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Workers speak out against Azteca

◆ Workers have been on strike since Sept. 30 in protest of contract

By KATERI McCARTHY
News Writer

Employees from Azteca Foods Inc. of Chicago spoke about their current four month long strike in at Tuesday's lecture entitled, "Support Justice."

Josefina Bonilla and Maria Montes of Azteca Foods, employees who walked out on Sept. 30, spoke of the abuses and injustices they and their fellow employees claimed they experienced working at the Azteca Foods factory.

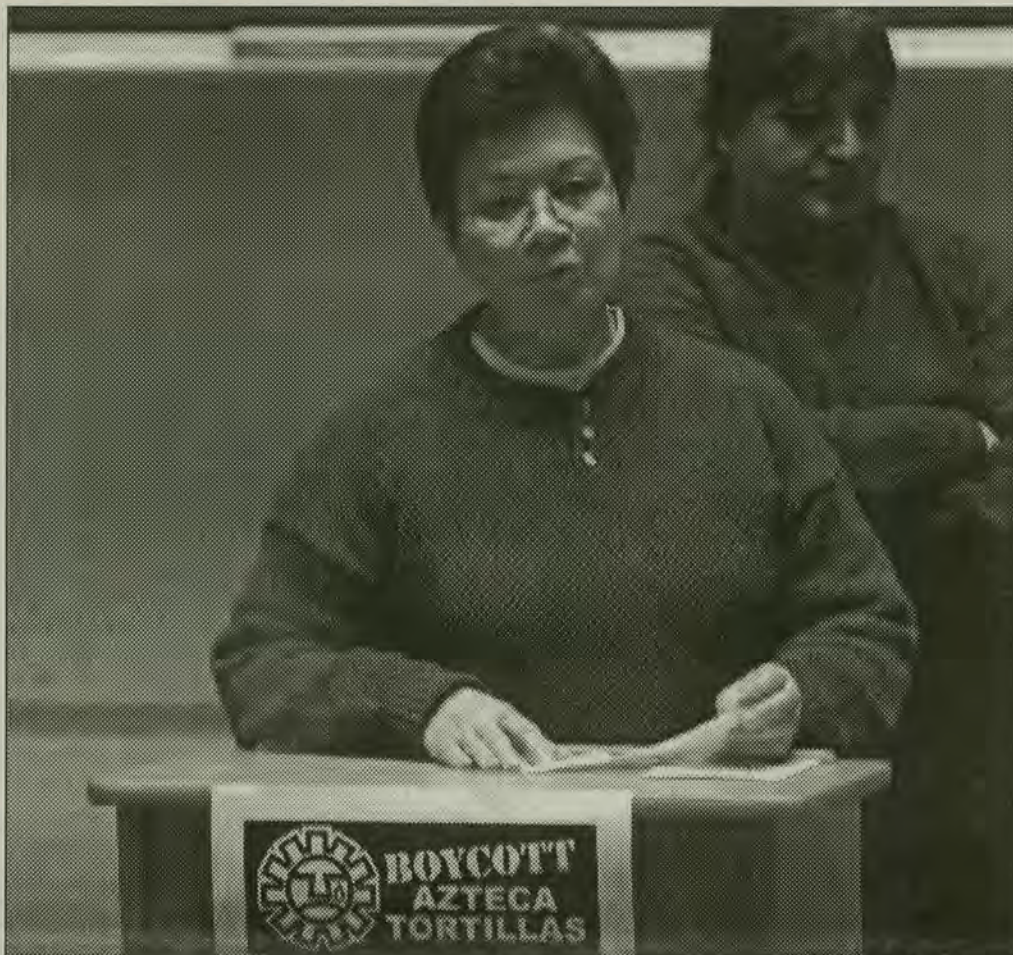
Azteca Foods, a tortilla company that boasts of producing "3 million tortillas a day," is owned by Art Velasquez, a Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Velasquez is said to have made the comment that his company "is the best paid tortilla company in the nation," while his workers are being paid \$9 to 10.75 an hour, said Leah Freed, a representative of United Electrical Workers Union. The annual revenues for Azteca are approximately to \$33 million, while labor costs is less than 10 percent, Freed said.

Azteca employees said that while the company is making millions, they struggle to make ends meet — with many working almost daily overtime. Bollina regularly worked 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, often under verbally abusive supervisors and hostile work conditions. Although almost all of the employees speak Spanish, Azteca Foods refuses to translate their proposals or the bargaining meetings said Freed.

"It's an ugly place, it's hot in there and there is metal everywhere," Bonilla said through a translator. "In the summer we are very sweaty, some faint because they can not leave to get water."

Freed said Azteca Foods wants to "cut take-home pay up to 32 cents an hour by increasing health insurance costs by up to 700 percent, while offering raises of 5 cents to most



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Maria Montes speaks to students as Josefina Bonilla looks on at the presentation given Tuesday by workers and union representatives. The group asked for a boycott of Azteca Foods products.

workers. ... When you're only making \$9 .32 an hour, [this] is a lot."

Freed said the company also wants to remove seniority rights, make cuts on job protection and ban union leaflets from the company property.

"Someone who graduated from this prestigious university, I [didn't] think he could act this way," Bollina said.

Freed said that after four months of negotia-

tions it was fair to say the workers have not made any progress with Velasquez.

Two weeks into the strike, the union called for a national boycott of all Azteca Foods tortillas and chips. An audience member said Reckers, an on-campus restaurant, serves tortillas chips that are made from Azteca.

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Faculty members speak against war in Iraq

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As thousands of U.S. troops amass in the Middle East poised to invade Iraq, Notre Dame faculty members circulated a petition calling for a diplomatic solution to the international crisis.

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, a professor of biology and philosophy, wrote the petition in support of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' open letter to President Bush last fall. That document called on the Bush administration to "step back from the brink of war" and urged "moral limits on the use of military force."

The faculty petition also calls for the use of diplomatic channels, broad international support, convincing evidence and the implementation of Catholic just-war doctrine.

"Being a Catholic university, we wanted to make it clear that the Church is on

the side of peace," Shrader-Frechette said.

The number of full-time faculty who have signed the petition is "in the hundreds," she said, without specifying how many of the 760 full-time faculty members at Notre Dame signed the petition. "We've had good responses from people all over campus," Shrader-Frechette said, emphasizing the document's popularity in the English, theology, sociology, and philosophy departments.

Shrader-Frechette said the solution to the brewing conflict lies in strengthened inspections by U.N. personnel. "There should be a multilateral agreement with multinational forces," she said. "We should make sure that Iraqi scientists can

speak to the U.N. alone."

While calling for more inspectors, Shrader-Frechette cast doubts on the president's claims that Iraq retains weapons of mass destruction.

"Saddam Hussein doesn't have nuclear weapons, and he couldn't have them for a long time," she said. She also criticized

U.S. policy on weapons of mass destruction as hypocritical, claiming the Pentagon unleashed biochemical agents on unsuspecting Americans. "The U.S. government continues to experiment with chemical and biological warheads on its own citizens without their knowledge," Shrader-

"It's not national security that runs this country, it's vested interests."

Kristin Shrader-Frechette
biology and philosophy professor

Frechette said.

Shrader-Frechette also called for campaign finance reform, characterizing the Bush administration as beholden to political donors.

"It's not national security that runs this country, it's vested interests," she said. "Thomas Jefferson would say that we've become like the worst part of corrupt Europe."

The Bush administration's war plans hit speed bumps recently, as France, Belgium and Germany blocked NATO plans for the defense of Turkey in the event of an Iraqi reprisal against that country.

According to U.S. defense officials, some 150,000 troops will be in position in the Persian Gulf region by week's end. They will join four Navy battle groups, each with a complement of 5,000 personnel and 75 warplanes.

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Items stolen from pub

By AMANDA ROTHEY
News Writer

Fiddler's Hearth, the popular downtown Irish pub, has experienced several incidents of theft this winter, the owners said.

Among the stolen items are family heirlooms and collector's pieces ripped from the walls of the restaurant.

Owner Carol Meehan noted an increase in stealing since the Notre Dame-Boston College football game on Nov. 2, 2002, when a circa-1870 photograph of the Notre Dame Crew team on St. Mary's Lake disappeared. In subsequent weeks, more items vanished, including a picture of Meehan's father-in-law as a young boy in South Bend and a receipt from the Bank of Scotland.

Meehan removed many of the more valuable items from the walls. Items that remained were secured with glue.

"I began gluing things to the wall, so that they could not be taken very easily," said Meehan. "But soon after that, we lost another picture that someone had pulled off the wall, taking some of the plaster along with it."

In one particular incident, several items were taken from an area where a group of young people had spent the evening, including the receipt from the Bank of Scotland, a family photograph and a bronze plaque emblazoned with a Celtic cross.

As the group left, a bartender noticed the plaque partially hidden in the coat of a young woman. The bartender followed the woman outside and recovered the plaque for the restaurant.

Meehan expressed her dismay at the disappearance of the items and the effect the thefts have on the pub's atmosphere.

"We enjoy having young people here who like the slower atmosphere we provide. It's unfortunate that a few bad apples can spoil things for the bunch," Meehan said.

Terry Meehan, co-owner of Fiddler's Hearth, said the items should be returned and any of the stolen items would be accepted willingly with no questions asked.

"These things have been in our family for a long time and we'd just like to see them again," Terry Meehan said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Lone star Yankee misses Texas

As I look out my window on the barren Indiana tundra, I can just barely make out the trees through the blowing snow. I know it's just another winter night in South Bend, but I can't help but think of a few little words:

Matt Bramanti

Wire Editor

I miss Texas. That's right, I'm from Texas. I say things like "y'all" and "dadgum," and I call carbonated beverages "cokes." I learned how to drive in a big ol' Suburban and I know that the Astrodome really is the eighth Wonder of the World. I listen to country music, I love hot peppers and I voted for George Dubya Bush.

I like to think my folks raised me to deal with whatever comes my way, but it's not easy being a Texas exile up here. When I wear my cowboy boots, I get funny looks, and a certain friend of mine says I "look like a four-year-old kid." When someone comes into my room, I cringe and wait for the inevitable question: "Why do all you people have Texas flags?" And God forbid I should cheer for my hometown Houston Texans. There are just too many Yankees around for any of that stuff.

Now don't get me wrong, I have nothing against Yankees personally, it's just that there's a lot they don't know. They don't know how to make a Frito Pie. They don't know the lyrics to "Me and Billy the Kid" by Pat Green. They don't know how much fun it is to see a rodeo with 55,000 of your closest friends.

But as much as it pains me to write this, some Yankee mannerisms are beginning to rub off on me. After two and a half years at Notre Dame, I fear I'm becoming a pseudo-Yankee. It occurred to me over Christmas break. My little sister was all bundled up and shivering in the 60-degree "cold," while I was in a T-shirt, scoffing. If I'm offered a beer at home, I have to pause for a second, torn between a Shiner Bock and a Guinness. I've even noticed my "y'all" occasionally degenerate into "you guys." Let's just pray I don't stop missing the Texas blondes I've come to know and love.

All in all, I'm developing a split geographical personality. I've learned to deal with the bitter cold, the bland food, the generic music, the perpetually pajama-clad women. But every once in a while, worlds collide. When I'm in Houston, wearing my Notre Dame hat, I can feel the occasional evil eye. They're sniffing out a yankee. But I know that at some point this summer, when I go out to my car and the steering wheel is too hot to touch, I'll think of a few little words:

I miss Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at mbramant@nd.edu

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An official from the International Study Programs said a citation from The Boat Club bust will not immediately prevent a student from being accepted.	Information the CIA received suggests al-Qaida may attack this weekend.	British Petroleum makes a \$6.75 billion deal to acquire 50 percent of a Russian energy company.	David Ruccio calls for a respectful and rational debate about economics department split.	Check out Scene if you are still clueless as to what to get that special someone for Valentine's Day.	The Irish play St. John's tonight at 7 at the Joyce Center.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Deloitte and Touche Open House, McKenna Hall, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Film: Gaelic Football, LaFortune, Montgomery Theatre, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Lecture with Ted Koppel 2 p.m. at Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- ◆ Senate: Letter of nomination for Henry Scott, Notre Dame Room, 6 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Writing Center Tutors meeting, Noble Family Dining Hall, noon.
- ◆ Tax Assistance Program Training, Hagggar Colloge Center, 3 p.m.
- ◆ Irish Dance lessons, Madaleva Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ We Pray with Open Hands, Le Mans, 3:30 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- NDSP responds to car accident**
NDSP responded to a one car accident on Angela Blvd. Sunday. There were no injuries.
- Two cars collide**
Two cars collided Sunday on State Road 933. There were no injuries.
- Student loses earring**
A student reported losing her earring at Stepan Center on Sunday.
- NDSP tows student car**
A student's vehicle was towed for a parking violation Sunday at Hesburgh Center for International Studies.
- NDSP tows employee's vehicle**
A University employee's vehicle was towed at the Stadium for a parking violation Sunday.

Compiled from the NDSP blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Chicken in the pot soup, broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, pastabean Tuscan soup, BetsyFlan chicken breast, boulangere potatoes, cherry crisp, portobello and creamorzo, broccoli quiche, scrambled eggs with cheese, raisin bread French toast, fried potato skins

Today's Dinner: Oriental shrimp with noodles, vegetable eggrolls, Chinese steamed rice, chicken taco, honey glazed ham, cherry crisp, rabat vegetables, scrambled eggs with cheese, French toast sticks, fried rice, couscous, broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, pastabean Tuscan soup

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chops, rotisserie chicken, winter-blend vegetables, boulangere potatoes, herb-baked pollock, wild rice pilaf with pine nuts, honey-orange glazed carrots, scalloped corn casserol, tangy grilled chicken sandwiches, steakhouse fries

Today's Dinner: Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, cauliflower au gratin, zum zum potato salad, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, parslid potatoes, rice valencienne, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork loin, BBQ chicken, soft pretzels

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Mexican black bean stew, pasta, marinara, roasted cauliflower, Caribbean portobello wrap, sautéed fajitas, grilled hamburgers, turkey strollers, fishwich sandwich, French fries, French dip sandwich, curly French fries, green beans, roasted turkey

Today's Dinner: Chickpea and walnut empanada, roasted pepper quesadilla, baked ziti ratatouille, pasta, pasta bar, rotisserie style greek chicken, confetti rice, home style vegetables, ranch pizza with bacon, cheese pizza, bread sticks, warm bread pudding, white cake with fudge icing

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	HIGH 22 LOW 10	HIGH 18 LOW 5	HIGH 25 LOW 20	HIGH 33 LOW 15	HIGH 27 LOW 12	HIGH 30 LOW 22

Citations won't affect most abroad programs

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Though reports regarding student citations issued in the Jan. 24 raid of The Boat Club have been forwarded from the Office of Residence Life and Housing to the London Program and the Office of International Study Programs, officials from both departments said such a citation would not necessarily prevent a student from being admitted to or participating in an abroad program.

Students cited from the bar bust were sent letters Jan. 29 instructing them to appear for disciplinary conferences.

The Office of International Study Programs (ISP) said it was notified early this week about the citations, but declined to say exactly what type of information it received.

"We have received word," said Thomas Bogenschild, Notre Dame's director of international study programs. "We are in ongoing discussion with Student Affairs."

Bogenschild said it is typical for his office to maintain constant contact with Residence Life regarding students' disciplinary records before and after the application deadlines.

Meanwhile, officials from the London Program declined to comment on whether their office had been in contact with the Residence Life regarding The Boat Club citations.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to say whether we have or not," said Anastasia Gutting, director of the London Program, over e-mail. "Such [disciplinary] matters are handled on a case-by-case basis."

Gutting did not say how a recent citation might affect a student on the London Program wait list.

She did not return phone calls seeking further comment

on the matter.

Letters regarding initial acceptance and wait list decisions for the London Program were mailed to students on Jan. 29. Students contacted by The Observer who had been cited at The Boat Club and who had applied to study-abroad programs declined

interview requests.

Because many students apply to London, Australia and Dublin, Bogenschild said his office makes decisions regarding the Dublin and Australia programs first so that students receive notification from the London Program and ISP around the same time. The director expected decisions for the remaining programs to be finalized shortly. "They should be complete in about two weeks," he said.

While Bogenschild said that

his office can suspend an acceptance for a study abroad program, he stressed that ISP will consider such applications individually and pay attention to such problems, although Bogenschild said such problems would not necessarily prevent a student from studying abroad.

Regarding Boat Club citations specifically, Bogenschild said the same policy would apply.

"It in itself probably isn't going to prevent someone from going," he said. "It's part of a larger picture," he said.

