during Saturday's game may bench Belles' post player Kristen Matha who recently returned to the court after suffering a hip flexor muscle injury. Smith will count on Kelly Roberts again to

play in the starting post position along with Anne Blair and guards Julie Norman, Mary Campione, and Katie Christiansen.

Matha will warm up with the team and, depending on her condition, she may play during the game.

"We're counting on Kelly to start and if Kristen can come off the bench, that would be great," Smith said.

With Blair leading the offense, Saint Mary's will be focusing on minimizing turnovers. In Saturday's loss to Calvin, the Belles turned the ball over 13 times in the first half alone.

"We've been trying to push the ball, which is why we've had so many turnovers," Smith said. "Now we're trying to make bet-

ter decisions and clean that up."

The Saint Mary's defense will have its work cut out facing a strong Hope offense.

"We have to shut down their offense," Smith said. "They have a great transition game and very good post players."

The defense will have to keep an eye on Hope's leading scorers. Junior forward Laura Poppema and sophomore post player Amanda Kerkstra average 10 and 16 points a game respectively. Joining them are senior forward Kristin Koenigsnecht, who averages eight points and eight rebounds a game, and sophomore guard Amy Baltmanis, with eight points a game.

Tip off time is at 7:30 tonight in Angela Athletic Facility.

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Suzanne Smith
head coach

BASEBALL

Two Irish named as pre-season best

Special to the Observer

The annual Collegiate Baseball magazine college preview edition has tabbed Notre Dame senior shortstop Alec Porzel as the 2001 Big East Conference preseason player of the year while listing Irish senior righthander Aaron Heilman as the Big East's preseason co-pitcher of the year.

Collegiate Baseball earlier ranked Notre Dame 14th in its preseason poll while naming Heilman a first-team preseason All-American and Irish sophomore rightfielder Brian Stavisky a second-team All-American.

CB's college preview edition includes six Notre Dame players among "Big East players to watch": Heilman, Porzel, Stavisky, junior centerfielder Steve Stanley, junior catcher Paul O'Toole and senior righthander Danny Tamayo. The magazine's listing of top professional prospects in college baseball for 2001 included Heilman (listed seventh), Stavisky (No. 18) and O'Toole (45th).

CB also picked Notre Dame to win the 2001 Big East regular-season title, followed by newcomer Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Porzel's preseason honor is all the more noteworthy considering the fact that his teammates Stavisky was tabbed the Big East preseason player of the year by both Baseball America and the

Big East coaches poll.

Porzel heads into 2001 on the verge of becoming the first Notre Dame player ever to reach 30 home runs and 30 stolen bases in his career (29, 26) and he could challenge Notre Dame career records in as many as six categories, including RBI, hits and doubles.

Porzel's overall season totals in 2000 included team-best totals in RBI (58, third Big East), doubles (24, first BE) and slugging percentage, plus nine home runs and a .342 batting average.

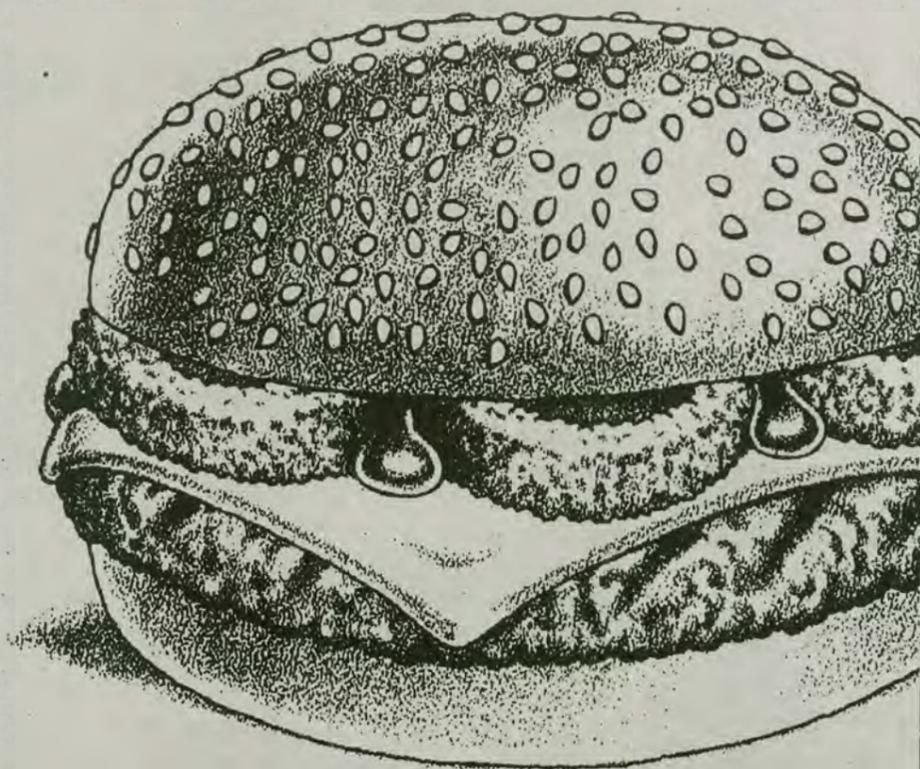
Heilman shared preseason billing from CB with Rutgers sophomore RHP Bobby Brownlie, who also was named the Big East preseason pitcher of the year by both BA and the Big East coaches poll.

