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Vice President Dennis Moore dies of prostate cancer

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Dennis Moore, associate vice president for public affairs and communication at the University, died Wednesday morning after a year-long battle with prostate cancer.

Moore was 55 and died at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, where he was receiving



Dennis Moore

treatment. He had been on medical leave for most of this semester.

"We had been dreading the worst for a few weeks. The way things developed in the last day or so was a little surprising," said Dennis Brown, associate director of public relations and information.

Moore graduated from Notre Dame in 1970 and returned in 1988 to join the public relations staff, where he held the positions of assistant director, associate director and director of public relations. In 2002, he was promoted to his current position as associate vice president. While a student, Moore was on the

founding staff of The Observer.

"Denny was an incredibly good person with a strong faith and was impressively loyal to the University," said Kerry Temple, editor of Notre Dame Magazine, who worked with Moore for the last 15 years.

From 1990 to 2002, Moore served as director of public relations and was the University's principal spokesman and media relations officer.

"One of the things that impressed me most was that, as a spokesman for the University, Denny was the front man for policies, decisions and situations that were controversial, provocative and unpopular,"

Temple said. "He always did his job articulately and very loyally, and he always did it with the University's interest at heart."

Before returning to Notre Dame, Moore served on the editorial staff of The Kiwanis Magazine, was a senior staff writer for Consumers Power Company in Jackson, Mich., and worked as a freelance writer, editor and consultant in the United States and Ireland.

Moore is survived by his wife, Doreen, and three grown children, Erin, Brendan and Colleen, who is an assistant rector in Pasquerilla East Hall.

Brown said that University President Father Edward Malloy

celebrated a memorial Mass for Moore for close associates, friends and colleagues in the Main Building Wednesday morning and that funeral arrangements are pending.

"He will be remembered equally for his integrity, compassion and genuine concern for others," Malloy said in a statement. "In his word and deed, he lived his life as a faithful servant of God — giving of his time to the poor in our community, lending an encouraging word to the discouraged, inspiring all with whom he interacted."

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STUDENT SENATE

Group holds final meeting of semester



Student body vice president Jeremy Lao and chief of staff Emily Chin listen as Elliot Poindexter addresses senators Wednesday.

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate held their last meeting of the semester yesterday, marking student body president Pat Hallahan's final Senate meeting before he graduates at the end of the semester.

Hallahan offered final thoughts on the Senate's progress thus far and praised the body for its work. He cited issues such as the proposed women's resource center and the examination of RA training as examples of good responses from the Senate to the needs of the student body.

"I think we have made a lot of progress on some issues ... We have done a lot, I think, to respond to what students need," he said.

Hallahan also praised the Senate for the formation of the Council of Representatives, which is the first step in a large restructuring of the student government. He said that the new council is making progress

toward changes and that these changes will be of ultimate importance in the future.

"The biggest thing we did this year ... was creating the Council of Representatives," he said. "The changes out of [the Council of Representatives] are going to be amazing. It's going to be looked at five years from now as a big step for the student government."

Student body vice president Jeremy Lao and chief of staff Emily Chin both expressed their excitement at working in their new positions next semester.

"I'm really looking forward to working with [the Senate] and the whole student government on a totally different level," Lao said.

Lao will become president with Hallahan's graduation, and Chin has been appointed as the new vice president.

Also during the meeting, Pangborn Senator Kaitlyn Redfield reported that the Campus Life Council unanimously passed the Senate's res-

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ND study abroad ranks third

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

A national survey recently named Notre Dame third in the percentage of its undergraduates who study abroad.

According to a report by the Institute for International Education, 50.6 percent of Notre Dame students participated in some type of foreign study program for 2001-2002, the most recent year for which statistics are compiled. These numbers mark an 11 percent increase from the previous year.

"In this time of political turmoil our Notre Dame students are not flinching from engagement on the international scene," said Julia Douthwaite, assistant provost for international studies. "We're particularly delighted in this continuing trend given [University President Father Edward Malloy's] call for a bilingual student body."

Douthwaite cited opportunities for internships and service programs at foreign study locations as key reasons for the high interest in international programs among students. Such broad-ranging opportunities distinguish the Notre Dame's programs from other national universities, according to Douthwaite.

The number of students studying abroad would likely continue to increase, although students majoring in technical subjects would always be limited by tight course sequencing.

"We would like for every student to have the opportunity to study abroad if it is relevant to his or her field of study," Douthwaite said.

Yeshiva University was ranked first, with 75 percent of its students studying abroad, and Georgetown University ranked second with 52 percent. Last year Notre Dame was ranked first.

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SMC sponsors religious awareness week

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board is sponsoring its Religious Awareness Week in an effort to increase the religious awareness on campus.

The events began Monday and will conclude Sunday with Mass at 9 p.m. in Regina Chapel.

"Religion is an important issue that people are so passionate about," said SDB Religious Awareness Week chairwoman Nila Ahmad.

Ahmad hopes that people will be exposed to religions about which they were previously uninformed when they walk through the Hall of Religions,

located in the main hallway of LeMans. The Hall of Religions features posters that inform students on many different aspects of various religions.

SDB said it is presenting the ideas of as many religions as it could, but it was unable to include information on all types of religions. The board is covering religions on which they could find adequate, inoffensive facts.

This weekend SDB will be visiting Masjid-al-Noor Mosque, Sinai Synagogue and Regina Chapel in order to experience

the services of different faiths. Free rides will be provided to the Mosque at 12:30 p.m. Friday and to the Synagogue at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at LeMans Circle.

On Tuesday night the SDB held a panel discussion about the separation between religion and state. This was a slight change from last year's religious belief information session. This year's panel discussion was aimed at initiating discussion and explanation among students.

Last night, SDB provided a humorous outlook on religion by

showing the movie *Keeping the Faith*.

Today Saint Mary's students will have the opportunity to win various prizes by being one of the first five to respond correctly to an e-mail trivia questionnaire. The questions will deal with the first three events of the week.

The Religious Awareness Week's events will conclude with a reception after Sunday's 9 p.m. mass at Regina Chapel.

"I hope that people gain an awareness about different religions and begin to ask questions rather than have a misunderstanding on certain beliefs," Ahmad said.

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"Religion is an important issue that people are so passionate about."

Nila Ahmad
awareness week chair

INSIDE COLUMN

Jesus played basketball

Football season is done, and now we, the normal students, have no one to live vicariously through. Yet have no fear! Notre Dame has a hidden gem of a sports team on campus that you can still live your life through.

Andrew Borys

And this isn't a make-believe sport like hurling, this is college basketball — the gift God gave to men when He realized the mistake He made when creating vegetarians.

Ad Design

So what prompted me to travel to Marquette, drink heavily, and get harassed by Jesuits the night before psych test on Monday? Passion for a sport that provides drama, quick momentum changes and upsets on a daily basis.

And the Irish are a team that should not be overlooked. They are strong on the inside, explosive up top, un"Dutchable" on the bench, and when the threes start hitting, they are hard to stop.

Many people mistakenly believe that, just because basketball games are played on weeknights and during the winter, they cannot tailgate and celebrate the sport as they do for football. This is not true. All you need is a George Foreman grill and a 21 year-old and you too can be prepared to fully enjoy an Irish basketball game. Since most games occur at night, you don't even have to wake up early. After some brats and/or sausages, a few Keystones to wake you up and throwing on 57 layers to keep warm, you are ready to march to the JACC. Now some people like to run under the assumption that you can arrive at the arena an hour before tip-off and still get good seats. In actuality, that is when the doors open. In order to get seats where the opposing team's coach can actually hear you tell him to start the bus early, you have to be outside so early that you beat Brey to the arena.

When the ushers finally unlock the doors, grab a seat and listen to the JACC PA system pump songs popular in the year 1999 such as Creed and Lifehouse — just the music needed to intimidate the other team. When the other team comes out to warm up, we, as Notre Dame representatives, are required to give them respect by requesting they shoot three pointers from NBA range or to "cut that mullet."

And eventually the game starts. For the next hour and a half, be screaming, jumping, insulting and straddling the border of police escort.

A week from yesterday is the last day of classes and marks the beginning of "study days." That night, we also play Indiana in the JACC. It is as if those who created this schedule understood what the definition of "home court advantage" really means. Celebrate the end of a semester, fire up that George Foreman and make sure that Mike Davis, the most unstable coach in the NCAA, has an angry post game press conference.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Borys at aborys1@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHEN ARE YOU STARTING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?



Andrew Austin

Junior Siegfried

"I haven't even thought about it."



Caitlin Kennelly

Sophomore Welsh Family

"Hopefully this weekend."



Chris Broughton

Senior Off-Campus

"Christmas Eve."



Deacon Bruno

Junior O'Neill

"I barely realized it and its been menacing me all week."



Kate Burmon

Junior Welsh Family

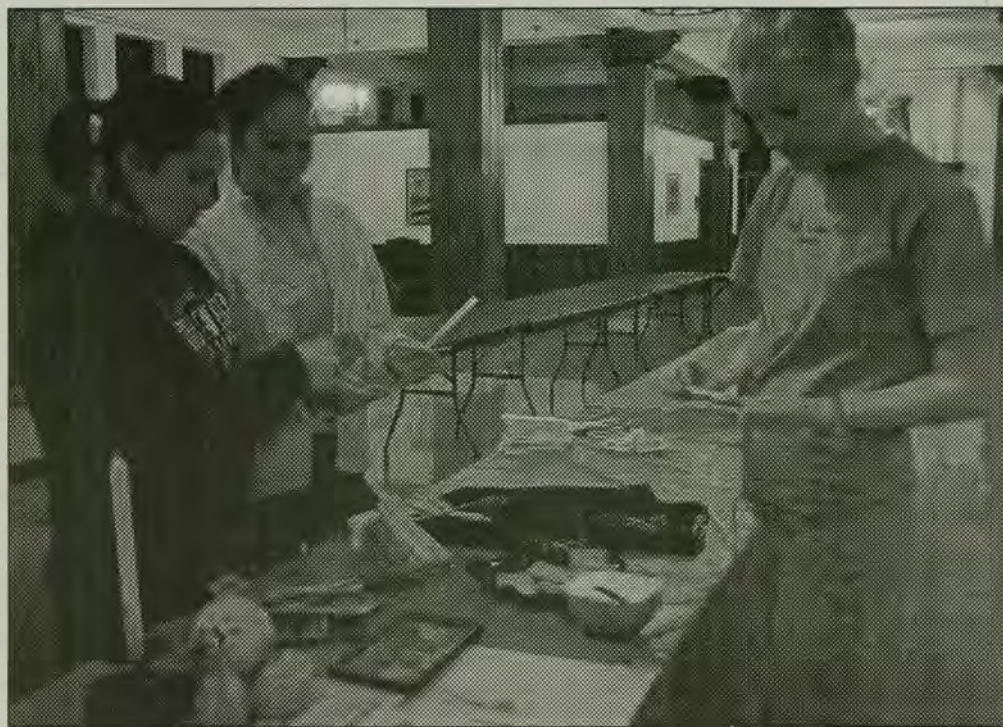
"In about 15 minutes."



Nairread Case

Sophomore Pasquerilla West

"I'm not because my friends are Jewish."



STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer

Saint Mary's College hosted a Christmas Around the World celebration Wednesday in the Reignbeaux Lobby of LeMans Hall. The event allowed students to sample foods from different cultures around the world.

IN BRIEF

D.I.C.E. and the Class of 2006 are sponsoring Christmas Card Making today from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. Send cards to those you love this holiday season. Card making is free and open to all students.

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, directed by Alexander Blachly, present their annual performance of selections from Handel's Messiah today from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$6 for reserved seating, \$3 for students. The final performance will take place Friday night. Call the LaFortune Box Office at (574) 631-8128 for tickets.

Amy Gutmann, provost of Princeton University will present a lecture entitled "Why Diversity Matters" today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo. The lecture is cosponsored by the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecturer Series and the Department of Philosophy.

SUB is sponsoring a showing of the movie "S.W.A.T." tonight in 101 DeBartolo from 10 to 12 p.m. Admission is \$3. The movie will also be shown Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Carroll Hall will hold their annual Carroll Christmas Tree Lighting tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Carroll Hall Front Lawn. The event features a tree-lighting ceremony, carols sung by the glee club, food and fun.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Man Wins Election in Marbles Game

CULVER CITY, Calif. — All it took for Stewart Bubar to retain his seat on the Board of Education in this Los Angeles suburb was 1,141 votes and one white marble.

After Bubar and challenger Roger Maxwell wound up tied at 1,141 votes apiece in last month's election, school district officials decided to determine the winner by having the two reach into bags filled with red, white and blue marbles. The first one to pull out a white one would be the

winner.

"When I saw the white one, I didn't believe it," said Bubar, who is the board's chairman. "I wanted to make sure it was really white."

Before he came up with the winner Monday, Bubar had pulled out three colored marbles. Fortunately for him, Maxwell pulled out four.

Thailand Opens First Hospital for Monkeys

LOPBURI, Thailand — At least seven patients crowded the hospital room. Four with respiratory diseases were on the

same examination table, out cold from anesthesia. Another had survived a fall from a building, and one more — hit by a car — had a broken leg.

It was a busy day at Thailand's first monkey hospital, which opened Wednesday in Lopburi, 70 miles north of Bangkok.

The 2,000 monkeys roaming free in central Lopburi are the city's main tourist attraction. A feast held for them each November brings thousands of visitors.

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Students triumph in moot court regionals

Law students move to national competition

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Recently, two Notre Dame third-year law students emerged in a Moot Court triumph that was anything but moot.

Carah Helwig and Julissa Robles will travel in February to New York City to the national moot court competition, following their victory at the Region VIII National Moot Court Competition. The pair won each of the five matches in which they competed in the regional competi-

tion, and also won the best brief competition, defeating a team from Indiana University, Indianapolis in the final round.

There are fourteen regions nationwide in moot court competition, and approximately 26 to 28 advance to the national competition. Not all of the regional results have been finalized, so Helwig and Robles are still waiting to learn the entire slate of competitors they will be facing in New York. They are not particularly concerned about the competition, however, according to Helwig.

"We went into the competition wanting to do well for each other, and were only focused on supporting each other as teammates," said Helwig.

"Then ... we just kept on winning."

Robles expressed confidence in the pair's preparation and brief-writing skills, but she, too, was surprised at the end of the competition.

"I was confident we were prepared for the challenge," Robles said. "The shock didn't arrive until we were sitting in the final round ... and the tournament officials revealed we were the top seed throughout the tournament."

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where the national competition will most likely be held, and the American College of Trial Lawyers sponsored the competition.

Moot Court competitions operate somewhat differently from mock trial competitions or other legal simulations in several ways. Each team writes a forty-page brief based on one side of a case record they receive some time in advance.

Following submission of this brief, the team must compete in an oral argument component, where each side has thirty minutes to argue their side of the case, which is determined just before the arguments by a coin toss.

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"The shock didn't arrive until we were sitting in the final round..."

Julissa Robles
law student

FCC approves application

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission voted Wednesday to allow Qwest Communications International Inc. to sell long-distance phone service in its entire region, approving the final such application for a regional Bell.

Qwest's petition for Arizona was the last by a former Bell company to enter a long-distance market after the FCC broke up AT&T in 1984 and barred the local regional Bells from providing long distance in their local markets.

The application process to offer long-distance services began in 1997, when Ameritech submitted the first application from a former Bell company. The application was later withdrawn. The FCC approved its first application in December 1999, when Bell

Atlantic's New York application was approved.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said the Arizona application approval marks the "end of a long and difficult road." Regional Bells can now sell long-distance service in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

"The barrier between local and long-distance service has finally been removed," Powell said. "Consumers throughout the country will continue to enjoy innovative new choices that make the concept of separate local and long distance markets a thing of the past."

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy said the commission's work is not done. The commission needs to ensure that the markets remain competitive, she said.

In a joint statement, commissioners Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein, the two

Democrats on the commission, said the FCC has failed to adequately ensure markets remain competitive beyond the first year that a carrier's application is approved.

Qwest already provides local service to nearly 2.7 million customers in Arizona. The Denver-based company expects to begin taking orders for long-distance calling plans from Arizona customers later this month.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows companies to offer long-distance services once it has shown that local service in its area has been opened to competition. Qwest said it spent more than \$3 billion complying with the competition requirement.

Qwest currently provides long-distance service to more than 1.7 million customer lines in 13 states in its local service territory.

Immigrants refused licenses

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger repealed a measure Wednesday that would have allowed an estimated 2 million undocumented immigrant drivers to apply for licenses in California.

Overtaking the law, which would have taken effect in January, was a major campaign promise in the October recall election that swept the movie star into office.

"The swift bipartisan passage of this legislation is a perfect example of how the peoples' will can change pol-

itics-as-usual in Sacramento," Schwarzenegger said in a statement after he signed the repeal without ceremony or pictures.

