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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR



Father Jim Foster welcomes the student body to the 1999-2000 school year in the official opening Mass Tuesday afternoon. The Mass was held earlier in the school year than in previous years to better usher in the school year. It was held during the week so as not to interrupt the cycle of Sunday dorm Masses. The planned cook-out was held in the Joyce Center due to the inclement weather.

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Mullins faces allegations of stalking two

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Associate News Editor

Roger Mullins, former University associate vice president for human resources, will go on trial next month for allegedly stalking two former female law students. He resigned July 1, after working for the department since 1985.



Mullins

"I know how this situation damages my ability to carry out my responsibilities, and that is why I think it best that I resign," he said in his letter of resignation to Father William Beauchamp, University executive vice president.

Mullins is being charged with two counts of stalking, each punishable by up to three years in prison.

He was scheduled for trial July 27, but his defense attorney asked for a continuance, according to John Maciejczyk, a St. Joseph County Prosecutor working on the case. The trial is now set for Sept. 21 at the St. Joseph Superior Court.

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Poorman takes on the top Student Affairs job

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Father Mark Poorman took the reins of the Office of Student Affairs on July 1, bringing a new face and a fresh enthusiasm to the high-profile job which deals with campus life and student concerns.



Poorman

Poorman, who succeeds Patricia O'Hara — vice president for Student Affairs for nine years and now dean of the Law School — has been teaching theology and living in Notre Dame residence halls since 1990. He hopes this experience will prepare him well for the post he now holds.

"I've been close to the mission of Student Affairs for a long time doing a lot of differ-

ent things," said Poorman, who has taught, served as a rector and worked in Campus Ministry during his time at Notre Dame. "I feel really privileged to be able to serve in this capacity."

The new vice president's boss, University president Father Edward Malloy, cited Poorman's diversity of experiences at Notre Dame as a strong point.

"Father Poorman has demonstrated his administrative acumen in a succession of key roles while deftly balancing these responsibilities with his academic pursuits," Malloy said when announcing the appointment in April. Poorman will have to balance even more responsibilities in his new role.

As vice president for Student Affairs, Poorman will be responsible for Campus Ministry, student residences, residence life, multicultural and international student affairs, student activities, Notre Dame Security/Police, the University

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Students criticize new system

By MAGGY TINUCCI
Assistant News Editor

Traditionally known for its rowdiness and party atmosphere, senior football ticket distribution Monday night was calm and uneventful.

The students' single-file procession, ending when the last tickets were handed out at 9:30 a.m., was the result of a new system. The administration closed the door this year on the annual ritual of camping outside of the Joyce Center for tickets, citing concerns with safety, litter and alcohol consumption.

"Although I thought the way the system was implemented was ridiculous — especially with it being the first day of class. The distribution itself went pretty well," senior Melissa Hogg said.

In past years, students formed lines as early as noon the day before ticket sales began. The first group in line had the honor of unofficially kicking off the



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Seniors receive their lottery tickets through the new ticket distribution system Monday night in Notre Dame Stadium.

year's season.

"Under this system, [the first person in line] doesn't get any reward for his hard work," said senior Nate Medland. "That's part of the fun. The earlier you get there, the better seats you get. You lose some of the tradition with this system."

Micah Murphy, student body president, said student govern-

ment tried to retain tradition, despite facing problems due to this season's early season home opener. The first home game is Saturday against Kansas. Typically, the first home game is at least one week later.

"Our proposal tried to keep the camping-out tradition

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INSIDE COLUMN

Another tradition dies

Welcome back to the insanity.

Monday night's "camp out" for football tickets can only be described as completely and utterly lame. It doesn't even deserve props for trying.

With the exception of the absurdly irreconcilable issue of parietais, I have never been more frustrated with the University. Camping out for football tickets has been a rich tradition for longer than most people can even remember, and at a school that claims to pride itself on tradition, the lack of respect to this historical custom is deeply disappointing.

The entire lottery process for ticket distribution was confusing, exasperating and very poorly planned. There simply wasn't enough time to communicate the details or to answer the resulting questions students had. How hard would it have been to send a letter to students during the summer explaining the new system? Oh wait, that would require both effort AND sense.

When my friends and I arrived around 11 p.m., we were greeted with insults and sarcasm from the Stadium ushers as they rudely slammed the gate in our faces. We then had to beg for information that they were reluctant to give. Excuse ME, sir, so sorry to make you do your job.

We were NOT told that in order to purchase tickets together you had to get your lottery tickets together. It was NOT published in The Observer advertisement or the campus mailing, and, contrary to their snide remarks, we were NOT the only ones who didn't understand. The aimless crowd milling about us were just as clueless, as was the rest of the Stadium staff. To say that one hand didn't know what the other was doing is the understatement of the year.

If the whole point of a lottery system is to ensure fairness, then this one failed miserably because the order in which we bought our tickets the following morning depended on when we got our lottery tickets. Besides, there was no reason to stay once they announced the "magic number."

The details were never effectively communicated, but the fundamental problem was that were too many details. When an event that is supposed to be fun becomes too organized and controlled, that takes the spirit out of it. The best part of camping out was that it was voluntary and inspired by pure student enthusiasm; it was not dictated or mandated. The spirit of class unity was totally lost in this new process, which is particularly disheartening to us senior guinea pigs.

If the central issue behind the new ticket distribution system was to prevent alcohol use and littering, they could have simply tightened security outside the Joyce Center where the real campouts used to be. And if the University is going to take action on alcohol consumption on this campus, it needs to stop hiding behind inconsistencies and do something that will actually make a difference. Standardize policies among dorms instead feeding the gender double standard. Eliminate the need for binge drinking by providing increased campus activities that people will actually attend. (Note the pathetic turnout of only a handful of students who actually did camp out all night. The administration did a damn fine job of killing what they couldn't control.)

Spend less time on national image and more time on the students who keep the real tradition of Notre Dame alive.

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

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The Observer publishes stories about local events and issues that affect students and staff members of both institutions. As an Associated Press newspaper, The Observer prints wire stories and graphics to inform readers of national and world news and sports.

Story ideas predominantly are generated by reporters who focus on specific beats or who regularly cover council meetings and sporting events. Story ideas also come from advertisements in The Observer and on campus posters, as well as from Notre Dame's Office of Public Relations, Saint Mary's Department of Marketing and Communications, the Notre Dame Sports Information Department and Saint Mary's Athletic Department.

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As a rule, The Observer does not publish previews of lectures or events which reporters plan to cover, excepting circumstances in which speakers are nationally or internationally renowned. Previews are also run when it is not feasible for a reporter to attend an event or when a preview is more appropriate than a post-event article.

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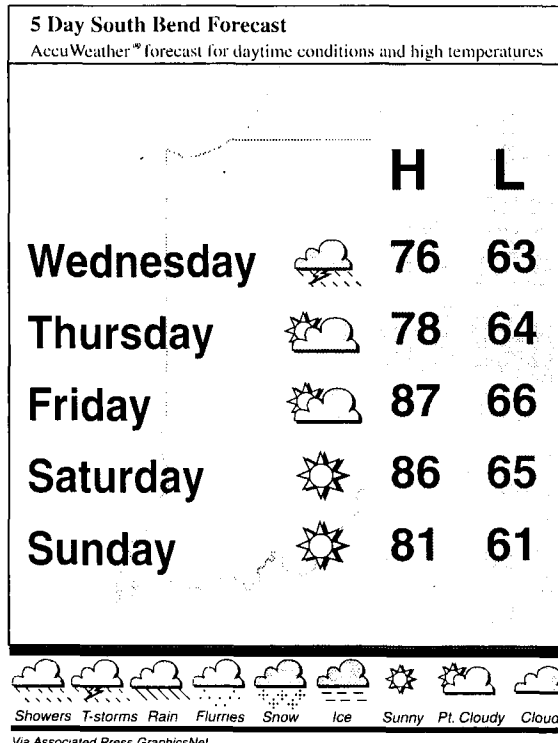
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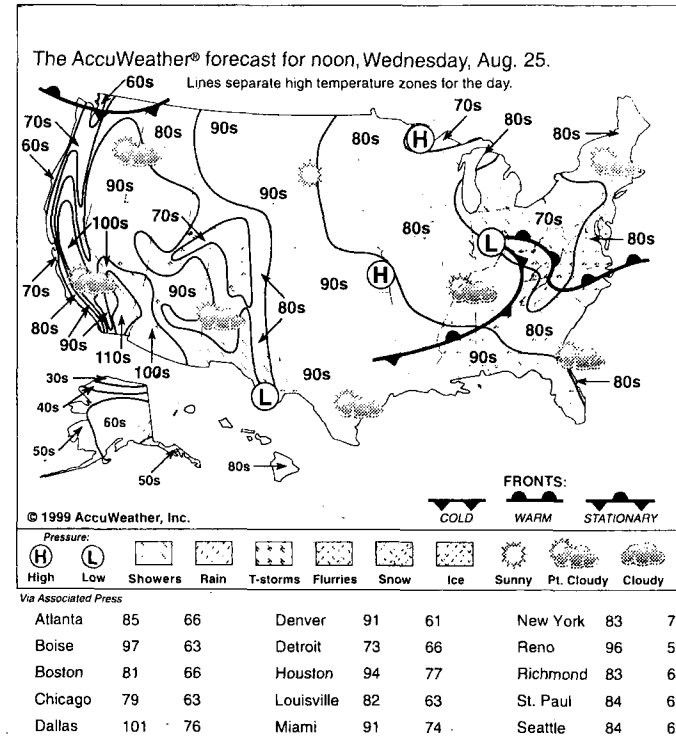
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| ◆ Frosh/soph ticket camp out: Line opens at 10 p.m., lottery numbers distributed at 1:15 a.m. | ◆ Dillon pep rally: Music, entertainment and Tony Rice. 6 p.m., outside Dillon. | ◆ Stadium Tours: Noon to 3 p.m. from Leahy Gate. | ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous: 10:30 a.m., Center for Social Concerns. |
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| | | ◆ Snite Movie: "Easy Rider" will play at 7:30 in Annenberg Auditorium. | ◆ Snite Movie: "Easy Rider" will play at 7:30 in Annenberg Auditorium. |

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Saint Mary's renovates and improves campus technology

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Students attending classes in the newly-renovated Regina and

Madeleva classrooms walked into 21st-century education not by cracking the books, but by logging on.

Taking the next step in a continuing push to improve campus

technology, summer renovations to 10 classrooms included new equipment to better facilitate education.

"This is a significant change in the computing environment," Joel Cooper, director of information technology, said. "This demonstrates an increased commitment to technology at Saint Mary's."

New classrooms feature several technological improvements,

including classrooms where a computer is available for every student. Wired classrooms are also available with amplification devices, video equipment and a computing podium.

"This is something the faculty is jumping on," Cooper said. "Because they have been calling for this to happen, those classrooms are heavily booked [for the semester]."

Also new to several courses for the fall semester will be web-based course information, which allows students to access information about specific courses using the internet.