Irish prospects for 2001 season boosted by the return of the three-time All-American Heilman, who elected to return for his senior season rather than signing the Minnesota Twins after being selected with the 31st overall pick in the Major League Draft.

Heilman was named the Big East pitcher of the year in 2000, after posting a 10-2 record, 3.21 ERA, 118 strikeouts and just 29 walks in 103.2 innings pitched. The 6-5, 225-pound righthander's career numbers at Notre Dame include a 28-7 record, 14 saves, a 2.80 ERA and 314 strikeouts in 280 innings pitched.

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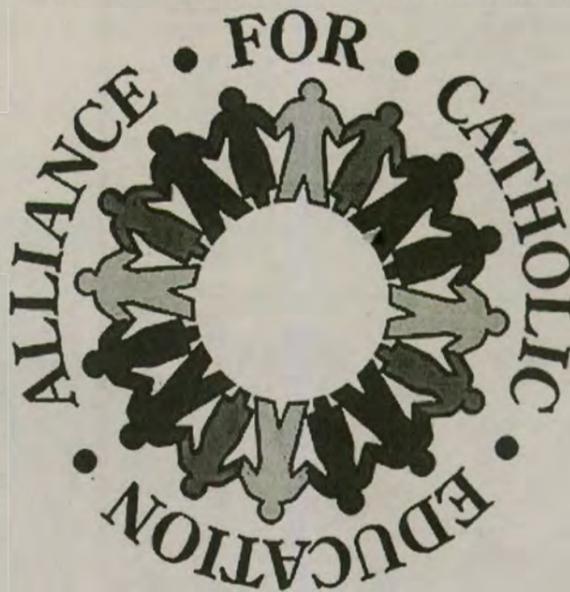
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National celebration calls attention to women athletes

Belles and Irish celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Today isn't about being Division I or Division III or about being nationally ranked or unknown. Today women on the Saint Mary's campus and women on the Notre Dame campus have something very important in common. Today, all the women athletes of the nation are being recognized for their contribution to the world of sports. Today is National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Girls and Women in Sports Day exists to highlight the current and past careers of high school, college, and professional women athletes. Established by the Women's Sports Foundation, the day celebrates women in athletics and encourages gender equality in sports.

The national celebration began in 1987 in remembrance of Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, whose career and work towards the equality of women in sports showed that women are major players in the athletic world.

In a world that has been dominated by men's sports, both in the media, and in financial circles, women's sports have been making more and more appearances in recent days. The Women's Sports Foundation came into existence to make sure those appearances keep happening, and chose Feb. 7 to highlight the place of women in sports.

The celebration will be spotlighted in Washington D.C. and high schools and universities across the nation will join in presenting the accomplishments of their athletes.

Tonight, both Saint Mary's women athletes and Notre Dame women athletes can

come together in a mutual celebration of women in athletics.

"This is a great way to call attention to all women in sports," Saint Mary's athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

The Saint Mary's athletic department has prepared a special half time presentation during tonight's basketball game against Hope College. Vice President for Student Affairs, Linda Timm, will lead the ceremony that is aimed to reward athletes for academic and athletic success.