Bogenschild also said that the only issue that automatically prevents a student from participating in ISP is disciplinary probation.

Gutting said disciplinary probation was not the only matter that automatically precluded a student from participating in the London Program, but did not say what those other issues were.

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SPORTS FOR CHARITY

LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS

Team Standings	POINTS
1. Keough/Welsh Family	2215
2. O'Neill/Lyons	1704
3. Adams/McGinn	1429
4. Dillon/Lewis	1424
5. Knott/PE	1421
6. Stanford/Howard/Regina	1137
7. Siegfried/PW	870
8. Sorin/Walsh/McCandless	866
9. St. Ed's/Paisley/Kennan	790
10. Morrissey/BP/Cavanaugh	725
11. Fisher/Pangborn/Holy Cross	523
12. Carroll/Badin/LeMans	524

EVENT CHAMPIONS

Co. Rec Volleyball	O'Neill/Lyons
3 on 3 Basketball - Men's	Keough/Welsh Family
3 on 3 Basketball - Women's	Keough/Welsh Family
Nerf Football	Adams/McGinn
Water Polo	Morrissey/BP/Cavanaugh
Inner Tube Water Polo	Keough/Welsh Family
Target Soccer	Dillon/Lewis
Target Golf	Dillon/Lewis
Co-Rec Basketball	O'Neill/Lyons
Kickball	O'Neill/Lyons
Racquetball Singles - Men's	Knott/PE
Racquetball Singles - Women's	Fisher/Pangborn/Holy Cross
Kayaking	Stanford/Howard/Regina
Monster Dodgeball	Team 1: Stanford/Howard/Regina Knott/PE Sorin/Walsh/McCandless Siegfried/PW Dillon/Lewis O'Neill/Lyons
Table Tennis	Knott/PE
LNO Obstacle Course	O'Neill/Lyons

GRAPHIC/Mike Harkins

Dorms competed Friday in various sports events for the annual Late Night Olympics. Keough Hall and Welsh Family Hall accumulated the highest point totals. Money from the event is donated to the Special Olympics.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **was afraid of getting eaten alive.** So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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Summer Employment

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC), at Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame, is seeking individuals to work in the 2003 summer day camp program, June 5 through August 1 and August 11-21. If you are 18 years or older, enjoy children, and have experiences with preschool and/or primary children ages 5-10, please contact one of the numbers below for further information and an application.



Early Childhood Development Center, Inc.

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(ECDC-ND)

Logo Contest!

As part of a new Notre Dame "legend."

The Student Activities Office is accepting logo designs for the new **"LEGENDS"** (formerly SENIOR BAR).

\$200 prize for the winning design, and the designer's photo and logo will be displayed at the new "Legends." (Must be a Notre Dame student to submit a design.)

Deadline for submitting logo designs is **Friday, February 21.** Drop off entries to the Student Activities Office, 315 LaFortune. For additional information, contact the Student Activities Office, 631-7308.

Columbia tape released

◆ Conversations offer insight into Columbia's last moments

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Engineers in Mission Control never lost their composure even as they lost hope that space shuttle Columbia would make it safely home.

Conversations between the flight controllers, released Tuesday, suggest the engineers were waiting helplessly at Mission Control while Columbia came apart on the threshold of space, scattering debris across two states and killing seven astronauts.

Flight director Leroy Cain quickly shifted his attention from landing the craft at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to saving computer data that might help experts learn what destroyed shuttle.

Thirty minutes before the landing, Cain was concerned about which end of the Kennedy runway Columbia commander Rick Husband would use to guide the shuttle to landing, a relatively minor issue.

In fact, there was no hint of any problem until the final six or seven minutes of the flight when Jeff Kling, the maintenance, mechanical arm and crew systems officer, reported a sudden and unexplained loss of data from spacecraft sensors.

"I just lost four separate temperature transducers on the left side of the vehicle, the hydraulic return temperatures," Kling said. "Two of

them on system one and one in the ETES systems 10 and 3."

Cain quickly asked if there was anything common to the sensors and got bad news in reply. Kling said there was no commonality, suggesting there was a general failure instead of a single system.

Moments later, more bad news. Mike Sarafin, the guidance and navigation officer, announces Columbia's wing is encountering drag, or increased wind resistance.

Cain, still hopeful, asks if everything else is normal and Sarafin assures him, "I don't see anything out of the ordinary."

There is a short indistinct call from the spacecraft and, almost at the same time, Kling says the landing gear tires have lost pressure.

Capsule communicator Charlie Hobaugh, then addresses the spacecraft: "And Columbia, Houston, we see your tire pressure messages and we did not copy your last."

Husband's response — "Roger, huh." — is abruptly cut off. It is 7:59 a.m. CST.

In short order, flight controllers begin reporting a litany of bad news. There is evidence of small collisions on the tail, and signals are cutoff from the nose landing gear and from the right main landing gear. Then more sensors are lost and the drag increases to the

left.

Hobaugh begins a series of radio calls to Columbia. There is no response as the minutes tick down toward a planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center.

"MILA [the Kennedy spacecraft communication center] is not reporting any RF [radio frequency] at this time," says Bill Foster, a ground controller.

"OK," says Cain, who then asks hopefully when a radar signal was expected.

"I don't see anything out of the ordinary."

Mike Sarafin
guidance and navigation officer
on tapes released Tuesday

"One minute ago, flight," comes the response from Richard Jones, flight dynamics officer.

The communication checks continue. So does the silence. A radar station near the Kennedy center then says it is putting its radar in a "search mode."

"We do not have any valid data at this time," said Jones. He said there was a "blip" but it was bad data.

Then a long pause, a silence of despair. Then Cain says the final words, the phrase that marked the lack of hope: "Lock the doors."

This meant nobody could leave Mission Control or even make phone calls. For the next several hours, the engineers have to ignore the certain loss of the crew and store the data in their computers, finish reports and then write personal accounts of what they saw, heard and did Feb. 1.

Agent: Tyson found investigation

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A government agent testified Tuesday at the trial of Tyson Foods that the company discovered the undercover investigation that led to the immigrant smuggling charges against it.

Border Patrol agent Benito Maldonado, the government's lead undercover agent in the case, testified as the second week of the trial got under way.

Tyson managers are accused of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants to work on the production lines of the nation's largest poultry processor.

Maldonado described a telephone conversation with Keith Snyder, manager of Tyson's Noel, Mo., complex, that took place on July 12, 2000, four months after the two men met.

Maldonado said Snyder suddenly began asking if the

workers the undercover agent was delivering were illegal — a question that "totally contradicts" previous conversations the two men held.

Hours later, he testified, he learned that Tyson had discovered the government's undercover investigation, which had been under way almost three years.

Maldonado later testified under cross-examination that no one at the company directly asked him to smuggle workers before he first brought illegal immigrants to work at a plant.

"Did [former Tyson manager Robert] Sanford tell you should go to Mexico and direct you to smuggle workers?" Tyson attorney Tom Green asked.

"He did not use those words," Maldonado said.

Prosecutors have played hours of secretly recorded conversations between undercover agents and Tyson managers accused of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants.

Notre Dame MBA Entrepreneur Club Speaker Series

The Notre Dame community is invited to attend our speaker series this semester, held on Thursdays from 12:30-1:15 in COBA 162. Tom Suddes speaks this week. Contact cnemecek@nd.edu for more info.

- 2/13 Tom Suddes "Lifestyle Decisions facing Entrepreneurs"
- 2/27 James O'Brien "New Ventures and the Law"
- 3/20 Jim David "Disruptive Technology"
- 4/3 Mike Garatoni "Growing Kids Learning Center Start-up Process"
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QATAR

Bin Laden tape urges Iraq to attack Americans

Associated Press

DOHA

A raspy voice believed to be Osama bin Laden's urged Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks against Americans and draw U.S. troops into combat in Iraqi cities. U.S. officials said the call broadcast Tuesday proves the world must fear Saddam Hussein's ties to the al-Qaida terror network.

The appeal was made in a voice tape aired by the Al-Jazeera satellite television station throughout the Arab world and believed by U.S. officials to be authentic. It was broadcast as U.S. officials warned of devastating attacks within the United States and the Persian Gulf, where U.S. forces are massing for a possible attack against Iraq.

"This nexus between terrorists and states that are developing weapons of mass destruction can no longer be looked away from and ignored," Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Budget Committee.

Some analysts wondered at bin Laden's motives for issuing a statement supporting Iraq, given many countries' skepticism of U.S. allegations of Iraqi-al-Qaida links. Others worried the recording would inflame

Muslims against U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region.

On the tape, broadcast on the first day of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha, the speaker advised Iraqis how to fight the Americans, based on al-Qaida's experience in Afghanistan.

"We stress the importance of martyrdom operations against the enemy, these attacks that have scared Americans and Israelis like never before," the man identified as bin Laden said.

"We advise about the importance of drawing the enemy into long, close and exhausting fighting, taking advantage of camouflaged positions in plains, farms, mountains and cities," he said.

The speaker urged the Iraqis to draw the Americans into urban combat, saying "the thing that the enemy fears the most is to fight a city war."

U.S. military planners fear Saddam might ring Baghdad with his best troops of the elite Republican Guard and draw U.S. forces into bloody street fighting where they could not use their high-tech weapons for fear of causing massive civilian casualties.

The speaker also told Iraqis not to worry about American smart bombs and laser-guided weapons because "they work on only the clear, obvious targets." He encouraged Iraqis to use



Agence France Presse

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher speak to al-Jazeera anchorman Jamil Azar Tuesday after the broadcast of an audio tape allegedly made by Osama Bin Laden. In the tape, bin Laden called for suicide attacks and urban warfare from Iraq.

deception techniques to neutralize American technological superiority.

Some Middle East experts have questioned ties between bin Laden's Islamic extremists

and Saddam's government, which nominally adheres to a Pan-Arabic socialistic doctrine called Baathism.

In the tape, however, the speaker said it was acceptable

for Muslims to fight on behalf of Iraqi "socialists" because "in these circumstances" their interests "intersect in fighting against the Crusaders," or Christians.

CIA director warns al-Qaida may attack this week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Intelligence information suggests al-Qaida attacks may occur as early as this week in both the United States and on the Arabian peninsula, CIA Director George J. Tenet told Congress on Tuesday.

The information led to last week's raising of the national terror alert level to "orange," the second highest level of five. The information came from "multiple sources with strong al-Qaida ties," Tenet said without providing details.

"The intelligence is not idle chatter on the part of terrorists and their associates," Tenet said. "It is the most specific we have seen, and it is consistent with

both our knowledge of al-Qaida's doctrine and our knowledge of plots this network — and particularly its senior leadership — has been working on for years."

The information pointing to imminent attacks was gathered both in the United States and overseas, said FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III, who joined Tenet and other intelligence chiefs to brief the Senate Intelligence Committee in an annual public session on threats to national security.

The CIA director said the information suggests the attack may involve a "dirty bomb" — a weapon that spreads radioactive material over a wide area — or chemical or poison weapons. Officials last week worried the attack was timed to coincide with the hajj, a Muslim holy period this week.

But Mueller and Tenet said the U.S. government has no specific information pointing conclusively to where, when, or how terrorists would strike. They said raising the national alert level — and taking security measures at government and business centers — makes it more difficult for the terrorists to carry out an attack.

Tenet had little information Tuesday morning on a new audio message attributed to Osama bin Laden, which aired later in the day. Some previous recordings of the al-Qaida chief have served as a prelude to terrorist attacks.

The CIA chief also repeated many of Secretary of State Colin Powell's statements last week to the United Nations regarding Iraq's efforts to acquire chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, and

linking al-Qaida supporters to the Iraqi government. Tenet said the key link between Baghdad and al-Qaida is Abu Musab Zarqawi, a senior associate of bin Laden.

About two dozen of Zarqawi's followers remain in Baghdad, where Zarqawi spent two months last summer. All are members of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist group that has merged with al-Qaida, Tenet said. But he said he has no evidence suggesting Iraq has any operational control over Zarqawi's group or al-Qaida.

Echoing Bush administration policymakers, Tenet and the other intelligence chiefs offered little hope that U.N. inspections would prompt Iraq to disarm, saying Saddam is intent upon and capable of circumventing the inspections.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Papal envoy urges Saddam to cooperate:

A French cardinal came to Baghdad on Tuesday with a personal message from Pope John Paul II for Saddam Hussein, to urge the president to work more closely with the United Nations and its arms inspectors to give peace a better chance in Iraq. Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, landing at Saddam International Airport, said he also had a message for all the world's political leaders — that war "would be the worst solution."

14 pilgrims trampled during hajj ritual:

A human stampede erupted during the devil-stoning ritual at the hajj Tuesday, killing 14 people in the latest tragedy to darken the annual Muslim pilgrimage. The ritual, where hundreds of thousands file past stone pillars representing the devil's temptations, has been the scene of lethal bottlenecks in the past. The stampede occurred after a group of pilgrims finished the ritual and left the site as another group was entering.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Powell: NATO risks breakup over Iraq:

Addressing a historic rift within NATO, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday the future of the 53-year-old military alliance is at risk if it fails to confront the crisis with Iraq. Distressed by the refusal of three U.S. allies to agree to bolster Turkey's defenses, Powell told the Senate Budget Committee that it is not the United States that is fracturing NATO by seeking support for the option of war to disarm Iraq.

Majority would get smallpox vaccine:

Michael Tharett represents the majority view when she says she would probably get smallpox vaccinations for herself and her child if the vaccine were to become available. More than half of U.S. adults say they would get vaccinated, and six in 10 parents say they would want vaccinations for their children, an Associated Press poll found.

Witness testifies woman ran over husband:

The prosecution's final witness used toy cars Tuesday to show jurors what he remembered seeing: Clara Harris repeatedly ramming her Mercedes-Benz into her adulterous husband in a hotel parking lot. Punctuating his testimony with sounds of squealing tires and crashing metal, Oscar Torres gave an eyewitness account in Harris' murder trial, the last witness to appear before closing arguments Wednesday. "He was mauled and he was gasping for air," Torres said of David Harris.

Mo. death row inmate to get new trial:

The state Supreme Court on Tuesday unanimously overturned a convicted killer's death sentence, saying his lawyer failed to pursue evidence that would have cast doubt on his guilt. Based largely on the testimony of one witness, Danny Wolfe was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder for robbing and killing Leonard and Lena Walters in February 1997.

Tuition increases hit students nationwide

Associated Press

Cash-strapped states from coast to coast are weighing hefty tuition increases for public colleges and universities, prompting experts to wonder aloud if state schools are pricing themselves out of the market for most students.

"This trend is going to catch up with the middle class at some point," said Barmak Nassirian, an analyst with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

With most states unable to cover their expenses, tuition increases have been imposed midway through this academic year by several states including Maryland, Oregon and California.

Vermont, Hawaii, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, New York and Utah are among the states that have already adopted or are considering tuition hikes at public institutions for the fall semester.

The budget woes have been especially painful for University of Oregon junior Rachel Pilliod, who may forego her senior year if an additional tuition hike is imposed next fall. Students at Oregon this year have already faced tuition increases of \$10 per credit hour for the winter and spring terms. That's more than \$100 per term for a full-time student.

"I'm ahead on my credits so I can graduate with the bare minimum for a degree. That's graduating without honors and that's graduating without the classes that will fully develop me," said Pilliod, a self-described middle-class student who has assumed most of the cost of her own education. "The real determining factor will be my ability to pay for school next year."

If she can't afford the extra classes, Pilliod fears it will affect her chances of getting into graduate school.

The tuition increases at Oregon and elsewhere come in an academic year when tuition at four-year public institutions

jumped by an average of 9.6 percent, according to the annual survey of college costs released last October by the College Board, the owner of the SAT exam.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reported in a study released Tuesday that students at public, four-year colleges in 16 states were hit with tuition hikes of more than 10 percent for this academic year.

One expert sees no end in sight.

"Just about every state out there, except for a couple, is dealing with significant budgets shortages," said Julie Bell, the education program director with the National Conference of State Legislators. "And almost every state is looking at higher education either through a budget cut or a tuition increase."

Of course, the specific financial picture for education varies from state to state. Overall, the College Board found that students at public four-year colleges this year paid an average of \$9,663 for tuition, fees, room and board.

Each tuition hike, said Christopher Davis, a spokesman for the Washington-based Council for Opportunity in Education, sends a "message of discouragement" to low-income students.

"We spend most of our time telling them that college is within reach," said Davis, whose organization promotes educational opportunities for low income and disabled students. "And every time we turn around, every semester the fees keep going up."