"Instead of receiving a syllabus on the first day of class, students may be referred to a web page," Cooper said.

Technology resources are available in Cushwa-Leighton Library, where a 24-hour computer cluster has opened in the basement after three months of renovations.

The lab features new Macintosh and personal computers that are not used for class purposes.

Addressing the problem of class use in the Le Mans computer labs, the library computer cluster is assigned strictly for student use 24 hours a day.

"We ran into the problem that students would often be told to leave [the Le Mans lab] because of classes," Cooper said. "We now have facilities for both instructional and student use."

The improvements correlate with a college-wide commitment to integrate technology into the curriculum, Cooper said.

"[The cluster] accounts for both traditional and current methods of scholarship," he said. "This is very exciting because it represents a commitment to technology at the turn of the millennium."

Many have visited the library to see the new facility.

"We did notice that over the weekend there were numerous visitors to the facility," said Sister Betty Hollenhorst, director of Cushwa-Leighton Library.

FITNESS SCHEDULE

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FALL 1999

| RSRC Activity Room 1 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|------|
| 1 | 12:15-12:45 | Cardio Box | M/F | \$23 |
| 2 | 12:15-12:45 | Step I | W | \$13 |
| 3 | 3:15-4:15 | Step II | M/W/F | \$38 |
| 4 | 4:20-5:20 | AeroStep | M/W/F | \$38 |
| 5 | 5:30-6:30 | Interval Step | M/W | \$27 |
| 6 | 8:30-9:30pm | Cardio Box | M/W | \$27 |
| 7 | 4:25-5:25 | Step I | T/Th | \$26 |
| 8 | 5:30-6:30 | Cardio Box | T/Th | \$26 |
| 9 | 4:15-5:30 | Step II n'Sculpt | Su | \$15 |
| 10 | 5:40-6:00 | All Abs | Su | \$10 |
| RSRC Activity Room 2 | | | | |
| 11 | 4:15-5:15 | Cardio Kick | M/W | \$27 |
| 12 | 5:25-6:10 | Flex n' Tone | M/W | \$27 |
| 13 | 7:20-8:20am | Step II | T/Th | \$26 |
| 14 | 4:00-5:15 | Cardio Sculpt | T/Th | \$33 |
| 15 | 5:25-6:10 | Lo Impact | T/Th | \$26 |
| 16 | 5:00-6:15 | Dbl. Step n'Sculpt | Su | \$15 |
| ROCKNE CLASSES Room 301 | | | | |
| 17 | 5:30-6:30 | Step I | M/W | \$27 |
| 18 | 12:15-12:45 | Flex n' Tone | T/Th | \$24 |
| 19 | 4:15-5:15 | AeroStep | T/Th | \$26 |
| 20 | 5:20-6:20 | Hi Intensity | T/Th | \$26 |
| AQUATIC CLASSES Rolfs Aquatic Center | | | | |
| 21 | 12:15-12:45 | Aquacise | M/W/F | \$34 |
| 22 | 6:45-7:45pm | Aquacise | T/Th | \$26 |

REGISTRATION

WHEN: Thursday, August 26, 7:30am

WHERE: Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

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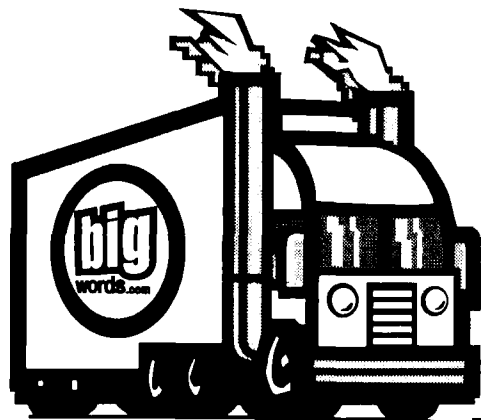
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Mullins

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"The case is proceeding as any criminal case normally proceeds," said Maciejczyk, who could not comment on any of the case's evidence because the case is pending.

According to a Mishawaka Police Department report, a man had been stalking the women from Sept. 1, 1998, to March 17, 1999, the South Bend Tribune reported.

On March 11, a man was seen in the hallway of the women's apartment building and then left when one of the women left her apartment with her boyfriend around 10 p.m. The man was waiting outside her building when the woman returned.

During a separate incident, the man knocked on the door of the women's apartment on March 17, according to the report. When a victim's boyfriend answered the door, the man said he was looking for building 451. He then looked around the boyfriend into the apartment.

The report also said that prior to each incident, a neighbor had seen the man under the building's stairs.

Mullins turned himself in to authorities in April after his lawyer, Bill Stanley, had learned of the charges. Stanley declined comment due to the pending nature of the case.

"I tell you now that these charges are false and I am confident that I will prevail

in this matter," Mullins also said in his resignation letter.

Since Mullins' resignation, the University appointed Richard Nugent, a 1977 Notre Dame graduate, as a replacement.

"During his [Mullins'] time at Notre Dame, he served the

University with distinction and as an outstanding human resource professional," said Beauchamp in a statement.

Neither director of Public Relations Dennis Moore or newly-appointed Nugent could comment due to a personnel confidentiality promise.

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Roger Mullins
former associate vice president
for Human Resources

"Notre Dame has been very good to me," Mullins said in the letter. "I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the University, and I wish it and you all the best in the months and years ahead."

Several factors will determine the outcome of the criminal case, said Maciejczyk.

Mullins' punishment, if any, could depend on numerous details, such as victims' statements and Mullins' level of education.

He has no prior convictions. If convicted, Mullins could avoid jail time because he has no criminal history.

Indiana law defines stalking as a pattern of conduct that would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated, frightened or threatened.

Material from the South Bend Tribune was used in this article.

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In its announcement, the Fed said it was increasing its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge on overnight loans, by a quarter point to 5.25 percent. The rate had been boosted — by the same amount — for the first time in two years on June 30.

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Counseling Center, University Health Services, career and placement services and alcohol and drug education.

He also will continue to teach one ethics class each semester.

Poorman expects the daily range of concerns the office deals with will present one of his greatest challenges.

"If you've got 10,000 people in your charge, and you've got to get them all the best education possible, I think that's why it's a challenging job," he said. "It's all of the education of a student that happens outside the classroom; that's a huge purview."

One of the things on which Poorman hopes to focus is the residential community at Notre Dame.

"One of the highest priorities I have is residentiality," he said. "I want to keep this a residential, Catholic community, which is something very close to my heart."

Poorman hopes to do this through both short and long term programs. Initiatives this semester will include a diversity training program to encourage students educate each other about sensitivity and minority issues and a continuing focus on social programming that is academic in nature and does not involve alcohol. The latter is a program that began under O'Hara, in which the University would help fund dorm events, such as SYRs, taking the focus off drinking.

Increasing diversity is another challenge Poorman hopes to take on in his new role.

"We have a ways to go on this campus with regards to diversity," said Poorman. "Both statistically ... and in programming."

He complimented the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs on their efforts at educating the student population on diversity but acknowledged that such education works best in the day-to-day living of students.

"I'm really excited about this diversity education program because it works peer to peer, student to student," he said. "It has as one of its major focuses to involve the majority population and that's really where some of the attention has to be focused."

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Mark Poorman
vice president for Student Affairs

Long-term ideas for perpetuating Notre Dame's residential character, Poorman said, will develop as he learns the job and hears the concerns of more people on campus. He will start slowly and does not expect to make any major changes early in his tenure.

"In the coming year, I want to

do a lot of listening to people, and getting the lay of the land," he said. "After I do a lot of listening then I'll probably be setting a lot of my own priorities."

Radical change from the policies of previous vice president for Student Affairs O'Hara is not a priority for Poorman. Quite the opposite, he praised his predecessor's policies and expressed hope his administration would provide continuity.

Poorman does not anticipate big changes in the University's policies on major campus issues.

He praised the efforts of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs to make Notre Dame a more welcoming place for homosexuals. He stated interest in working closely with student leaders on these issues and remains open to student suggestions and concerns.

Poorman will receive all resolutions passed by the Campus Life Council and will be a key decision-maker in many campus debates.

"I thoroughly enjoy our students ... I like living with them, I always have. I enjoy teaching them," he said. "My door's always open and I always want to hear new ideas."

Poorman graduated from the University of Illinois in 1976 and received his Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame in 1980. He was ordained a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1982 and while in the seminary served as an assistant rector in Dillon Hall.

After ordination, he served as Dillon rector and associate director of Campus Ministry for three years before going to Berkeley, Calif. to earn a doctorate in Christian Ethics at the Graduate Theological Union.

In 1990 he returned to Notre Dame as a member of the theology faculty and lived in Grace Hall. In 1992 he began directing Notre Dame's Master of Divinity program and is currently an associate professor of theology focusing on Christian ethics. He was an executive assistant to the president last year and received the Kaneb teaching award.

Lyphout, Malpass appointed to University officers group

Special to The Observer

Father Mark Poorman is not the only newly-appointed officer of the University.

At their April meeting, the Board of Trustees elected James Lyphout to vice president for Business Operations and Scott Malpass to vice president for Finance. Both have served as associate vice presidents since 1996 and will continue to work with University executive vice president Father William Beauchamp, Notre Dame's chief financial officer.

Both will join the 12-member officer's group which meets regularly to discuss issues of major significance to the University. Neither post was occupied last year.

Lyphout is responsible for administrative services, construction and operations and a num-

ber of the University's auxiliary enterprises — such as the Morris Inn and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. He was promoted to associate vice president for Business Operations in 1990 and has overseen 10 major construction projects since then, including stadium and Main Building renovations.

Malpass, Notre Dame's chief investment officer, worked with the Trustees in managing the University's investment program for more than a decade. This program holds more than \$2.2 billion in financial assets, including a \$1.95 billion endowment — the 18th largest in American higher education. Malpass also oversees the University's budgeting, capital planning, financial reporting and student financial services activities.

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Hammes Bookstore joins forces with online bookseller

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
News Writer

With the emergence of many online bookstores aimed at college students, the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore has joined efollett.com in providing students with a convenient method of acquiring their books that the Hammes feels will rival offerings from the competition.

Serving more than 800 colleges and universities, efollett.com is the first and largest online college bookstore. Jim O'Connor, director of Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, said that "working with efollett.com gives the bookstore national recognition while maintaining its identity."

According to O'Connor, the online bookstore has complemented the current bookstore instead of taking its business.

"The online bookstore has not hurt the bookstore's business," said O'Connor. "However, student buying habits change every year. Some buy their books early while others wait. We'll have to wait and see the numbers over a time span of two weeks," said O'Connor.

He also said that there have been many online orders placed with efollett.com.

"This site has a large availability of used books compared to others. The potential of acquiring used books is higher when buying from your own institution," said O'Connor.

Another advantage of

efollett.com is that it allows students to purchase their books without standing in long lines. Students can purchase their books online and pick the books up at their own bookstore free of charge, or pay a low shipment cost to any destination.