The Belles volleyball team will be honored during the celebration, along with several individual Saint Mary's athletes.

The Saint Mary's spikers earned a team GPA of 3.69 during the first semester. This presentation will highlight the importance of academics and athletics.

Joining the volleyball team during halftime will be any woman who made an all MIAA team. This includes women from several teams, including this fall's golf and volleyball teams.

"This gives us a chance to recognize our athletes," Kachmarik said.

This is the first time that Saint Mary's has planned events to help celebrate this day. As the athletic director at an all women's college, however, Kachmarik believes that highlighting women athletes is important. She hopes that this will be only the beginning.

"This is the first time we've done this," Kachmarik said. "Each year we'd like to see this grow."

The Notre Dame athletic department does not have plans for a special celebration or any presentations. However, the No. 1 ranked Lady Irish will take the court against Pitt at home.

The hoopsters have epitomized the importance of women in athletics as they took the No. 1 spot this year, boosting fan attendance and keeping the program in the national spotlight.

Although the Irish are a nationally ranked, Division I program, and the Belles are a lesser known, Division III program, both teams are looking to showcase the aspirations of women athletes in America.

By 7:30 tonight, 10 women will be on the court showing fans why women in athletics have received so much attention in recent years.

The Irish hoopsters (right) will join the Saint Mary's Belles in celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Members of the Belles soccer team (below), along with other Saint Mary's student athletes, will be honored during tonight's basketball game against Hope.