"The swift bipartisan passage of this legislation is a perfect example of how the peoples' will can change politics-as-usual in Sacramento."

Arnold Schwarzenegger
California Governor

His action came 2 1/2 weeks after Schwarzenegger, a Republican, fulfilled his first campaign promise — to end nearly \$4 billion in higher annual car taxes.

The driver's license law was passed by the Legislature in September and signed by then-Gov. Gray

Davis, triggering criticism that he was pandering to Hispanic voters in the recall balloting.


California is deeply divided

over the illegal immigrants flowing into the state, mostly from Mexico and Central America.

Supporters of the law, which would have allowed license applications using taxpayer identification numbers instead of Social Security numbers, argued it would prompt undocumented immigrants to take the state driving test and become insured.

Opponents labeled the law a reward for lawbreakers and said terrorists could take advantage of it.

Schwarzenegger's action sets the stage for a fresh fight on the issue in January. Schwarzenegger has said he wants a "whole new package" that includes more safeguards and background checks on applicants. But many Republicans say they will fight any bill that allows residents living illegally in California to get a driver's license.



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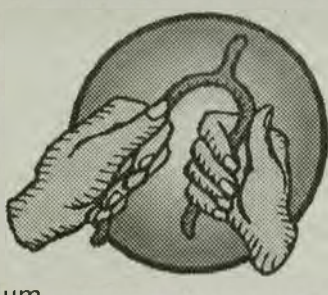
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Senate

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olution on a proposed women's resource center. The body now must await the response of Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs.

Finally, the Senate unanimously passed a letter to the University Academic Council asking the council to implement a Naval Science minor.

According to the letter, "The study of Naval Science and military studies is a time-honored academic discipline and current Notre Dame students specializing in and successfully mastering this legitimate field of study deserve appropriate academic distinction."

The letter also requested that an investigation be launched into the "feasibility of minor offerings in the fields of Military Science and Aerospace Studies."

In other Senate news:

◆ Keenan Senator Dan Zenker presented a proposal for more bike racks to be added to the D2 and D6 student parking lots. The main reason for this proposal, according to Zenker, is that students who ride their bikes to the parking lots have limited space to leave the bikes. He said members of the Senate's Committee on Residence Life have met with representatives of NDSP and

University Maintenance, who are open to the idea.

"NDSP and maintenance both expressed a need for more bike racks," Zenker said. "They both want it to happen."

◆ Kate Schlosser, a student representative on the University Academic Council, spoke to the Senate regarding issues on which the Council is currently working. Schlosser spoke mainly on the TCE issue and updated the Senate as to its progress.

"The resolution [the Senate] passed last year is just coming to the forefront," Schlosser said. "We're going to look at the issue and see if we can accommodate the concerns of the faculty and see if we can have some TCE publication that everyone agrees on."

◆ Lyons Senator Kristy Bolsen informed the Senate that she will be leaving to study abroad next semester, and she introduced her replacement. Sophomore Natasha Mikha will serve out the end of Bolsen's term as Lyons Senator next semester.

◆ Senators appointed Fisher Senator Sujal Pandya as Senate representative to the Judicial Council. Pandya will serve as liaison between the two bodies as student government elections take place early next semester.

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Christmas tree lit in Rockefeller Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center came to life in a blaze of 30,000 lights Wednesday night before a crowd of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

Before flipping the switch to usher in the holiday season, Mayor Michael Bloomberg dedicated the lighting ceremony to U.S. soldiers everywhere.

As the temperature dipped below freezing, 6-foot-7 Anthony Jenkins found warmth and good wishes in the packed crowd after dressing up as a giant Santa. "What I get out of it is the love of the people," said Jenkins, 55.

For Hy Safran, 19, and friend Melissa Opper, 18, both students at Columbia University, watching the tree lighting stirred their patriotism.

"I wanted to experience the season," Safran said, adding that he and Opper are both Jewish but that "the Christmas spirit has become the American spirit since 9-11."

The 79-foot, 9-ton tree was planted 50 years ago in Manchester, Conn. It arrived in Manhattan last month on a Hudson River barge and was trucked to the midtown landmark where it will remain lit until Jan. 6.

The televised Christmas show featured performances by Harry Connick Jr., Ashanti, Enrique Iglesias, Gloria Estefan, Kelly Clarkson, Ruben Studdard and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

The tree tradition dates to 1931, when workers building Rockefeller Center erected a small tree amid the Art Deco buildings rising between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

ENGLAND

Briton charged in conspiracy case

Associated Press

LONDON — A 24-year-old British man was charged Wednesday with conspiring in an explosives plot with Richard Reid, the al-Qaida "shoe bomber" who tried to blow up a U.S. airliner.

Sajid Badat, one of more than 20 people arrested since last week in a series of anti-terrorism raids, was charged with two additional explosives offenses, London's Metropolitan Police said.

Police gave no details of the charges, and it was unclear whether Badat was accused of involvement in Reid's attempt to set off explosives on a Paris-to-Miami flight. Badat is due to appear in court Thursday.

London police commissioner Sir John Stevens said Wednesday the force is on a heightened state of terrorist alert.

Details of the accusations against Badat were not released, but explosive material was found at his home in Gloucester, southwestern England, where he was arrested Nov. 27.

Before his name was released, Home Secretary David Blunkett said the security services and police believed the suspect had al-Qaida connections.

"It is the belief of the security and [police] Special Branch services that this man has connections with the network of al-Qaida groups," Blunkett told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Authorities alleged that between Sept. 1, 2001, and

Nov. 28, 2003, Badat "unlawfully and maliciously conspired with Richard Reid and others unknown" to cause an explosion "likely to endanger life or cause serious injury."

Reid, a British national, was sentenced to life in prison for a Dec. 22, 2001, bombing attempt aboard a Paris-to-Miami flight.

He pleaded guilty and said he was a member of the al-Qaida terrorist network, pledged his support to Osama bin Laden, and declared himself an enemy of the United States. He admitted he tried to ignite plastic explosives hidden in his shoes on American Airlines Flight 63.

Ibrahim Master, chairman of the Lancashire Council of Mosques, said last week that the suspect — not then identified by name — had been a student at the College of Islamic Knowledge and Guidance in Blackburn, northern England. Master said religious leaders assisted police in a search of the college and adjoining mosque.

Badat was born in Gloucester into a strict Muslim family who moved to England from Malawi in the 1960s. The Daily Telegraph reported Saturday. The newspaper said he had trained as

a Muslim cleric in Pakistan, where members of his family live.

The Guardian newspaper reported Saturday that Badat had gone to Anglican schools as a child, and it quoted friends who expressed surprise at the arrest.

"He is popular and he has never mentioned anything about fundamentalism or terrorism, that is simply not him," said Mohammed Yusuf. "He has traveled to many countries to study Islam, but studying Islam is not the same as studying terrorism."

Reid, a Muslim convert born in London, had attended Brixton mosque in the capital. Mosque chairman Abdul Haqq Baker has said Reid fell in with a loosely organized group of the militants and attended extreme scholar-

ship classes. Police gave no indication of how or where Badat and Reid allegedly had met.

As Badat was charged, police continued to question 14 people arrested Tuesday in a series of dawn raids around the country. Those raids followed anti-terrorist operations last week in which seven people were arrested, including Badat.

One other man arrested in the recent raids, Algerian national Nouredinne Mouleff, was charged earlier Wednesday with terrorism and fraud offenses.

"He has traveled to many countries to study Islam, but studying Islam is not the same as studying terrorism."

**Mohammed Yusuf
friend of suspect**

DEADLINE!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sudan rebels to enter peace talks

CAIRO, Egypt — A delegation of Sudanese rebels will fly to the capital Khartoum for talks with the government, insurgency leader John Garang said Wednesday. The negotiations would be a major step toward ending the country's 20-year civil war.

Garang told The Associated Press in a phone call that the "high-level delegation," including a member of the leadership council of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, would head to Khartoum on Friday.

The SPLA began its insurgency in 1983. Garang said the visit to Khartoum was separate from peace negotiations set to resume in Kenya on Dec. 5.

Garang said the government had accepted the visit.

China slams U.S. WMD strategies

BEIJING — China revealed in unusual detail Wednesday its methods of preventing dangerous weapons from falling into the wrong hands, outlining its approach to non-proliferation just days before its premier visits Washington.

At the same time, the Beijing government chided the United States' actions to root out such weapons, saying "unilateralism and double standards must be abandoned" — an allusion to pre-emptive U.S. military action in Iraq earlier this year, which China opposed.

The comments, in a "white paper" on non-proliferation, dovetailed with a major theme of the Communist government's foreign policy in recent years, to establish China as a respectable, responsible country that will follow international rules.

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, China said, benefit no one — particularly China itself.

NATIONAL NEWS

CDC: U.S. not ready for SARS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The United States is ill-equipped to handle a major outbreak of the deadly SARS virus, according to a report commissioned by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study, conducted by University of Louisville researchers and submitted Monday, cites a lack of specialists who study diseases, along with cuts in state and local health department budgets.

"The current shortage of epidemiologists, public health nurses and other personnel in the U.S. will reach a crisis stage in the event of an epidemic," the report says.

Study questions prostate tests

WASHINGTON — Almost a third of men over 75 undergo laboratory blood tests each year to check their prostate health, but a new study questions the value of using the PSA test to screen men that old for prostate cancer.

"There is no evidence that screening men of this age would be beneficial to them, so this may not be the best use of health care resources," said Dr. Siu-Long Yao, a genitourinary oncologist at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, N.J. He is senior author of the study appearing this week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

LOCAL NEWS

IU Jews vie for dreidel record

BLOOMINGTON — A Jewish community BLOOMINGTON will try to twirl its way into the Guinness Book of World Records Sunday by spinning at least 561 dreidels at the same time.

If all the dreidels spin simultaneously for more than 10 seconds, the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at Indiana University will beat out the University of Maryland for the record.

"We just thought it would be a lot of fun," program director Andy Gitelson said. "It's kind of a way to get back at Maryland for beating us in the NCAA tournament a few years back."

Coroner: struggle caused death

Official says 350-pound black man had health problems, was on PCP and cocaine

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The death of a 350-pound black man who was clubbed by police in a videotaped beating was caused primarily by the struggle that ensued after the suspect lunged and swung at the officers, the coroner said Wednesday in a case that has heightened racial tensions.

Hamilton County Coroner Carl Parrott said Nathaniel Jones, 41, suffered from an enlarged heart, obesity and had intoxicating levels of cocaine, PCP and methanol in his blood.

He said the death will be ruled a homicide, but added that such a decision does not mean police used "excessive force." The coroner said he had to rule the death a homicide because it did not fall under the other categories: accident, suicide or natural.

"Since the struggle was the result of a purposeful act, in this case, the effort by the police to subdue him, to do their jobs, that purposeful act was a primary cause of death," Parrott said.

The coroner said the death was a homicide because the struggle and restraint caused Jones' death, but noted that Jones would have been more likely to survive had he not used drugs, been obese or suffered from the weakened heart. Jones had ingested cocaine within three hours of the struggle and the PCP within five hours, Parrott said.

Black activists say Jones' death was another example of police brutality against blacks in a city that was rocked by race riots two years ago. That unrest



Getty

Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher speaks Wednesday as the videotape of the Nathaniel Jones' death plays in the background. Jones died Nov. 30 after Cincinnati police officers forcibly arrested him.

was sparked after a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed fleeing black suspect.

But city officials have said the officers in the current case were properly defending themselves against a violent suspect. The officers — five whites and one black — were placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

The struggle occurred early Sunday after an employee at a White Castle called 911 to report that a man had passed out on the lawn outside. Emergency personnel arrived and reported that the man was awake and "becoming a nuisance," according to police radio transmissions.

The first two arriving officers were shown on a police video striking Jones after he ignored orders to "stay back," took a swing at an officer and put his arm around one's neck.

The officers later knocked Jones to the

ground and fell on him, and jabbed or clubbed him with nightsticks at least a dozen times over several minutes until he was handcuffed. They kept yelling, "Put your hands behind your back!" as they struggled to handcuff him.

Jones' body had bruising on the lower half, but did not show signs of damage to the head or organ damage, the coroner said.

In Jones' car, police found cocaine and three hand-rolled cigarettes that had been dipped in methanol, an ingredient in embalming fluid that gets people high, authorities said.

The coroner's ruling came shortly after lawyers for Jones' family called for an independent investigation, claiming the coroner has mishandled past cases.

"It's hard for me to believe anything that comes out of the coroner's office," attorney Kenneth Lawson said at a news conference.

Relatives said Jones was a loving person who never hurt anyone.

"They talk about Skip like he was an animal," said his grandmother, Bessie Jones. "He wasn't. Skipper was just a good old, fat jolly fella. He wasn't violent."

"Everyone he met, that he touched, loved him," said his aunt, Diane Payton. "He was never mean."

Parrott said he has full confidence in his office's findings.

"We're doing things in the way everyone else does it. We're doing it to national and international standards," he said.

John Ester, spokesman for the prosecutor's office, said the office was in the preliminary stages of investigating the scuffle and was still awaiting the results of a police investigation.

Police Capt. Vince Demasi said the ruling was in line with what police expected.

ISRAEL

Powell meeting frustrates many

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel reacted with disappointment Wednesday after U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell confirmed he will meet with organizers of an informal Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

The comments by Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was the latest expression of Israel's stiff opposition to the meeting, seen as a U.S. gesture toward the "Geneva Accord" that Sharon has denounced.

On Tuesday, Israel's vice premier said it would be "mistake" if Powell goes forward with the meeting — an unusually strong rebuke from Israel to its closest and most important ally.

Shoval, a former ambassador to Washington, conceded that Israel cannot prevent Powell from meeting with Geneva Accord's Palestinian and

Israeli authors, but said the effort would be counterproductive.

"I think the decision that Secretary Powell must make is ... what the American interests are," Shoval said in a phone interview from Italy.

"America wants to promote the 'road map' and those people in Geneva ... want to go in a different path," he added. "Therefore I think it won't be very helpful."

The Geneva Accord outlines concessions by Israel that Sharon's government has opposed in the past — including removing most settlements from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and dividing sovereignty in Jerusalem, claimed by both sides as their capital. The accord also severely limits any return of Palestinian refugees to lands in Israel, which has brought condemnations from some Palestinian leaders.

The "road map" is a formal U.S.-backed peace plan that Israel and the

Palestinians have accepted in principle as a basis for negotiations. The road map, which envisions an independent Palestinian state by 2005, leaves open to negotiation the specific issues — such as borders — addressed in the Geneva pact.

The White House on Wednesday said Powell was free to meet with the Geneva authors but underlined its commitment to the road map.

"The path toward peace in the Middle East is the road map," spokesman Scott McClellan said, adding that "The secretary of state will make determinations about who he meets with."

U.S. gestures toward the Geneva plan have been seen as an implicit criticism of Sharon's hard-line stance toward the Palestinians. Powell on Tuesday confirmed he would meet with the Geneva accord's authors on Friday.

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friday 12.05

Las Posadas
 Welsh Family Hall, 24-hour lounge
 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Freshman Retreat #50
 Sacred Heart Parish Center

sunday 12.07

RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Coleman-Morse Lounge

Spanish Mass & Guadalupe Presentation
 Coleman-Morse Lounge
 1:30 p.m. Mass
 3:00 p.m. presentation (in English)

tuesday 12.09

Campus Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 114 Coleman-Morse

Confirmation Session
 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
 Siegfried Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass
 Feast of San Juan Diego
 10:30 p.m.
 St. Edward's Hall
 Reception to follow

wednesday 12.10

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
 8:00 p.m.
 Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
 Coleman-Morse Lounge
 10 p.m.

friday 12.12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 5:15 p.m.
 Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

saturday 12.13

The Notre Dame CELEBRATION CHOIR presents the "Voices of Campus" Christmas Concert for Liberia
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Coleman-Morse Lounge
 Optional donations accepted at the door for Catholic Relief Services for Liberia

considerations...

Advent

Take a breath Take a look

by John Glynn
 Intern, Campus Ministry

It's after Thanksgiving and the fall semester draws ever nearer to completion. Books that have been put off all semester are finally being opened, term papers and lab projects that we've known about since September are finally being started, and that creeping feeling on the back of your neck is starting to become more and more apparent as the end of the semester looms with its necessary and unwelcome companion: finals. For some, this is perhaps the seventh time that they anxiously prepare for their final exams, for others this may be the first; but for both parties and everyone in between it can be said that the next, and last, three weeks of the semester will be filled with late nights, long study sessions, frantic last-minute papers and projects, overdeveloped anxiety complexes, and a vision of the future that looks much, much brighter once we finish that last exam.