One concern that may arise when purchasing books online is the problem of returning the books if a mistake is made or the book is unwanted. The refund and exchange policy at efollett.com allows the student to return the book at the student's local bookstore without having to pack and ship the unwanted books.

O'Connor is optimistic about the online bookstore and feels that "the probability for success is high."

One emerging competitor for the efollett.com online bookstore is VarsityBooks.com. The company began in August 1998, and its business has grown each semester, according to communications director Jodi Gershoni.

"[VarsityBooks.com] is a better way to buy books because the books are cheaper," said Gershoni. "We guarantee that our books will be shipped to you in one to three business days at a flat rate of \$4.95."

Although VarsityBooks.com only sells new books, Gershoni said that they are able to pass large savings to the students because of the low overhead cost.

"Most students would rather have a new book than a used one. The focus of the company

right now is on saving money for the purchase of new books," Gershoni said.

According to Gershoni, the company's refund policy is liberal and allows for any book to be returned within thirty days of being received. However, the student will have to pay for the packing and shipping of the returned books if VarsityBooks.com did not make a mistake in the shipment.

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White House wins health care appeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

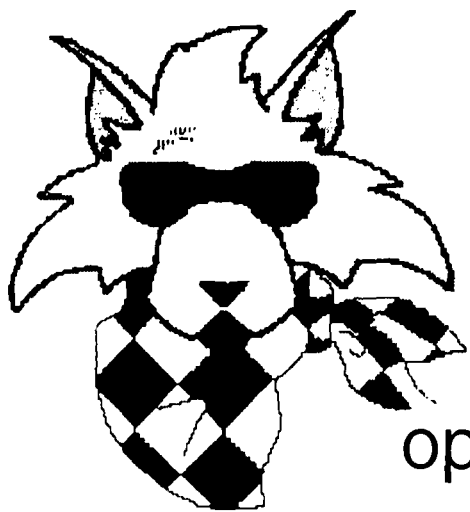
The Clinton administration and former top aide Ira Magaziner did not act in "bad faith" in describing the makeup of Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care task force, a federal appeals court ruled.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

ruled Tuesday that the White House should not have to pay \$285,864 legal bills for a doctors' group that sued to get access to the task force's deliberations and the failed effort to devise a national health care plan.

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ND, SMC welcome new Board of Trustees members

Special to The Observer

Five new members were recently appointed to the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees and two recent graduates were elected to seats on the Notre Dame board.

Senior Manuela Hernandez was appointed to the College's Board of Trustees as Saint Mary's Student Trustee.

Hernandez, a psychology major, is currently vice president of the Saint Mary's Psi Chi chapter. She has earned the designations of Presidential Scholar and Distinguished Scholar and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She won the "Realizing Your Dreams" award, the Outstanding Hispanic Student award, the Tri Kappa award and the Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays Educational Excellence Award.

Father David Tyson, president of the University of Portland since 1990, was appointed in June.

During his presidency, Tyson has doubled the University of Portland's endowment, built four new halls in five years, established five endowed chairs, earned national awards for teaching and advising and expanded the school by 26 acres. The implementation of Saint Mary's College Master Plan to expand the campus will dovetail with Tyson's three-year term of service on the Board of Trustees.

Tyson served as the vice president for student affairs at Notre Dame for six years, where he was a faculty member in COBA and executive assistant to Father Hesburgh. He is also a professor in the Pamplin School of Business Administration.

Susan Pichler, a Saint Mary's College alumna, Class of '61,

was also appointed to the board in June.

Pichler devoted several years of service to non-profit organizations' boards and as a Junior Great Books leader and librarian at inner-city schools. She is a member of the Board of Trustees and National Advisory Board for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Pichler graduated from Saint Mary's with a bachelor of arts in English. She then began teaching English at St. Joseph High School in South Bend and also taught at St. Thomas the Apostle High School, an inner-city Catholic all girls school, in Chicago.

Jeffery Trumper, president and chief executive of Trumper Communications, began his three-year term in June.

Trumper is the former president and general manager of WLS-AM in Chicago.

Trumper was a member of the Madeleva Society from 1994 until 1997, and has been a member of the Parents Council since 1994.

Carmen Murphy also began a three-year term on the board.

Murphy, a lifelong resident of South Bend, has volunteered in several local organizations for 20 years.

Angela Smith, and Gregory Butrus, both 1993 Notre Dame graduates, were elected to the three-year terms for young alumni on the Board.

Smith is a second-year master's degree candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She received a

bachelor's degree in accounting from Notre Dame.

She is a member of the College of Business Administration's advisory council and has served as a member of the board of directors of the Black Alumni of Notre Dame.

Butrus graduated with a degree in history, worked for former Alabama Senator Howell Heflin until 1995 and then returned to Notre Dame for law school, graduating in 1998. He is an attorney in the utility, legislative and regulatory section of the law firm of Balch & Bingham in Birmingham, Ala.

The Notre Dame Board of Trustees now numbers 54.

Tickets

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alive," Murphy said. "We are looking forward to good things with the freshman and sophomore classes and in the years to come."

Murphy's main concern was the short time they had to inform students, particularly seniors, about ticket distribution details.

"The thing we recognized would be the hardest is the confusion," he said. "However, through the course of the night,

people understood the process more."

Students complained that the system was too complicated to understand in the short time period before the distribution.

"[The new system] seems like a bad way to distribute tickets," off-campus senior Melissa Osburn said. "It requires much more effort than is actually necessary to distribute tickets."

"No one understands the purpose and no one understands what it is all about," said senior Cody Rinehart. "Something has to change [in the way tickets are distributed] but I don't think this is the answer."

Some seniors found benefits in the new system.

"A lottery is a good idea," Mike Cisternino said. "If the student body leaders had more time to think it through, they would have had more time to iron out the wrinkles. The core idea is innovative and the camp out is still there. If they weren't rushed into this, the camp out would be better than previous years."

Overall, seniors seemed displeased with the system change.

"This is a pathetic inadequacy," said senior Matt McCoyd. "There's 8 million ways to do this better."

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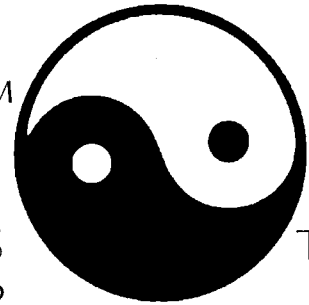
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The Observer returns to Web improved after reconstruction

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

After a five-month reconstruction, The Observer's Web site, <http://observer.nd.edu>, is available online. The site includes news, sports, Viewpoint commentaries and Scene features, along with selected photographs and graphics available in the newspaper's daily print edition. It will launch each

weekday before noon.

"Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are national institutions which now have a newspaper with a national face," said Observer editor in chief Michelle Krupa. "Many dedicated students devoted hundreds of hours to make this happen."

A team of students facilitated by Observer Web administrator Erik Kushto remodeled the site, last active in 1998.

The back-end system was designed by Observer system administrator Mike

Revers and consultant Marty Rose, a Notre Dame senior.

Designed by senior Ryan Mariotti, president of Video Design, the site will soon include special items like the Irish Insider football section.

"Visitors to The Observer online will be able to access all of the articles found in the print addition," Kushto said. "We will be adding new features to the site constantly because our goal is to be the central information source on campus."

The site will also keep up-to-date Domers and Belles outside The Observer's daily circulation.

"An online site is great for students and faculty, but it's especially beneficial to update alumni, parents, prospective students and student studying abroad about campus events," said managing editor M. Shannon Ryan.

"It's exciting to know that people all over the world now will be reading The Observer."

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Hurricane season hits the Atlantic

Associated Press

MIAMI

The 1999 hurricane season was in full swing Tuesday, with three tropical storms swirling in the Atlantic Ocean.

Tropical Storm Emily joined Dennis and Cindy, taking forecasters by surprise with her strength.

"I don't understand what's happening out there, but things are popping," said Jerry Jarrell, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The government of the Bahamas issued a tropical storm warning Tuesday for the Turks and Caicos Islands and for the southeastern Bahamas.

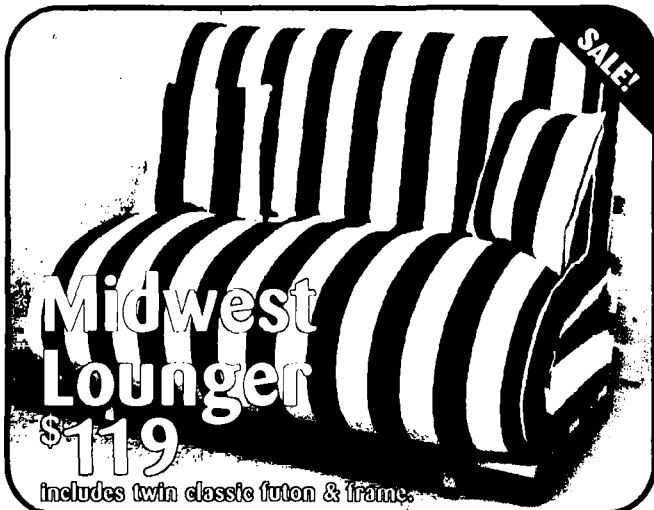
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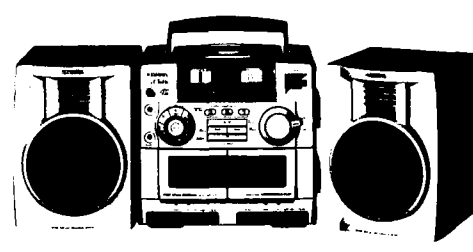
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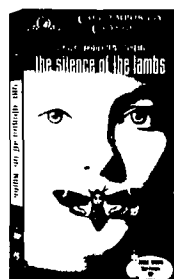
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Maryland teen will plead guilty in racial murder

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md.

A Maryland teenager accused of killing and dismembering an acquaintance will plead guilty to murder in a Tel Aviv courtroom next week in a case that caused an international dispute over jurisdiction and outraged American prosecutors and members of Congress.

Samuel Sheinbein, 19, fled to Israel two years ago to escape Maryland mur-

der charges in the death of Alfredo Tello, also 19. The killing also roiled Maryland Latinos, who accused prosecutors of negligence in allowing Sheinbein to escape.

Under terms of a plea agreement announced Tuesday by Maryland State's Attorney Douglas Gansler, Israeli prosecutors and lawyers for Sheinbein will recommend a 24-year sentence for the teen, who would be eligible for parole after serving about 16 years — or two-thirds of his sentence. He could leave

prison on weekend furloughs in four years.

Last month Sheinbein pleaded innocent in an Israeli court. Ido Baum, spokesman for Israel's Justice Ministry, confirmed the agreement but said he had requested the Americans withhold disclosure until Sept. 2, when Sheinbein is scheduled to enter his plea in court.