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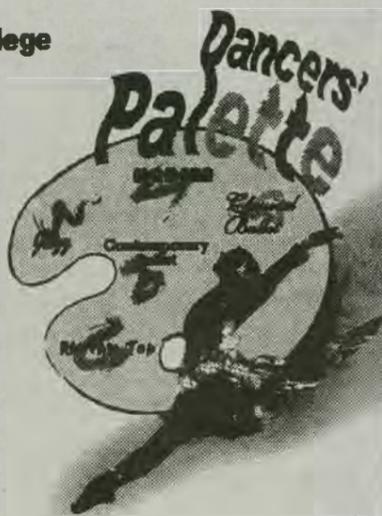
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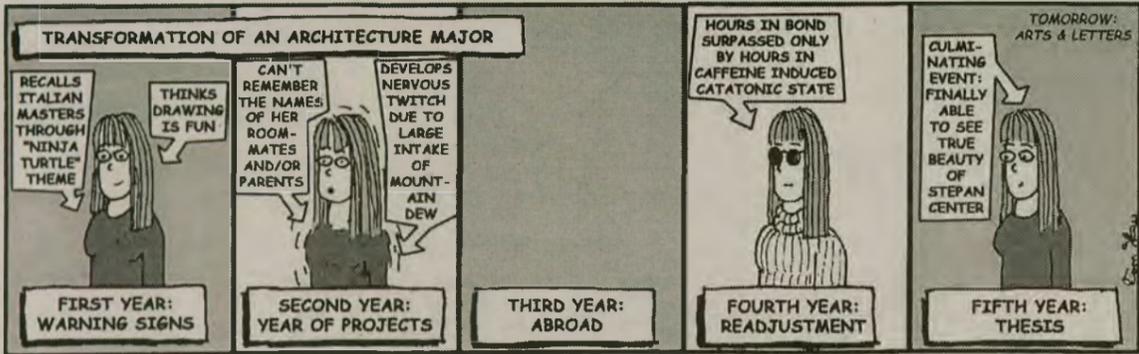
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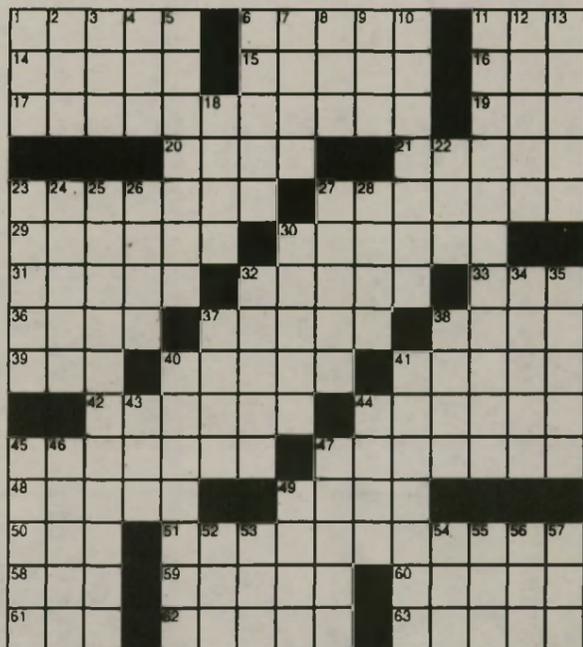
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- 1 Dieter's lunch
 - 6 Microwave maker
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 - 15 Cheapskate
 - 16 Physicists get a charge out of it
 - 17 Bureaucrat, say
 - 19 Hallucinogen
 - 20 Sail holder
 - 21 "Dallas" matriarch Miss
 - 23 Exit, as a 747
 - 27 Fur trader
 - 29 U.F.O. crew
 - 30 French 101, e.g.
 - 31 Laughing
 - 32 Side dish for a hot dog
 - 33 2-Down members
 - 36 Beach shades
 - 37 Word with tacks or knuckles
 - 38 One who's swooned over
 - 39 -cone
 - 40 Outer pie part
 - 41 Lama
 - 42 Jolly Roger flier
 - 44 Busy person's reading
 - 45 Soup cracker
 - 47 Kicks out of the country
 - 48 Unrefined
 - 49 1988 World Series M.V.P. Hersher
 - 50 At all
 - 51 Wet blanket
- DOWN**
- 1 Tree juice
 - 2 Health grp.
 - 3 Back talk
 - 4 65, say, for retirement
 - 5 Inactive
 - 6 Make smile
 - 7 Rain forest feature
 - 8 Wednesday
 - 9 Born, in Bordeaux
 - 10 Money owed
 - 11 Physician, disparagingly
 - 12 Daytime TV host O'Donnell
 - 13 Rear- (certain accident)
 - 18 Partner of pots
 - 22 The Beatles' "Revolver," "Abbey Road," etc.
 - 23 Pub pastime
 - 24 Cuban boat boy Gonzalez
 - 25 Tickler of the ivories
 - 26 Periscope piece
 - 58 Be untrustworthy
 - 59 Thrill to death
 - 60 Thomas of "That Girl"
 - 61 Pay-_-view
 - 62 Boot camp experience
 - 63 Came up