It's after Thanksgiving and the fall semester draws ever nearer to completion. Jingle bells fill the radio waves, *A Christmas Story* is put on repeat on TBS, little lights pop up like flower buds on trees across campus, malls across the country become battlegrounds for bargain-hunters and sale-shoppers, the bookstore has one of its glorious twice-annual student sales, and that creeping feeling on the back of your neck starts to cause shockwaves up and down your spine as you remember you need to think up, go out, and buy presents for friends and family. Our minds are stuffed with cramming a semester's worth of information in a very short amount of time, while our bodies are exhausted from the pre-Christmas scurry to find gifts for loved ones, albeit bodies somewhat relieved that our wallets are now much lighter.

It's after Thanksgiving and the fall semester draws ever nearer to a close. We're busy, cold, and tired, and yet it is in this time of exhaustion and anxiety that we celebrate the beginning of another Church year. The season of Advent began last Sunday and with it the New Year of the Church—a beautiful season that asks us to take a step back from the frantic bustle of our lives, to take stock of ourselves, and to gain perspective on the way we are living. It asks us to look inward at a time when everything in our environment is pulling us outward—knowing that what it asks for is perhaps the hardest thing to do at the moment. And yet it may be exactly what we need. Often we can be caught up in the whirlwind of activity that makes up our college lives that we lose a grip on why this season is important—the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent calls us to take time to reflect on how we are preparing ourselves for Christ—not just Christ at the end of time, but Christ in the Mass, Christ in the suffering, Christ in each other. It asks us to prepare our hearts to receive the love of God that comes in the encounter of Christ—a love and a presence that is encountered not once a year or once a week, but every day. There is no doubt that this time before finals and Christmas is one of stress and worry, but it is also one that asks us to gain hope and serenity from the knowledge that Christ has come, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

It's after Thanksgiving and the fall semester draws ever nearer to a close. But take a breath, take a look. Our Savior is coming, and with Him peace.

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Tuesday, December 9 • 10:00 p.m. • St. Edward's Hall
Feast of San Juan Diego
 Spanish Mass and Reception to follow

Friday, December 12 • 5:15pm •
Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

weekend mass schedule

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Saturday Vigil Mass
 5:00 p.m.
 Rev. John E. Conley, c.s.c.

Sunday
 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Peter Jarret, c.s.c.
 11:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas J. Eckert, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.
 Spanish Mass
 Coleman Morse Lounge
 (NOTE: new location for this week only)

5:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
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NYSE	6,142.78	+3.16
S&P 500	1,064.73	-1.89
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,326.39	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,392.00	+13.10

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.82	+0.19	23.30
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.53	+0.02	4.37

Treasuries

30-YEAR BOND	+0.74	+0.38	51.85
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5-YEAR NOTE	+0.82	+0.28	34.39
3-MONTH BILL	-0.55	-0.05	9.12

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IN BRIEF

OPEC hints at production cuts

VIENNA, Austria — Global demand for oil is sufficient to soak up current output, but Saudi Arabia, de facto leader of OPEC, warned that a cut in crude production was likely when seasonal demand falls next spring.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali Naimi hinted Wednesday that he supported other members of the oil producer's group calling for no change in output at this week's meeting on production policy. However, he warned "there is a high possibility" that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will have to cut production early next year if it hopes to avert a springtime slump in prices.

OPEC members have been cashing in on high oil prices, and the group's Secretary-General Alvaro Silva has already ruled out any increase in output that might help ease the pain for importing countries.

Wal-Mart to ax debit MasterCard

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will stop accepting signature debit cards issued by MasterCard starting in February, the first major retailer to take such action since a lawsuit settlement freed merchants to pick which credit and debit card services they use.

Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, said Wednesday that MasterCard's fees for the signature debit cards are too high. It will continue to accept Visa's signature debit cards.

Merck predicts jump in earnings

TRENTON, N.J. — Merck & Co. expects 2004 earnings to rise about 7 percent from this year, the pharmaceutical giant told analysts Wednesday.

Merck said its \$3.11 to \$3.17 per share profit forecast includes expected restructuring charges next year, such as severance payments and other costs related to its plan to cut 4,400 jobs. Merck said those charges will reduce 2004 net income by \$75 million to \$125 million, even though eliminating those jobs will reduce overhead somewhat.

The job eliminations have begun and will continue into 2004, said Mark Stejbach, director of investor relations.

Productivity takes off in Q3

Economy registers largest jump in two decades; analysts expect hiring to follow

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The productivity of America's workers soared by the largest amount in 20 years last quarter, raising hopes that the economic recovery is taking hold and businesses will soon be stepping up hiring.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that productivity — the amount an employee produces per hour of work — rocketed at an annual rate of 9.4 percent in the July-to-September quarter, the best showing since the second quarter of 1983.

The figure, revised from a month ago based on more complete data, was even stronger than the government's first estimate of an impressive 8.1 percent productivity growth rate and represented an acceleration from the brisk 7 percent pace in the second quarter.

"The gains in productivity are helping companies' bottom lines so they can be less focused on cutting costs and more focused on expanding business and ultimately hiring more employees," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management. "This is very good news for the sustainability of the recovery."

On Wall Street, the good news on productivity lifted stocks. The Dow Jones industrials gained 19.78 points to close at 9,873.42.

For the economy's long-term health and for rising living standards, productivity gains are vital. They allow the economy to grow faster without triggering inflation. Companies can pay workers more without raising prices, which would eat up those wage gains. And productivity can bolster a company's profitability.

That's particularly important in the current economic climate. As prof-



Playboy Chairperson & CEO Christle Hefner closes trading on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday as her father, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, smiles and looks on. Stocks jumped on news of huge productivity gains in the U.S. economy.

its improve, companies may be more willing to boost capital investment and hiring — two crucial ingredients for the recovery to be lasting.

In terms of productivity, "businesses have probably stretched their current work forces about as far as they can stretch," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "If the growth in the economy continues, businesses would be required to add to their staffs, rather than expect current employees to do it all on a going-forward basis."

The economy is estimated to be growing at a solid 4 percent rate in the current quarter. Although that would be a slowdown from the blistering 8.2 percent pace of the third quarter — the fastest in nearly two decades — analysts said such economic growth would be ample to spur hiring.

The nation's payrolls are expected to grow in November by around 150,000, economists pre-

dict. If that happens, it would mark the fourth month in a row that hiring increased. The government will release November's employment report on Friday.

During the economic slump, gains in productivity came at the expense of workers: Companies produced more with fewer employees. But in the third quarter, businesses pumped out more with a small increase in workers. The economy added a net 103,000 jobs during the quarter.

Companies' output in the third quarter surged at a 10.3 percent rate, the biggest increase since the third quarter of 1983, and more than two times the 4.6 percent pace in the second quarter.

Workers' hours in the third quarter increased at a 0.8 percent pace, the most since the first quarter of 2000, and a turnaround from the 2.2 percent rate of decline in the second quarter.

Businesses may be running out of ways to

squeeze more out of existing workers to meet customers' demands for goods and services, said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp. "Stronger job creation may be just around the corner," he said.

Companies' unit labor costs fell at a rate of 5.8 percent in the third quarter — good news for profit margins. That was better than the 3.2 percent rate of decline reported for the second quarter.

Workers' hourly compensation adjusted for inflation rose at a 0.7 percent rate in the third quarter, down from a 3 percent rate in the previous quarter.

With the job market improving and the economy gaining traction, economists believe the Federal Reserve will hold a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent at its next meeting Dec. 9. "The odds ... do increasingly favor a revival in job creation," a hopeful Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said last month.

SEC moves against market timers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators voted Wednesday to ban illegal after-hours trading in mutual funds, bidding to restore investor confidence staggered by a spreading industry scandal.

The Securities and Exchange Commission agreed by a 5-0 margin on tentative approval of a rule that would set 4 p.m. Eastern as the cutoff for pricing of fund shares. It is the first step in regulators' planned overhaul of the \$7 trillion fund industry.

The SEC action comes as problems spread through mutual fund companies and brokerage houses, more prominent companies are cited for allowing special trading deals that

disadvantage ordinary investors, and a money stampede continues from implicated funds.

Some 95 million Americans — half of all households — invest in mutual funds.

By a similar vote, the commissioners proposed requiring mutual fund companies to clearly disclose their market-timing policies and procedures in sales material. Market timing, which capitalizes on short-term movements in stock prices with quick "in and out" trading of shares, is not illegal but violates the rules of most fund companies.

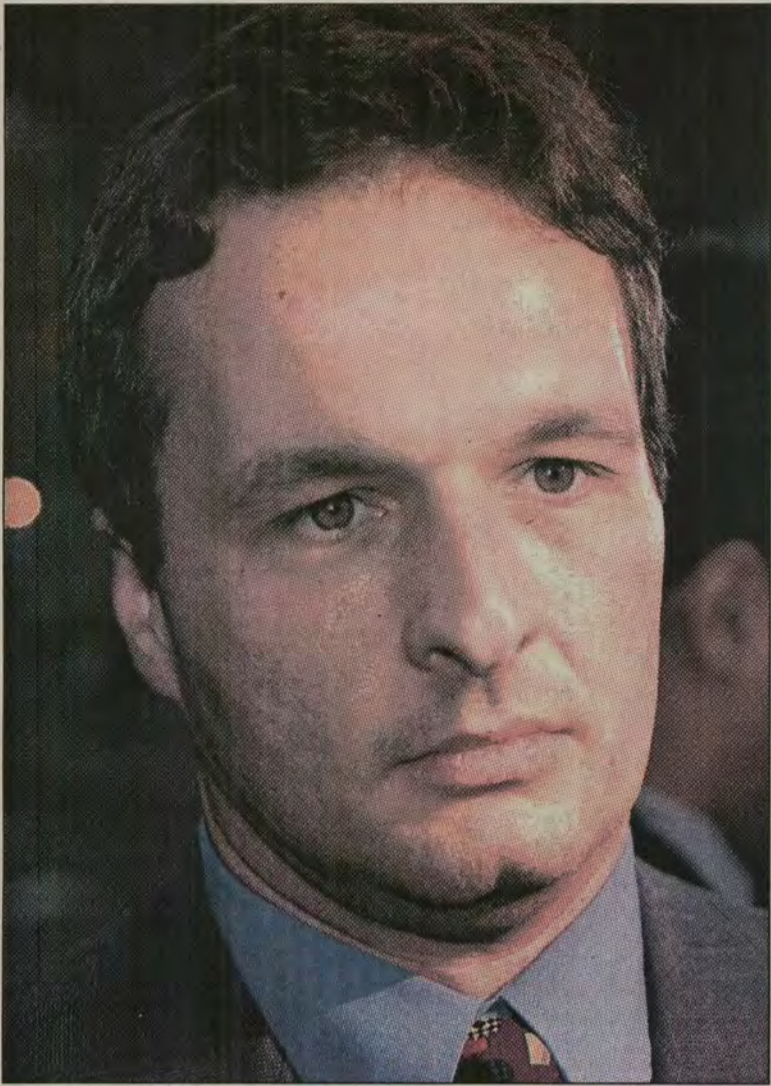
Also adopted without dissent was a requirement that all mutual funds have a chief compliance officer reporting to the fund's board of direc-

tors. Final approval for the proposals could come after the commission gathers public comment.

Two weeks ago, the House passed legislation requiring mutual fund companies to disclose more information to investors about fees and operations, and making directors on fund company boards more independent from fund managers.

Treasury Secretary John Snow said the SEC's plan marked important progress in strengthening the governing and openness of mutual funds.

SEC Chairman William Donaldson said the 4 p.m. cutoff and other proposals "will go a long way toward restoring investor confidence in these important investment vehicles."



Michael Gansas, the captain of the Andrew Barberl Staten Island ferry that crashed, arrives in Federal Court last month.

Ferry crash investigation expands

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The criminal investigation into a deadly Staten Island ferry crash has expanded to include officials in the city's Transportation Department, sources familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

In particular, investigators are looking at whether safety rules were properly enforced by supervisors in the department, which operates the ferry fleet.

U.S. Attorney Roslyn Mauskopf and the New York Police Department are examining the actions of ferry director Patrick Ryan and an unspecified number of others in the Transportation Department, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It makes perfectly good sense that we're going to look at everybody responsible for ferry operations," one official

said.

The off-course ferry plowed into a concrete pier on Oct. 15, killing 10 people and injuring dozens.

The ship's pilot, Richard Smith, said he passed out at the controls before the crash. Witnesses said the captain, Michael Gansas, was not in the wheelhouse as the ship came in to dock.

Transportation officials have said their policy requires the pilot and captain to be together in the wheelhouse during docking. But attorneys for Gansas say the rule was never properly communicated to ferry workers. Some current and former crew members have said publicly that supervisors did not ensure safety rules were followed, and it was not unusual for a captain to be away from the pilothouse during docking.

The law enforcement sources did not describe Ryan or the other department employees as formal subjects of the investigation. "Anybody

in that command who oversees command operations, we're going to look at all of that," one official said.

The case could go to a grand jury within weeks, the sources said.

Ryan's office referred questions to a spokesman, who said the department scrupulously promoted and enforced safety rules.

Spokesman Tom Cocola said the pilothouse staffing rule was included in a booklet outlining standard-operating procedures. The booklet was revised to bolster security after Sept. 11, distributed to crew members the following month and practiced in a series of safety drills, Cocola said.

But the captain's lawyer said Wednesday that responsibility for the crash — placed largely on the crew so far — must be shouldered by the transportation department and its procedures.

"The U.S. attorney's focus on Mr. Ryan dovetails with what has been said by a tremendous number of captains, assistant captains and crew members, in that they did not receive the rules," attorney William Bennett said.

"It makes perfectly good sense that we're going to look at everybody responsible for ferry operations."

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Kidnapping suspect agrees to extradition

Associated Press

CROOKSTON, Minn — The man accused of kidnapping a college student from a mall parking lot agreed to be sent to North Dakota to face charges Wednesday, saying barely a word even after an outburst from a woman in the courtroom who pleaded, "Tell us what you did with the girl!"

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., a 50-year-old convicted rapist, spoke only to tell the judge he understood what was happening. He faces kidnapping charges in North Dakota and could appear in court there as early as Thursday.

Meanwhile, about 1,700 people answered a call to renew the search for 22-year-old Dru Sjodin, the University of North Dakota student who was last heard talking to her boyfriend on a cell phone on Nov. 22 after she left her job at a Victoria's Secret at a Grand Forks, N.D., mall.

As darkness fell, however, the search again netted nothing and was called off for the night.

Rodriguez was arrested Monday at the home he shares with his mother. Authorities have not explained how they connected him to Sjodin, but they said they believe he was in the parking lot the night she disappeared.

At the end of Wednesday's proceeding, a woman rushed toward the front of the courtroom and spoke in Spanish to Rodriguez: "For your mother's sake, tell us what you did with the girl!"

Rodriguez, wearing a bullet-proof vest underneath a parka,

turned and looked briefly at the woman, but said nothing before being led away.

The woman rushed out afterward and was not available to reporters.

Sjodin's father, Allan, attended the hearing but did not speak. He bowed his head and seemed reluctant to look at Rodriguez.

In Grand Forks and Crookston, searchers used all-terrain vehicles and ventured out on foot in 30-degree weather to search for Sjodin.

"As a search party, I feel we're probably looking for a body," said Dan Williams of Grand Forks, who was joining the search for a third time.

Sjodin's older brother, Sven, said the family wasn't giving up on finding her: "That is our mission. We are still on track to find her."

Authorities said a search by law enforcement officers would resume Thursday.

Mary Amundson searched fields and ditches near Grand Forks Wednesday with her daughter. They covered about five miles.

"It's really hard," the woman said, crying. "I have a daughter who's 22 years old. And there's a mom out there who needs her baby back."

Rodriguez was released from prison in May after serving a 23-year sentence for an attempted kidnapping.

Authorities released a photo of Rodriguez's car, hoping someone might remember details that could lead them to Sjodin. Police said authorities were also checking surveillance video from various spots at the mall.

Bush signs "Healthy Forests" law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More timber and brush can be cut and cleared with less environmental scrutiny under a "Healthy Forests" law President Bush signed Wednesday. He said it will help protect communities from devastating wildfires.

"This law will not prevent every fire, but it is an important step forward, a vital step to make sure we do our duty to protect our nation's forests," Bush said while standing in front of rows of wildland firefighters.

"We'll help save lives and property and we'll help protect our forests from sudden and needless destruction," he said.

The Healthy Forests Restoration Act signed by the president is the first major forest management legislation in a quarter-century. It seeks to speed up the harvesting of trees in overgrown woodlands and insect-infested trees on 20 million acres of federal forest land most at risk to wildfires.

It does that by scaling back required environmental studies, limiting appeals and directing judges to act quickly on legal challenges to logging plans.

Critics said the bill would let timber companies cut down large, old-growth trees in the name of fire prevention.