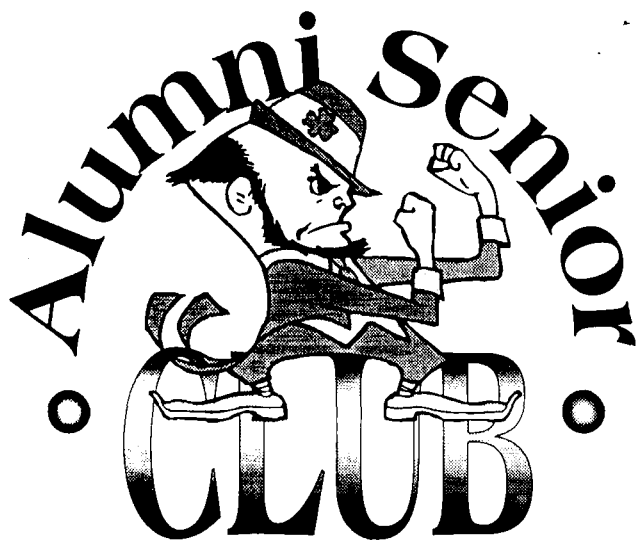
Eitan Maoz, an attorney for Sheinbein, refused to comment other than to say that any developments in the case would be heard at the court appearance

next week.

Sheinbein, who claims Israeli citizenship through his Israeli-born father, will serve his sentence in Israel.

Tello's burned and dismembered body was found in an empty garage near Sheinbein's home in Aspen Hill, Md., on Sept. 18, 1997. Sheinbein fled to Israel several days later.

The killing, and afterward Sheinbein's flight to Israel, raised a furor among Maryland's numerous Hispanic organizations.



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Hamas invited to Gaza peace talks

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY

The Palestinian Authority has invited radical Islamic groups to participate in unity talks in the West Bank on August 31, a Palestinian official said Tuesday.

Palestinian National Council chairman Salim Zaanoun said the anti-Israel groups Hamas and the Islamic Jihad had been invited, along with PLO factions that have been in a rivalry with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"We have called a meeting in the West Bank to start a comprehensive national dialogue with all the factions and will form a committee to discuss the idea of national dialogue with Hamas and the Islamic Jihad," Zaanoun told the Palestinian news service, WAFA.

Both groups oppose the peace process with Israel and

have taken responsibility for attacks that have killed scores of people.

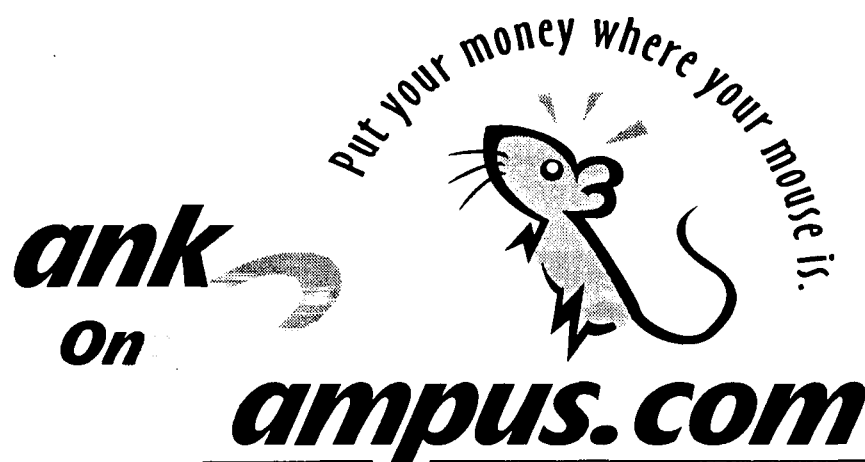
Hamas spokesman Mahmoud Zahar said he had not learned of the invitation yet.

He said the group would only agree to attend the talks if they did not deal with the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians that began with the 1993 Oslo agreement.

"The Hamas position is clear that any dialogue linked to Oslo or aiming to support Oslo and its obligations it is unacceptable by Hamas," Zahar said. But Hamas would welcome efforts for true Palestinian unity "to achieve Palestinian national interests," he added.

Spokesmen for the much smaller Islamic Jihad were unavailable for comment.

Arafat has met in the past weeks with the two main PLO factions that split with him over his signing of the Oslo accords in a bid to rally them behind him as he enters negotiations with Israel over a final peace deal.



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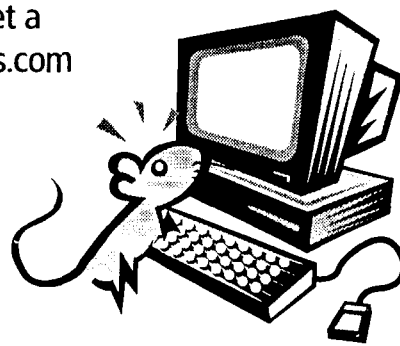
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Department denies officer was forced out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A former intelligence officer who triggered an investigation into alleged Chinese nuclear spying, then resigned this week, "in no sense was forced out" of the Energy Department, the department said Tuesday.

Undersecretary Ernest Moniz acknowledged that the officer, Notra Trulock, no longer was involved in the three-year espionage investigation the Los Alamos, N.M., weapons laboratory when he resigned Monday. But Moniz said as the acting deputy chief of the intelligence office, Trulock normally would not have been still involved.

A career civil servant, Trulock resigned Monday and within 24 hours was working for a private contractor. He told several newspapers he left the Energy Department because he was being squeezed out of the Los Alamos investigation that involves Taiwan-born scientist Wen Ho Lee.

Under a presidential directive issued in early 1998, the department created a separate office for counterintelligence, headed by a veteran FBI official who reporting directly to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, to deal with investigations such as the Los Alamos case. The intelligence office, where Trulock worked, had other duties, Moniz said.

"He certainly was in no sense forced out of the

Department of Energy," said Moniz. He said Trulock was "given every opportunity" to continue as deputy chief in the intelligence office but did not want the No. 2 spot.

Trulock was demoted from chief to acting deputy chief when Richardson came into the department late last year. Richardson named as the office's head Larry Sanchez, a CIA officer who worked with him at the United Nations. Moniz said Sanchez tried to keep Trulock on as his deputy, but Trulock said no.

Trulock did not return several telephone calls Tuesday.

The department said in a statement that Trulock provided "a most valuable service" in his persistent pursuit of the spy issue, and Richardson was disappointed by his departure. Richardson gave Trulock a \$10,000 achievement award this year.

Cited by some members of Congress as a hero for pressing as early as 1995 his suspicions that nuclear secrets had been stolen, Trulock also has come under criticism in recent months.

Trulock was rebuked sharply in June by former Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire when he complained about the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board report on security at the department. The panel, headed by Rudman, recommended among other things that Trulock's office be abolished in a restructuring of the department.

Missile testing moves to next step

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon on Tuesday defended its decision to stop testing and move to the next stage in developing a missile interceptor after six failures were followed by two successes. One senior official had recommended further testing.

The Army announced last week that it was ending tests on an experimental version of its \$15.4 billion Theater High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, system, satisfied that it had resolved most of the problems that plagued the first six tests.

Instead of conducting another test of the prototype missile later this year, the Army's contractor, Lockheed Martin Corp., will begin engineering a more advanced version to be fielded by the Army in 2007.

The interceptor is an early version of a far more ambitious program designed to eventually protect the entire nation from incoming missiles.

The decision to move ahead was made over the objections of Philip Coyle, director of operational test and evaluation for the Pentagon.

Coyle, commenting in the current issue of Defense Week, a trade publication, said the two successful flight tests, carried out at the

Army's White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, differed from conditions of a real attack.

The flight test was "shaped and scripted" so the collision would occur in a relatively small area of the sky and so the debris would not fall in areas where it might do damage, he said.

He said more realistic tests could be obtained if moved to the larger Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands. Such additional tests should be made before the Pentagon awards the contract for the final phase to Lockheed, he said.

Coyle was out of town and his office said he was unavailable for comment on his statements, which came in response to written questions submitted by Defense Week.

But a Pentagon spokeswoman, Cheryl Irwin, said Tuesday that the Pentagon believes there is ample evidence to support moving ahead to the next phase without another test. "We stand by what we have said in the past," she said.

As to Coyle, she said, "That's his job. His job is to give his opinion." That doesn't mean, however, that

his recommendation will always be followed, she said.

Just last Friday, the Pentagon announced its decision to move ahead without further tests at this time and to drop an earlier self-imposed requirement that the THAAD system score three successful intercepts in flight. After six failures in a row, the anti-missile recorded its first success in June, followed by another Aug. 2.

THAAD is the centerpiece of the Defense Department's effort to provide missile protection abroad for U.S. and allied troops and their staging areas.

It is expected to complement the shorter-range Patriot 3 missile, the latest version of the missile used against Iraqi Scud missiles in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Army Maj. Gen. Peter Franklin, deputy director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, said Friday that the main reason for moving ahead with THAAD after two successes instead of three is to force Lockheed to focus on the missile interceptor that will actually be fielded, rather than the prototype used thus far. The two successful tests this summer have proven the missile works, he said.

"We stand by what we have said in the past."