For many students, staying home to attend more-affordable community colleges is the alternative to covering tuition increases with student loans.

After tuition rose at the larger universities in Kansas last year, enrollment at Cowley Community College in Arkansas City rose by 19 percent. "Generally, when the economy is in the tank we flourish," said Stu Osterthun, a school spokesman, encountering their own budget woes.

Shuttle investigation expands

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston
The head of the space shuttle inquiry said Tuesday he has the best investigators in the country to figure out what caused the Columbia crash and is confident the mystery will be solved. But one of those experts cautioned the scope of the disaster is the biggest any of them has ever seen.

"Looking at the complexity of this, it is huge. It is one of the biggest debris fields that I think any of us have ever seen," said Navy Rear Adm. Stephen Turcotte, who as commander of the Naval Safety Center is responsible for investigating every aviation mishap in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Thousands of pieces of debris have been found in a 500-mile area across Louisiana and Texas. The search is expected to take at least several more weeks.

The head of the investigation board, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., said the panel was still collecting data and hasn't ruled out any potential cause. He said no debris has been recovered west of Fort Worth, Texas.

"We don't have proof, but we have reason to believe that we should keep looking west of Fort Worth," Gehman said in the board's first full news conference since taking over the investigation from NASA last week. He said NASA is tapping into military and weather radar to try to pinpoint wreckage.

Debris found west of Fort Worth could be extremely important because it would help investigators understand how and when Columbia started breaking apart as it aimed for a Florida touchdown the morning of Feb. 1. All seven astronauts

aboard were killed when Columbia broke apart at an altitude of more than 200,000 feet.

Air Force Maj. Gen. John Barry, a board member, noted there was no "black box" aboard Columbia, as there is on every airliner. Instead, each shuttle has "on the order of 4,000 sensors that we're going to be able to take advantage of."

Gehman renewed NASA's request that amateurs turn over any photos and video of the shuttle as it flew over the United States. Those pictures, along with telemetry data and radar, will enable experts to build "a stereoscopic mosaic of the shuttle as it came across the sky."

NASA released tapes of the final conversations between Mission Control in Houston and the shuttle crew. The tapes include the final communication from spacecraft commander

Rick Husband, whose is abruptly cut off, and the calm demeanor of the flight controller as he slowly realizes the shuttle is in trouble.

Separately, NASA also said officials from Johnson Space Center called experts at its Langley research facility in Hampton, Va., on Jan. 27 to ask what might happen if the shuttle's tires were not inflated during a landing attempt.

NASA spokesman Keith Henry said the question was based on assumptions that damage to the shuttle's thermal protection system would cause the tires to deflate. The Langley experts said such a failure could cause broad damage to the shuttle's tires to comment on what impact or debris tests might be performed, saying: "We don't have favorite theories. We're pursuing everything."


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Thursday, February 06 ~ LaFortune Ballroom 7:30 pm
Author of *Loyal Sons and Daughters of Notre Dame: A Memoir of Notre Dame*, co-sponsored by Cavanaugh Coffeehouse, featuring the music of female a cappella group Harmonia, book signing, and refreshments

NIKKI GIOVANNI
Saturday, February 08 ~ Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza COBA, 7:30 pm
Poet of *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea and Love Poems*, introductory remarks by ND head football coach Ty Willingham
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JOE GARDEN
Monday, February 10 ~ Washington Hall, 7:30 pm
One of founding fathers of *The Onion*, introductory remarks by ND professor of art Robert Sedlack
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Tuesday, February 11 ~ Washington Hall 7:30 pm
Author of *Domers*, reception in LaFortune Ballroom featuring the music of male a cappella group The Undertones

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MARKET RECAP

Market Watch February 11

Dow Jones	7,843.11	↓	-77.00
NASDAQ	1,295.46	↓	-1.22
S&P 500	829.20	↓	-6.77
AMEX	812.95	↓	-1.00
NYSE	4,708.69	↓	-24.08

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	+0.54	+0.13	24.15
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.43	+0.32	13.47
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.46	+0.07	15.34
SDPR TRUST SER (SPY)	-0.69	-0.58	83.43
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.36	+0.16	11.91

ND accounting team goes extreme

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

A team of five Notre Dame students did it to the extreme — accounting that is.

The group participated in PricewaterhouseCoopers' inaugural eXtremeTAX learning experience and finished first out of four Notre Dame teams, going on to receive honorable mention at the national level, according to Craig Oliver, a sophomore on the team.

In addition to Oliver, Notre Dame's winning team included sophomore Jason Kingery, junior Mark Bellantoni, senior Andrew Van Cura, graduate student Matthew Fumagalli and faculty advisor James Wittenbach, an accounting professor.

The program, called xTAX for short, was implemented in 21 universities around the United States by the international accounting firm and was designed to give college students a perspective on real world tax policy work, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers' press release.

The contest required students to develop a tax policy case study on Panadrevia, a fictitious country with economic issues similar to those of former Soviet republics. Teams needed to address and suggest ways of implementing solu-

tions to problems plaguing the nation's economy, including an exodus of youth, an aging population, stagnant industries, defense issues and declining tourism.

"This isn't your typical competition," said Tyrene Federick, a tax public relations manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. "It's designed to get students to think outside the box. There is no right answer."

Representatives from PricewaterhouseCoopers visited the 21 participating universities during November and December to review teams' presentations. The four Notre Dame teams presented their proposals in front of six to eight judges from the accounting firm at the McKenna Hall and engaged in question and answer sessions. The presentations were video taped. Judges selected a winning team from each school and their tapes were judged at the national level.

"We focused on changing the tax structure and creating more industry growth," Oliver said. "At the same time we wanted to increase tourism but not decrease defense funding."

The group criticized Panadrevia's existing personal income tax and corporate tax systems as too high. They recommended introducing a lower, graduated tax rate at the individual

and corporate level, adding a nationwide income tax and launching a social security program to service the aging population. For improving tourism, the team not only suggested a more aggressive, visual advertising campaign, they passed out sample brochures.

Fumagalli attributed the team's success to the diverse talent of the individual members and their ability to work together well. As a graduate student who had worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers, Fumagalli did the bulk of the research while Van Cura spearheaded work on the presentation graphics.

"The rest of the guys were phenomenal," Fumagalli said. "I was really impressed."

Wittenbach, the team's advisor, was available for feedback and guidance but also let the students take control, according to Oliver.

"He was really helpful," he said. "He took sort of a detached role. He didn't help us with the presentation or anything along that line."

According to Federick, the first run of xTAX was very successful. PricewaterhouseCoopers plans to increase participation in next year's event, she said.

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IN BRIEF

Greenspan warns Congress on deficits

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan dealt a blow Tuesday to President Bush's drive for new tax cuts, saying he did not believe the economy needed further stimulus and warning Congress to be "very careful" to keep budget deficits from exploding. Greenspan, who two years ago lent critical support to Bush's first round of \$1.35 trillion in tax cuts, threw cold water on the new \$1.3 trillion package. Bush is seeking \$670 billion in accelerated tax cuts and elimination of taxes on stock dividends as part of a stimulus program. The rest of the package is devoted to making the 2001 tax cuts permanent. They are now due to expire after 2010.

Panel OKs Donaldson for SEC vote

The Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday approved the nomination of Wall Street investment banker William Donaldson to head the Securities and Exchange Commission. He has promised to work to rebuild investor confidence. The panel's voice vote action cleared the way for approval by the full Senate, possibly this week. Donaldson, 71, a former New York Stock Exchange chairman with ties to the Bush family, will replace lame-duck SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt. Pitt, the Bush administration's first SEC chief, resigned under fire in early November after a series of political missteps amid last year's wave of corporate scandals. Senators of both parties have been impatient to see him replaced.

Tokyo stocks higher, dollar climbs

Tokyo stocks opened moderately higher Wednesday morning after the yen weakened, raising hopes of higher profits for blue-chip exporters. The dollar rose against the Japanese yen. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average climbed 29.85 points, or 0.35 percent, to 8,514.78 at Wednesday's open. On Monday, the average rose 36.77 points, or 0.44 percent, to close at 8,484.93, which enforces EU competition laws.

◆ Acquires 50 percent share in Russian

Associated Press

LONDON

British energy group BP PLC said Tuesday it plans to pay \$6.75 billion for a 50 percent stake in a major new Russian company, pinning its hopes for growth on that country's vast resources of oil and gas.

BP and its Russian partners — Alfa Group and Access-Renova — have agreed to combine their interests in Russia to create a new company with 5.2 billion barrels in oil reserves and daily crude production of 1.2 million barrels. The new venture would be Russia's third-largest energy business, with stakes in five refineries and 2,100 retail outlets, BP said.

The deal is one of the largest ever by a Western company in post-communist Russia, and it marks a major strategic move by BP into an energy-rich nation it almost abandoned after a commercial dispute.

"BP's made a very bold move with this deal. It's got a lot of opportunities, but I do think it's long term," said Jason Kenney, an analyst at ING Barings Charterhouse Securities in Edinburgh, Scotland.

BP, Alfa Group and Access-Renova plan to pool their shares in the Russian energy business-



Reuters

British Petroleum Vice President Robert Dudley listens to TNK Chairman Viktor Vekselberg during a Tuesday news conference in Moscow.

es TNK and Sidanco to form the new company. The new company will include exploration interests in Siberia and Sakhalin Island in Russia's Far East.

BP plans to invest \$3 billion in cash on completion of the deal, plus three subsequent annual installments of \$1.25 billion worth of BP shares.

"We believe this to be a

great moment in the history of BP and of TNK/Sidanco and, indeed, an important milestone in the history of the industry," said BP chief executive Lord John Browne.

He described the agreement as "a major strategic step into a country with massive oil and gas reserves and immense potential for future growth."

Kenney compared the deal to the pioneering efforts of oil companies in Europe's North Sea in the 1970s. BP would enjoy advantages — and face the risks — of being a "first mover" in a country that many foreign oil companies still view as a frontier for investment.

"It's a pretty big bet," Spedding added.

Government had clues before Okla. City attack

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two federal law enforcement agencies had information before the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing suggesting that white supremacists living nearby were considering an attack on government buildings, but the intelligence was never passed on to federal officials in the state, documents and interviews show.

FBI headquarters officials in Washington were so concerned that white separatists at the Elohim City compound in Muldrow, Okla., might lash out on April 19, 1995 — the day Timothy McVeigh did choose — that a month earlier they questioned a reformed white supremacist familiar with an earlier plot to bomb the same Alfred P. Murrah federal building McVeigh selected.

"I think their only real concern back then was Elohim City," said Kerry Noble, the witness questioned by the FBI on March 28, 1995 — just a few weeks before McVeigh detonated a truck bomb outside the building and killed more than 160 people.

Noble told The Associated Press that his FBI questioners appeared particularly concerned about what Elohim City members might do on April 19 because one of their heroes, Wayne Snell, was being executed that day and another, James Ellison, was returning to Oklahoma after ending parole in Florida.

FBI officials confirmed Noble's account, including concerns the group at Elohim City might strike on April 19.

Snell, Ellison and Noble had plotted to attack the Murrah building in 1983 with plastic explosives and rocket launchers, according to Noble and FBI officials. The plan never reached fruition and the group was arrested after a siege with law enforcement in 1985.

The FBI wasn't alone in its concerns, according to thousands of pages of federal investigative memos and handwritten notes obtained by AP, which portray government miscommunications that mirror the intelligence failures before the Sept. 11 attacks.

In the days before he was executed for a 1980s murder of a pawn broker, Snell began making threats from his Arkansas prison that there would be a bombing or explosion on April 19 to avenge his death, according to prison and FBI officials. He also had contact in his last days with members of Elohim City, who later took his remains back to their compound.

"Some of the corrections officers heard [Snell] in a visitors room talking with people, saying there would be a large explosion or event of some type. He said the immediate reaction would be to blame it on Middle Eastern types. This was prior," said Alan Ables, a former Arkansas corrections official.

Jeff Rosenzweig, Snell's death-row attorney, said Tuesday he does not believe his client knew of McVeigh's plot beforehand but that "Snell tended to talk in apocalyptic terms and certainly, frankly, I wouldn't doubt if Snell said something bad is going to happen."

Separately, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms had an informant inside Elohim City who had disclosed before the bombing that white supremacists were "preparing for a war against U.S. government." Other reports quoted

members of the compound discussing plans for "assassinations, bombings and mass shootings."

The government also had information suggesting that compound members had detonated a 500-pound fertilizer bomb like the one McVeigh would use and had visited Oklahoma City several times. The FBI could never verify the detonation.

The ATF informant would tell the FBI shortly after McVeigh's bombing that Elohim City members had specifically discussed targeting federal buildings in Oklahoma for "destruction through bombings."

But when ATF considered raiding Elohim City two months before McVeigh struck, the then-FBI agent in charge in Oklahoma, Bob Ricks, stopped the plan.

"I do remember I told them I didn't want another Waco on our hands," Ricks said, comparing the danger of a raid on Elohim City to the ill-fated ATF action on David Koresh's compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993. "At the time, they hadn't told me everything they apparently knew."

Neither law enforcement agency passed on any information or concerns to the agency that managed the federal buildings in Oklahoma City.

"We never received any warning of a specific threat against the Murrah building or any other building in Oklahoma," said Viki Reath, a spokeswoman for the General Services Administration that manages federal buildings.

Federal investigators said that while they had concerns, they had no information before April 19 about a specific target and had not even heard of McVeigh until his arrest, making it impossible to issue a useful warning.

"ATF, as it has said before, never had any information or evidence beforehand about the attack on the Oklahoma City building," spokesman Andrew L. Llubes said Tuesday.

Agents said they had concerns about the credibility of the informant and afterward investigated whether McVeigh received help from Elohim City and concluded there were no additional accomplices.

"We believe we conducted an exhaustive investigation that pursued every possible lead and ran it to ground," FBI spokesman Mike Kortan said. "We are confident that those who committed the crime have been brought to justice."

Elohim City — which means "City of God" in Hebrew — is located about three hours east of Oklahoma City, and the compound is dotted with rudimentary buildings that were frequented by leaders of the white supremacist movement in the 1990s.

The ATF agent who supervised the key informant inside Elohim City, disclosed in sealed court testimony in 1997 that she in fact had received information before McVeigh struck that federal buildings might be at risk.

The informant, Carol Howe, mentioned "threats to blow up federal buildings, didn't she?" a lawyer asked ATF agent Angela Finley Gram in sealed testimony reviewed by AP.

"In general, yes," Gram answered.

"And that was before the Oklahoma City bombing?" the lawyer asked.

"Yes," Gram answered. She said she considered the threats "general militia rhetoric" used frequently by members of Elohim City.

ATF documents show the informant provided agents with fragments of practice explosives detonated by Elohim City members and had suspicions about a possible target. "It is understood that ATF is the main enemy of the people of EC," one report states. ATF offices were in the building McVeigh struck.

Gram also disclosed that Howe provided, before McVeigh's attack, a copy of "The Turner Diaries," a book about a plot to blow up a federal building with a truck bomb that was circulating around Elohim City. Prosecutors later would contend the book inspired McVeigh's attack.

A former top law enforcement official said the documents from the ATF informant — whom the government later turned against and tried to prosecute unsuccessfully — provided plenty of detail to warrant action.

"They certainly should have taken some action," said Robert Sanders, who served as the ATF's No. 2 official in the 1980s and later reviewed documents on behalf of the Oklahoma City informant. "You had reliable information from a reliable informant."

Sanders said the whole case suffered from the same miscommunications and missed signs seen before Sept. 11. "It is the lack of coordination — intelligence going one way, and then going into a black hole," he said.

Dan Defenbaugh, the retired FBI agent who supervised the Oklahoma City bombing investigation, agreed. He said he doesn't recall ever being told

that his own Washington headquarters had debriefed Noble, the former white supremacist, about the earlier Murrah bombing plot or the suspicions of an attack on April 19.

"The biggest problem is we don't know what we know," Defenbaugh said. "I blame most of it on antiquated computers inside the bureau, which can't find information we need to have for investigations."

McVeigh's own trial attorney suspected McVeigh had received help from Elohim City, but the attorney failed to persuade a judge to allow the theory at trial — even after some of the ATF documents came to light.

The documents show evidence of miscommunications between the FBI and ATF, and within the agencies themselves.

For instance, ATF officials had evidence that the leader of the compound, Robert Millar, was among those inciting violence against the government in the weeks before McVeigh struck.

Millar "gave a sermon soliciting violence against the U.S. government" and "he brought forth his soldiers and instructed them to take whatever action necessary against the U.S. government," one ATF report from January 1995 said.