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- 27 Creamed chipped beef base
 - 28 Baseball tally
 - 30 Discontinue
 - 32 Savage
 - 34 Outdoor dinner
 - 35 Vent features
 - 37 Raisin
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 - 40 Refrigerator part
 - 41 Graduation handout
 - 43 The "I" in T.G.I.F.
 - 44 Like Crater Lake
 - 45 Resell for profit
 - 46 Golfer Palmer, informally
 - 47 Clothesline alternative
 - 49 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 52 Ring king
 - 53 Dustcloth
 - 54 Rowboat rower
 - 55 Tennis instructor
 - 56 Overhead trains
 - 57 Precious eggs
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Keith Richards, Steven Spielberg, Roger Smith, Christina Aguilera, Brad Pitt

Happy Birthday: If you work hard, you will have a fabulous year. Your energy and drive to excel will give you the competitive edge. The satisfaction you receive will lead to greater awareness of what you can do when put under pressure. You will surprise yourself, which will help to raise your self-esteem. Your numbers: 5, 16, 19, 27, 28, 33

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do things with family members who don't get out that often. Property investments look promising. Don't let outsiders get involved in handling personal matters. ☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You had better plan an active day. Your mate will be erratic and hard to deal with if you allow too much idle time. Go out to a movie or get involved in some form of competitive sports. ☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can use your discipline to pick up new skills or complete courses of interest. Making money will be your main goal. Look into small business opportunities. Don't rely on others. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It is best to face an emotional situation head-on. You may not like what you find out, but in the long run it will be to your benefit. Get in touch with old friends and prepare to start again. ☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will exhaust yourself if you've taken on too much. Ask for help or an extension on your deadlines. Personal matters may crop up and delay matters even further. ☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect opposition from your mate if you are getting too chummy with co-workers. Find a solution that is suitable but not confining. Suggest that he or she go out with friends, too. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't wear your heart on your sleeve. Your personal secrets will be revealed if you are too open with friends about your feelings. Someone you work with may not be as good a friend as you think. ☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Deception will put you in an awkward position. Try not to reveal your true feelings about a situation that is causing a lot of controversy. Don't take sides in a debate, or you may get blamed. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your partner will be extremely sensitive if you have been too busy. Stay away from risky investments. Try to spend a quiet evening with your lover. ☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't shirk family obligations. Your change of attitude may be confusing your partner. Let this person know that it doesn't mean that your feelings have changed. ☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on moneymaking opportunities. Form partnerships and consider getting into business. Do everything by the book. Problems with government agencies and red tape are evident. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be emotionally unstable if your mate is treating you with disrespect. Make changes or the situation will get worse. Your next step will be to trade your partner in for a better model. ☺☺

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Irish recruiters have high hopes for defensive end

By **TIM CASEY**
Assistant Sports Editor

Will Irish fans remember Shaun Cody as another Carlyle Holiday or as C.J. Leak revisited?

For the third straight year, Notre Dame enters signing day awaiting a decision from one of its top recruiting targets. In 1999, quarterback Leak shocked the Irish. He

committed to Wake Forest on signing day, just weeks after Bob Davie and his assistants assured the North Carolina native that they would not sign another signal caller. Last



Cody

season, following weeks of predictions and scrutiny, Holiday chose Notre Dame over Nebraska on signing day.

Today, Cody, one of the nation's top defensive recruits, is expected to announce his intentions. He has apparently narrowed his choices to UCLA, USC, Washington, Miami and Notre Dame.

As a defensive end Cody recorded 33 sacks during his

junior season at Hacienda Heights High School in California.

He added 22 sacks as a senior and was recently named USA TODAY's defensive player of the year.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison, Notre Dame's "best recruiter," according to ESPN.com recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, has been assigned to pursue Cody.

"[Notre Dame] needs Shaun

Cody," said Max Emfinger, a recruiting analyst for USATODAY.com and Rivals.com. "He's everything that's been written about him. In the All-Star games, he was dominant. He beat up everybody, all the offensive linemen in the country. You just can't block him. He's everywhere."

Before hailing Cody as the next Bruce Smith, understand

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hoopsters look to dominate power forward

By **NOAH AMSTADTER**
Assistant Sports Editor

Preparing for tonight's game against Pittsburgh, the No. 1 Notre Dame women's basketball team brought in a new opponent Tuesday — football guard Jim Jones.

Jones took on All-American center Ruth Riley in a game of H-O-R-S-E on Tuesday before practice. Riley won the showdown.

"She got me by two letters," Jones said.

Tonight, the Irish move their focus from a big offensive guard to a talented young forward. The Panthers (9-12, 3-7 in the Big East) boast one of the Big East's top power forwards in sophomore Mandy Wittenmyer.

Wittenmyer leads Pittsburgh in scoring and rebounding, averaging 13.8 points per contest to go along with nine boards. When these two teams last met Feb 2, 2000, Wittenmyer had 15 points, seven rebounds and six steals.

"She's their best player," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of the sophomore. "She had a really good game against us here last year. She's tough to guard because she goes to the basket well and shoots the free throw jumper."

Wittenmyer has impressed Pittsburgh coach Traci Waites with her maturity this season.

"She is banged up — a sore ankle and a sore knee. She's doing everything for us in terms of rebounding," Waites said Tuesday in a teleconference. "She's taken on a leadership role, she's obviously scoring. It's just nice to have a sophomore that's willing to carry that weight for us."

Wittenmyer isn't the only banged up Panther. Guard Monique Toney, who averages 10.8 points and nearly four assists per game, is out with a variety of hand injuries.

"She got kicked in the Seton Hall game and fractured one of the bones in her shooting hand," Waites said. "Her left hand was frac-



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior point guard Niele Ivey dribbles around a Georgetown defender in a recent game. The Irish will take on the Pittsburgh Panthers tonight at the Joyce Center.

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