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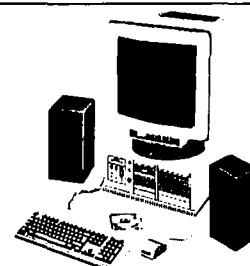
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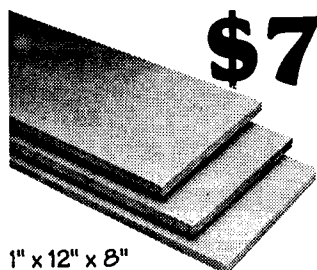
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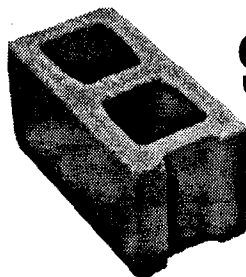
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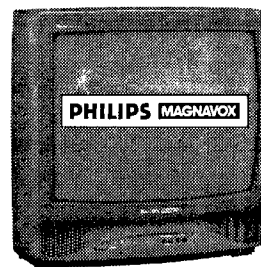
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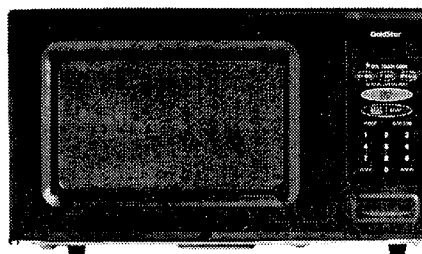
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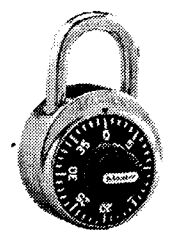
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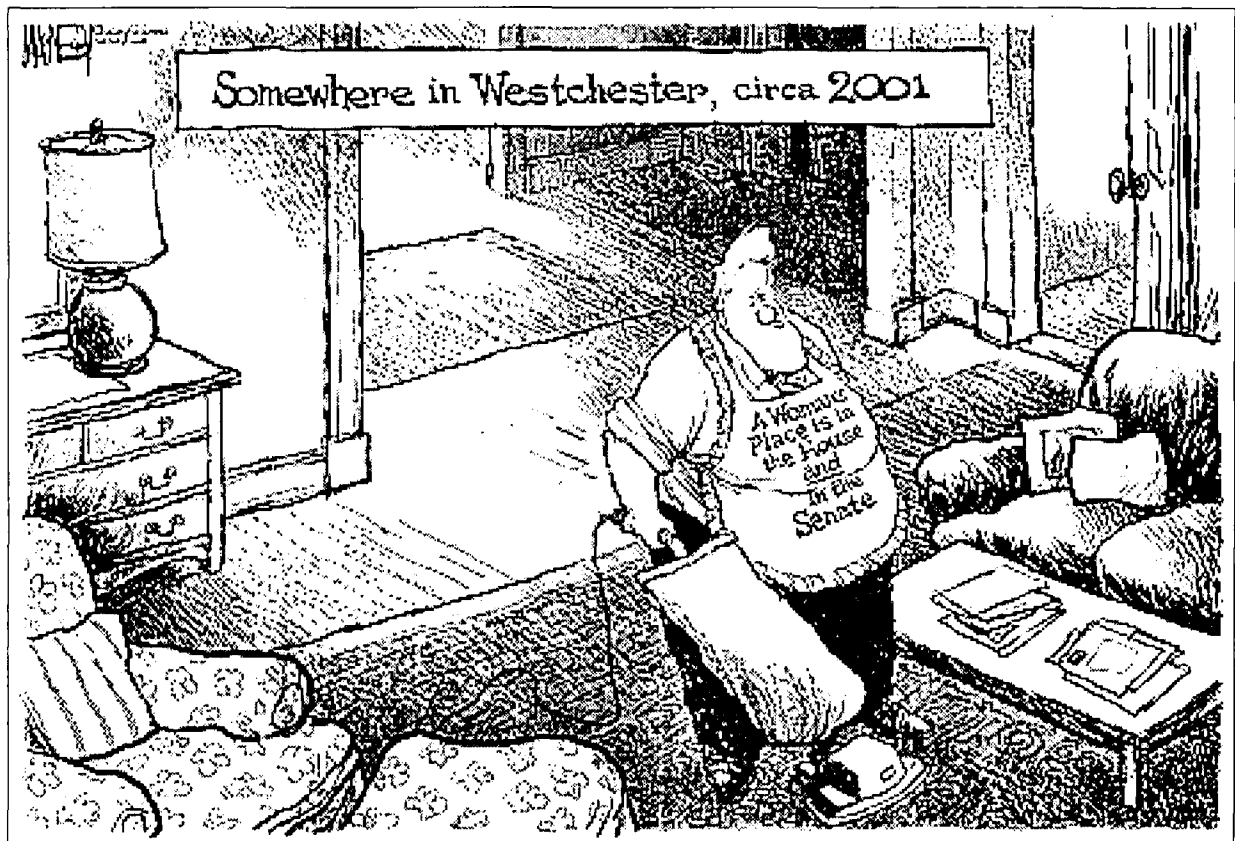
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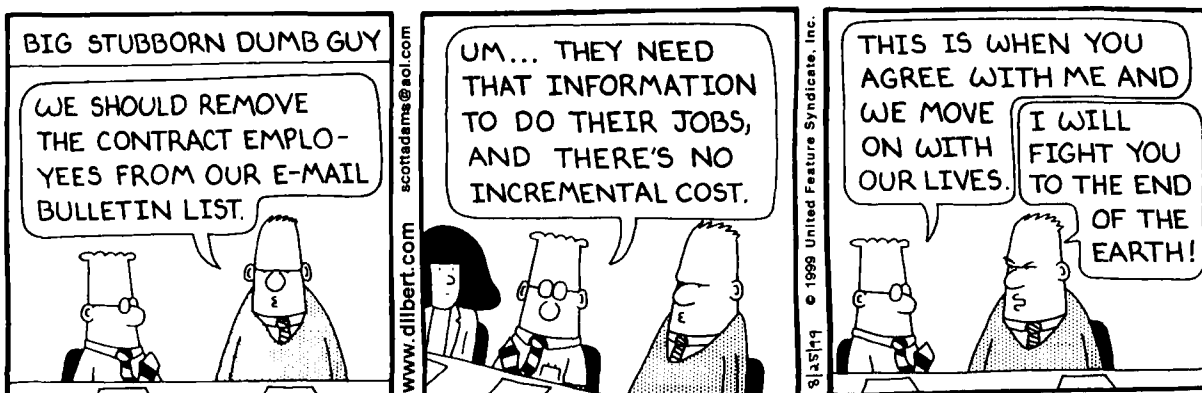
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"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die."

Eleanor Roosevelt

LETTER FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Be proud: You are a Saint Mary's woman. We hope that you will enjoy your Saint Mary's journey as much as we have, and, above all, we hope that you will listen to your heart and explore all of your dreams.

Nancy Midden
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



We need to build new attitudes with new buildings

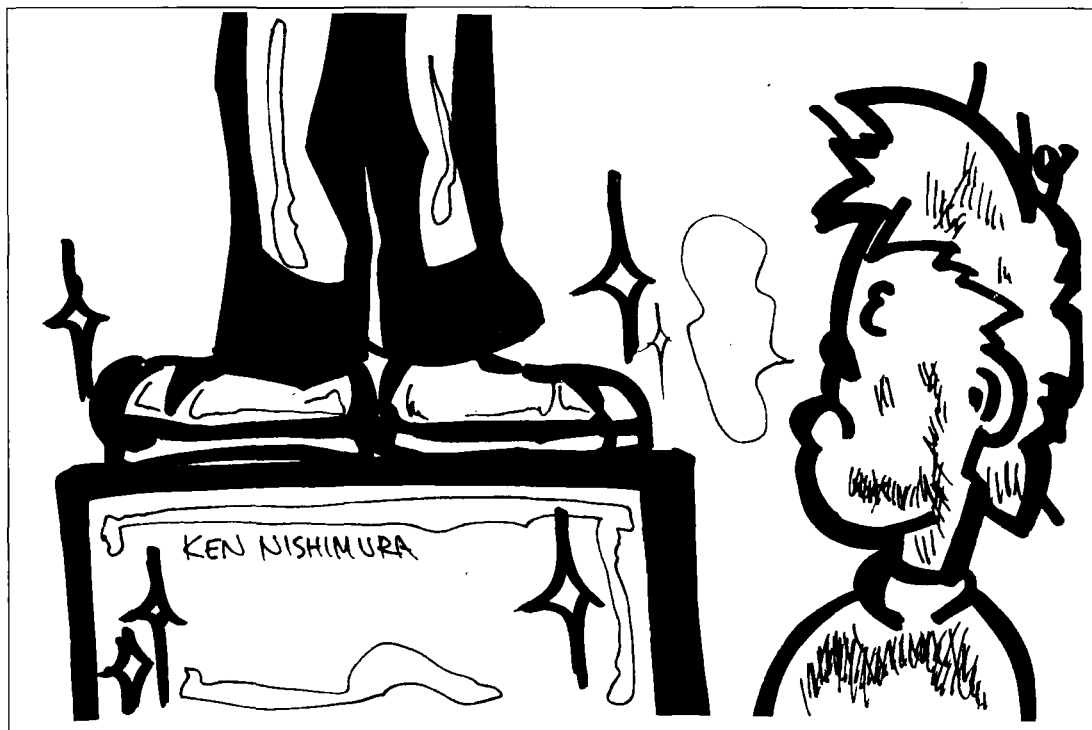
After watching the Blue-Gold game, my fiancée and I viewed some of the new buildings on campus. While in the College of Business Administration, I was asked if I was the building's janitor.

As an African-American male, a B.B.A. and an alumnus of this University for almost 10 years, I felt extremely embarrassed and ashamed that my fiancée had to witness such a sight in the College of Business.

Although new buildings are built, what are we doing to build new attitudes concerning racial sensitivity? It is my hope that my children will not be subjected to such treatment at our University.

WE are ND!

Lionel M. Coleman, Jr.
B.B.A. '89
April 24, 1999



'Minding the Gap' between Rulers and Ruled in Russia

One of the most distressing developments of the late twentieth century has been Russia's decline from an unlovely but functional superpower to an international basketcase.

Now Russia is poor enough to have her handicrafts sold at our local "Ten Thousand Villages" store in Mishawaka but still rich enough that many people have telephones, allowing them to report on their dwindling living standards and health to the ever-present pollsters. It was sometimes assumed that the only replacement for communism would be democracy. Instead, Russians refer to democrats as "dem-schiza" [dem-crazies] and have far more expressions for anarchy and lawlessness than is healthy.

On a trip to Russia this summer, I was again struck by the contrast between Moscow and the Muscovites. The city has never looked better, full of restored historical buildings, ostentatious government and business offices, and a new warren of elegant shops beneath central Moscow. Moscow Mayor Yuriy Luzhkov has national-level ambitions and has spent considerable money to demonstrate his worth. Moving around this display is an increasingly ghost-like populace: children look malnourished, what used to be ugly public housing is now hideous and full of danger, beggars throng silently in public places. Drunkenness, perpetually a problem in Russia, is of such proportions that young men can be seen staggering in the streets by 10:00 a.m. on weekdays. Life expectancy has fallen to 58 years for men, 64 for women.

The Russian with whom I stayed, a self-described "Soviet babushka," just after Russian independence purchased the apartment in which she had lived with her husband for 30 years. This was a brave step for an elderly person at a time when it was unclear whether property ownership would be fully legal or recognized by the new Russia. She held onto an additional 30,000 rubles while debating whether to save or spend it.

As it turned out, government policy in 1992 made the decision for her: within a week the value of her holdings was reduced from a possible several used cars or one additional small apartment to the price of a lunch. Now this 72-year-old works for the equivalent of \$18 a month and worries endlessly about how her middle-aged children will survive.

Events in high politics were equally unhappy this summer. President Yeltsin fired popular Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov shortly before my arrival in May, and I witnessed an enraged Duma take the threatened step of impeachment proceedings against the president on five charges of treason. The Duma

backed down after three tense days and many rumors of pay-offs. It then approved Primakov's successor, Sergey Stepashin, and just now has approved the third prime minister this year, Vladimir Putin. The Duma cooperates with the merry-go-round of appointments that substitutes for governing Russia in part to ensure stability as elections approach, for the Duma in December 1999 and for the presidency in the summer of 2000.

This summer was particularly important as a time to lay the groundwork for the first constitutionally-mandated transfer of executive power in Russia's tumultuous history. Instead, Yeltsin and "The Family" who back him are desperately seeking an alternative. Newspapers are full of accounts of backroom bargaining, including charges that the continuing unrest in the Caucasus will be escalated or that Russia and Belarus will suddenly unite so that Yeltsin might extend his limit of two terms.