Millar made a trip to Oklahoma City about that time and on the day of McVeigh's bombing traveled to Arkansas to comfort Snell before his execution.

But ATF did not know that Millar was a "source" for the FBI

— someone who provided occasional information about the compound without getting paid. That information came out two years later in court testimony by an FBI agent.

The ATF also didn't know the FBI had concerns about the compound until an Oklahoma state trooper tipped the ATF in late February 1995 that the FBI also had an investigation on Elohim City.

Ricks said his FBI office in Oklahoma didn't have an ongoing investigation and he was unaware of the Washington FBI debriefing of Noble, the reformed white supremacist familiar with the earlier plot to blow up the Murrah building.

Noble said as soon as McVeigh struck he became certain there was a connection with the earlier plot.

"I don't see any other possibility, honestly. It is not a coincidence that he picked April 19, and even if it was, to pick the same building that we had picked? There are only a handful of people who knew about that," Noble said.

FBI officials said they suspected Millar was initially involved, but he cooperated with the investigation and was eventually ruled out as a suspect.

Millar died in 2001. His former attorney, Kirk Lyons, said he doubts his client had anything to do with McVeigh's attack and that Millar's fiery rhetoric was aimed more at uniting members at his compound than inciting violence. "He was trying to keep his followers together," Lyons said.

Though ATF agents had reports of dramatic threats against the government, they focused their investigation on making a gun violation case against a German citizen there, documents show.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2003

3:30 pm STAPLETON LOUNGE

A conversation with Sheila Provencher, who recently returned from a Pax Christi delegation to Iraq. An exhibit of some of her photos will accompany.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003

7:00 pm CARROLL AUDITORIUM

Background information on the conflict with Iraq from a variety of perspectives, to initiate an informed dialogue with the audience.

Moderator: Sr. Kathlee Dolphin, Director, Center for Spirituality

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Linda Berdayes- media coverage of the conflict
Joe Miller- the psychology of war-making
Jerry McElroy- the economic costs of war

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5:00 pm WEDGE ROOM OF THE DINING HALL

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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003

7:00 pm CARROLL AUDITORIUM

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels has been editor of *Commonwealth* from 1998.

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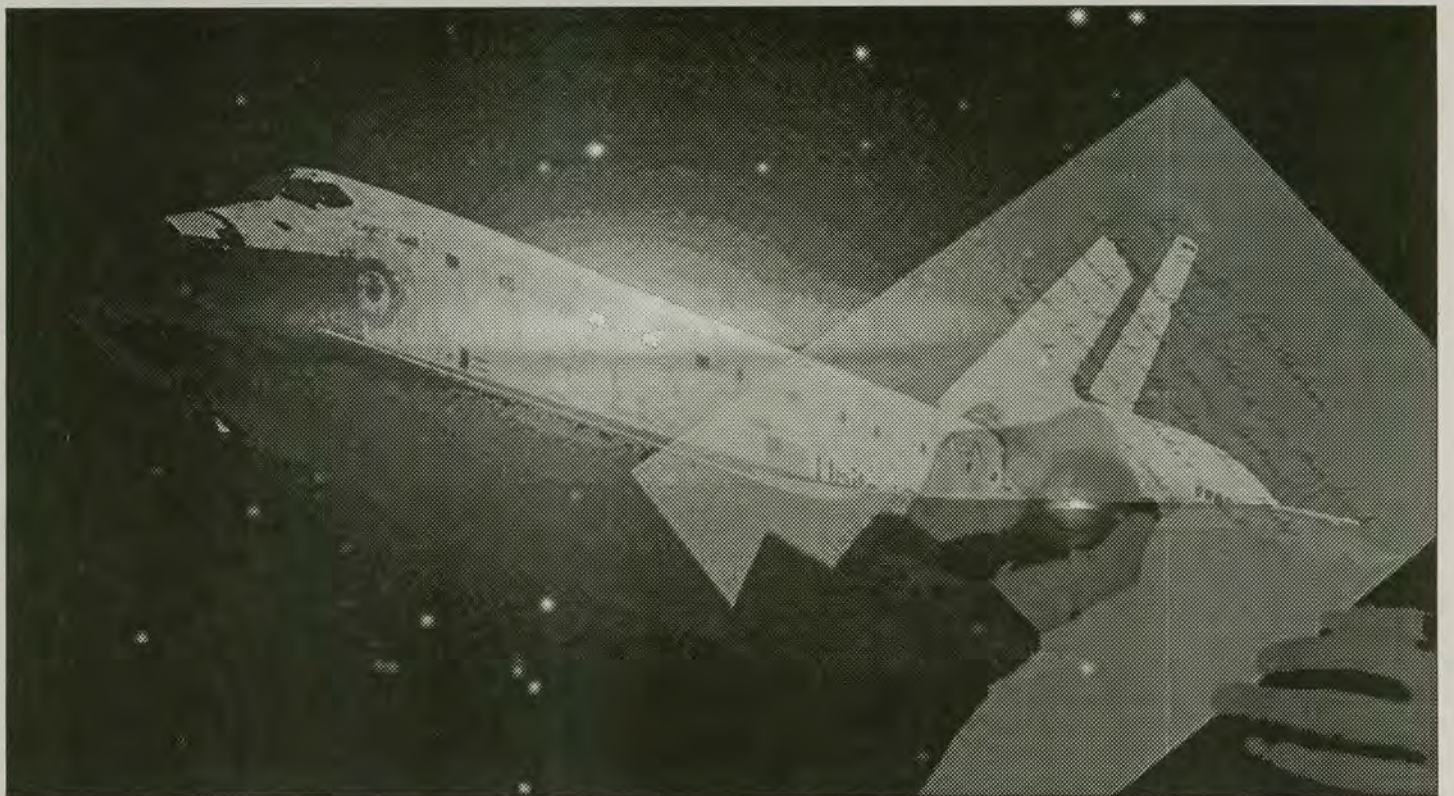
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A fictitious letter from the heavens to those left behind

My Dearest,
Writing a letter to you that can never be delivered, I know, may not come as any consolation after recent events. It doesn't bring me much consolation, either. I only write it for myself with the hope that somehow you will feel the presence that my message intends. I can't seem to explain it any other way. All you know is that I am lost and will never see me again. I am left with much the same sentiment having lost both you and the life we had together. But no matter what happens, I don't want you to worry about me.

Adam Cahill

*A Domer's
Outlook*

I know it is hard to understand my death, especially since I was within minutes of holding you in my arms when things went wrong. But, as much as my world revolved around my love for you, I have no regrets of the choices I made in life and the direction in which I led it. I knew the dangers that were involved when I volunteered for the astronaut corps and accepted them. In the end, we paid the ultimate price, but any confusion our crew might have felt upon our arrival at the gates was eased by a group of old friends who have gone through this before.

My darling, I've grown up with the idea that I was meant to make a difference in the world and I believe, now, that I have. In the 16 days I spent on the Columbia, I realize we were helping the world sail into unforeseen waters and doing it with our sails at

full mast. And sad though it may be, the deaths of my crew and I are making a difference around the world. Nations will mourn now, but things will only get better because of this.

The program must move forward, and hopefully the first Israeli man or Indian-born woman in space will not be the last. It's too important to world relations not to extend the necessary olive branch to all nations around the world.

I was part of a space exploration project that furthered people's understanding of God's plan. In my crew of seven, we have two women (one which was born in India), an African-American man, and the first Israeli in space. The Columbia was a guiding light of human liberties and world relations, and I was proud to be a part of her crew. The shuttle and others like it have brought the nations of the world together in concert with a common goal to improve humanity.

Sweetheart, there is a lot of noise in the world today. There is talk of war, disease and terrorism. But this much I know. If God's sacrifice of our lives can help soften the voices of hostility, I would die a thousand deaths to ease the suffering of mankind. I am certain that if the leaders of the world could have seen through my eyes the past 16 days, politics and partisanship would cease to exist. They just don't understand that the questions of power and ownership can be muted by a few inches of a space shuttle's window. God's power can be spoken without words.

My love, it is hard for me to bear the thought of being without you, even in this place. How thoughtless and foolish

I feel to have put you in the position that you are in now. I can do nothing to change the circumstances that have befallen you. And for that I am eternally sorry. I only wish I could have done more.

But this I promise you. If you ever worry about my fellow astronauts and their families who are and will continue to follow me into the frontiers of space, do not be troubled. We will always be with them. Always. For when the next landing of astronauts takes place, they shall have new sets of eyes watching over them. And when the wings of the shuttle waver in the wind, they will remain firm. When the astronauts touch down on the runway, know that they floated back to earth under the wings of angels.

I can do nothing to change the tragedies of the past, but I will do all that I can to prevent them from happening again. I believe that Sullivan Ballou, a union major in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, said it best in a letter to his wife, "Do not mourn me dead, think I am gone and wait for me, for we shall meet again."

My dear, tell our friends that heaven is on their side and when we meet again the mood will be heavenly. I promise.

All my love,
One of Columbia

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"The guardian angels of life sometimes fly so high as to be beyond our sight, but they are always looking down upon us."

Jean Paul Richter
German author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for respectful economics debate

It is always unfortunate when insult and invective replace mutual respect and rational dialogue. This is all the more true in a university setting, where diverse views are meant to coexist and interact.

Professor Thomas Gresik concludes his remarks in yesterday's Viewpoint on the proposal to split the existing economics department and to create a new department exclusively devoted to mainstream economics with "... the Department of Economics is an embarrassment..."

Along the way, he accuses my colleagues and me of treating mainstream economists in an "openly hostile" manner, of not "supporting and objectively presenting diverse points of view," of engaging in an "unproductive and nasty politicization of the department" and much else, which crosses the line of simple disagreement and becomes a form of slander.

Gresik is, of course, entitled to defend mainstream economics, to endorse the proposal to disrupt and dismantle the department of economics and to make his views known via The Observer. (Let it be noted, though, that no member of the department has sought to involve the students in this imbroglio or, until now, written directly to The Observer about this matter. The fact that the administration has not solicited the views of students is another matter.) What is unacceptable, however, is to launch personal attacks and to impugn the integrity of colleagues elsewhere in the University.

Unacceptable but, in all honesty, we'll survive. As I'm sure Gresik will agree, a war of words sometimes gets heated, and you can't survive in this academic business without developing a bit of a thick skin (especially, as many will have noted, in and around the discipline of economics).

Actually, what is even more distressing is Gresik's version of history and recent events. Let me provide, in the interests of brevity, just two examples.

First, my colleagues and I stand accused of failing to provide "an accurate and honest presentation of the strengths and weaknesses" of diverse approaches and schools of thought. That is precisely what we do, each of us individually and as a department. The distinctiveness of the existing department is precisely (in contrast to many economics departments in other universities) the idea that alternative views are presented and discussed, carefully and in a balanced manner, with the aim of providing students a sophisticated understanding of a range of perspectives on important economic issues.

Indeed, the department is proud to have some of the best teachers in the College of Arts and Letters. What makes us good teachers is precisely the fact that we provide our students with a solid foundation in the discipline of economics, including mainstream theory and methods, which would not be possible if we spent our time "vilifying" economic orthodoxy.

Second, Gresik recommends the proposal to split the department as a thing of "beauty" because it "allows both groups of economists to credibly co-exist." Besides the fact that we consider ourselves to be members of a single department, with a single goal (of conducting high-quality research, teaching and service), and not two different groups, Gresik fails to mention salient features of the proposal currently being discussed.

Additionally, it seeks to create a new department of economics that excludes what have always been important aspects of economics: thought and policy. Also, the two departments would not be allowed to "credibly co-exist": one (the new department) would have a graduate program and a series of new hires, while the other (the renamed department) would have no graduate program and no projected new hires. Separate and unequal is a poor way to develop economic knowledge.

In the end, what is important is not just that one member of the faculty might treat his colleagues in another department with contempt. It is that all of us, especially the students, are and should be interested in something more than rankings. Learning about and exploring diverse points of view those that are comfortably mainstream as well as more heterodox contributions are what make a truly great university.

David Ruccio
associate economics professor
Feb. 11

Joe Millionaire:
Who's laughing?

There I was in our dining hall after deciding not to pursue this issue, when I was incessantly aggravated by the conversation at a table over: Joe Millionaire. Please understand that I do have some sympathy, for the premise truly is idiotic. You get to laugh at a mimbo named Joe Millionaire and his naive female gold-diggers every Monday night.

Picture this: a multitude of children all gathered around the clown relentlessly yelling, "Entertain us! Make us laugh! Make us happy!" Now put this in the context of the millions of viewers of Joe Millionaire and other reality television programs. Perhaps to some people today, reality television is more real than life itself. Is this so far from the truth?

The question I pose is this: Who is really having a good laugh here? Is it simply the viewers that get a good chuckle out of Joe and his pursuers? Or is it the network that knows that they can put trash television on the air and get millions of people to watch its absurdity? They may even promise that they will reveal the lucky (or unlucky) female companion, and then waste an hour of your life leaving you even less fulfilled than before. Maybe they already did that. Who knows what lurks in the future of such chaotic reality series: an institutionalized blind democratic marriage service?

So remember that while you may be laughing at the robust yet idiotic and fictitious Joe Millionaire, Fox, Joe Millionaire, the annoying butler and even Zora may be having a heartier laugh at your expense.

Andrew Litschi
freshman
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Feb. 11

Serious claims of discrimination deserve review

I would like to respond to both Kiflin Turnario's Inside Column and Kristine Rosario's letter in Viewpoint from last Wednesday's Observer.

First of all, I have had my valid Connecticut driver's license questioned at three different South Bend establishments (the Linebacker, Corby's and yes, Heartland). In every one of these instances, the bouncers at each respective bar told me to go home and get my passport, regardless of how many credit cards or student IDs I had with my name and picture. If a driver's license looks fake, most bars will request the next most verifiable piece of identification, which in most cases is a passport.

Because of this, I have a tendency to take my passport with me whenever I go to bars. If Rosario's ID is as phony and easily replicable as she says it is and she often has trouble with it, I would suggest carrying around some sort of identification that is less questionable. The fact that her ID was questioned and they asked her to get a passport as a second form should not even be an issue.

Second, I completely agree that any derogatory remarks or attitudes are intolerable and should be dealt with immediately. However, I do not believe it is applicable in this case. I happen to waitress at Chicago Steakhouse, which as many of you may know is attached to and under the same management as Heartland.

I have discussed the events of last Thursday at great length with the manager and have come to the conclusion that things did not go quite the way

they have been portrayed. For those of you who may not know, the door of Heartland is under video surveillance.

According to the video of that night, the bouncer looked at the ID and refused Rosario admittance. She then proceeded to talk with him for 35 to 40 seconds, presumably about how her ID was in fact valid. She then turned to walk away, which, according to her version of the story, is when he made the negative remarks to her. Most of Rosario's friends had already been admitted into the bar ahead of her, out of hearing range of anything that could have been said.

In addition, neither the other bouncer standing at the door that night, nor any of the many people standing in line heard any derogatory comments. (If a third party does happen to come forward and refute that, I will gladly retract these statements and agree wholeheartedly with Rosario and Turnario.) However, at the moment, it seems that Rosario, in her frustration of already being refused, may be mistaken in what she

claims she heard.

Right now, said. But, this is a story of he-said, she-said. Best, this would also like to address the phone conversations that occurred the same night. A few hours after the incident, the manager received a phone call with the complaint that someone's valid ID had been rejected. According to the manager, they spoke about how the ID was never a problem before and Heartland's policy regarding second forms of legitimate identification. The caller then described the bouncer who had taken the ID, so the manager could confront him.

Unfortunately, the person that was described was not actually the bouncer who took the ID. The one in question, as a matter of fact, is remarkably distinguishable from the one described.

Personally, if I had been so offended by someone's comments, I would remember exactly who they were and what they looked like. In addition, the caller did not bring up the derogatory comment supposedly made by the bouncer until the very end of the conversation. Now it seems to me that that comment is the main issue in this case, and it strikes me as odd that it is only mentioned as an afterthought.

If this was indeed the main problem, it should have been brought up first and foremost.

Now if Kristine still sticks by her story, it is obviously her choice not to return to Heartland. However, it has come to my attention that the Viewpoint letter written in Wednesday's Observer has been copied and distributed all around town.

This letter, if you recall, claims that Heartland is ignorant and hires people who discriminate. These are very serious accusations. Besides the fact that Kristine had spent many, many nights at Heartland without a problem, I would venture to say that I have never seen anyone refused admittance for any reason other than fake (or fake-looking) IDs.