"There's a real danger that the president's pen might as well be a chain saw," said Amy Mall, a forestry specialist with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Rep. Scott McInnis, R-Colo., sponsor of the legislation, said those complaints are from groups out of touch with the mainstream.

"Of course when you thin out forests you're going to have logging. You're going to have to," he said. "But people want these forests managed. People want the science used."

Legislation aimed at speeding decisions on where to allow timbering in national forests

"We'll help save lives and property and we'll help protect our forests from sudden and needless destruction."

George Bush
U.S. President

750,000 acres, destroyed 3,640 homes and forced a compromise.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said language added to Bush's initial proposal will protect old-growth and large-diameter trees.

"The signing of this forest bill into law shows what can be accomplished when all sides are willing to put aside partisanship and do what is best for communities threatened by deadly and destructive wildfires," he said. "This new law protects old growth forests while providing substantial support for hazardous fuels reduction."

Even after the California fires, 2003 was a below-average fire year. So far, 3.8 million acres have burned. Twenty-eight firefighters died battling the blazes, according to the

Wildland Firefighter Foundation. In 2002, nearly 7 million acres were charred.

The Bush administration estimates that 190 million acres are at heightened risk for a severe wildfire — an area the size of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming combined.

Mike Dombeck, Forest Service chief during President Clinton's second term, said Congress should have demanded stronger protections for old-growth trees and roadless areas. Nonetheless, he called the new law "a step in the right direction."

"We need to completely rethink our approach to fire and our human interaction with fire and the wildland urban interface. It's obvious where we've been is not working," said Dombeck, now a forestry professor at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

But Dombeck said none of the changes in the bill would have prevented the fires that tore through swaths of California, Arizona and Colorado over the past two years.

The measure authorizes Congress to dedicate \$760 million a year for thinning projects. At least half of the money must be spent on projects near homes and communities.

Jay Watson, wildfire expert with The Wilderness Society, said important changes were included in the bipartisan compromise bill that added money for thinning and required half the funds be spent in forests near communities. How the law is implemented will determine if it is helpful to the forests or a payback to the timber companies, he said.

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THE BAND OF THE



FIGHTING IRISH

The tradition of the band

Their music blares through the JACC for pep rallies. They play at the Friday Midnight Drum Circle for students only to march around at 7:30 a.m. to wake them up. After the "Concert on the Steps," they march through the crowds then pour onto the stadium field before 80,000

fans. The Band of the Fighting Irish is a phenomenon for all to see. But outside of the public eye, the band has an inside spirit and many traditions that few may know about.

A distinctive enthusiasm surges through the various leaders of the band. At the band meeting on game day morning, the directors impart words of motivation, advice and appreciation. The president or drum major gives a final message, and the officers lead a pep rally specifically for the band members. Whether at home or away, the members are led by their chaplain in bowing their heads to God in prayer.

Senior trumpeter Dave Cieslak thrived on the opportunity as President to work with the officers on the important tradition of writing pre-game skits, which make fun of everything from Beyonce to bloopers from practice.

This spirit extends into the band through a deep loyalty to one's section. Senior trumpeter Francine Barley describes each section as "a family within the family." Before the pep rally, some order pizza together, dress a certain way or cheer about their section being the best. Tuba player and Holy Cross freshman Isaac Ruiz is committed to his section simply because "it's fun." There are traditions that are known only to those in a particular section. But with a deep loyalty comes a spirit of competition.

I asked different band members

which section was the best. Cieslak declares his trumpet section the best because when they play, "it sounds like a whole other band starts playing."

But senior drummer and band Treasurer Lauren Fowler affirms that the drumline is obviously the best because "it helps bring the greatest student body alive with the spirit that can only be found at Notre Dame."

However, senior Bonnie Leigh Cockerill will always remain committed to the falto players — who won "Section of the Year" — because of their goofiness, close friendship and tradition of Total Falto Domination.

Aside from the rivalry, there is a united spirit throughout the band as a whole. They define to the community what being a part of Notre Dame means. When Fowler first came to campus, she didn't know anyone. But after making the drumline the first weekend, she immediately found herself surrounded with 30 new family members that have become dear to her.

Cockerill notes that the band, cheerleaders, Irish Guard and football team all act as "one school, one team." She says that the band is very appreciative of the student body. Members get really excited when students cheer when they set down their instruments to dance or when students go wild singing "Livin' on a Prayer."

The band comes together after practice every Friday to sing the Alma Mater. Some play for the football team to show their support. Members meet up for band picnics, sport competitions and dances. They become best friends, roommates, romantic couples and some even get married. To see how unified the band is, Barley encourages people to see how an obstacle or tragedy pulls the group together. She notes that "we care for each other and love each other because that's what being a

family is all about." Cieslak also says that the band has grown together a lot in the last few years as a family. He thinks that members really take to heart the idea of "One band, one family."

Only a group with this kind of spirit can remain as dedicated as the Notre Dame band. Their 360-plus members practice over 12 hours a week. Only they can extend the tradition of America's oldest university band, which played at the first Notre Dame football match against Michigan in 1887 and at each of the 539 home games since.

Only a group with their intense enthusiasm can produce the innovative half-time shows at each game. What other band has the inventiveness to spread out the American flag together with the Michigan State band after Sept. 11, land a jet on an aircraft carrier or play video game tunes from yesteryear? Who else can get the students roaring so loudly that they distract the sports announcers on television?

There is a special power at our University. Students leave with a passion to make professional contributions, raise strong families and help in their communities. But this community would struggle to be unified if it weren't for its unparalleled spirit. Many thanks to band members for their dedication to the Notre Dame family and for showing us how to find power in one unified spirit.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

Thomas Carlyle
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom to choose

After reading Erin Griswold's Dec. 3 letter, I have to say I was shocked that it was even printed. Primarily her issue was simply two guys looking at porn. I'm not saying that they were right to have been doing it in LaFortune, but it's really not a huge deal. The fact that she then went to ResLife with the matter is sad, but as Notre Dame is the most sheltered environment on earth it makes sense. Rock bottom was relating pornography to slavery.

Are you serious? I fail to see any similarities between the Civil War and the adult film industry. The women and men seen in pornographic material have all made the choice to be there, and many have built successful careers around being a porn star. I'm not supporting the industry or saying that porn is a great career choice, but that's what they want to do.

My advice to Griswold is to lighten up. After you graduate there will be a lot of things that offend you, so stop whining about it. As for the two gentlemen she caught in the basement of LaFortune, try to keep it in your room like the rest of us.

Michael Duda
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Dec. 3

Arguing against gay marriage

I could quote the Bible and Catechism, but I won't. Everyone already knows what they say. Since Anna Nussbaum and Ed Manier were understandably unconvinced by arguments from religion or tradition in their Nov. 25 letters, let's take an approach to same-sex marriage that uses neither.

Legally defining marriage as nothing but a "commitment" that "nurtures love and mutual support" with "legal, financial and social benefits" opens windows for other "alternative lifestyles." What's to stop someone from arguing that polygamists are "second-class citizens" created by the ban on polygamy? Granted, the court opinion specifies that marriage is between two individuals, but nevertheless polygamists have a serious argument.

If they truly feel attracted to multiple people of the opposite sex, and want to nurture love and mutual support, why not? What about incest? Why can't adults marry children? Some men are attracted to boys and feel they should be allowed to have a legal, sexual relationship with them. Think I'm kidding? Just talk to NAMBLA, the North American Man/Boy Love Association. Or ask Tom Green, a Utah man serving five years for four counts of bigamy, who's currently appealing his case. I might even want to marry a goat. You can in India.

A second argument comes from democracy. The Massachusetts court went directly against the will of the people, which is exactly what this country is about. A poll done by Pew Research Center this October shows only 32 percent of Americans favor homosexual marriage. The will of the people must be taken into account, or so says lesbian Judge Martha Sosman. That's why she dissented in this case.

Finally, the decision fails to recognize an inherent difference between heterosexual and homosexual couples. Both can raise children, but only one can — not should or must, can — produce children, which puts heterosexual couples in a different class. Things that are different by nature receive different treatment, which is why you can't fly a plane with a driver's license. If homosexual couples want "legal, financial and social benefits," any lawyer can draw up a contract. If that's not enough, allow civil unions like Vermont. But don't call a homosexual union something it's not and could never be.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Core promotes liberal education

It's a shame to think that Core, as we know it today, could possibly be erased from the Arts and Letters curriculum. I, like many of my fellow sophomore classmates, dreaded the year-long University requirement deemed to be a "waste of time." As this semester has passed by, however, Core has become my favorite class. It is the epitome of a liberal arts education, and when taught properly, can transform a class of strangers into a forum of purposeful discussion. I love how our class has no distinct path and how the books differ in their themes and ideas. It is a reflection of the type of education we were all drawn to when we came to Notre Dame.

This will all be lost if Core is refocused to center on a single major or genre of writing. The faculty should welcome this broad teaching style and accept the frightening possibility that they might lack knowledge in a certain field. The Core discussion format allows the professor to

learn along with the students, and places the professor in the unfamiliar position of listener and observer.

All too often, I hear the moans of Core students and their loathing of required readings, but there is a common acceptance underneath the pages and papers. We all know that our views and opinions on religion, poverty, love and, ultimately, life have somehow been influenced by something we've read or discussed in Core. The changes that the Core faculty council could make will not affect our present classes, but I would hate to see future students denied the same opportunity to grow in an atmosphere free of limits.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Don't ban birth control

The Roman Catholic Church is once again trying to affect public policy that doesn't follow the church's morality. Courts in New York and California are hearing cases that would exempt branches of the Catholic Church from state laws that include contraceptives in employee prescription-drug plans. Under church doctrine, contraception is a sin.

The case was sparked after the California law was passed in 2000. Catholic Charities of Sacramento unsuccessfully sought to bar contraceptives from the health care plan. A state appeals court also refused to hear the case, and the California Supreme Court heard the case Tuesday.

Going by previous rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, the state has every right to rule against the Catholic Charities of Sacramento. Religious organizations should not be exempt from state laws just because they don't believe in them. The court ruled in favor of a ban on polygamy, despite objections from Mormons, and it ruled against a group of American Indians who were denied unemployment after they were fired for using peyote during ceremonies.

The other problem facing the Catholic Charities of Sacramento is not all of its employees are Catholic. With a \$76 million budget last year, the charities provide social services to people of all religions, not just Catholics. Nor do they demand their workers be Catholic. If one of the non-Catholic employees needs to purchase contraceptives, it's wrong to exempt

them from getting them paid for by their employee drug plan.

While the most common use of oral contraceptives, such as ortho tri-cyclen, is birth control, a sin in the eyes of the church, that is not their sole use. Contraceptives can also be used to regulate the menstrual cycle and treat symptoms of menopause, like hot flashes, mood swings and osteoporosis. Doctors may also prescribe contraceptives to treat other conditions, like skin problems.

Arguments have been made that say some religious groups have been exempt from laws in the past. The U.S. military recognizes the religious views of conscientious objectors by keeping them off the front lines. Traffic markings on the back of Amish horse carts have also been removed because they do not fit the Amish lifestyle, but these are extreme conditions that apply to religious groups as a whole. Because not all Catholics agree on the subject of contraceptives, it doesn't make sense to exempt all organizations from the state law.

While Ohio does not have a law on its books requiring contraceptives be part of prescription-drug plans, the state could easily join the growing number to adopt such laws. While the Catholic Church should be free to have its own beliefs, it should not be able to push those beliefs on the thousands of non-Catholic women who work for Catholic organizations.

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Staff Editorial

The Ohio State
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Everyone remembers their ph-first time

ND students travel to take part in the two-city, 20th year reunion of Phish

By STEVE LYNCH
Scene Writer

"The band is back for good."

These words, proclaimed by Phish front man Trey Anastasio at the end of the band's summer tour, became abundantly clear this past weekend as Phish rocked the sold-out Nassau Coliseum on Long Island and the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia. After taking a two-year hiatus, from October 2000 through New Year's 2002, Phish fans from all over the world have been questioning the future of the band. Those questions were finally put to rest following two amazing shows to start off their four-show 20th anniversary tour.

Arriving at the parking lot at the Coliseum a few hours before the show, I instantly knew that I was in for a good show. Despite the cold weather and rain the energy in the lot was still unlike that of any other show in the world. Walking through Shakedown Street, I could not help but be overwhelmed by the good vibes that were running through every person in the lot. After a few hours of tailgating, if you can call it that, my friends and I made our way into the venue. Waiting in line at the ticket booth, the crowd was chanting and cheering in anticipation. Once inside, all we could do was wait for what was sure to be a rocking show.

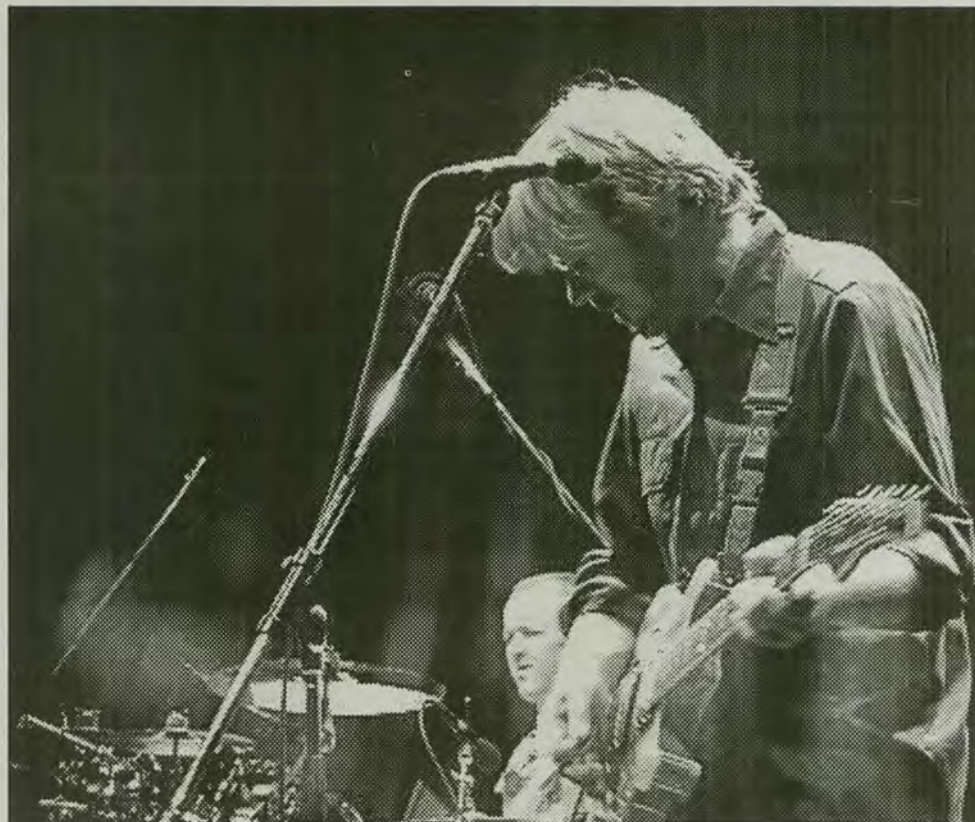
Around 7:45 p.m., the lights went out, and the craziness was about to begin. They opened with the popular "Bouncin Around the Room" to get the crowd into a good mood. This was followed by an awesome version of the oldie "Runaway Jim." This was the start of a great set, which continued with a spacey 13-minute "Story of the Ghost" and a dark "What's the Use" to get the crowd prepared for a personal favorite that I have been waiting to hear, "AC/DC Bag." This song did not disappoint. As I looked out around the crowd, it looked like a sea of movement. Every person in the Coliseum was on his or her feet, dancing and yelling out every word. A solid "First Tube" and "Frankie Says" ensued. Just as I began to feel that the set was over, the band came back in with another per-

sonal favorite, "Bathtub Gin," which segued into a rocking ten-minute version of "Free." It was a great way to end an excellent set.

At set break, my friends and I moved down to closer seats to get a better view of the stage and the light show, which is unmatched by any other light show I have ever seen. The second set started off a bit slow with "Waves" but picked up immediately with the crowd pleasers "Sample in a Jar" and "Down with Disease." This is where bassist Mike Gordon really shined. The bass riffs of "Disease" are what got me hooked on Phish years ago. Another newer song, "Walls of the Cave," was next, followed by "Two Versions of Me" and "Crowd Control," which was played for the first time ever. This gave the crowd a chance to cool off before "Mike's Groove," which ended the set in perfect fashion. For the encore, Phish brought out special guest The Dude of Life to sing "Crimes of the Mind," which was a good but not great encore.

After the show, my friend Bryan Forero, who had just attended his first Phish show, told me that he was hooked. Having not listened to Phish much in the past, he was blown away by the musicianship and improvisational skills of the band. All four members of the band, Trey, Mike, keyboardist Page McConnell and drummer Jon Fishman were on top of their game. You cannot help but be drawn into the jams that Phish throws at you every time you see them. My friend Matt and I drove home exhausted after the show, but the fact that we were seeing the band the next night kept us awake.