Meanwhile, most people hardly speak of the elections. Instead, I heard three words recently borrowed from English: boyfriend, girlfriend and killer. The latter is often used when referring to St. Petersburg, where the assassination of parliamentarian Galina Starovoitova in December 1998 was only the most shocking in a continuing series. On the other hand, public relations among the unmarried — which have gone from virtually no displays of affection under communism to discreet necking on park benches in 1993 and wholehearted groping on the massive escalators to the metro in 1999 — could be seen as a sign of social relaxation after too many decades of repression. But they also look like a desperate last hurrah, a reflection of life on the edge that has become the norm in Russia in this decade.

Can elections perform a democratic function against this backdrop of social devastation? The presidential elections of 1996 featured Yeltsin eliminating candidates from the "democratic" camp, strategic silences on the part of the media, and lackluster public participation. At least elimination did not mean murder, media were distorted by their own choice, and public participation was not enforced. But we should anticipate other, less savory demonstrations of public "voice" in Russia precisely because elites have been successful in manipulating elections.

Passengers leaving the Moscow metro are asked not to forget their possessions. Somehow this summer I heard instead the warning on the London Underground — to "mind the gap" looming beneath our feet.

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Falling upon a new semester

◆ Kicking major butt during 1999-2000

The grind. The swing of things. Status quo.

I guess you can call it whatever you want, but basically it is the return or beginning of something that can cause both pain and pleasure at the same time: the new school year.

Returning to this Notre Dame family is unlike any family reunion out there. Instead of huge feasts and jogs down memory lane, we college students set out upon this new year ready to make plenty of new memories with plenty of new people.

At least I hope.

By sharing these new experiences with our fellow Belles and Domers, we are changing each other forever. It is important to realize just how important our daily attitudes are. There are several things to remember to ensure a great friendly atmosphere at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's throughout 1999-2000.

First of all, once the beginning-of-the-year diligence fades away — say, a week into the semester — you will see a drop in attendance in your classes. This means that it is your duty to take good notes that will help your absent friend during the next class session. Letting a classmate copy good notes is one of the noblest actions a college student can take.

Also, when it comes to relations with the many powerful people around campus, remember that everyone has a bad side. Make sure to avoid the bad sides of

persons such as your professors, rectors, supervisors, etc.

Even more important, try at all costs to kiss up to those same people, making their good sides their most familiar sides. Many of your classmates or dormmates may take you simply for a brown-noser. Well, that's what you are.

But what you really must realize is that in addition to having a brown nose, you are also highly intelligent. For this is a student-eat-student world out here in South Bend, and everyone is searching for that golden way to get ahead.

Actually, it's not so brutal. There are these things called extracurricular activities that certainly can take anyone's life out of the doldrums of academia. It is never too late — even for seniors — to get involved in that club you've always wanted to join. It is never too early either, freshmen.

It is definitely never too late to allow complete devotion to an activity, up to the point where your academics wash away into oblivion, your health begins to crumble and both campuses come to recognize you as that guy or girl with a penchant for that one club.

There is one extracurricular activity that just about everyone takes part in: weekend "stuff-doing." The stuff that people "do" is stuff that is sometimes frowned upon by some people in some sort of administration-type group.

Though it is not necessary to make life a bore by taking every suggestion as scripture, some caution must be used.

Just as it is a bit abnormal to dedicate all of your time to other extracurricular activities, moderation is necessary when doing this sort of stuff.

But, hey, you all do whatever you want to do. We're all adults here, and we all make our own decisions. So good luck this year, and kick butt.

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Mike Vanegas

Scene Editor

◆ Another first day of school at good ol' ND

It all started on my first day of kindergarten.

My mother insisted on walking me up to the bus stop to make sure that I got on the school bus okay. She even went so far as to take my picture in front of the bus when it arrived and as I climbed up the steps.

As the bus started to pull away and I caught a final glimpse of my mom waving to me from the sidewalk, I was faced with the task of finding somewhere to sit. All I remember was that everyone was so much bigger than me. They were all talking and laughing like they had been best friends forever.

I was nervous and excited all at once. Where would I sit? Would I know anyone? Would anyone talk to me?

I don't remember where I sat on the bus on that first day of kindergarten, but I do know that I arrived safely and the subsequent bus trips were sufficiently less traumatic.

I had to ride the bus to high school, for the first two years at least until I got my driver's license and my own car. So, of course, there are pictures in our family photo albums of me dressed in my green plaid kilt and white oxford shirt on my first day of high school. There are even pictures of me — still wearing that very fashionable Catholic school attire — posed in front of my car the first day



Jenn Zatorski

Assistant
Scene Editor

that I drove myself to school.

There won't be any pictures in our albums of me on the first day of my junior year here at Notre Dame, however. My mom wasn't here yesterday morning to take a picture of me as I walked to class at DeBartolo.

Yesterday was still important to me even though it didn't include the typical fanfare that had accompanied all of my other first days.

First days of school are significant at any age, whether or not your mom is there to take your picture. They are exciting, scary and a little nerve-wracking.

First days also give you the chance to reflect on the past and anticipate the future. It is the perfect time to establish some personal goals for the upcoming year. This has become more evident to me since I have come to college. No matter what happened last year, this is a whole new start. You can do whatever you want as long as you set your mind to it.

There are so many decisions to make and opportunities to take advantage of. What should I major in? What clubs and volunteer activities should I participate in? All of this might even seem overwhelming at times, but if we neglect to think about the future, we might miss something meaningful. So don't be afraid of the future. Rather, take time during these first days to contemplate it.

Hopefully you will enjoy your first days here at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. Whatever happens, just remember that there are many more days ahead and anything is possible. Good luck and have a great year!

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MLB

Bell's homer pushes D'Backs over Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI Jay Bell wasted no time making up for his mistakes.

Bell atoned for his costly double error in the seventh inning by hitting a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning Tuesday night that sent the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Florida Marlins 5-4.

"Fortunately baseball gives you a second chance to redeem yourself," Bell said.

Rookie Erubiel Durazo hit his fourth home run since being called up July 25 as the NL West-leading Diamondbacks won their fourth in a row.

Reliever Matt Mantei, making his first appearance against Florida since being traded July 9, pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Three Arizona pitchers combined on a four-hitter.

"It's a weird feeling. It's almost like playing against your little brothers," Mantei said.

The Marlins scored three times in the seventh to make it 4-all. Todd Dunwoody's RBI grounder with the bases loaded made it 4-2 and, with two outs, pinch-hitter Chris Klapinski followed with a routine grounder to Bell at second base.

Bell misplayed the ball for one error, then threw made a wild throw that allowed a second run to score on the play.

"He's human. Those things happen," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said.

"Usually someone else picks

him up, but tonight he picked himself up." Showalter continued.

Said Bell: "There are no apologies in baseball. I didn't go out there and try to make two errors like Andy didn't go out there to load the bases."

With two outs in the eighth, Bell hit his 31st home run, connecting off reliever Armando Almanza (0-1).

"We should've stayed away from Bell in that situation," Marlins manager John Boles said. "He's got 30 homers. Walk him."

After rain delayed the start of the game for 36 minutes, Andy Benes (9-11) went out and gave up four hits and two earned runs in seven innings.

Alex Fernandez gave up three runs in the first inning, two on Durazo's homer. Fernandez missed his last start to get a cortisone shot in his surgically repaired right shoulder, and made his first appearance since Aug. 11.

Fernandez allowed four runs and five hits in seven innings.

Fernandez faced the minimum of 14 batters in his last 4 1-3 innings.

Tony Womack led off the game with a single and scored on Luis Gonzalez's double.

Durazo hit his third homer in the past six games.

In the third, Womack singled, stole his 55th base and scored on two groundouts to make it 4-0.

Benes gave up a leadoff single in the first and didn't give up another hit until Preston Wilson's belted his 21st homer in the fifth inning.

Houston defeats New York, 5-1

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Larry Dierker sensed this one wasn't just another game. The Houston Astros needed to show some backbone, especially to themselves.

"I think this was a character-building type of win," the Astros manager said after Tuesday night's 5-1, 10-inning victory over the New York Mets.

After losing in the bottom of the ninth in Monday's series opener, the Astros won when Ricky Gutierrez singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and Jeff Bagwell followed with a three-run homer.

Dierker sensed the emotion in this game from a loud crowd of 35,673.

"We just came from Miami, where there were three or four thousand people, who were there on holiday or something. It almost had the flavor of a spring training game," he said.

At Shea Stadium, the atmosphere was a lot different. The Astros were greeted by dozens of reporters. And while it wasn't quite like the postseason, the crowd was much more pumped up than the Astros are used to, even after Carl Everett's second-inning homer.

"We may have to face them in the playoffs if we make it," said Astros starter Mike Hampton, who combined with Billy Wagner (3-1) on a five-hitter.

Houston increased its NL Central lead to 1 1/2 games over second-place Cincinnati, which lost 6-4 at Atlanta.

New York, which won 3-2 Monday on Matt Franco's bloop double in the ninth, dropped 1 1/2 games behind the first-place Braves in the NL East but remained 2 1/2 games ahead of Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

A sign of the Mets' tension was when starter Masato

Yoshii, despite allowing just one run and five hits, threw his glove at the bench when he came out after 7 1-3 innings.

"I wasn't angry at anyone. I was just frustrated," Yoshii said through a translator. "If I was able to get three guys out easily in that inning, we might have had a better chance of winning that game."

Bagwell didn't want to make a big deal of his 38th homer, which made him the Astros' career RBIs leader with 943, one more than current Houston first-base coach Jose Cruz. For Bagwell, the win was more important than the milestone.

"I hope it wasn't my last RBI with the Houston Astros," he joked.

Tony Eusebio, who had been 0-for-6 as a pinch hitter this year, blooped a double down the right-field line against Dennis Cook (10-3) leading off the 10th and took third on Russ Johnson's fly to right, just beating Roger Cedeno's throw.

Craig Biggio was intentionally walked and Gutierrez fouled

off a squeeze bunt with a 1-0 count before slapping the next pitch to right field for the go-ahead run.

"It was something down at my feet," Gutierrez said of the failed squeeze. "It was pretty tough. I was just happy to foul it off and start over again."

Bagwell's homer made him 6-for-15 on the Astros' road trip. Dierker seemed as surprised as he was relieved.

"We actually put four runs on the board in one inning," he said. "I can't remember the last time we put more than one run on the board in an inning."

Actually, it was last Saturday, 21 innings earlier.

But pitching kept Houston in the game.

Hampton, trying for his league-leading 17th win, allowed only Mike Piazza's seventh-inning homer, his 31st. Hampton, 4-0 with a 1.33 ERA in eight starts against the Mets since July 1996, has three consecutive no-decisions after winning seven straight starts.

Everett, who has homered in four consecutive games, hit a 459-foot homer to right in the second for his 21st, his second in three career at-bats against Yoshii.

Dierker, trying to extend the game long enough to win, moved Biggio to left field as part of a double switch, the All-Star second baseman's first time in the outfield since April 27, 1991, against Atlanta.