For Kristine and her friends to spread this kind of information based upon one story (of hearsay, at best) could obviously be very damaging to a reputation. One incident of a frustrated patron refused admittance who thinks she hears something is not, in my opinion, a valid reason to say an establishment discriminates.

Once again, I agree that any derogatory remarks indicating discrimination are intolerable and should be dealt with immediately. However, such powerful accusations should be backed by indisputable facts, which, I believe, are lacking in this case.

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Feb. 6



SCENE *feature*

www.TrueLove.com

Tips for successful Valentine's Day online shopping

By MARIA SMITH and CHRISTIE BOLSEN

Scene Editor and Assistant Scene Editor

Valentine's Day is rolling around again, and everyone is searching for exactly the right way to show their love for the special someone in their life. Of course, with the stress of classes and Junior Parents Weekend coming up, the special someone in your life may recently have taken second place to books and other plans.

Don't panic yet. The world is wired to make up for the inconveniences bothering busy people like you. You can still find the perfect gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend, no matter how

long you've been together—without even leaving campus. Grab a credit card and you can find gifts for anyone and everyone online.

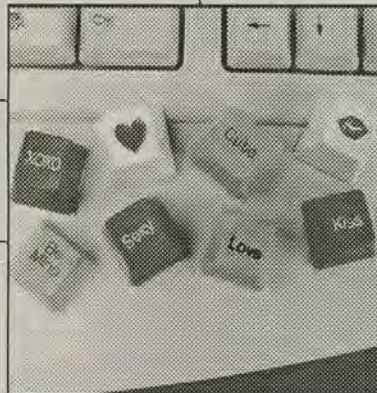
Combine that with a reservation at one of South Bend's fine restaurants and you're good to go. Whether you're entertaining your parents or your significant other this Friday, it can still be a fun night.

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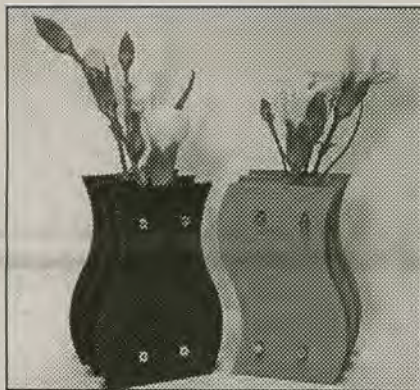
ring and necklace set.

The site even offers valentine keycaps with messages like "Cutie" and "Be Mine." Remind your boyfriend how much you care with every e-mail and late night paper (provided he knows how to touch-type). The site is a bit expensive with prices ranging upwards from \$20, but the price is surely worth it for gifts so well suited to a technological lifestyle.



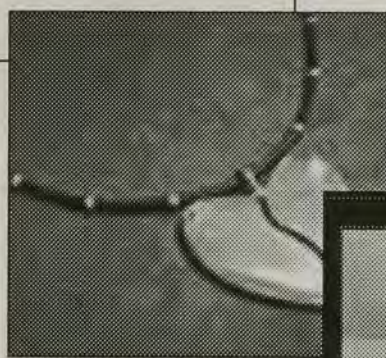
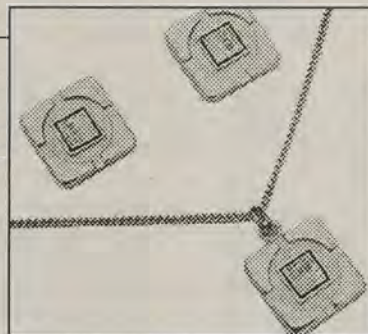
Got a girlfriend or boyfriend who's really into their MIS major? You can find gifts for the technologically obsessed at www.computergear.com.

Not only can you buy a silver- or gold-plated mouse and keyboard boxers, the site offers a valentine motif office desk set and a gold mounted computer chip ear-



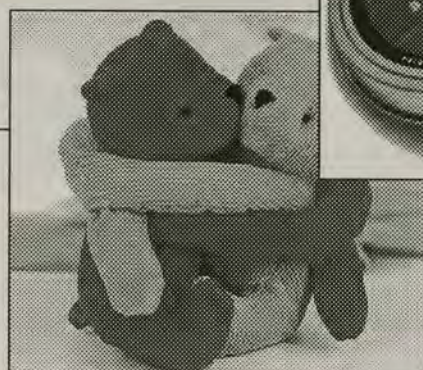
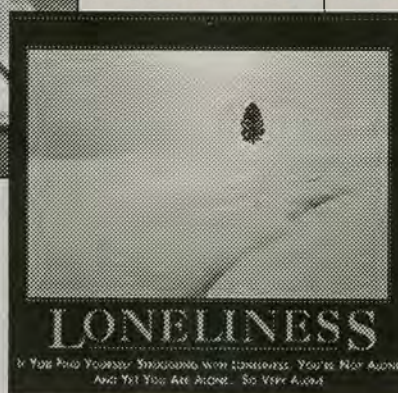
A pricier and more unique selection can be found at www.architectstouch.com. This site offers architect designed gifts ranging from distinctive jewelry to designed vases with pretty paper roses.

The site is also affiliated with a fresh flower site that can send flowers to your sweetheart direct from the grower. The prices are higher, like the silver and black Night and Day vases and flowers for \$85 on sale, but are a change from the ordinary.



If you're fed up with your valentine and don't know quite what to do, www.despair.com can help you out. The site offers candy hearts that say exactly what you've been thinking with 37 different messages

including "WANT 2C OTHERS," "SHE COOKS" and "RETURN MY CDS." Also available are greeting cards to remind you that the only consistent feature of all your dissatisfying relationships is you. Get a look at the flip side of Valentine's Day for under \$10.



For some less expensive but romantic gift ideas, check out www.redenvelope.com. The site features traditional candy, jewelry and flowers, as well as more unusual choices such as hugging teddy bears, an aphrodisiac garden and erotic fortune cookies.

There are several reasonably priced sale items, and also more extravagant choices for the more serious couple. Whether you get the \$16.99 pearl ring, the \$75 cocktail set or the \$48 steamy love spa kit, there is something for every type of relationship.



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Grecian Delights

Grecian Delights offers a tempting array of delicious Greek dishes

By ON-KAY WONG, ANNIE HASTERT,
and GWEN SCHMIEDEBUSCH

Scene Restaurant Critics

Grecian Delights, a small restaurant, combines a pleasant atmosphere, an assortment of Greek tunes — in addition to more familiar pop tunes — and delicious food at a decent price. The service was a little slow, perhaps because of the amount of food ordered, but the waiter was very friendly and eager to please.

The meal began with sourdough rolls and pita bread, as well as butter, Feta cheese and Kalamata olives, a tasty treat for those who enjoy strong, slightly bitter foods. The appetizers offered were an assortment of dips for the pita bread, salads and cheeses. 'The Sampler,' consisted of three appetizers chosen from the menu. Revithosalata is a dip made with chickpeas, tahini, garlic, olive oil, cumin and lemon. It tastes similar to hummus but slightly spicier. Htipiti, made with red peppers, feta cheese, garlic and jalapenos, is definitely for people who like tangy foods. Lastly, Melitzanosalata combines eggplant, garlic, cumin, lemon and olive oil, and has a bean-like taste to it. Overall, the appetizers could have been skipped, especially since most of the entrees at Grecian Delights come with a choice of any three sides.

The sides were wonderful, especially the soup. Faki tasted like a spiced up version of American lentil soup and was delicious. Avgelemono is basically a chicken and rice soup with eggs and lemon, and was strong but surprisingly tasty. Out of the three salads offered, the garden salad was the best selection. While the other two had a bland "secret dressing" on them, the garden salad came with a selection of three dressings: Balsamic Vinaigrette, Lemon Tahini or Tarragon Mustard. It is best advised to stay away from the Lemon Tahini, but the Balsamic

Vinaigrette and the Tarragon Mustard are solid choices.

By the time the entrees arrived, it seemed impossible to eat any more. The Garithes Portobellos, Chicken Souvlaki and Mediterranean Makaronia were chosen as entrees. The Garithes Portobellos, Portobella mushrooms with shrimp and a zesty hot sauce, were a little much for someone who doesn't handle spicy foods well. However, the Chicken Souvlaki and the Mediterranean Makaronia were both excellent dishes. The Chicken came with rice pilaf and Tzaziki, which is a dipping sauce made from yogurt, sour cream, cucumbers and dill. The sauce is highly recommended for sour cream lovers and the rice pilaf was outstanding. The Mediterranean Makaronia is pasta with sautéed veggies, garlic, Kalamata olives and Feta cheese on it. It was the best of the three dishes, and well worth the \$12 price.

Dessert, of course, was necessary to finish off the meal, and pineapple sorbet, a lemon bar and floyetta were chosen. The floyetta was a little too sweet, but the pineapple sorbet and the lemon bar were delicious. At just \$2 apiece, the desserts are relatively inexpensive and won't double the cost of the whole meal like they tend to do at some restaurants.

Grecian Delights was a very pleasant dining experience, an ideal place for a casual lunch or dinner date. Overall, with its excellent food and first-rate service, it is well worth the trip off campus. Grecian Delights is located at 2349 Miracle Lane, in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Mishawaka. Hours are Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday noon-8 p.m.

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Photo courtesy of Grecian Delights

Grecian Delights provides a pleasant atmosphere as well as exotic and tasty Greek dishes.

Hana Yori: Dinner and a Show

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Restaurant Critic

Ever seen an egg tossed four feet in the air, hit metal and not break? Well, it is a common occurrence at Hana Yori.

Hana Yori Japanese steakhouse is a place where they cook the food right in front of you, providing you with an unusual break from the usual routine of Steak 'n Shake and fajitas. Cook, however, is not the word for the show-case you get while watching your meal being prepared before your eyes. Chefs toss food up in the air and catch it on hot spatulas, light flames ablaze and quickly flick your meals about at dizzying speeds. Hana Yori is not just a place to eat — it is a place to be entertained at the same time. Service is friendly, and the chefs are quite entertaining, even when they aren't

amazing you with their acrobatic culinary skills.

Meals range in price, but usually fall in the range of \$15 or more. While this may seem like a lot, it is a good deal for the amount of food that is served, which is enough to burst your stomach. The menu offers you a choice between their many dishes, including steak or lobster tail on the grill or sushi and sashimi a la carte. All entrees on the grill come with soup, salad, a shrimp appetizer and a hearty helping of fried rice. Recommended are the Samuri meal, which includes shrimp and chicken grilled to perfection, or

the Shogun dish, featuring savory steak and chicken and a glass of sweet plum wine for after dinner.

Hana Yori also offers alcoholic drinks such as sake and Sapporo beer for those over 21.

While it is an interesting detour from the usual, Hana Yori isn't the most romantic place to dine. While providing a quiet atmosphere for eating, most tables seat eight people, so if you have a small party, you will find yourself sitting a table and engaging in conversation with complete strangers. While fun in its own right, it is not the best idea for the shy, for a

first date or for a Valentine's meal when you want to have your date all to yourself in conversation. The atmosphere is better suited for a large and boisterous group and you are much more likely to enjoy yourself with a large group of friends than with that cute girl from your theology class.

Hana Yori is located at 3601 Grape Rd., off of Edison. It is recommended that you call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait and to make sure that your party is not split up. The lunch hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Dinner hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. But even without reservations, Hana Yori is worth the wait.

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"Hana Yori is not just a place to eat--it is a place to be entertained at the same time."

Erin English
Scene Restaurant Critic

NBA

Timberwolves topple league-leading Mavericks

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

It wasn't just the aggressive fast breaks and the pounding of the ball into the paint that got the Minnesota Timberwolves past the perimeter-oriented Dallas Mavericks.

Kevin Garnett, right, and Dirk Nowitzki squared off Tuesday.

A perfectly designed inbounds play made the biggest difference against the team with the NBA's best record.

Wally Szczerbiak made a corner jumper as the final buzzer sounded Tuesday night, giving the Timberwolves a 100-98 victory after they squandered a 17-point third-quarter lead.

"I hope we can just keep this going," said Szczerbiak, who had 21 points, nailing his shot from 17 feet to give the Timberwolves their 10th straight home victory.

On an inbounds play with 1.6 seconds left, Szczerbiak set a jarring screen on Eduardo Najera for Kevin Garnett and darted to the corner.

"That's the shot Wally always makes," said Minnesota's Anthony Peeler.

Dirk Nowitzki had 34 points and Michael Finley had all 21 of his points in the second half for Dallas, which had its four-game road winning streak stopped.

The Mavericks, who trailed by as many as 19 in the first half, led 98-95 on a basket by Nowitzki with 1:35 remaining. Garnett — who had 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists — converted a three-point play to tie the game with 1:17 left.

Dallas had three chances to take the lead, and Minnesota had three of its own — finally seizing it on Szczerbiak's shot.

Finley, for all his success in the second half, made a mistake on the Mavs' last possession by rushing a 3-pointer that bounced high off the rim and over the backboard with 8.7 seconds left.

"It was a stupid play," Finley said. "I wasn't thinking out there."

Said a smiling Szczerbiak: "Oh, boy, I couldn't imagine what our coaches would say if we took that shot."

Garnett, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star Game after scoring 37 points in 41 minutes, received a hearty ovation during the introductions and helped the Wolves surge ahead with 11 points in the first quarter.

After carrying his team for much of the game, Garnett was the decoy on the final play.

"They all swamped toward me

and left Wally open. I'm happy for Wally," said Garnett, who was hugged hard by Szczerbiak in a celebration on the court.

Magic 92, Nets 83

Coach Doc Rivers gazed around the quiet Orlando locker room and chose his words carefully.

Magic center Shawn Kemp was suspended earlier Tuesday by the NBA for violating the terms of the league's anti-drug policy, and Rivers knew the status of the six-time All-Star was weighing heavily on the minds of his players.

"The first thing I told them was forget basketball. I like Shawn Kemp as a person and I care about him as a person," Rivers said after the Magic withstood a late New Jersey rally to defeat the Nets and stop a three-game losing streak.

"They were down and it was pretty emotional. But one of the things I told them is that you have to choose to be miserable. I don't care if the situation is miserable, you still have to make that choice to be miserable."

Tracy McGrady had 32 points and eight rebounds and Darrell Armstrong delivered a clutch 3-point shot to stop the New Jersey's momentum after the Nets used a 16-6 run to pull to 83-81 with 1:40 to go.

The loss was just the second in eight games for the Nets, who won three straight going into the All-Star break for a share of the best record in the East with the Indiana Pacers.

"We shot 32 percent and you are not supposed to have a chance to win, but we did. That gives us something to draw from," said Nets guard Jason Kidd. "We just didn't make shots."

That wasn't a problem for McGrady, who 12-of-25 from the field and made six of eight free throws. Armstrong finished with 20 points and five assists for the Magic, who began the fourth quarter with a 15-2 run, opening a 12-point lead.

Kidd led the Nets with 19 points, but made just five of 21 shots. Kenyon Martin had 17 points, while Kerry Kittles added 13 on 6-for-16 shooting. Richard Jefferson scored 15 before fouling out in the final minute.

The specific reason for Kemp's suspension was not revealed, however it will continue until the six-time All-Star has resumed full compliance with his treatment program. Rivers said he had not talked with Kemp since

learning of the suspension just before leaving home for the arena.

Pacers 107, Cavaliers 96

Ron Artest wasn't going to let some late-game jabbering by Cleveland send him into a mental meltdown. Instead, a calm Artest simply walked away hoping to show he's a changed man.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 28 points and Brad Miller had 25 as the Indiana Pacers opened the second half of the season with Artest back in the lineup and coach Isiah Thomas on the sidelines in a victory over Cleveland.

Artest scored 11 points in his first game since Jan. 27. More importantly, he walked away from the taunts of Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Jumaine Jones in the final minutes.

Artest, who already has been suspended seven games this season for his behavior, felt Ilgauskas and Jones were trying to bait him into another incident.

"I had a sense of that and I'm glad I caught on to that," Artest said. "Even if they weren't trying to bait me, I didn't like the fact they got in my face. But that's part of the game. I do the same thing."

Artest completed a four-game suspension and Thomas had served a two-game suspension. Even during the All-Star break, the pair were making news. Thomas, who coached the East, angered Ilgauskas by playing him only four minutes during Sunday's All-Star Game.

Artest was erroneously reported to be involved in an altercation with Houston's James Posey at an NBA Players Association party in Atlanta. Turns out, Artest was at Disney World.

"I'm not really sure where that came from. I was having a good time," Artest said.

That good time extended onto the court, thanks to Jamaal Tinsley who led Indiana's fast-breaking offense with 17 points and five steals.