The second show in Philly blew the first night away. "Wilson" started things off as only it can, and a funky "Cars Trucks Buses" kept the crowd grooving. They got right back into it with "Limb by Limb." We could tell that we were in for another awesome first set. "Dirt" followed, along with a great "Seven Below," which was a highlight of the show. The fun continued with a 16-minute "Divided Sky," a melodic yet rocking favorite that completely absorbed the crowd. "Fast Enough for You" came next, and finally "Julius," which left everyone very



Courtesy of www.phish.com

Trey Anastasio, the lead singer and guitarist for Phish, told fans that he was very optimistic about the band's future as they regrouped for their 20-year reunion.

pleased at the end of the set.

The second set, to put it simply, was insane. A sick segue from a 17-minute "Twist," into "Simple," followed by a solid "Taste," had the Spectrum rocking hard. An incomplete version of Phish's first song ever, "Makisupa Policeman," led into a rare tune, "Buffalo Bill," which was sung by special guest, Phish lyricist Tom Marshall. After this came what was possibly the highlight of both nights, "David Bowie." This song had the crowd dancing harder than you can even imagine. When at a show, you find yourself dancing without even realizing it. There was not a single point during the three-hour show that I did not have a smile on my face. A short "Strange Design" followed Bowie, and the set ended with "Character Zero," which is always a great song. The encore was a bit of a let down with "Friday," although they

played it well.

All in all, both nights were amazing. Mike and Page are much improved since the hiatus, and every time I see them, they continue to blow me away. Trey's guitar still grabs ahold of you and won't let go, and Fishman's drums are right on every time. If you have never seen a show, it should be at the top of your list for future concerts. Every show is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and after seeing one, you cannot help but want to see every single one. The lights, the energy and, more than anything else, the music just takes you over. After these two shows, I am only looking forward to my next, and I am relieved to know that the band is back for real, and for good.

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Courtesy of www.phish.com

Phish ph-anatics were not disappointed this past weekend as Phish regrouped and performed an incredible set with their usual flair and fun show presence.



Courtesy of www.billboard.com

Phish started off their four-concert tour in Long Island this past weekend and were followed by several Notre Dame students to Philadelphia for Show #2.

Taking time to appreciate the important things in life

SpikeTV recognizes the best of the gaming world in its first annual Video Game Awards

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Honoring one of the more socially acceptable activities you can perform in a darkened room by yourself, Spike TV will present the first Video Game Awards Dec. 4 at 9 p.m., hosted by comedian David Spade. The awards ceremony will be held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and taped Dec. 2.

This unprecedented and non-traditional awards show will celebrate the many accomplishments of the past year in video "gamedom," while also looking to the future of games in 2004 and beyond.

Awards in 16 wide-ranging categories will be presented in the culmination of Spike TV's first annual "Video Game Awards." Nominees and winners of Spike TV's "VGAs" are tallied from gaming industry experts, public opinion via Spike TV's website and Spike TV's editorial board.

The categories are: game of the year, best sports game, best action game, best animation, best diving game, best game based on a movie, best music, best performance by a human, most anticipated, most addictive, best PC game, best online game, best handheld game, best

fighting game, best first-person game and best fantasy game.

Spike TV hosted online voting on their website to find the winners of the Viewer's Choice awards — "Most Addictive" and "Most Anticipated" — which are completely determined by online voting.

Spike TV reports that the show will take place on a set that is "part 'next-century Tokyo' and part 'Minority Report.'" In lieu of recorded clips from the games, the show will feature animation sequences intercut with actual game play by trained professionals. Spike TV's "Video Game Awards" will feature no podiums, no presenters and no acceptance speeches. The "VGAs" will replace drawn-out "presenter-reading-prompter" segments with "advocate" introductions. These "advocates" are fans of the nominated video game, and that can mean a celebrity, musician or actual character featured within the game itself.

As "advocates" they can bash and/or brag all they want in support of their game, immediately followed by an intimate look at the nominated game itself. When winners are announced, the awards will come to the "Winner's Circle" of tables where Celebrity Toastmasters will offer boasts

and roasts to the newly minted winners.

"The VGAs celebrate those games that have blistered our fingers poised on the joystick and kept us up all night," says Albie Hecht, president of Spike TV. "We're throwing out all the boring and stagnant elements of traditional awards shows and focusing on what matters — the characters, game play, anima-

tion, music and performances that have made an impact on the video game community throughout the past year."

Hecht will serve as the "VGAs" executive producer. Casey Patterson is co-executive Producer with Scott Fishman as producer and Greg Sills as supervising producer. g-Net, a leader in video game content, serves as consulting producers.

Jim Burns is the executive in charge of production for SpikeTV.

Spike TV, America's network for men, is available in 86 million homes and is a division of MTV Networks.


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Spike Video Game Award Nominees


Game of the Year



Grand Theft Auto: Vice City



Madden NFL 2004



Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell

Best Sports Game	Best Action Game
Madden NFL 2004 NBA Street Vol. 2 Tony Hawk's Underground	Freedom Fighters Max Payne 2: The Fall of Max Payne True Crime: Streets of LA
Best Animation Game	Best Driving Game
Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Warcraft III: The Frozen Throne	F-Zero GX NASCAR Thunder 2004 The Simpsons: Hit and Run

Not your typical calendar men

New charity project shows the many reasons Notre Dame men are so attractive

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Writer

Having trouble finding the perfect guy at Notre Dame? Want to do a good deed to help brighten up the holidays for women who could use some TLC? Do you still need to buy a calendar for 2004?

If you've answered "yes" to at least one of these questions, perhaps the "Men of Notre Dame" 13-month calendar might interest to you.

A group of Farley juniors came up with this idea to create a calendar focusing on a few particularly talented, likeable and photogenic male Notre Dame students. Farley junior Melissa Harris finally decided to make this idea a reality. With the help of Maya Noronha, a Farley junior who served as Harris' assistant in this project, a committee of other Farley women, a staff of volunteer photographers and, of course, a

select group of ND men, Harris' calendar was made.

The Farley women had heard about other schools making calendars featuring students and decided that Notre Dame students certainly are worthy of being in their own calendar. The "Men of Notre Dame" Calendar is unique to other school's student-pictured calendars because of the uniqueness of Notre Dame students in their ability to balance and excel in so many different aspects of student life. These aspects include athletics, a rigorous academic life, community service activities, working for the varsity athletic programs, working for publications, a commitment to advertising events on campus, coaching, working to pay loans and portions of their tuition, and attending social events such as football games. The Farley women involved in this project felt that the numbers of really awesome students on campus deserved to be

acknowledged. These girls also felt called to contribute to those in need, so they decided to make this calendar a fundraiser for women in need. They hope that the production of this calendar will become an annual event.

Harris and her Farley team began this project by putting up posters around campus that requested people to submit nominations for men to be in the calendar. These submissions also had to include reasons as to why these particular men would make good candidates for the calendar. Harris said she received approximately 60 nominations, all from members of the Notre Dame student body, except for one that was submitted by Notre Dame's philosophy department.

"Some of the most common reasons for nomination included all-around nice guy, cute, photogenic, and had worked really hard for a specific project," Harris said.

After reading over the nominations, 25 guys were selected to be the best fits for the calendar; at this point, Harris and her committee possessed no pictures of the nominees.

To learn more about these men and to try to eliminate some, all 25 of them were interviewed in person by a small panel of Farley women.

Most of these men were surprised that they had been nominated and some wanted to know who had suggested them. (Of course, Harris maintained confidentiality about the nominators.) Some of these men resigned from being considered because they felt that being photographed for a calendar was not for them.

The men were evaluated based on their charisma, involvement at Notre Dame and photogenic potential. Eventually, the group of men was narrowed down to 18.

All the months' pages on this calendar are paired with pic-

tures of male Notre Dame students. Eighteen talented, good-looking and just all-around nice guys are featured, one month containing two students, another containing three, and the other months containing one. The calendar also contains surveys created from these men's responses to questions.

The "Men of ND" will go on sale Tuesday, Dec. 9 and will be available in both dining halls and in Notre Dame's residence halls. Fliers will be posted around campus advertising the date, time and location of an opportunity to meet the men pictured in the calendar and the women responsible for the calendar's production. Calendars will also be sold at this event.

"Men of Notre Dame" calendars cost \$10, and all proceeds will go to Hannah's House, a shelter for pregnant women located in Mishawaka.

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NBA

Hornets hand Magic 17th straight loss

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Orlando Magic's losing streak reached 17 games Wednesday night, though they did manage to keep it close until the final three minutes.

Baron Davis had 27 points and 12 assists as the New Orleans Hornets sent the Magic to a franchise record-tying 17th straight loss, 106-91.

Tracy McGrady scored 29 for the Magic, who trailed 92-89 before the Hornets finished with a 14-2 run.

Jamaal Magloire added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and David Wesley had 13 points as all five Hornets starters scored in double figures. Ex-Magic Darrell Armstrong came off the bench to score 14.

Tyrone Lue scored 20 for Orlando, hitting four of six 3-pointers, and Andrew DeClercq added 14. Drew Gooden had 16 points and 12 rebounds off the bench.

Davis, who shot 11-for-29, did ample damage on the drive and fast break, soaring for several dunks, finishing layups as he was fouled and putting in floaters and scoop shots. His assists included a behind-the-back pass and a one-touch, no-look, bounce pass between his legs on a fast break to set up a jumper by Armstrong.

Grizzlies 96, Nets 93

The Memphis Grizzlies are playing so well, they're starting to get the benefit of the doubt from the officials on the road.

James Posey and Pau Gasol scored 19 points apiece and the surprising Grizzlies took advantage of a non-call by the referees and three mistakes down

the stretch by Jason Kidd to beat the reeling New Jersey Nets 96-93 Wednesday night.

"What's happening is that we're finally getting the right plays for the right guys to run the clock and make something happen," coach Hubie Brown said after the Grizzlies won their third straight and handed the Nets their fourth straight loss.

With a record of 9-8, this is the latest in a season the Grizzlies have been over .500.

In a game that featured 54 personal fouls and 65 free throws, the Nets were stunned there wasn't one more foul and two more free throws.

Kidd, who missed a free throw and turned the ball over twice in the final 1:56, didn't get the benefit of his star status when the officials declined to call a foul as he made contact with Stromile Swift on an off-balance layup attempt with less than two seconds to play. The Nets trailed 95-93 at the time.

Timberwolves 92, Suns 79

Sam Cassell scored 16 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the Minnesota Timberwolves outscored Phoenix 31-19 in the period to beat the struggling Suns 92-79 on Wednesday night.

Cassell, with his fourth consecutive 20-point game, also had eight assists and seven rebounds. He shot 5-for-5 in the fourth quarter, three of them 3-pointers.

Latrell Sprewell scored 21 for Minnesota. Kevin Garnett went 3-for-11 through three quarters but was 4-for-7 in the fourth to finish with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The Suns lost their third straight, all at home, and have

dropped four of five overall as the pressure builds on coach Frank Johnson after the team made the playoffs last season.

Stephon Marbury scored 32 points on 14-for-25 shooting. Amare Stoudemire scored 14, only four in the second half. Penny Hardaway made his first start of the season and scored eight points.

The Suns shot 38 percent. Shawn Marion, Scott Williams, Joe Johnson and Tom Gugliotta were a combined 6-for-33.

Minnesota broke away from a 64-64 tie with a 16-2 run capped by Garnett's 15-foot bank shot that made it 80-66 with 4:58 to play. Marbury's 3-pointer cut it to 80-72, but Phoenix got no closer.

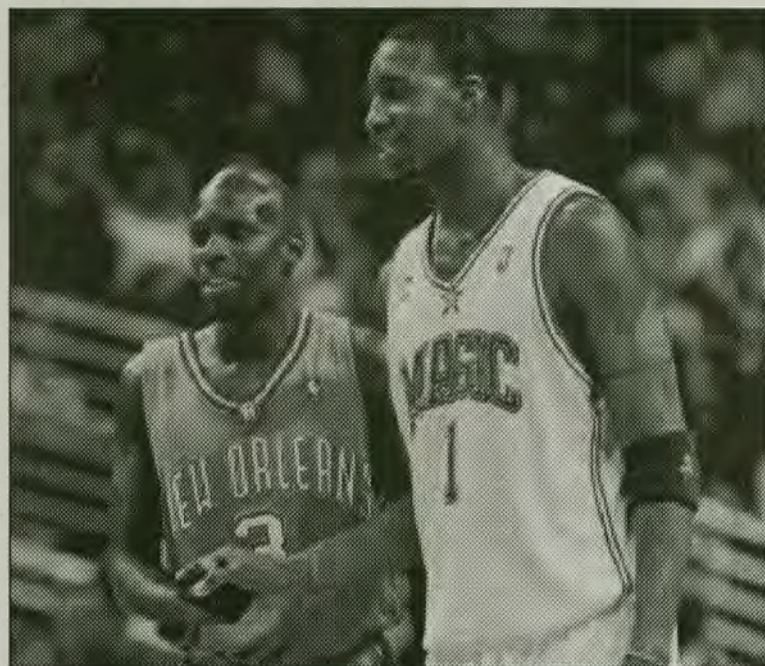
Lakers 90, Spurs 86

Kobe Bryant scored 10 of his 21 points in the final period when the Los Angeles Lakers erased a nine-point deficit to post their third win of the season over San Antonio, 90-86 Wednesday night.

The Lakers trailed 71-62 after three quarters but made eight of their final 16 shots. Karl Malone, who finished with 16, shot 4-for-4 in the fourth, while Shaquille O'Neal recorded five of his nine blocked shots.

The Spurs shot just 3-for-17 in the final 12 minutes and stumbled to their fourth straight loss. The defending NBA champions are now 9-10. They have not been below .500 this late in the season since 1996-97 — before the team drafted Tim Duncan.

Duncan, returning from a one-game suspension for pushing a referee in Saturday's loss at Golden State, finished with 30 points and 15 rebounds.



Orlando's Tracy McGrady talks to former teammate and current New Orleans player, Darrell Armstrong.

Devean George added 18 for Los Angeles, which extended its winning streak to seven, Gary Payton had 16 and O'Neal 15. O'Neal narrowly missed a triple-double, grabbing 16 rebounds.

A 3-pointer by Tony Parker, the Spurs' first basket of the fourth, gave San Antonio its final lead — 80-78 with 5:05 left.

Raptors 105, Celtics 95

Donyell Marshall and Vince Carter each scored 21 points and the new-look Toronto Raptors set a franchise record with 17 3-pointers in a 105-95 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Alvin Williams added 18 points and Chris Bosh had 16 for the Raptors, who reached a

season-high in points. The Raptors went 17-for-24 from behind the arc, breaking their record of 15 3-pointers on Nov. 10, 2001 at Utah.

Toronto, averaging a league-low 79 points per game, improved to 2-0 since acquiring Marshall, Jalen Rose and Lonny Baxter from Chicago for Antonio Davis, Jerome Williams and Chris Jefferies.

Rose, Toronto's new starting point guard, had nine points and five assists.

Paul Pierce had 23 points for the Celtics, who have lost three straight and seven of nine.

Marshall made five of six 3-point attempts and grabbed eight rebounds. Carter had 10 assists, one night after getting a career-high 12.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Defensive Duke destroys Michigan State 72-50

Blue Devils cruise from start of game

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Duke's talent, grit and mystique made Michigan State crumble.

With stifling defense and balanced scoring, the Blue Devils turned the marquee matchup of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge into a class rout.

Shelden Williams scored 16 points to lead four Blue Devils in double figures and No. 6 Duke forced a slew of turnovers in a 72-50 victory over No. 5 Michigan State on Wednesday night.

Duke (4-1) took control of the game in the first half with a 20-2 run during which the Spartans committed 17 of their 20 turnovers.

"Our kids played an unbelievable game defensively," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "And I think we were efficient for the first time for a whole game on the offensive end."

The Blue Devils handed Michigan State (3-2) its most-lopsided loss at the Breslin Center

since a 25-point setback against Minnesota in 1997, and just its fifth loss at home since the start of the 1998-99 season.

"We played scared," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I've never seen anything like it."

Duke's J.J. Redick scored 13 points, Shavlik Randolph had 11 and Chris Duhon added 10 points and six assists.

"This is one of the most hostile environments we'll ever play in," Randolph said. "And it showed a lot that we not only won, but won handily."

Michigan State didn't have a player score in double figures, after entering the game with six averaging at least 9.8 points. Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert each scored eight.

When Duke didn't harass the Spartans into a turnover, it made it tough for them to make shots. The same was not true when the Blue Devils had the ball.

Duke shot 59.2 percent and limited Michigan State to 40 percent.

"We didn't want to give them anything easy," Duhon said. "We wanted to contest every shot and every pass. Their possessions weren't over until we got the rebound."