"I think it's a sign of how thin we are in our ranks of bench players with all our injuries," the manager said.

It worked. In the end, Eusebio's hit was the key.

"It was their turn to get the bloop," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "The bloop evened up and they won."

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WNBA

Sparks advance with 71-58 playoff victory

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Lisa Leslie and Mwadi Mabika each scored 12 points in the second half as the Los Angeles Sparks overcame an 11-point halftime deficit and beat the Sacramento Monarchs 71-58 Tuesday night in a WNBA playoff game.

The Sparks advanced to the Western Conference finals and will face two-time defending champion Houston.

The first game of the best-of-3 series will be Thursday night at the Forum, with the final two games scheduled for Houston on Sunday and Monday.

Leslie finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds, while Gordana Grubin added 13 points, Mabika 12, all in the second half, and DeLisha Milton had 10.

Ruthie Bolton-Holifield had 15 points and Tangela Smith added 14 for Sacramento before a crowd announced at 8,569.

In the first playoff game for both 3-year-old franchises, the Sparks were 9-for-35 from the field in the first half and trailed 32-21 at halftime.

Lady Hardmon opened the second half with a layup, giving the Monarchs their biggest lead, 34-21. Los

Angeles used 6-0 and 7-0 runs to go up 38-37 with 14:04 remaining, their first lead since 12-10.

Smith's layup with 12:14 left gave Sacramento its last lead, 42-41, before Leslie started a 10-0 run by hitting three free throws with 11:54 left.

When Mabika ended the run with a layup with 9:10 remaining, Los Angeles was ahead 51-42.

Bolton-Holifield ended the drought with two free throws, but the Sparks responded with seven straight points and led by at least nine the rest of the game.

The short-handed Monarchs, already playing without starting center Yolanda Griffith, lost starting guard Kedra Holland-Corn with 16 minutes to play with a sprained right ankle.

Starting point guard Ticha Penicheiro bruised her thigh in the final minute of the first half and played only three minutes in the second half.

Griffith, who led the league in rebounding and steals, suffered a season-ending knee injury Aug. 13.

The Monarchs lost their final three regular-season games without her, falling into third place in the Western Conference and losing the race for homecourt advantage in the first round to Los Angeles by one game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Moherman earns start at OSU

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — While fans weighed in on Internet sites, argued in sports bars and made their cases in letters to newspapers, Austin Moherman quietly made points with Ohio State's coaches.

On Monday, he was declared the ninth-ranked Buckeyes' starting quarterback against Miami in Sunday's Kickoff Classic. Steve Bellisari dropped to No. 2 on the depth chart, ending Ohio State's most recent quarterback duel.

"It has not been torturous," Moherman said. "I went out every day and did what I could do. I tried to show the coaches. I didn't focus on the decision."

Bellisari said he doesn't consider the competition over and thinks the decision will be made on the field during games.

"Whoever is making plays, has good production, puts points on the board and wins games, that should be the starter," Bellisari said.

The job appears to be Moherman's — for as long as the Buckeyes offense flourishes.

"I cannot tell you right now in my mind who I think the best quarterback is, but we think the one who deserves to start in this first ballgame is Austin," coach John Cooper said Monday.

Asked if Bellisari would definitely play against the 12th-ranked Hurricanes, Cooper said, "I didn't say that. We've said we're going to start Austin in the ballgame and

we're going to do everything we can to win the football game. If we start Austin and he played fantastic, played great — why take him out?"

That's a change from the 1996 and 1997 seasons when Stanley Jackson and Joe Germaine were listed No. 1 and 1-A at quarterback, sharing playing time, but not a love for the uncomfortable position they were in.

Jackson started all but one game in those two seasons, but never received the full confidence of the coaching staff.

He was almost always replaced in the second quarter by Germaine, who usually played when a game hung in the balance.

"We're not going into this ballgame saying, 'Austin, you're going to play the first two series, then Steve you're going in,'" Cooper said.

"I can tell you there's probably a good chance that somewhere during the game Steve will go in."

The two have jostled for the job since the first practice of the spring.

Neither has established much of a college track record.

Bellisari, a sophomore from Boca Raton, Fla., was 3-for-5 passing in one game last season, while Moherman, a red-shirt sophomore from Mission Viejo, Calif., misfired on his only attempt in the same game.

But Moherman at least was a full-time quarterback for his two years at Ohio State and was able to learn from Germaine, who passed for 3,330 yards while leading the Buckeyes to an 11-1 record

and a No. 2 spot in the final polls last year.

Bellisari played on special teams and at defensive back last season, sharing the award for top special team's player and finishing tied for 11th on the Buckeyes squad in tackles.

"Why did Moherman get the nod over Bellisari?" Cooper repeated. "Well, he's had the nod. He's been our first-team quarterback. Normally, when we start out in the spring, seniority rules and he was of course a quarterback last year and started out a little ahead of Steve."

Several of the Ohio State players said they were happy to have the situation clarified.

"I am just relieved so people won't be like, 'Who's going to start?' I'm glad to have that part over with," wide receiver Reggie Germany said.

Cooper said Moherman also had the edge in the team's August workouts in preparations of meeting the Hurricanes.

"The main reason that we will start Austin in this ballgame is that we grade them every day in practice, we keep charts on completions, interceptions, total yardage and bad plays."

For whatever reason, Austin has graded out slightly ahead of Steve — particularly in the last couple of scrimmages we've had in the stadium."

Cooper said Sunday's game would determine if — or when — Moherman stayed on the field or Bellisari replaced him.

"A lot of it will be based on feel, a gut decision that you make during the ballgame," he said.



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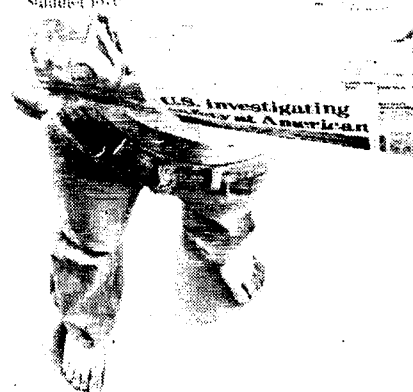
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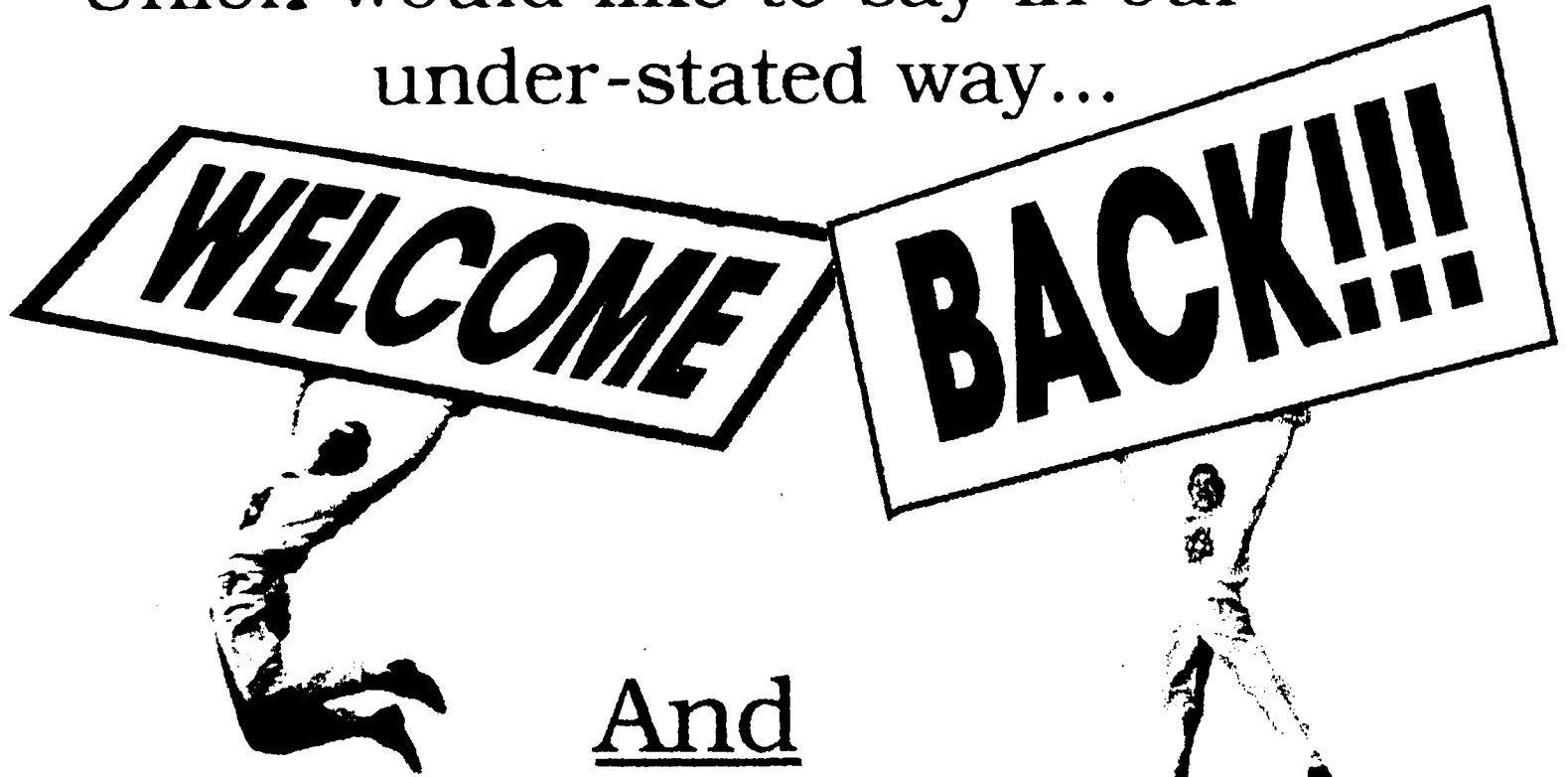
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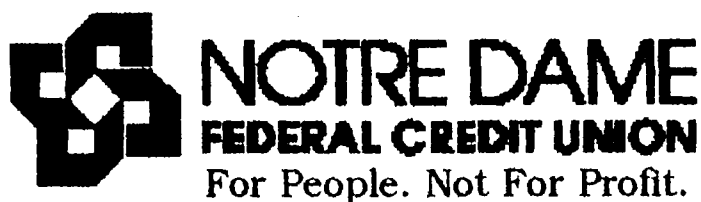
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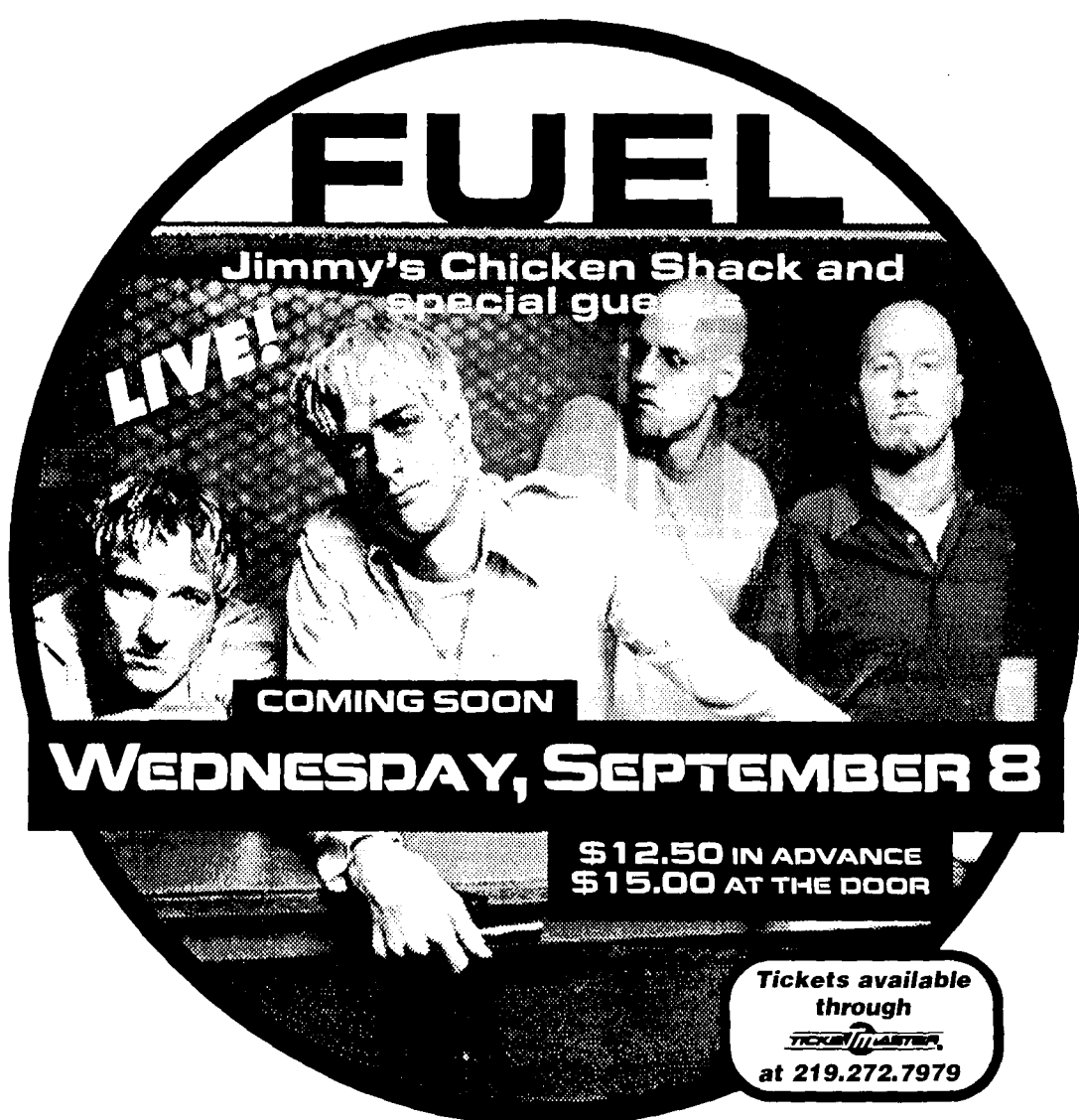
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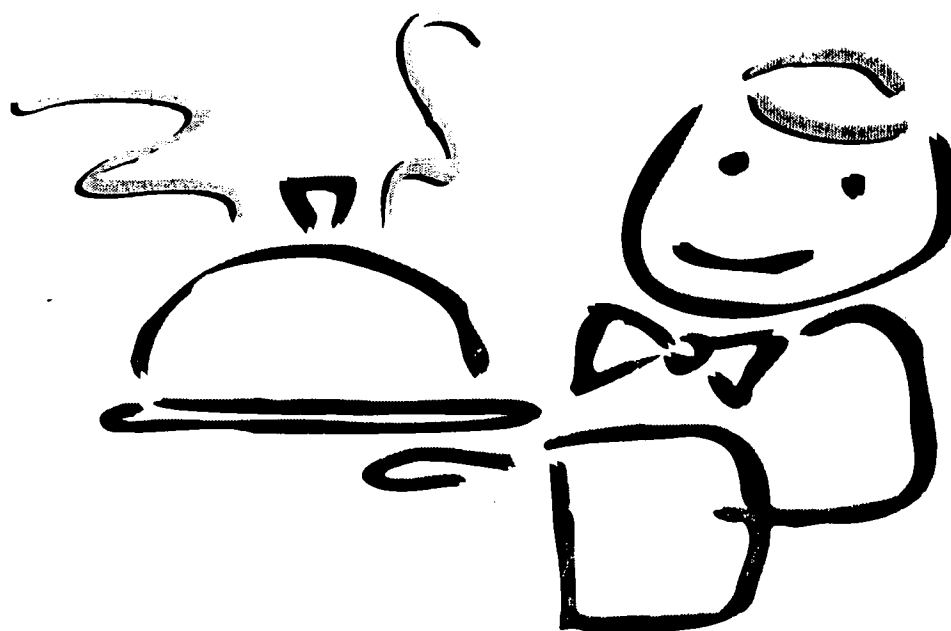
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MLB