The Cavaliers, who trailed by as many as 17 points in the first half, closed to 99-92 following a one-handed dunk by Ricky Davis.

It was 102-94 when Artest leapt over Ilgauskas while going after a loose rebound. Ilgauskas took exception to the contact and said some words to Artest. Then, on Indiana's inbounds pass, Jones tried to antagonize Artest, but he wouldn't bite, putting his hand in front of his face in ignoring them.

"When people come into the game saying 'Just bait him and

he'll unravel,' what they're saying is 'The only way to beat him is to bait him,'" Thomas said.

O'Neal would hit a baseline 3-pointer to seal the win.

Hornets 78, Heat 69

Even without Jamal Mashburn scoring at his recent pace, the New Orleans Hornets still found a way to win.

Mashburn couldn't match his offense output from before the All-Star break, but the Hornets relied on his rebounding and defense for a victory over the Miami Heat.

Mashburn, who averaged 31.7 points in his three previous games, finished with 15 on 6-for-18 shooting to help the Hornets to their third straight win. Mashburn also had 14 rebounds and three assists.

"You kind of figure it's going to be a bit of an ugly night with the layoff and all that," said Mashburn, who scored 39, 30 and 26 points in his three games prior to the All-Star break.

"The shots sometimes don't fall, and that's just part of it. As long as we continue to play hard, it will come."

Mashburn hurt his former team in other ways. His 14 rebounds were just one shy of his season high, and he also came through with a pair of steals.

"We all struggled on the shooting part, but the third quarter really picked us up," Mashburn said. "It's tough when you're not scoring, so you try to do other things to help your team."

Jamaal Magloire also scored 15 points, while David Wesley and P.J. Brown added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Hornets shot just 41 percent, but their defense proved to be the difference, holding Miami to 36 percent shooting. The Hornets also had a big edge in rebounding, 49-31.

"Neither team shot that well," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "When you come off the (All-Star) break, the first game you play usually is a sluggish one. We outrebounded them by 18, and that really says something about our guys. We picked it up in the second half and dominated. We really needed this win."

Eddie Jones scored 26 for the Heat, who have dropped four of five. The Heat scored fewer than 70 points for the sixth time this year.

"The game was played poorly from both sides," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "It was sort of sluggish, and the first team that

took any assertive, aggressive control was going to win. They went on about a 10-0 run. That, coupled with our horrible shooting and not rebounding the ball, did us in."

After trailing 44-40, the Hornets closed the third quarter with a 20-4 run to open a 60-48 lead. The Heat never drew closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Pistons 89, Bulls 79

No one would have questioned Ben Wallace if he'd taken the night off or had a quiet game.

After all, the last 10 days been a drain, both mentally and physically. He missed the Detroit Pistons' last game before the break because of his mother's death, then played in the All-Star game Sunday night after attending her funeral in Alabama the day before.

But Wallace is all about hard work, and he proved that again Tuesday night as he grabbed 22 rebounds and blocked two shots to lead the Pistons to a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

"He's a worker," said Clifford Robinson, who finished with 10 points, one of five Pistons to score in double figures. "The fact that he has been off (10) games, it didn't show. He's going to go out and give you what he's got every night."

Wallace set the tone for the Pistons, who won their fifth straight. Though they shot just 34 percent, they held their fifth straight opponent below 90 and outrebounded the Bulls 55-44 — including a whopping 23-10 advantage on the offensive boards.

The Pistons have now beaten the Bulls in 16 of their last 18 meetings, and are 6-0 at the United Center since January 2000.

"I didn't want to let my personal life get involved in my job," said Wallace, who finished two shy of his season high in rebounds. "I put stuff from this weekend behind me and I wanted to go back to work."

The Bulls might want to take note of his attitude. Chicago turned the ball over on four of its first six possessions and fell behind early. Jalen Rose scored 18 of his 27 points in the third quarter, but the Bulls could never recover after falling behind early.

It was the their first loss at home since Jan. 2, snapping a five-game winning streak, and fans booed them as the clock ran out.

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PGA

Sources say Sorenstam could play in PGA

Associated Press

TRUMBULL, Conn. Annika Sorenstam of Sweden could be offered an exemption to the Colonial and become the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour, a magazine reported Monday.

Golf World cited unnamed sources as saying Bank of America, in its first year as the title sponsor, wants Sorenstam to play. The Colonial is May 22-25 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The 32-year-old, who last year

won 13 times around the world and shattered the LPGA Tour scoring average, said two weeks ago that she would love to compete against the men if offered an exemption.

"I have nothing to lose," Sorenstam said. "It would be a challenge."

Her only stipulation was to play on a course where she would not be at a huge disadvantage off the tee. Colonial is only 7,080 yards, although it plays to a par 70.

Messages left for Sorenstam's agent and her husband by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

Tournament director Dee Finley suggested last week that Colonial had no room for Sorenstam because it had several players interested in their exemptions and "we're here to provide a place to play for PGA Tour players."

"It would be fun to see her play, but I'm afraid that will not be possible for Colonial this year," Finley said at the time.

On Monday, Finley told Golf World that talks had reached an advanced stage.

The last woman to play a PGA

Tour event was Babe Zaharias in the 1945 Los Angeles Open. Zaharias not only qualified for the tournament, she made the 36-hole cut until a 79 eliminated her for the final round.

If Sorenstam were to play Colonial, she would steal the spotlight from Connecticut club pro Suzy Whaley, who has said she will play in the Greater Hartford Open in July.

Whaley qualified by winning a PGA of America sectional tournament, even though she was allowed to compete from a shorter set of tees.

MLB

Matsui swinging for fences

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Hideki Matsui hit six homers in 67 swings during his first live batting practice session Tuesday with the New York Yankees.

With about six dozen Japanese media on hand to watch at New York's minor league complex, Matsui went deep for the first time on his 32nd swing.



Matsui

The three-time MVP of Japan's Pacific League met several of his new teammates for the first time. He was in a hitting group with Derek Jeter, Alfonso Soriano and Jorge Posada, also on hand for early workouts ahead of Sunday's reporting date for position players.

"I think they are nice guys," Matsui said through an interpreter. "We talked about hitting."

Two of Matsui's homers went over 400 feet.

"It's tough to decide in only one day," Posada said. "His bat, when he swings, he's got a lot of top spin. It carries. The ball keeps going and going."

Matsui, known as Godzilla, signed a \$21 million, three-year contract during the offseason after becoming a free agent in Japan. He wore a T-shirt and Yankees' shorts during the workout.

"It's exciting," Matsui said. "A lot of famous players wearing the Yankees' uniform. The Yankees' uniform is historical. I'm proud of the Yankee uniform."

Matsui arrived in Florida on Monday after spending a week in New York. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman accompanied him on the flight.

"It looks like he has a good swing," Jeter said. "Good guy. They signed him for a reason. Obviously he can play."

Matsui also took part in fielding drills during his two-hour workout.

"I have a little pressure, but I think baseball is the same in Japan and the United States," Matsui said. "I didn't play with American pitchers. I have to pick up (on) American pitchers."

Notes

◆ Soriano, who pulled out of a home run-hitting contest last weekend, has been cleared to practice. "No concerns whatsoever," Cashman said. "He passed all tests." After taking batting practice, Soriano took grounders and had a 15-minute throwing session with Jeter.

◆ There will be no restrictions on closer Mariano Rivera, who was slowed by shoulder problems last season. "We may baby him a little," manager Joe Torre said. "He's fine physically. He'll get his innings."

◆ RHP Steve Karsay probably won't pitch in games until the last 2 1/2-to-3 weeks of spring training due to back surgery. Torre says the setup man will be ready by opening day on March 31 at Toronto.



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NASCAR

Five-car collision ends practice for Daytona 500

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

Jeff Burton, Elliott Sadler and Mike Skinner will switch to backup cars after a crash Tuesday proved just how risky even practice for the Daytona 500 can be.

The five-car crash came on the front straightaway of the 2 1/2-mile oval with about four minutes left in the 60-minute practice, the only Winston Cup track time on the day's schedule.

Rookie Jack Sprague, a three-time NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion, was riding in the middle of a three-wide pack, with Steve Park above him on the banked Daytona International Speedway track and Skinner on the low side.

Sprague's Pontiac appeared to slide up the track, banging off Park, then sliding down into Skinner, who went sideways. Burton and Sadler then drove into the melee.

There were no injuries, but Skinner's Pontiac and the Fords of Burton and Sadler got the worst of the accident and were put out of action for the rest of this week.

Those three will have to get their preparations for Thursday's twin 125-mile qualifying races done in the single 45-minute Winston Cup practice on Wednesday.

It was the second year in a row that Burton and Sadler have been in wrecks that put them in backup cars for the season-opening race.

"I'm tired of wrecking in practice," Burton said.

The other drivers heaped most of the blame on Sprague, who is trying to qualify for his first Daytona 500.

"To the best of my knowledge, we got ran into by a rookie," Skinner said. "Whether he got pushed down there or not, I don't know."

Sprague said he was in the middle, while Park was on the outside "and he didn't stay up and he hit me in the right front, drove me into Skinner and it was all over."

Park disagreed with that version, saying Sprague "bounced off me."

"I was up by the wall and couldn't go any higher, except for the grandstands," Park said.

"I've been here a lot more than Jack's been here. We all know how to race here, and we all know you don't even want to consider causing a crash during practice. You have to look at having the experience to run here, and not put yourself or your car in jeopardy."

It's hard to avoid this type of crash at Daytona. Thanks to the horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates used here to slow the cars, the racing is often in huge packs.

"One thing about restrictor-plate racing is to go ahead and put your nose in there," Burton said. "You've got to run two- and three-wide in practice because that's what you're going to do in the race. Accidents happen."

Sadler was less forgiving.

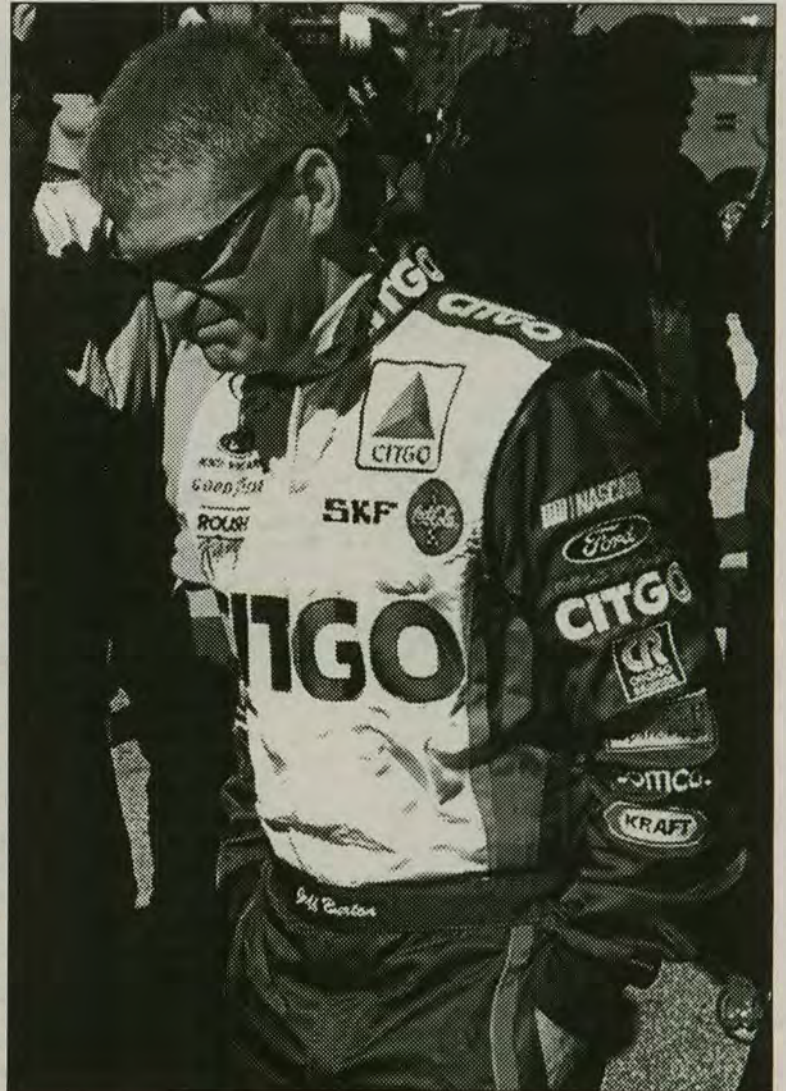
"It's a shame to wreck a bunch of good cars on the straightaway. I mean, we're supposed to be professionals and using our heads, and they're out there running into the side of each other on the straightaway. There's not much common sense going on," Sadler said.

Skinner had much the same view.

"This was our first race practice of the year, so I would say it was preventable," he said. "Nearing the end of practice, people doing stupid things, I guess I made mistakes when I was a rookie, too."

Dale Jarrett had the fastest time in the practice in a Ford at 188.494 mph, followed by the Pontiac of Jerry Nadeau at 188.336, the Ford of rookie Greg Biffle at 188.111 and the Chevrolet of Jimmie Johnson, also at 188.111. Daytona pole-winner Jeff Green was 20th at 187.141 in a Chevy.

Of the drivers in the crash, Skinner was fifth at 188.025, Sprague 12th at 187.578, Park 19th at 187.149, Burton 25th at 186.939, and Sadler 41st at 186.343.



Jeff Burton walks off the course after a five-car collision during practice Tuesday. Burton will drive his backup car Sunday. KRT Photo

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

James' referee may face sanctions for photo

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

The postgame encounter was brief, just long enough for LeBron James to put his arm around a referee, lean in and smile for the camera.

Now, however, that seemingly innocent moment could hurt referee Tony Celantano, who faces possible sanctions for his actions following James' impressive comeback game on Saturday night.

The president of the central New Jersey chapter of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials said the group is investigating whether Celantano broke any rules by posing with the 18-year-old high school basketball star.

"We're just trying to sort out all the facts," the association's president, Fred Dumont, said Tuesday.

Celantano posed with James after the senior scored a career-high 52 points to lead top-ranked St. Vincent-St. Mary's of Akron, Ohio, to a 78-52 victory over Westchester of Los Angeles at the Prime Time Shootout in Trenton.

It was James' first game since a judge in Ohio restored his eligibility on Feb. 5, allowing him to

resume playing.

James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in the next NBA draft, was ruled ineligible for the rest of the season by the Ohio High School Athletic Association on Jan. 31 after he accepted two retro sports jerseys valued at \$845 from a Cleveland clothing store.

But the judge reduced James' punishment to two games; he's already missed one and will sit out the other later this month.

After Saturday night's game, James posed with his right arm around Celantano. James is grinning slightly.

While posing for pictures with a player doesn't violate any specific rules for referees, Dumont said Celantano spoke to him and conceded he used bad judgment.

Dumont added, however, that he was confident the game was called impartially.

"I was at the game. I don't have a problem with how the game was officiated," Dumont said.

Dumont declined to specify what sanctions that Celantano might face, but he said he expected his association to make a determination within a week. The organization that oversees scholastic sports in New Jersey will review the findings.

Celantano, a 27-year veteran,

remains eligible to officiate, Dumont said.

"He's still free to be a referee and happens to be an outstanding referee," Dumont said. "He's a very professional person; he's an experienced official."

Celantano told The Times of Trenton that the photo was taken by a relative and was not for personal use.

After officiating another high school game Sunday, Celantano told the newspaper he sought an autograph from James for a friend's child.

Celantano did not return several telephone messages left at his Hamilton home Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Jim Loper, associate director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, saw the pose during television coverage of Saturday's Prime Time Shootout.

"I thought, 'Holy cow.' As officials, you want to stay in the middle," he said.

OHSAA director Bob Goldring said that if the same thing happened in Ohio, "we would deem it unethical, and we would have the authority to fine or suspend an official in that case."

Goldring said it would not affect James' playing status in Ohio.



High school basketball player LeBron James elicits a crowd response to his performance at a recent game.

NBA

Kemp suspended for violation

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Orlando Magic center Shawn Kemp was suspended without pay by the NBA on Tuesday, the third time he has violated the terms of the league's anti-drug policy.

Kemp's suspension was to begin with Tuesday night's game between the Magic and the New Jersey Nets, and will continue until he has resumed full compliance with his treatment program.

A year ago, when he was with the Portland Trail Blazers, the 6-foot-10 Kemp was suspended for five games for violating the policy. He sat out from Feb. 22

through March 4 and lost \$141,889 of his \$12.77 million salary for each game he missed.