The Spartans have only begun

one of the toughest schedules in college basketball history.

Michigan State, which lost to top-ranked Kansas last week, will play Oklahoma, Kentucky, Syracuse and UCLA before the Big Ten season starts.

"I guess you've got to watch what you wish for," Izzo said.

After losing 78-68 to Purdue in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout, Krzyzewski decided to replace Redick and Daniel Ewing in the starting lineup with Randolph and Sean Dockery.

"You have to give Mike credit for changing the lineup, shaking things up and getting guys to play hard," Izzo said.

The Spartans, who lack a true point guard, had 24 turnovers against Kansas.

Paul Davis and Alan Anderson, two of Michigan State's top players, were benched for most of the second half. Davis had seven points and Anderson had four points and five turnovers.

Pittsburgh 59, Duquesne 45

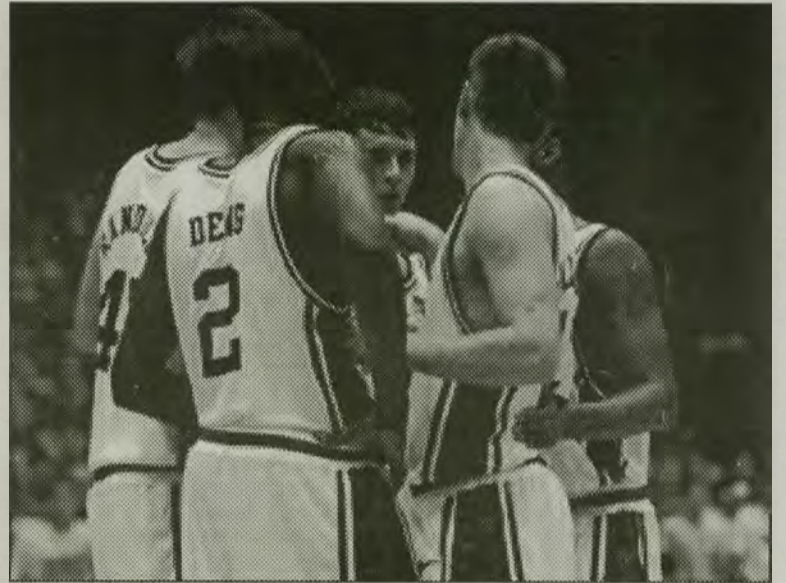
This is why Pittsburgh travels the one mile or so to Duquesne's home court only once every 15 years.

Carl Krauser scored 17 points and keyed a decisive 20-5 run that started early in the second half, carrying the 22nd-ranked Panthers past their stubborn city rival 59-45 Wednesday night.

Playing before Duquesne's first home sellout in nine years, the Panthers didn't begin pulling away until Krauser and Jaron Brown scored on consecutive steals and layups that made it 33-28 and started the run.

"We just needed to settle down and play our game," said Julius Page, who had seven of his 13 points early in the second half. "We came out in the first half and didn't make any shots."

Pittsburgh — 5-0 for the fourth straight season — loosened up its offense and tightened up its defense after shooting just 33 percent while trailing much of



REUTERS

Duke players huddle up during an exhibition game this season. The Blue Devils beat Michigan State 72-50 Wednesday.

the first half. The Panthers turned to their transition game to take control, with Krauser and Page hitting 3-pointers on fast breaks and Chris Taft scoring twice inside.

Until then, it looked like Duquesne might pull off the upset, just as it did 15 years ago when Pitt last played on the Dukes' court.

"It's the big game of the year for them and I wasn't feeling too good about playing the game here," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "It's a whole different atmosphere than it was four or five years ago," when the game was played at Mellon Arena, a neutral site.

The decisive run turned a 28-21 tie into a 48-33 Pitt lead with 8 1/2 minutes left,

and the Dukes (1-2) — getting only three baskets during a nine-minute stretch — never got any closer than nine points after that. **Georgia Tech 73, Ohio State 53**

Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt calls guard B.J. Elder "college basketball's biggest secret."

He certainly can't describe his own team that way anymore.

Elder and Marvin Lewis combined for nine points in a 13-0 first-half run and Isma'il Muhammad's high-wire dunk shifted the momentum in the second half to lead No. 13 Georgia Tech over Ohio State 73-53 Wednesday night in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Yellow Jackets' defense forced 20 turnovers and held Ohio State to 32.7 percent shoot-

ing from the field.

"We feel like we're a team that can really smother teams defensively," Hewitt said. "We've got a number of guys who can guard multiple positions. We've been causing people to turn the ball over pretty well in these first six games."

It was Ohio State's worst loss in its six years in Value City Arena, where the Buckeyes came in with a 69-13 record, including 13-3 against ranked opponents.

"We couldn't guard them on the perimeter," Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said. "When we wanted a stop, we couldn't do it." **Syracuse 87, St. Bonaventure 78** Hakim Warrick scored 27 points and Billy Edelin added 20 to lead No. 16 Syracuse to an 87-78 victory over St. Bonaventure on Wednesday night.

Syracuse (2-1), which dropped nine spots in the AP poll after losing its season-opener to Charlotte and only defeating Rhode Island by four points, beat St. Bonaventure (2-2) for the 11th straight time. The game was played at Blue Cross Arena, the third time the upstate New York rivals have met in Rochester.

Gerry McNamara had 19 points, Josh Pace 11 and Craig Forth finished with eight points and a career-high 12 rebounds for the Orange.

Marques Green led St. Bonaventure with 24 points, while Ahmad Smith had 17, Patrick Lottin 13 and Yankuba Camara 10.

Syracuse shot 51.6 percent while the Bonnies hit 44.3 percent and were only 7-for-29 on 3-pointers. The Orangemen were not outrebounded for the first time this season.

"They're a team that knows how to win basketball games."

Elijah Palmer
Duquesne coach

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MLB

Lowell needs new stadium to re-sign

Associated Press

MIAMI — All-Star third baseman Mike Lowell resigned Wednesday with the Florida Marlins, who said they'll be able to keep him only if they win approval next year for a new stadium.

That's why Lowell's four-year, \$32 million contract includes an escape clause after the 2004 season tied to the ballpark issue.

"We could not have Mike Lowell on our team if there's no new stadium," Marlins president David Samson said. "That's the bottom line. There would not be the revenue."

If the World Series champions fail to win financing for a new ballpark by next Nov. 1, Lowell's contract reverts to a one-year deal with a player option for 2005. The final two years of the agreement would be voided. Lowell would be guaranteed \$14 million if he remains with the Marlins through 2005.

The Marlins proposed the stadium clause, and Lowell said it benefits him as well. "I have options with this contract," he said. "I don't need a stadium to be a Marlin. I need a good team because I'm a competitor, and I don't want to be in a situation where we're not winning. But I don't

see that happening here. That's why I signed the contract."

The Marlins say it will be difficult to remain competitive if they fail to land a stadium deal that would increase revenue.

Team and Miami-Dade County officials last month announced a plan to commit \$210 million toward a new ballpark. The Marlins are also seeking city and state money, and they've set a March 15 deadline for an agreement.

Since owner Jeffrey Loria bought the Marlins in February 2002, the organization has tried to follow the example of the Seattle Mariners, Samson said.

"Get a competitive team,

start winning some games, get crowd support, get political support, and all of a sudden you have Safeco Field and you're a top-revenue team," Samson said. "That's what we were hoping for. We took it a step further — we won the World Series."

Unlike six years ago, when the Marlins dismantled after winning the championship, management has tried to keep the roster intact. This week second baseman Luis Castillo agreed to a three-year, \$16 million deal, and the team made a multiyear offer to catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

"We could not have Mike Lowell on our team if there's no new stadium."

David Samson
Marlins' president

NFL

Kitna surprising league with play



Cincinnati quarterback Jon Kitna barks out signals during the team's win over Buffalo earlier this season. Kitna has emerged as one of the biggest and best surprises in the NFL in 2003.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jon Kitna just won't go away.

The journeyman dubbed as Carson Palmer's warmup act has turned into the NFL's hottest quarterback. Kitna has led the reborn Bengals into playoff contention and kept a Heisman Trophy passer on the bench.

Astonishing. "Think of all the doubts that people had about Kitna," receiver Chad Johnson said Wednesday. "Just to see him playing the way he's playing, I'm loving every last minute of it."

Kitna was honored Wednesday as the AFC Offensive Player of the Month for November, when the Bengals moved into playoff contention in large part because of their quarterback's solid play.

"He's the one doing it right," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "He's inspiring everyone around him. That's the trait of an MVP."

"When you pick an MVP of a league, you say, 'Can that team win without that guy?' And definitely we can't win without Jon. He's one of the biggest reasons this team has gotten to where we are."

No one expected him or the Bengals to get this far.

When Cincinnati took Palmer with the No. 1 pick in the draft, it looked like Kitna was about to lose his job, just as he did in Seattle after leading the Seahawks to a playoff appearance in 1999.

Coach Marvin Lewis assured Kitna that wasn't the case.

"We're not just going to bring in somebody and say, 'OK, you're the quarterback,' and kick him to the curb," Lewis said. "Our football team couldn't stand that. They couldn't withstand going up on that roller coaster again."

Kitna believed him, but knew most fans and reporters did not.

"None of them thought I'd be playing now anyway," Kitna said. "And probably not a lot of you — if any of you — thought I'd be playing. They thought that Carson Palmer would be here."

There were 14 million reasons to think so. Palmer had the better arm and the much bigger contract, with \$14 million in bonuses alone. After Kitna's horrid performance in a season-opening drubbing by Denver, the succession seemed clear.

That's when Lewis started driving home a point that has made all the difference. Lewis

was defensive coordinator on the 2000 Baltimore team that won a Super Bowl with Trent Dilfer at quarterback.

Lewis' message: You don't have to win the game by yourself, just don't lose it by forcing a throw. Kitna's main shortcoming throughout his six-year career was his propensity to throw as many interceptions as touchdowns.

"That's the one thing that Marvin and coach [Ken] Zampese hammered home to me after the first game: Just because something goes wrong somewhere else doesn't mean you have to make a huge play," Kitna said. "Don't turn the ball over. That's the thing I've been concentrating on all year."

He also began to deal with some of the bitterness left over from his demotion in Seattle after Mike Holmgren became the coach. "I know the ability I've been given, and I know the type of player I was before I went through the hurts and the personality changes in my two years with coach Holmgren," Kitna said. "I'm not blaming him, but it's a reality."

After a 1-4 start, Palmer was promoted from third-string quarterback to backup, leaving him only a few more losses from taking over. Instead, Kitna began to blossom.

The Bengals have won six of their last seven games, with Kitna completing 60 percent of his passes for 1,647 yards with 16 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

Kitna has played so well that Lewis is willing to open the job to competition between him and Palmer next training camp, rather than handing it to the newcomer.

At his cousin's basketball game on Tuesday night, Kitna tried to hide in the corner, but wound up swarmed for autographs — a huge change from only a couple of months ago.

His teammates also are starting to lobby for a Pro Bowl berth and MVP consideration, something that doesn't interest Kitna at the moment.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Jones declares for NFL draft, will skip senior year

Hokie running back has 3,322 career rushing yards

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech tailback Kevin Jones never made a secret of where he was headed.

After the Hokies' practices, Jones would go home and would start working out again. He'd spend hours watching more film, pumping more iron, running more wind sprints on a machine his father brought from the family home in Chester, Pa.

All this to prepare for the NFL. The preparation is over after Jones announced Wednesday that he was skipping his senior season to go pro.

"It is time for me to take the next step in my life, and that step is the NFL," he said.

Jones, a 6-foot, 221-pound junior, leaves Virginia Tech with 3,322 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns while starting for the Hokies only one of his three seasons.

He was the only reliable option for Tech this year, breaking the school record with 1,494 yards on 5.6 yards per carry while the Hokies fell out of the national rankings after climbing to No. 3.

"I personally feel he's the best back ever to play for Virginia

Tech," running backs coach Billy Hite said. "It's amazing the things he's accomplished in such a short time."

Dressed in a checkered sport coat instead of the maroon polo shirt the Hokies usually wear to news conferences, Jones said he decided a few days ago that he couldn't risk getting hurt playing another year in college.

"You never know what's going to happen," Jones said. "I want to make sure if I do get hurt, I'm getting paid at the same time."

Few expected he would stay. Jones came into the college touted as the best high school tailback. He's now expected to be one of the first running backs picked in the draft.

"When you're projected as a first-round pick, I don't see any reason to stay," quarterback Bryan Randall said.

Jones ran for 1,828 yards and 14 TDs as a backup his freshman and sophomore seasons. This year, his first as a starter, Jones' father moved in to his apartment to help him train.

"I told Kevin, 'You have a chance to leave this year if you put some extra work in,'" Thomas Jones said.

Jones responded by rushing

for at least 100 yards a school-record eight times in a nine-game span for the Hokies (8-4) this season, including a record 241 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-28 loss at Pittsburgh.

Jones always had speed and strength, Thomas Jones said, but he still needed to learn how to be patient behind the line and pick up the blitz. After Kevin Jones ran for 124 yards and a score as Tech beat then-No.2 Miami, Thomas

Jones said he knew his son was ready to go pro.

"It's a proud day for us," the elder Jones said. "This is a journey we started together. We've had long talks about this. I was telling him even at a young age 'You can make it.'"

Jones' departure leaves a wide open spot at tailback for the Hokies. Sophomores Cedric Humes, who ran for 377 yards and averaged 5.9 yards per carry, and Mike Imoh, who has 86 yards this season, are both expected to compete for the starting role.

"I'm excited," said Imoh, who shares an apartment with the Joneses. "It's sad to see him go, but I'm going to look a lot of the stuff he did and learn from him. His work ethic rubs off on other

"It is time for me to take the next step in my life, and that step is the NFL."

Kevin Jones
Hokie running back



REUTERS

Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones runs with the ball in a game earlier this season. Jones will go pro next year.

people."

While he's sad to see his starting tailback leave a year early, Hokies coach Frank Beamer said he understands why.

"The money is so great. If you're at that level, you've got to do what's right for you at that time," Beamer said. "Kevin won't be the last one."

In 2001, Beamer tried to persuade quarterback Michael Vick to remain for his junior year, presenting him with a \$10 mil-

lion insurance policy to ease his fears of getting injured.

Nevertheless, Vick turned pro, playing for the Atlanta Falcons.

Jones said he will play his last college game in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 26 in Phoenix against California. He said he made the decision early so that the Hokies could focus on the game.

Jones said he probably won't attend classes in the spring; instead he plans to spend most of his time working out.

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NFL

Doctor says Raiders need help

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — A sports psychologist believes he can help mend the Oakland Raiders' fragile psyche and is ready to step in.

Dr. Richard Crowley, of Burbank, Calif., is offering his services, and even wants to meet with controversial owner Al Davis to see about incorporating his "Mental Mechanics" program into the 3-9 Raiders' regimen to improve their performance.

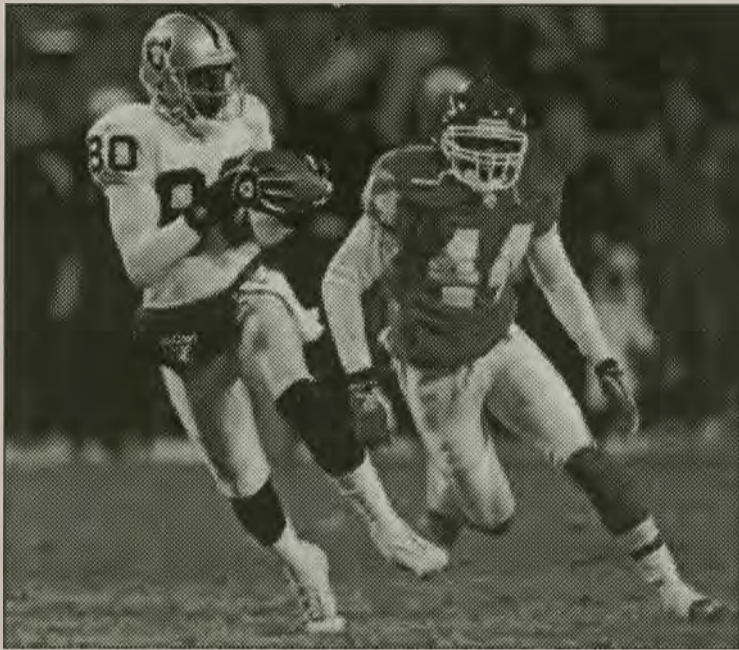
The Raiders say thanks, but no thanks.

"Tell him don't even worry about it. It's a hopeless cause right now," Pro Bowl right tackle Lincoln Kennedy said Wednesday. "We've got to work through our own stuff. We don't need outside help. It's too late for that."