The 33-year-old Kemp, a six-time All-Star, also missed the final eight games of the 2000-2001 season, taking a leave of absence from Portland and entering a substance abuse program. Because he volunteered to enter a program, he was not suspended by the league at that time.

Certain substances, such as cocaine and LSD, call for dismissal from the league, although players may apply for reinstatement after two years.

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NFL

Spikes wants out of Cincinnati

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Linebacker Takeo Spikes was tagged as the Bengals' transition player Tuesday, disappointing one of Cincinnati's top defensive players and emotional leaders.

Spikes, the Bengals' top draft pick in 1998, wants to leave as a free agent because he's worn out from five years of losing. The Bengals have the NFL's worst record since 1991.

Marvin Lewis talked to Spikes several times since he became the Bengals' head coach last month, but the club couldn't convince him to accept a contract extension.

The tag allows the Bengals to match any offer from another team, keeping Spikes in Cincinnati for another season.

Spikes has led the team in tackles four times during his five seasons.

Winning over Spikes is one of Lewis' first challenges. Several of the team's leaders said at the end of last season that they had given up hope the Bengals would ever win.

Lewis' hiring has made some players reconsider, but Spikes remains unconvinced that there will be significant change.

"I don't have to persuade him. I can just say it," Lewis said. "It's a very difficult job to be a professional football player. It's a privilege. I'm going to ask a lot of things of him. I don't need to talk him into it."

Lewis said the club will continue talking to Spikes about a contract extension.

The Bengals tendered Spikes a

one-year, \$4.8 million offer — the average of the top 10 linebackers' salaries last season — to make him their transition player.

The Bengals also tendered offers to receivers Ron Dugans and Danny Farmer, kicker Neil Rackers, linebacker Armegis Spearman and snapper Brad St. Louis. The fourth-year players will become restricted free agents on Feb. 28 if they don't sign with the Bengals.

Worn out by all the losing, Spikes stopped talking to the media midway through the Bengals' 2-14 season, the worst in franchise history. After Lewis was hired, Spikes told The Associated Press that he still wanted out.

"I don't want a tag on me," Spikes said at the time. "I feel like my time is done. I did all I can do. I did all that I owed not only to them, but to myself."

"I just want to win. I just want to compete. That's my whole objective. I don't look at the time I spent in Cincinnati as wasted time. I just want to go somewhere to compete and win."

Spikes and his agent, Todd France, did not immediately return phone messages Tuesday. Spikes told the team's Web site that his feelings hadn't changed and he still wanted out of Cincinnati.

"The tag is something they're using to keep me there, even though I'm not happy and I don't understand it," Spikes said.

Spikes has insisted that change has to start at the top. Team owner Mike Brown has given Lewis more authority than his predecessors, but remains in control as the de facto general manager.

Seahawks welcome new GM Ferguson

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash.

Bob Ferguson thinks the odds are stacked against anyone trying to succeed in the NFL as a coach and general manager at the same time — even Mike Holmgren.

"I'm a little prejudiced obviously, but it's very difficult nowadays because of the demands you have contractually with the players if you're in that seat," said Ferguson, who was introduced Monday as the Seattle Seahawks' new GM.

Holmgren relinquished his title as Seattle's general manager — a job he held for four seasons — on Dec. 31, but will remain as the Seahawks' coach.

"Coaches have to make certain decisions on those contracts and it's really difficult for them to go out and make some decisions on those players as far as the team goes," Ferguson said.

Holmgren, who has compiled a disappointing 31-33 record in four seasons with the Seahawks, did not attend the news conference.

Team president Bob Whitsitt made the decision to hire Ferguson, who was fired as general manager of the Arizona Cardinals after last season.

It was unclear which man, Holmgren or Ferguson, would have more clout with Whitsitt and Seahawks owner Paul Allen. But it's also clear there is pressure on Holmgren to get the Seahawks back to the playoffs and fill the team's new downtown stadium next season.

The Seahawks have missed the playoffs three consecutive seasons.

"I think he's going to be a great fit for the organization," Whitsitt said of the 51-year-old Ferguson, who is a native of Enumclaw in south King County and went to high school in Federal Way.

"Bob's a very good personnel man," Whitsitt said. "If you can get a good personnel person in your organization, you get him. I like his experience."

Whitsitt doesn't expect there to be any problems between Ferguson and Holmgren, who has four seasons left on the \$32 million, eight-year contract the Seahawks gave him to lure him away from Green Bay after the 1998 season.

Ferguson and Holmgren have served together on the NFL's prestigious Competition Committee.

"To me, we've become good friends," Ferguson said. "We just hit it off. I understand what he wants and he wants the same thing I do. That's a championship."

Ferguson played linebacker at the University of Washington and worked with the Seahawks as director of sales and special events in the 1970s.

He has spent 29 years in the NFL, including the last seven with the Cardinals, where he was hired as general manager in 1999.

He was fired by Arizona on Jan. 6 after the Cardinals finished with a 5-11 record, losing nine of their last 10 games.

Ferguson said the new opportunity in Seattle came as a surprise.

"I didn't expect to be here," he said. "I was going to retire completely. This kind of opportunity just kind of fell out of a tree."

He thinks he can become a major asset for Holmgren so he can concentrate exclusively on coaching again. In Green Bay, Holmgren coached the Packers to two Super Bowls.

"I think it's the best situation for Mike Holmgren because there are just so many things that can come up that have to be dealt with in a different manner than the head coach," he said.



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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

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Boston	27-22	.551	5-5	7
Philadelphia	25-24	.510	5-5	9
Washington	24-25	.490	5-6	10
Orlando	24-26	.480	5-5	10
New York	21-27	.438	6-4	12
Miami	17-32	.347	4-6	17

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	34-15	.694	6-4	-
Detroit	32-15	.581	7-3	1
Milwaukee	25-23	.521	7-3	8
New Orleans	26-24	.520	6-4	8
Atlanta	19-30	.388	5-5	15
Chicago	17-32	.347	3-7	17
Toronto	14-34	.292	4-6	19
Cleveland	10-40	.200	2-8	24

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	38-10	.792	7-3	-
San Antonio	33-16	.673	8-2	5
Utah	29-20	.592	5-5	9
Minnesota	29-20	.592	8-2	9
Houston	26-22	.542	3-7	12
Memphis	13-35	.271	1-9	25
Denver	12-37	.245	2-8	26

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	34-17	.667	4-6	-
Portland	32-18	.667	9-1	-
Phoenix	29-21	.580	5-5	4
LA Lakers	24-23	.511	7-3	8
Seattle	21-27	.438	4-6	11
Golden State	21-27	.438	5-5	11
LA Clippers	17-32	.347	2-8	16

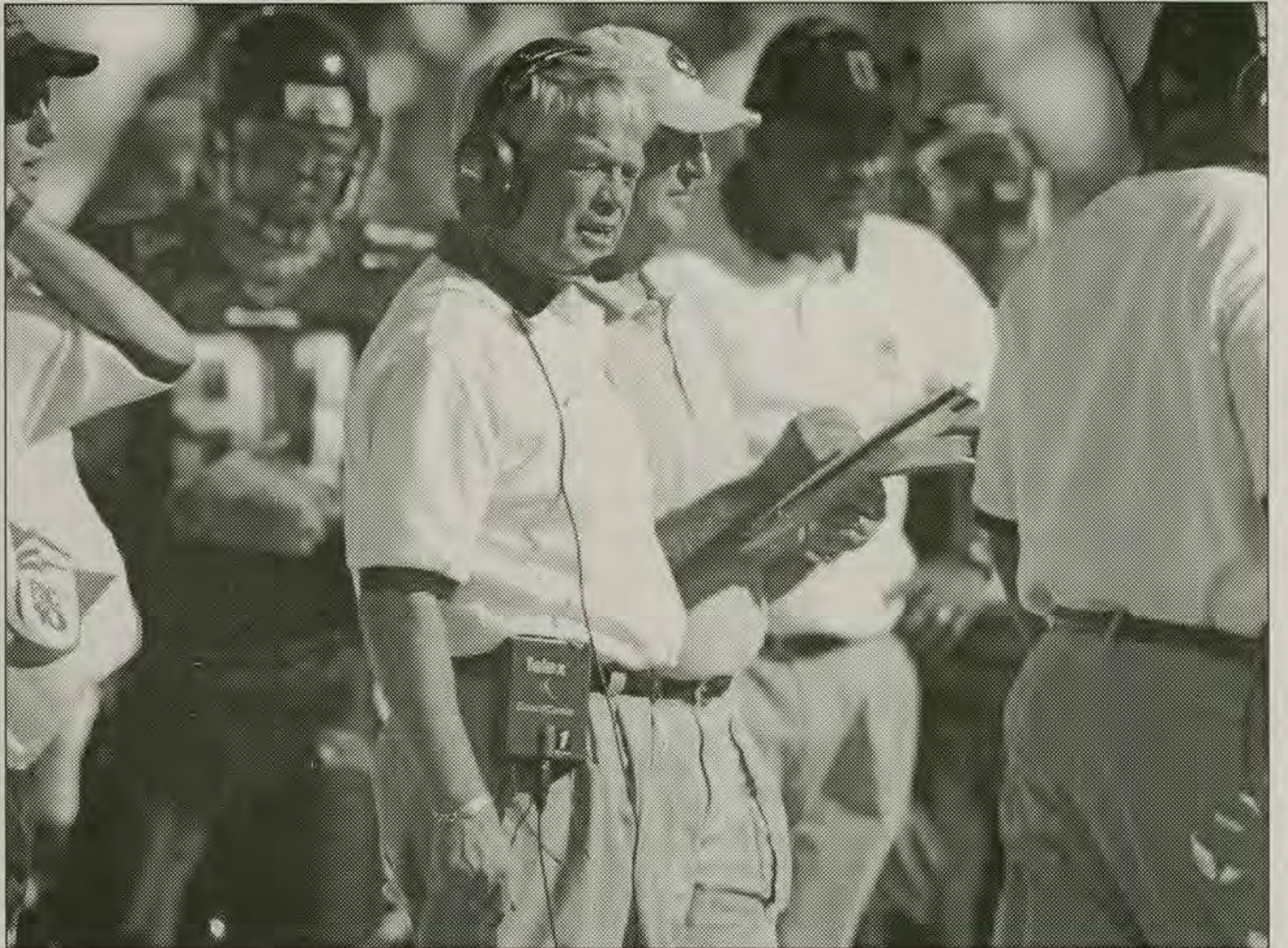
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team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	9	0	1.000
Rutgers	7	2	.778
Villanova	7	3	.700
Boston College	7	3	.700
Virginia Tech	7	3	.700
Miami	6	4	.600
NOTRE DAME	5	5	.500
Seton Hall	5	5	.500
Georgetown	4	5	.444
Providence	3	7	.300
Syracuse	3	7	.300
Pittsburgh	2	7	.222
St. John's	2	9	.182
West Virginia	1	8	.111

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team	W-L-T	Points
Ferris State	10-5-1	33
Ohio State	14-4-2	30
Michigan	14-5-1	29
Michigan State	12-7-1	25
Western Michigan	11-9-0	22
Miami	10-10-2	22
Northern Michigan	10-9-1	21
Nebraska-Omaha	9-13-2	20
Alaska Fairbanks	7-11-6	20
NOTRE DAME	7-10-3	17
Bowling Green	4-14-2	10
Lake Superior	1-18-1	3

NFL



Dennis Erickson, former Oregon State head coach, was hired by the San Francisco 49ers, replacing Steve Mariucci. Erickson is only the fourth head coach of the 49ers since 1979.

49ers search for coach ends with Erickson

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Dennis Erickson was hired Tuesday by the San Francisco 49ers to replace Steve Mariucci as coach in a surprising end to a search that stretched nearly four weeks.

Erickson will be introduced as the 49ers' 14th head coach at a news conference on Wednesday. The former Seattle Seahawks coach leaves Oregon State, where he went 31-17 over the last four seasons.

Mariucci, who was fired by owner John York on Jan. 15 despite leading San Francisco to four playoff berths in six seasons,

signed a five-year contract with the Detroit Lions last week.

Erickson, who will turn 56 next month, is an unexpected choice for San Francisco.

The search was praised by the candidates as deliberate and thorough, though Pro Bowl quarterback Jeff Garcia called it "embarrassing" for its apparent lack of direction.

Earlier, several college coaches said they weren't interested, including Washington coach Rick Neuheisel and Southern California coach Pete Carroll.

Erickson is just the 49ers' fourth coach since 1979,

following Bill Walsh and George Seifert — who both won Super Bowls — and Mariucci. Erickson also is the first coach with prior NFL head coaching experience to take over the 49ers since Norman "Red" Strader in 1955.

Erickson coached the Seahawks from 1995-98, going 31-33.

Many thought Erickson deserved better in his native Seattle, where he rebuilt the Seahawks but couldn't make the playoffs.

Erickson's greatest success has been in college, where he has turned four schools into winners. Before resurrecting a formerly moribund program at Oregon

State, Erickson won national titles at the University of Miami in 1989 and 1991, going 63-9 over six seasons.

New York Jets defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell, Chicago defensive coordinator Greg Blache and San Francisco defensive coordinator Jim Mora interviewed for the job in Santa Clara last week.

Mariucci was fired despite four 10-win seasons with a remarkably brief rebuilding period in between. York had a difference in philosophy with Mariucci, who led the 49ers to a 10-6 record, the NFC West title and a playoff victory over the New York Giants this past season.

IN BRIEF

Stewart's term with Steelers may be ending soon

Kordell Stewart could be in his final month with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

With a pair of important deadlines approaching and the Steelers engaged in no active trade talks involving their former starting quarterback, it appears they will release Stewart on or about Feb. 28.

That date is important not only because it is the start of the NFL free-agent signing period, but also is the day the league's 2003 salary cap goes into effect.

With this year's cap set at \$75 million, the Steelers are currently about \$1.8 million over. That could rise to as much as \$4 million after various 2002 player bonuses and incentives are paid.

The Steelers could get under that figure just by releasing Stewart, who is scheduled to make \$6.3 million in 2003. No matter what they do, a prorated \$1.62 million share of the \$8 million signing bonus they paid

Stewart in 1999 will count against their cap.

With Stewart likely to be on the open market, teams seem reluctant to part with any players for his services. If he is released, Stewart, as a vested veteran, would be free to sign with any team.

Following a dreadful start last season that saw the Steelers lose their first two games and nearly lose a third before Tommy Maddox replaced him, Stewart spent nearly the entire season on the bench.

With numerous NFL teams looking to upgrade at quarterback, Stewart could have his choice of teams.

Cardinals' Jones accused of assault

A Tempe barber has accused Arizona Cardinals running back Thomas Jones of beating him at a Scottsdale nightclub in November, around the same time the player sustained a hand injury.

Maurice May told police he was

leaving the restroom when a man he later learned was Jones said "I'm tired of you" and punched him in the face. May said Jones then tackled him, sat on him and punched him in the face 10 to 12 times.

The report indicates May showed the reporting officer a chipped tooth and some residual swelling around his right cheekbone; the result of the alleged attack. May said he also received 18 stitches to close a split lower lip.

On Nov. 23, the day before the alleged assault occurred, Jones told the Cardinals that he broke his hand reaching for a telephone in his home.

The Cardinals placed Jones on the reserve/non-football injury list the following week and declined to pay him the balance of his salary; about \$135,000.

Paul Jensen, a spokesman for the Cardinals, said he was made aware of the police report by media accounts, but the team had no other immediate comment Tuesday.

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PGA TOUR

Woods returns to PGA after knee surgery

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Dressed in a black rain suit, Tiger Woods ducked out from under his umbrella on the 13th tee at Torrey Pines and gazed at what was rumored to be the Pacific Ocean. All he saw Tuesday morning was a soupy fog.

"Can you believe this?" he said. "Perfect weather at every West Coast tournament, then I show up and we get this."

Out of competition for two months because of knee surgery, and the only red carpet rolled out for Woods' return was a mat to wipe his feet at the end of a soggy practice round on the North Course.

Not that Woods was complaining.

"I feel great," he said. "My knee feels great, and mentally I feel fresh."

Woods was back in his domain, a familiar silhouette outlined against dense fog that covered the cliffside course north of San Diego.

A steady rain, not to mention his 6:40 a.m. start, kept the crowds to a minimum. No more than 60 people were following Woods when he finished 18

holes in just over two hours.

Players walking to the range along a path next to the fairway stopped to watch him hit a 3-wood to about 12 feet on the par-5 18th hole. In the locker room, Paul Stankowski gave him a gentle tap on his derriere to welcome him back.