Crowley took notice of Oakland's problems after coach Bill Callahan erupted Sunday night following his team's ugly 22-8 loss to the Denver Broncos.

"We've got to be the dumbest team in America in terms of playing the game," Callahan shouted to reporters after the home loss.

"I'm highly critical because



Oakland's Jerry Rice catches a pass earlier against the Chiefs. A doctor says the Raiders need psychological help.

of the way we give games away — we give 'em away! Period. It's embarrassing, and I represent that. And I apologize for that. If that's the best we can do, it's a sad product."

Crowley believes Callahan's words could have lasting effects, even if the players now say their coach was criticizing their play and not them personally.

"This team needs help. Serious help," Crowley said. "They could be in this dark hole forever. They need some damage control: One, over the issues underlying their losses that their current staff doesn't know how to resolve, and two, whatever negative attitude the players had about themselves and their playing abilities with

so many losses is now compounded by being called 'stupid' and 'dumb' — words a number of them may have been called growing up by a parent or teacher."

Callahan laughed in disbelief when told about Crowley's ideas.

"No! You're not serious about asking that question," he said.

The Raiders held a team meeting Monday, and the players seem to be supporting Callahan and the coach's message that he was criticizing their mistake-prone play and not their intelligence.

Rookie tight end Teyo Johnson has received calls from friends around the country interested in what's going on with the team.

MLB

Reliable Hawkins signs with Cubs



Relief pitcher LaTroy Hawkins fires a pitch for Minnesota last season. Hawkins signed with the Chicago Cubs Wednesday and should shore up the backend of the team's bullpen.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scratch that right-handed setup man off the Chicago Cubs' wish list.

The Cubs confirmed Wednesday they'd agreed to terms with free agent LaTroy Hawkins. The deal, which includes a player option for 2006 guarantees the pitcher \$11 million over three years.

Hawkins, who turns 31 later this month, was 9-3 with a 1.86 ERA in 77 1-3 innings for the Minnesota Twins. He had 75 strikeouts, and didn't allow a run over 20 games from July 31 to Sept. 14.

Hawkins was especially impressive in the opener of the playoffs against the New York Yankees, striking out four over two innings and getting the victory.

Hawkins was converted to a reliever in 2000, when the Twins made him their closer. He was moved to the setup role before the 2002 season, and is 15-3 with a 2.00 ERA in 139 games since then.

"We were certainly hoping to bring him back," Twins gener-

al manager Terry Ryan said Tuesday night after being told Hawkins had signed with the Cubs.

"Obviously, he got security. It sounds like he got dollars. I could never fault a player for taking a deal that sets him up. I feel horrible about losing him. But I'm satisfied he's going to a place he wants to be. Unfortunately, it's not here."

The deal also puts Hawkins, a native of Gary, Ind., closer to home and gives him a chance to play for Dusty Baker.

Bolstering the bullpen was high on the list of priorities for Cubs general manager Jim Hendry this offseason. Cubs relievers were 20-19 with a 4.16 ERA, 16th in the majors.

Joe Borowski was a pleasant surprise, calmly filling the closer's role when Antonio Alfonseca got hurt in spring training and finishing with 33 saves. Left-hander Mike Remlinger is solid, and Kyle Farnsworth is one of the hardest-throwing pitchers in the NL.

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Hockey

	team	record	points
1	North Dakota (32)	9-2-0	507
2	Boston College	9-2-3	475
3	Maine	10-2-1	436
4	Colorado College	8-1-3	388
5	New Hampshire	9-3-1	380
6	St. Cloud State	9-3-2	291
7	Ohio State	11-5	290
8	Denver	9-4-1	241
9	Michigan	9-5	193
10	Massachusetts	9-3-2	183
11	Wisconsin	8-3-3	165
12	Brown	6-1-1	157
13	Dartmouth	4-1-4	96
14	NOTRE DAME	8-3-2	94
15	Boston University	4-4-4	35

Women's Volleyball

	team	record	points
1	USC (65)	29-0	1,625
2	Hawaii	32-1	1,548
3	Florida	31-1	1,503
4	Pepperdine	25-2	1,432
5	Stanford	23-6	1,352
6	Kansas State	28-4	1,237
7	UCEA	21-8	1,227
8	California	23-6	1,180
9	Nebraska	26-4	1,092
10	Penn State	28-4	1,008
11	Georgia Tech	31-3	929
12	Colorado State	28-4	909
13	Santa Clara	29-10	830
14	Washington	20-8	819
15	Loyola Marymount	25-6	703
16	Northern Iowa	27-5	639
17	Minnesota	22-10	491
18	Illinois	24-6	479
19	Louisville	24-5	427
20	UC Santa Barbara	19-8	390
21	NOTRE DAME	23-6	300
22	Arizona	17-14	255
23	SW Missouri State	27-4	168
24	Texas A&M	21-9	147
25	Maryland	25-7	119

MIAA Women's Basketball

	team	overall	league
1	Hope	4-0	1-0
2	Albion	5-0	0-0
3	Alma	3-1	0-0
4	Kalamazoo	3-1	0-0
5	Olivet	2-2	0-0
6	Adrian	1-2	0-0
7	SAINT MARY'S	1-3	0-0
8	Calvin	2-2	0-1

MIAA Women's Swimming

	team	overall	league
1	Hope	3-0	3-0
2	Albion	3-1	3-1
3	Calvin	2-1	2-1
4	Kalamazoo	1-1	1-1
5	SAINT MARY'S	0-2	0-2
6	Alma	0-2	0-2
7	Olivet	0-2	0-2

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Miami (OH) at Bowling Green 7 p.m., ESPN2

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Chicago at Philadelphia 7 p.m., TNT
LA Lakers at Dallas 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Nashville at Columbus 7 p.m., FSN
Detroit at St. Louis 7:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Terry Francona argues with an umpire while managing the Philadelphia Phillies. Despite compiling a losing record with the Phillies, Francona will be named manager of the Boston Red Sox Thursday.

Red Sox to name Francona manager

Associated Press

BOSTON — Terry Francona will be hired as Boston's new manager, a source told The Associated Press, reuniting pitcher Curt Schilling with his former boss in a push to bring the Red Sox their first World Series title since 1918.

The Red Sox scheduled a Thursday news conference at which they will announce Francona's hiring, a baseball source said Wednesday on the condition of anonymity.

Francona, 44, managed Philadelphia through four losing seasons from 1997-

2000 when the Phillies were a young team trying to rebuild.

Francona will be under pressure to win immediately in Boston, where Grady Little averaged 94 wins over two seasons but was let go after the team collapsed in the seventh game of the AL championship series.

The Red Sox also interviewed Los Angeles third-base coach Glenn Hoffman, Anaheim bench coach Joe Maddon and Texas first-base coach DeMarlo Hale. But Francona was established as an early front-runner, and his hiring was delayed only by the team's

pursuit of Schilling, acquired last week in a trade with Arizona.

The Red Sox traded four players for Schilling last week, but the deal was held up while they negotiated a contract extension with the 37-year-old pitcher to get him to waive his no-trade clause. They agreed Friday to a deal that will pay him \$37.5 million over the next three years, with an option for a fourth.

Schilling said one incentive for him to sign in Boston was word that Francona was "a slam dunk" to be the new manager. Even so, he made it

clear that he did not make Francona's hiring a condition of the deal, nor did the Red Sox promise it.

Under Little, the Red Sox made the playoffs last season for the first time since 1999. They came back from a 2-0 deficit against Oakland, winning three in a row to take the best-of-five, first-round series and play the New York Yankees for the right to go to the World Series.

Boston led New York 5-2 in the seventh inning of the decisive seventh game, but Little opted to go with tiring ace Pedro Martinez instead of a recently rehabilitated bullpen.

IN BRIEF

NFL ref fined for bad call

NEW YORK — Referee Tom White was fined \$2,600 for failing to restart the clock at the end of the Seattle-Baltimore game, a mistake that contributed to the Seahawks' 44-41 overtime loss.

The fine represented half of White's game check, supervisor of officials Mike Pereira said Wednesday.

The entire crew was reprimanded for its performance during the Nov. 23 game, presumably hurting its chances to officiate in the playoffs. Crews are assigned to the postseason based on their regular-season ratings.

"It tells me everyone is accountable," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday. "Players are accountable, coaches are accountable and officials are accountable. Having said that, I'd

just as soon give them the money back and get that call."

The play in question occurred with 58 seconds left and Seattle ahead 41-38. The Seahawks' Shaun Alexander gained 3 yards to the Baltimore 33, but head linesman Ed Camp threw a penalty flag because he thought offensive tackle Floyd Womack lined up as an ineligible receiver.

The Ravens called their final timeout but the clock was stopped anyway for the officials to discuss the penalty. They determined Womack was eligible, let the play stand and gave Baltimore back its final timeout.

The Ravens were ready to call timeout again, but White did not restart the clock. As a result, Baltimore saved its timeout until after the plays, saving 40 seconds that it used when it got the ball back to tie a game it eventually won in

overtime.

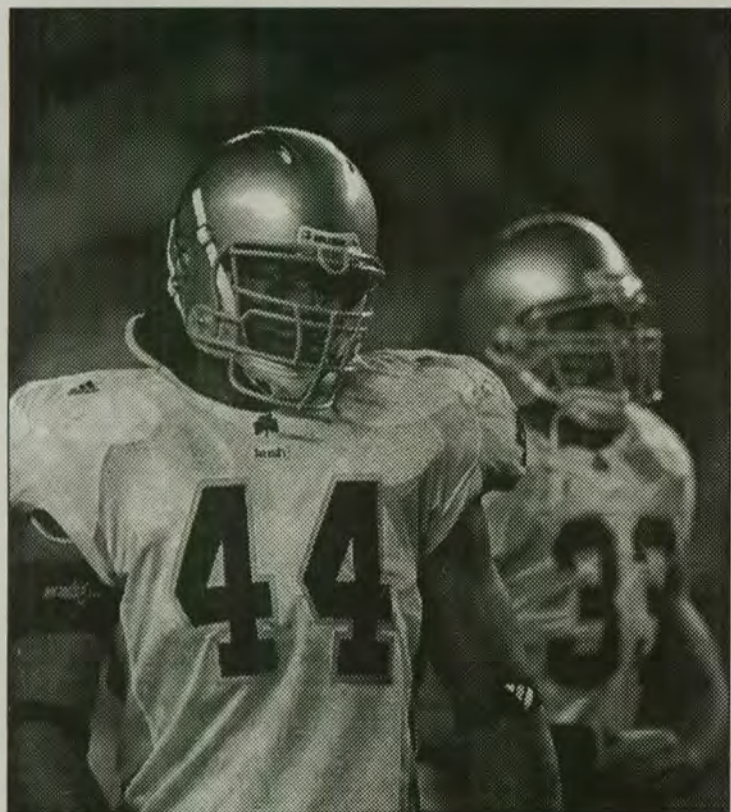
Wells traded to Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Volatile forward Bonzi Wells was traded by the Portland Trail Blazers to the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday for guard Wesley Person and a 2004 first-round draft pick.

Wells is averaging 12.2 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists this season, but he also was stripped of his captaincy and suspended for two games for cursing at coach Maurice Cheeks.

Wells was fined last month for making an obscene gesture at a fan after a loss to Philadelphia. Last March, Wells was suspended for one game by Cheeks for "conduct considered detrimental to the team."

"We are very hopeful that this opportunity provides a fresh start for Bonzi in Memphis, and that he enjoys joining a rising young team in the Grizzlies," Memphis president Jerry West said.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Justin Tuck looks around during the Michigan game this season. Tuck has 13.5 sacks for Notre Dame in 2003.

Sacks

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pushed him to improve, knowing that the young defensive end stills has areas of his game in which he can get better. Willingham is confident that Tuck can be more than just a dominating pass rusher, and that he can develop into one of the better all-around defensive ends in the country.

"We love a lot of things that Justin Tuck brings, and that's not just in the passing game," Willingham said. "He's continued to develop in all phas-

es of the game, and we need him to continue to develop in those phases, and he's responded well to those challenges."

Still, Tuck may be his own biggest critic, as he is hesitant to accept accolades for his play in the past, and he only wants to make himself better.

"I think I'm my hardest critic," Tuck said. "I look at the games and people will say, 'You made a good play there,' but I look at it like I could have done a little more than I did. But I should be like that. If you get content with things you've done, you'll never reach your full potential."

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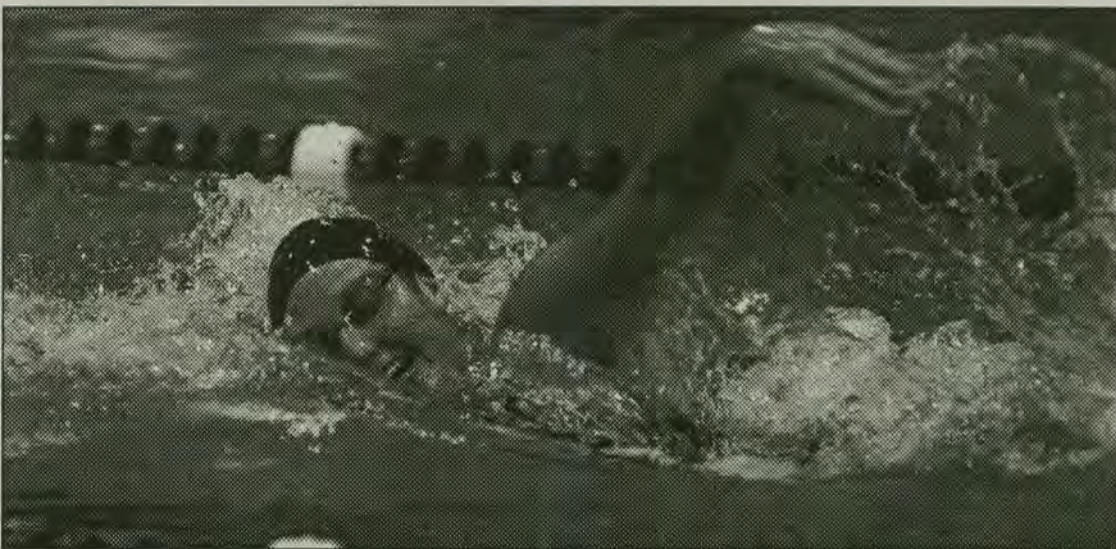
Justin Tuck
Irish defensive end

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ND SWIMMING

Invitational will be key for Irish

Welsh says meet will be crucial test for team



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

A Notre Dame swimmer competes against Michigan last spring. Notre Dame will be hosting a 500 athlete field this weekend.

By **MATT PUGLISI**
Sports Writer

Over 500 athletes from 16 different schools will compete as both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams host the Notre Dame Invitational at the Rolfs Aquatic Center today through Saturday.

Excluding the Irish, the men's invitational field will feature 11 other schools, including West Virginia, Denison, Louisville, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Harvard, Shippensburg, Denver, North Dakota and both Wisconsin Milwaukee and Green Bay.

The men's squad hopes to build upon its first dual-meet victory of the season when the Irish (1-5) hit the pool for the crucial midseason meet.

"This is the focal meet of the fall semester for us," head coach Tim Welsh said. "This is our midway report, like the final exam for the first semester ... like how we're doing at halftime with the second half of the game still to play."

On Nov. 14, while Notre Dame picked up a pair of

losses against strong squads from No. 20 Brigham Young and No. 22 Iowa, it also tallied its first victory of the season in a 223-62 thrashing of Louisville in a quadrangular meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Should Notre Dame achieve its goal of turning in some of the year's best times come meet's end, Welsh is confident the Irish will sit in a favorable position.

"We're looking for the fastest times of the year and advancing into the Big East qualifying rounds," Welsh said. "We think if we all go individual best times, the score will take care of itself, and we'll be happy with it."

The women's team, on the other hand, looks to rebound from a seventh-place finish at the Texas A&M Invitational two weeks ago.

In addition to the same schools the men face, the women will also challenge Bowling Green, Hillsdale, New Mexico and Northern Michigan.

"Since we've been so sick, we only have a couple of girls swimming the first two days," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "The girls missed a lot

of school [due to the illness], and we've kind of forgone the first couple of days to get back on track academically."

Despite a pair of victories by undefeated senior Meghan Perry-Eaton (one- and three-meter diving) and a fifth-place finish by freshman Katie Carroll (100-meter butterfly), the No. 19 Irish (4-1) recorded a meet-low 599 points at Texas A&M, finishing 456 points behind sixth-place Virginia (955) and nearly 1,500 points behind meet-winner UCLA.

"The illness made it hard [to do well]," Weathers said. "Most of the teams were rested and shaved, and we knew that going into the meet so we really didn't expect to win. We were disappointed that we weren't healthy more than anything."

The Irish will be without a pair of swimmers this weekend, as senior Marie Labosky and freshman Rebecca Grove will be competing at the U.S. Open Championships in Federal Way, Wash.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Francis gains Big East honor

Special to The Observer

Sophomore forward Torin Francis has been named the Big East Co-Player of the Week after averaging 18.5 points and 12.5 rebounds and shooting 66.7 percent from the field in Notre Dame's first two victories of the season versus Northern Illinois and Mount St. Mary's.

He shares the honor with sophomore guard Carl Krauser of Pittsburgh.

Francis registered his 11th double double of his collegiate career when he scored 24 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in a 74-65 victory over Northern Illinois. Both of those totals were one shy of his personal bests.



Courtney LaVere rebounds the ball as she tries to head down court. LaVere contributed 11 points in the 74-57 victory against Valparaiso. CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Height

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percent of her 3-point attempts and dropping 12.5 points per game. She also tallies 6.5 assists and three steals and surprisingly leads the team with eight boards per contest.

After losing their season-opener to Northern Illinois 68-65, the Badgers won the Conesto/Coconut Grove Thanksgiving Classic in Miami last weekend. They knocked out Hampton and Butler to win the tournament title. Wisconsin lost their second straight home game Monday, this time by a 64-58 score to Western Illinois.

First-year coach Lisa Stone leads the Badgers. She came

to Wisconsin from Drake, where she was 64-27 in three years.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame looks to rebound after a tough weekend that saw the Irish fall to Michigan State 92-63 and No. 3 Tennessee 83-59. Notre Dame struggled in both games, and the losses knocked the team from the top 25 rankings.

Despite struggling through two defeats, McGraw said the team has practiced well since their last two games.

"We're playing at a different level than at the beginning of the year. A lot of good has come from [the two losses]."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"I'm really encouraged. You can tell a lot about a team after a loss," McGraw said. "We've all worked hard to change things, and it's fun at practice."

Notre Dame won their home opener Nov. 21 against Valparaiso but have faced four other difficult teams on

the road, including three ranked opponents in Auburn, Colorado and Tennessee.

Irish forward Jacqueline Bateast leads the team with 16.6 points per game and adds 7.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocks. She scored a career-high 27 points against Auburn earlier in the year and needs a mere 114 points to reach the 1,000 point mark in her career. She would become just the 20th Irish player to accomplish such a feat.

The two teams will face each other for just the second time at the Joyce Center, with Wisconsin winning the only other meeting 81-69 in 1996. Notre Dame leads the series 3-2.

McGraw hopes her team will rebound Thursday after dropping two straight games.

"We're playing at a different level than at the beginning of the year," McGraw said. "A lot of good has come from [the two losses]."

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Julie Malone shoots a free throw in Wednesday night's victory against St. Andrews. EMILY GRAMMENS/The Observer

Blowout

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percent from the floor over the entire game and 55.9 percent in the first half. This improved shooting was a key in bouncing back from Tuesday night's loss.

"Shooting was a big [improvement]. Jess Binhack stepped up big finishing her shots," Bellina said.

Binhack finished the game 4-7 from the floor, with nine points and four rebounds. Her solid inside presence was key to developing a half court offense that left Andrews looking lost for much of the game.

There were not too many bright spots for Andrews, as they shot the ball extremely poorly, played weak defense and committed numerous turnovers.

Their inconsistency scoring points put them in an early first half hole that they never recovered from.

Andrews turned the ball over 36 times, 11 of which came from point forward Daniela Santos. Santos, like most of the Andrews squad, could not find a solution for Bellina's defensive schemes and were over-matched for much of the game.

Although she accounted for

many turnovers, Santos was the top scorer for Andrews, scoring 11 points on 5-20 shooting and playing the entire 40 minutes.

The Belles will need to take their momentum from this blowout into the weekend, where they will host Calvin College, Washington University and Illinois College in the Saint Mary's College Roundball Tournament.

Not only will they need to maintain the level of play exhibited in Wednesday night's game but they will need to improve several aspects of their play in order to defeat these arguably higher-level opponents.

"We need to work on post defense and defending penetration," Bellina said.

The Belles will play at home on Friday and Saturday in the Roundball Tournament.

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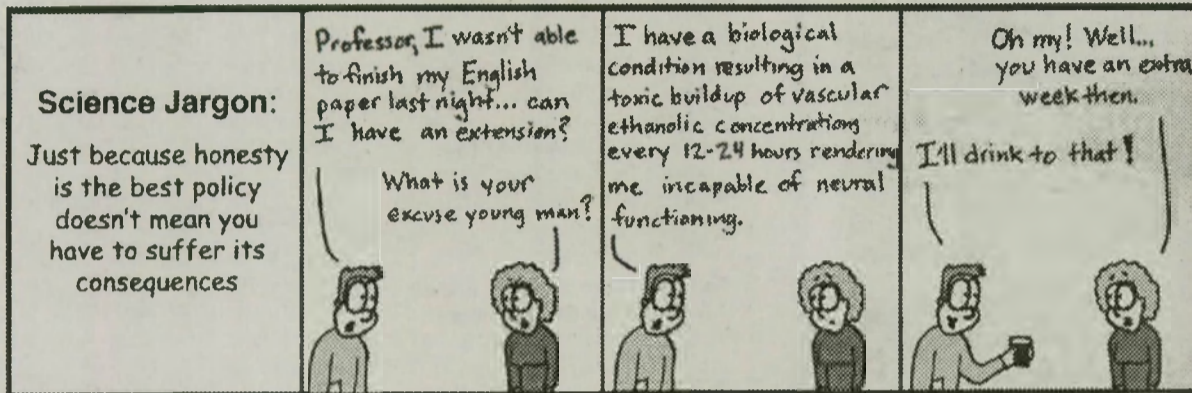
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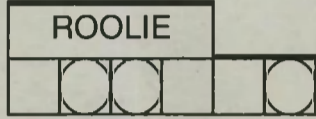
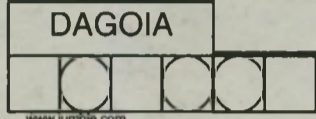
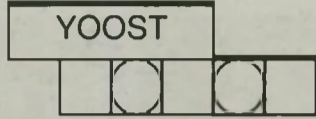
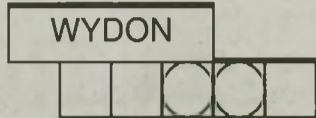


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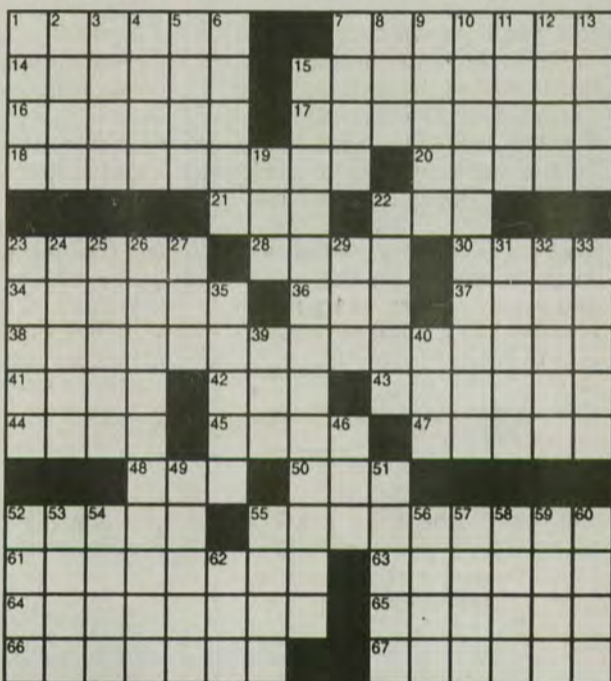
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- ACROSS**
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 - 7 Classic card game
 - 14 Kind of army or show
 - 15 "No problem"
 - 16 Food that may be served lyonnaise
 - 17 Citrus source
 - 18 How dogs chase their tails
 - 20 Top military unit
 - 21 Job for Triple A
 - 22 Part of N.C.A.A.: Abbr.
 - 23 Sources of inspiration
 - 28 Ace
 - 30 Thompson with an Oscar
 - 34 Worldly possessions
 - 36 Fast no more
 - 37 Some leather
- DOWN**
- 38 Maker of important decisions
 - 41 Count (on)
 - 42 Kind of change
 - 43 Not at all loose
 - 44 Refinement targets
 - 45 Connecticut senator Christopher
 - 47 Suggestion box fill
 - 48 Literary monogram
 - 50 Drivel
 - 52 Oldsmobile model
 - 55 Place for slow drivers
 - 61 Congratulatory cry
 - 63 Heretofore
 - 64 Leisure
 - 65 Doctor
 - 66 First name in women's tennis

- 67 National personae non gratae
- 1 Western Indian
- 2 Before long
- 3 Not-quite-final software
- 4 Apple production
- 5 Jacques of "Mon Oncle"
- 6 Sign of contempt
- 7 "That's ___!"
- 8 Einstein's birthplace
- 9 46-Down's reward
- 10 Take off
- 11 No friendly fellow
- 12 Saturn satellite
- 13 Kind of cell
- 15 Auto traction improver
- 19 It's sacred to some
- 22 Montezuma II, for one
- 23 Trains underground
- 24 See (in)
- 25 Stone monument
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- 27 RV contents?
- 29 Self expression?
- 31 One that squeaks by?
- 32 One of the Von Trapp girls
- 33 Before, in Bogotá



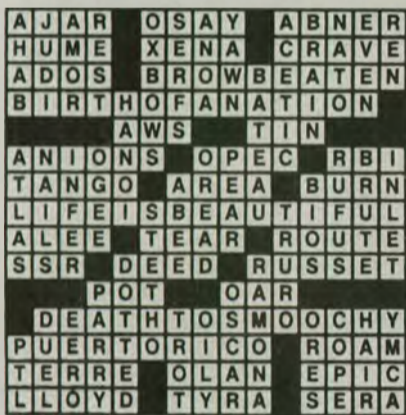
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- 35 Lyric poem
- 39 Antonio Carlos Jobim airport locale
- 40 X
- 46 One may sit for a master
- 49 Chicago Symphony director, 1969-91
- 51 Word said before you go?
- 52 Kind of radio
- 53 Pasternak heroine
- 54 Israeli president Weizman
- 55 Il pontefice's home
- 56 "The Lost World" menace, briefly
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- 58 Indigo plant
- 59 Bridge site
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Happy Birthday: This is a year of change. It is important to accept the inevitable and move on. Although plenty of opportunities will be present, you may find it difficult to take advantage of promising ventures if you are caught up in dead issues. Think progressively and you will find yourself moving in a positive direction. Your numbers: 9, 13, 24, 28, 31, 37

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will be able to work well with colleagues. You can finish all those undone projects and begin some new ones if you work quickly and efficiently. Relationships may develop through work. ***
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Today will be hectic. Keep moving, and you will fit everything in and feel satisfied at the end of the day. Passionate encounters can be yours if you are willing to act on your instincts. ****
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Problems with roommates can be expected. Don't let yourself be taken for granted. Real estate investments will be profitable. You can buy products for your home, but don't go over your budget. **
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Romance will come looking for you. Be receptive to the advances made by others. Friends or relatives may want to set you up with someone. The time is right to get on with your life. *****
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may want to cut back a little on your personal overhead. Try to negotiate your financial position and consolidate your debts. You may want to pick up an extra job. ***
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You are usually logical, but not today. You will be quite flippant and should force yourself to get physical and use up some of that excess energy you've got. ***
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** It's time to question your personal situation. Things have not been too favorable lately, and it is time for you to make some major decisions. Examine your legal rights before going any further. ***
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Someone you befriend at a meeting will be romantically interested in you. You can make a difference if you fight for your rights and are willing to speak out for those less apt. *****
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can get ahead when it comes to your career objectives, but your personal affairs are another story. Don't let your emotions stand in the way of your work performance. **
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will be in contact with people who will spark some good ideas. You can invest in joint ventures, but make sure that you aren't the only one putting in cash. ****
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Changes with regard to co-workers are likely. Don't be too quick to judge the attributes and downfalls of others. You may be surprised when you take a second look at someone's talents. ***
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Emotional fluctuation can be expected. Make love not war. You can get closer to the one you love or pursue new companionship in group endeavors. Don't make promises you can't keep. ***

Birthday Baby: No one will ever be sure what you are going to do next. You have the wherewithal to make things happen. If you want to accomplish something, you will do whatever is required. You are strong, engaging and slightly ahead of your time.

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FOOTBALL

Tuck hungry for more after breaking record



Justin Tuck dives for the tackle as the Irish collected an impressive win over Pittsburgh earlier this season. ANDY KENNA/The Observer

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

By Justin Tuck's self-imposed standards, he hasn't had a good game yet.

The Irish defensive end sets a goal each game to record six quarterback sacks, and while Tuck has not reached that feat yet, he has had some very impressive performances for the Irish this season.

"I go into every game thinking, 'I'm going to get six sacks,' and I'm disappointed if I don't," Tuck said.

But it's hard to believe the 6-foot-5, 246-pound junior was disappointed with his performance Saturday, as he recorded 3.5 sacks against Stanford to clinch the Notre Dame single-season record for sacks — he now has 13.5 on the year.

Tuck said that, during the game, it didn't register that he had clinched the record. But he took an opportunity after the game to think about where his record and accomplishment places him in Notre Dame football history.

"They told me at halftime that I had [the record]. It really didn't sink in until after the game," he said. "But then I

started thinking about the defensive linemen that have played here. And after the game I talked to my dad, and he said that the announcers had said something about it during the game. It became a bigger thing as it went on."

Right now, Tuck ranks third in the country with 1.23 sacks per game. With one contest left to play against Syracuse, the overall national sack lead is not out of his sights, as he stands only three sacks behind the leader, David Ball of UCLA.

"I'm shooting for [the lead]," Tuck said. "I think every game I'm shooting for at least six, and I'm shooting for six Saturday."

In addition to the sacks, Tuck led the team in tackling against the Cardinal with seven stops Saturday. He is second on the Irish with 72 tackles on the year and ranks eighth in the country in tackles for loss with 1.73 per game.

Tuck's high standards may be a product of the teachings of his head coach, Tyrone Willingham, who teaches his players always to strive for perfection. And Willingham has remained on top of Tuck and

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles pound Andrews 72-26

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

To say that Wednesday night's contest between Saint Mary's College and Andrews University was one sided would be a complete understatement.

The Belles played fiery offense and tough defense, after a disappointing loss Tuesday night to Manchester, en route to a 72-26 lopsided victory, clearly showing that one team simply did not come ready to play.

The Belles controlled the game from the first minutes, going on a 21-2 run to start the game. With the starters resting much of the game, the Saint Mary's bench players had little trouble running the offense, namely freshman Bridget Lipke who shot 4-6 from the field and

finished with nine points, four assists and three steals. Lipke's statistics do not tell the whole story, as she took control as the floor general and created much of the offense throughout the game.

"People were hungry tonight," Coach Suzanne Bellina said. "Players [who are used to] little playing time really picked us up."

Coming off a disappointing loss Tuesday night, the Belles made solid adjustments in order to blow the doors off Andrews. They pushed the ball well, exploiting Andrews' weak transition defense and finishing easy lay-ups and pull-up jumpers.

The Belles shot the ball very well compared to Tuesday night's game, shooting 47.7

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready for 'tall' challenge

Notre Dame faces Wisconsin tonight at Joyce Center

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Muffet McGraw wanted her players to do one thing at practice Wednesday — grow a few inches.

"We were trying to get taller," McGraw said.

Notre Dame (2-3) faces a Wisconsin team (2-2) Thursday night at the Joyce Center that has five players over six feet in height, including a pair of centers that are 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-7, respectively.

"They're the tallest team we've played," McGraw said. "We're going to just see how it goes."

Wisconsin's two centers, Emily Ashbaugh and Lello



Sophomore guard Megan Duffy drives the ball during the women's win over Valparaiso earlier this season. CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Gebisa, along with 6-foot-3 sister Ebba Gebisa, give the Badgers a distinct advantage in the paint. Notre Dame's tallest players, Teresa Borton and Courtney LaVere, are a mere 6-foot-3.

Ashbaugh leads the Badgers in many offensive

and defensive categories, averaging 13.8 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game.

Guard Ashley Josephson gives Wisconsin an outside threat, knocking down 53.8

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Hawkins signs with Cubs

LaTroy Hawkins signed a contract with the Cubs that would guarantee \$11 million dollars in 3 years.

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A sports psychologist declared that he can help the psyche of the team.

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Cincinnati quarterback Jon Kitna has become one of the hottest quarterbacks in the NFL.

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Lowell demands new stadium

If the Florida Marlins expect all-star Mike Lowell to return, a new stadium must be built.

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Jones declares for NFL Draft

Virginia Tech's running back Kevin Jones has decided to skip his senior year to go pro.

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Notre Dame Invitational

The men's and women's swimming teams will be competing against of sixteen schools this weekend.

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