How long the love lasts is anyone's guess.

Woods brings a certain fascination to the masses, which is why television ratings are spiked whenever he plays — up 113 percent when he is in contention.

The PGA Tour is off to a great start. Ernie Els won the first two events to establish anew his rivalry with Woods. Vijay Singh won in Phoenix, Mike Weir in the Bob Hope

Classic and Davis Love III at Pebble Beach with two great shots under pressure.

Still, most of the talk on Tour has been dominated by when Woods will return.

No one holds that against him, especially not his peers.

Thanks to Woods, golf is more popular than ever. The PGA Tour has been able to negotiate mammoth TV contracts, which is why prize money has more than doubled

"He's my favorite player besides me. He gives the Tour a lot of notoriety."

Chris Woods
golfer



AFP Photo

Tiger Woods practices in the gloomy conditions at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Woods is making a return to professional golf after a two-month hiatus following knee surgery.

since he showed up six years ago.

"He's my favorite player besides me," said Chris Riley, who grew up playing junior golf with Woods. "He gives the Tour a lot of notoriety."

He also makes it a little tougher to win.

Len Mattiace was asked why there were a record 18 players who won for the first time on Tour last year, and one explanation he gave was that some of the top players were not at their best.

"Tiger was great, but he didn't win nine times," Mattiace said. "What did he win, five times? Which is fantastic. If he wins 10, it takes five other potential winners

away."

The gap between Woods and everyone else is as large as he wants. It was a gulf after 2000 when Woods won nine times and three majors. It only appeared to shrink when his victory count dipped, even though it was still higher than anyone else.

"When those guys play good, the gap is not very big," Thomas Bjorn once said. "But it's still there, because Tiger is capable of more things. There will always be that gap."

It appears more narrow now because Woods hasn't played, and because Els has won three of the first four tournaments he has played around the world.

The curiosity is what happens now that Woods has returned from Dec. 12 surgery on his left knee to remove fluid and benign cysts in around the ligaments.

"I do have some catching up to do," Woods said as he left the course Tuesday, although he didn't sound as if he was in a big hurry. After all, the season-opening Mercedes Championships at Kapalua was the only tournament he had planned on playing.

He also has some catching up to do with Phil Mickelson.

Lefty caused quite a stir last week by saying that Woods has "inferior" clubs and he's the only player "good enough to overcome the equipment he's

stuck with."

Mickelson later said he meant it only in jest, but it did not escape Woods' notice. After belting one drive on No. 5, he smiled and said, "Pretty good for inferior equipment."

The rest of his round looked as if Woods never left.

He hit every fairway, missed only two greens. Rain left so much water on some of the greens that Woods didn't bother to putt. He simply fixed his pitch mark — a couple of them within 3 feet of the cup — and picked up his ball.

"Straight up the hill. I would have made that," he said on one hole.

The fog grew thicker on the back nine, and there were a couple of holes where visibility was reduced to about 100 yards off the tee.

"Another shot out of sight," caddie Steve Williams said when Woods ripped another drive that quickly vanished into the white mass.

Out of sight, but never more back in the picture.

Media credentials for the Buick Invitational have more than doubled to 300.

In the lobby of a nearby hotel, a manager was on the phone Monday night trying to explain to a desperate customer that he had no rooms left.

"Tiger Woods is coming to town tonight," he said. "It's very busy."

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Garcia

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and earned Honorable Mention All-American honors for the 2001-2002 season.

"She's extremely versatile," coach Bailey Weathers said.

Weathers does not use the word 'versatile' loosely. In her freshman season for the Irish, the precocious Garcia finished in the top five of nine different individual events for the women. Since, she has honed her skills in particular on the butterfly stroke events, but Garcia regularly contributes in other areas as well.

"She's leading the [Big East] conference in her best event, the 200 butterfly. She does extremely well in the short IM's [individual medleys] and the 100 and 200 freestyle," said Weathers. "She's a good, well-rounded athlete."

Garcia runs away with honors for the best butterfly swimmer in the Big East. After setting the school record at the Big East championships last season, Garcia continued her dominance during Notre Dame's 9-1-1 campaign of 2002-2003.

In the team's first dual meet and victory over Colorado State (162-100), Garcia posted two victories in both the 100 and 200 butterfly. She also captured both butterfly events in a 150-150 tie against Purdue, at the Minnesota Invitational and in a December, 195-105 win over Pittsburgh.

Proving the butterfly is not the only individual event she can dominate in a meet, Garcia won the 200 freestyle (1:52.17) in addition to the 100 butterfly (56.27) in the team's only defeat, a 154-146 loss to then #14 Indiana. She took the 1,000 freestyle and the 100 backstroke (59.70) in a win over Bowling Green, Louisville, and St. Louis in January, as well.

Garcia's talents extend even beyond the individual events. At the 2002 Notre Dame Relays held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center in October, Garcia swam on the 400 individual medley relay team that set a new meet

record with a time of 4:00.29, breaking the mark of 4:01.65 set a year ago.

Most important and notable, however, are the junior's intangible qualities of leadership and dedication.

"We are real fortunate our captains are good leaders and we have a lot of juniors who are really good leaders," said Weathers. "Lisa is certainly one."

Weathers says the leadership from the senior and junior classes is the biggest reason for the team's consistency. After graduating numerous top performers from last year's team, the team needs its upperclassmen to step up and take responsibility for holding the swimmers and divers together as a unit.

"We're a different team than last year," Garcia said. "There is no doubt about it. We've had some tough dual meets and we've had to pull together as team more. We need to depend on each other as a team, and that helps us swim better as a team."

Garcia and other swimmers acknowledge their team is just that, a unit in which the individuals collectively determine the direction of the season. As the Irish so far are headed in the right direction (9-1-1 in dual meet competition), they bring a tough, dedicated mindset that swimmers like Garcia exemplify.

"Lisa has a great work ethic," said Weathers. "She's there [working out and practicing] every day. And she supports hard work for other people."

Garcia and her teammates exhibited this work ethic during the team's week-long training program in Acapulco, which culminated in a 129-69 spanking of Kansas. Garcia won the 200 IM with a time of 2:22.24.

The highlights of Garcia's and the team's season, however, came fittingly in the team's final dual meet competition against Michigan on Feb. 1. It was a close, 153-147 home victory in which Garcia won the 200 butterfly (2:01.03). This butterfly victory, however, meant more than the others.

"For me that was a big race

because I knew their butterfly was ranked 9th in the nation. Going in knowing that was mentally difficult," Garcia said. "For me to overcome that is something I've really been trying to work on, to not be worried about who I'm racing against and instead just go out and race."

Not only did the Michigan meet give Garcia fulfillment, it also marked an important confidence booster for the team heading into the Big East championships.

"For the team, that game was a huge barrier," she said. "We did all have to pull together. [This year] we won some races we didn't expect to win and lost some we didn't expect to lose. But we bounced back from things that didn't quite go our way. Ending on that note for the dual meet season was a real big confidence booster."

Though she shows individual leadership and accomplishes her individual goals, Garcia's mind and comments always return to the status and well-being of the team.

Just what Coach Weathers wants.

"Actually one of my favorite quotes is four short words: a little bit more," Garcia said. "What puts the most successful individuals above the crowd is that little bit more. I do what coach tells me [to do] and a little bit more. When I do that, others around me do that and it has kind of a snowball effect. I know I couldn't swim without my teammates, and it's really important to do everything that's expected."

Garcia's drive to succeed is contagious. The team hopes it will continue to be contagious in Uniondale, N.Y., when Notre Dame competes for its seventh straight Big East title.

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MENS SOCCER

Irish announce new class of 2007 recruits

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame mens soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven highly-regarded prep standouts to national letters of intent.

Three of those players have been members of the U.S. national team program and are current members of the under-18 national squad.

Joining the Irish program beginning in the fall of 2003 will be goalkeeper Chris Cahill (Louisville, Ky./St. Francis DeSales) central defender Greg Dalby (Poway, Calif./Poway), midfielder Ian Etherington (Temecula, Calif./Chaparral HS), forward Justin McGeeney (Ames, Iowa/Ames), midfielder Ryan Miller (Barrington,

Ill./Barrington), forward Brian Murphy (Granger, Ind./St. Joseph's) and forward/midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester, Mich./Rochester Adams).

"These seven players comprise a fabulous recruiting class for us," Clark says. "All the individuals we identified early on in the recruiting process decided to come to Notre Dame. We were looking for players who would come in and give up depth as well as have an impact immediately. We're very excited to have all of them join our program."

"I think we've been very successful with our recruiting efforts the past two seasons. This year's class adds tremendous depth to our team and continues to move the program in the direction that we want to go."

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SPORTS

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WOMENS SWIMMING

A little bit more

◆ Lisa Garcia leads the Irish through her words and her results

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Bailey Weathers accepted the womens swimming head coach's position prior to the 1995-96 season, he knew the type of girl he wanted on his team.

He wanted what every coach wants.

He wanted a leader, a team member who could not only put in the physical effort but encourage her teammates to do the same.

He wanted a contributor, a swimmer who could shoulder the burdens of regular season competition and then rise to the challenge in the post-season.

It was no surprise, then, that the Irish came calling at Cherry Creek High School in

Denver, where Lisa Garcia had, among other accomplishments, set state records in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

Garcia chose Notre Dame over other top swimming schools and made an immediate impact on an already strong squad. While seniors graduate from championship teams — the Irish have won six straight Big East titles — swimmers like Garcia are the ones who keep the Irish program at the top of the Big East

and in the national spotlight.

Born Elizabeth Louise Garcia, the junior has slowly slid her way among the top tier of swimmers for the Notre Dame women. As a sophomore last season, Garcia qualified for her first NCAA championship, setting a school record at the NCAAs with a time of 1:59.28 in the 200 butterfly. She also finished runner-up in the 100 and 200 butterfly in the Big East championships

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles battle Britons

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The Belles have had their fair share of second chances.

However, with their losing streak climbing to nine with Saturday's loss to Kalamazoo, guaranteeing their last place MIAA ranking for the third straight week, it's evident that Saint Mary's is having a little trouble cashing in on its opportunities.

Belles coach Suzanne Bellina and her squad will take to the court at home tonight with yet another chance at victory as they challenge third-ranked Albion College (13-8, 6-4 in the MIAA).

The Belles (5-16, 1-9 in the MIAA) have searched for a way of regaining that certain something that pushed their game along at the beginning the season, focusing on correcting their weak points — rebounding and capitalizing on their opponent's mistakes.

Unfortunately, these adjustments have minimal effect for a team that has lost its star player.

Sophomore guard Emily Creachbaum, who accounts for 22 percent of the Belles' season points, has watched from the bench for the past three games after spraining her ankle in the opening minutes against Olivet Feb. 1.

The loss has already taken its toll on the Belles, and their numbers have taken a dramatic dive. While the Belles have been consistent shooters with scoring averages usually around 40 percent, these stats dropped following Creachbaum's injury, falling as low as 21 percent in a game against Hope College.

Saint Mary's bench will need to be ready to step up against the Briton with leading scorers such as Bridget Boyce and Anne Hogan who average 7.4 and 7.3 points per game, respectively.

"At this point, I think we just have to throw everything behind us," Creachbaum said. "Everyone on the team is focused on the game at hand and nothing more."

The Belles need wins against their next three conference foes for a desirable MIAA seed going into the conference tournament.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Storm warning for Irish at Joyce tonight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Muffet McGraw knows her team wants just one thing when it faces St. John's tonight at the Joyce Center.

"We just want to win at home," McGraw said. "We need to start another streak after losing four in a row at home."

McGraw is referring to the month of January when Notre Dame lost all four of its home games. However, the Irish (13-8, 5-5 in the Big East) have won their last two home games and are looking to build on that momentum against the Red Storm (8-14, 2-9).

"As a team, we need to focus on ourselves and improving in our areas of weakness — rebounding, defense and turnovers," McGraw said. "We've done all three of those well in the last few games and we did a good job with [fewer] turnovers against West Virginia and Georgetown."

The Irish are coming off another tough defeat, this time a 53-50 loss to Virginia Tech on the road. With the win, the Hokies improved to a perfect 11-0 at their own court. However, McGraw was pleased with her team's effort.

"It was a great game," McGraw said. "We put ourselves in a position to win and that's all you can ask for. I'm

happy with how we played."

At 13-8, Notre Dame needs to focus on ending its season strong so the Irish can make a run at an NCAA Tournament bid. The toughest part of their schedule is behind them, allowing the Irish an opportunity to reel off much-needed victories.

One of those victories could come tonight against St. John's. The Irish pounded the Red Storm 71-42 Jan. 14 at Alumni Hall. But the Johnnies were without their best player and leading scorer in that game, Danielle Rainey, who averages 16.4 points and five rebounds per game.

"We can't afford to look ahead," McGraw said. "I think we've shown all season that we can't look ahead."

McGraw also said she feels that if Notre Dame can get 18 wins heading into the Big East tournament, the Irish will have a legitimate shot at an NCAA bid.

Aside from facing Connecticut on the road, the Irish face four other Big East foes that are either tied or below them in the conference standings.

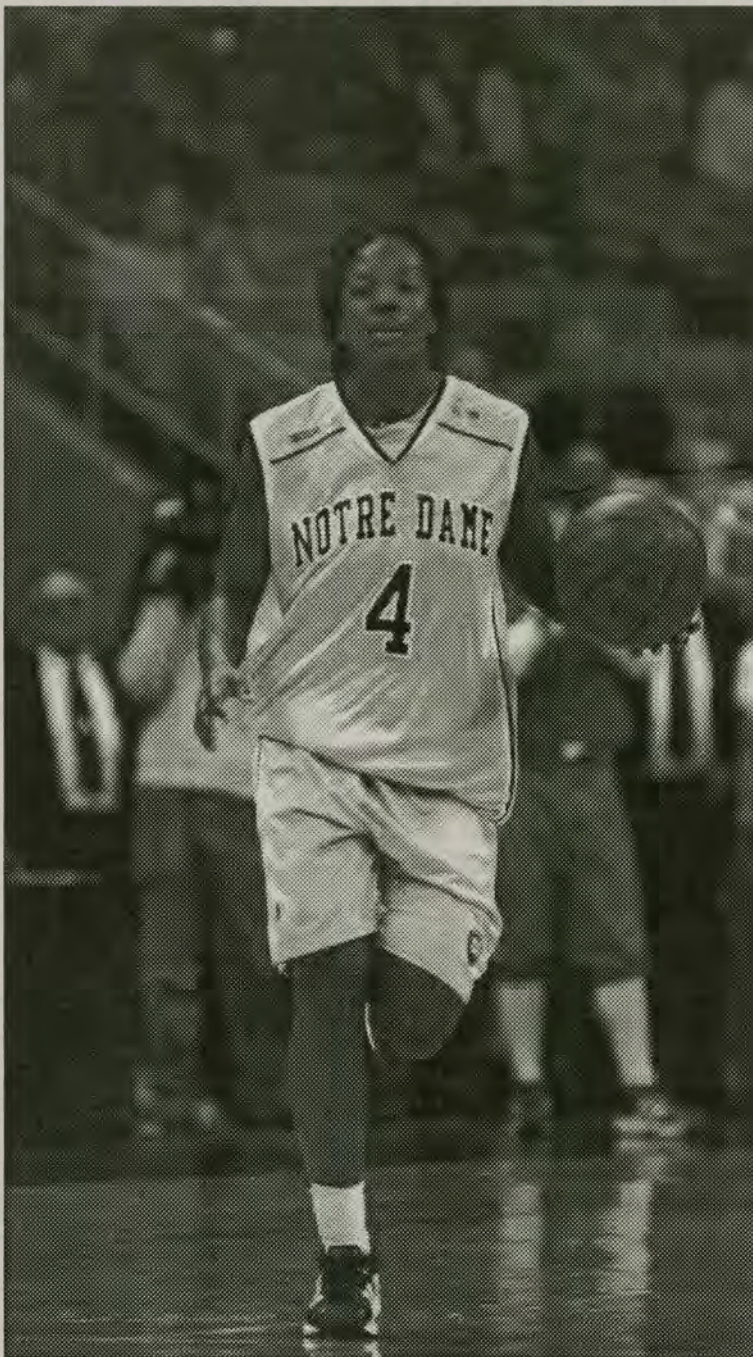
The Irish will likely need to win five of their last six to have a good chance of making the tournament.

The first of those six games starts tonight at 7 p.m. when St. John's comes to town.

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Notre Dame's Le'Tania Severe dribbles up the court against West Virginia. The Irish face St. John's tonight at 7 p.m.

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