Royals' Montgomery falls short of 300th career save

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Jeff Montgomery does get career save No. 300 this year, he'll earn it during a time of historically miserable relief pitching for the Kansas City Royals.

One strike away from becoming the 10th man with 300 saves, the 37-year-old right-hander gave up a tying bloop single to Baltimore's Derrick May in the ninth inning Tuesday night.

The Orioles went on to win 5-3 on Albert Belle's two-run homer in the 10th.

For Montgomery, who had an 0-2 count on May, it was blown save No. 6 this year. Altogether, the Royals' woeful relief corps has 28 losses and 28 blown saves in a year when they could be headed toward their first 100-loss season.

"You get two guys out and you're one pitch away," said Montgomery, who has played almost his entire 12-year career in Kansas City.

May hit a pretty good pitch,

placing it over second base after Montgomery had allowed two singles.

"I made a quality pitch. It just didn't work out that way," said Montgomery. "Guys in the dugout said it looked like he was just able to get his bat out and serve it to center. It was a bad break. It was a good break for us on Johnny's catch."

With one out and two on, left fielder Johnny Damon made a sensational catch of Charles Johnson's drive, leaping high on the wall and robbing him of extra bases.

"That was truly a great catch. I thought it was out for sure," said Baltimore manager Ray Miller.

Brady Anderson, who hit two solo homers for the Orioles, drew a two-out walk in the ninth from Montgomery.

"He's always been a tough closer," said Anderson. "I remember five years ago he was a closer who was going two innings to get a lot of his saves. He's been a very solid closer for many years. He's still a tough pitcher."

Royals manager Tony Muser

isn't so sure.

"Monty's 37 years old. His stuff isn't what it used to be," Muser said. "Tonight I think he was a little antsy — trying to make perfect pitches."

The Orioles won for the sixth time in eight games and handed the Royals their fifth straight loss.

Derek Wallace (0-1) relieved Montgomery starting the 10th and gave up a leadoff single to B.J. Surhoff before Belle hit his 29th home run — and No. 350 of his career — over the center-field fence.

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Yanks win 10-7 in extra innings

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

Tino Martinez hit a three-run homer in the 11th as the New York Yankees kept up their dominance of the Texas Rangers with a 10-7 victory Tuesday night.

One day after the Yankees beat the Rangers 21-3 — the worst loss in Texas history — New York needed extra innings to beat Texas for the eighth time in 11 meetings this year.

Derek Jeter drew a one-out walk from reliever Corey Lee (0-1), who made his major league debut. Paul O'Neill followed with a single. One out later, Martinez hit a 3-2 pitch into the right-field seats for his

20th homer.

The Yankees, who have knocked the Rangers out of the playoffs two of the last three years, are 25-9 against Texas since the beginning of the 1996 division series.

Ramiro Mendoza (6-7) pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Mariano Rivera pitched the 11th for his 36th save. With two runners on and two outs, Rivera struck out Ivan Rodriguez, who went 0-for-6.

Rusty Greer went 3-for-5 with a two-run homer and two doubles for Texas.

Trailing 7-6, the Rangers tied the game in the eighth inning on Lee Stevens' 20th homer with two outs. Yankees reliever Mike Stanton had 14 consecutive scoreless appearances

before allowing the homer.

Chuck Knoblauch's 13th homer, a three-run shot, gave the Yankees a 5-4 second-inning lead, then New York rallied to take a 7-6 advantage with a two-run fifth. Tino Martinez's RBI single put the Yankees in front.

Allen Watson pitched 4 1-3 innings of scoreless three-hit relief for the Yankees after the Rangers knocked out starter David Cone in the second.

Cone allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 2-3 innings — his shortest since Aug. 17, 1997 against the Rangers, when he left after one inning with arm problems.

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Smith set to play catch-up ball in Cincinnati camp

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Now that he's got a seven-year deal worth as much as

\$56 million, Akili Smith has a lot of catching up to do.

The Cincinnati Bengals quarterback of the future planned to arrive at training camp today with less than

three weeks left before the season opener.

Smith, the last unsigned member of the celebrated quarterback class of '99, agreed to a contract Monday evening. He intended to fly to Cincinnati, sign the deal and head to Georgetown, Ky., to start making up for lost time.

"It would have been nicer if it had been sooner," general manager Mike Brown said. "It's behind us now. We've just got to catch up as best we can."

Smith, chosen third overall behind quarterbacks Tim Couch and Donovan McNabb, doesn't want to repeat the experience that Bengals quarterback David Klingler had in 1992.

Klingler, the No. 6 pick overall that season, didn't sign until one week before the season opener. The Bengals made him the starter 12 weeks into the season, but he got sacked 10 times by Pittsburgh in his debut and never panned out.

Smith, who like Klingler is represented by agent Leigh Steinberg, has a few things in his favor. Unlike Klingler, he got to work out with the Bengals before training camp started, so he's not as far behind.

"In the last couple of years,

they've instituted these (programs) where he's spent a good deal of time in June and July in Cincinnati working out," Steinberg said. "So the point is, he's received more preparation time."

As they did with Klingler, the Bengals slotted Smith as a backup in his first season,

hoping he'd learn by watching Jeff Blake play. The question is whether he's far enough along to deserve the No. 2 job.

"Who knows how fast he can pick it

up?" coach Bruce Coslet said before the contract agreement was reached. "He's pretty bright. He's a couple of years older than a normal rookie, so he's pretty mature. And I think he probably has been working with the stuff we sent him, but that's not the same as being on the field time after time."

He wasn't on the field because Steinberg and the Bengals were at a philosophical impasse.

Steinberg represented Dan Wilkinson and Ki-Jana Carter, who were No. 1 overall draft picks in the 1990s and got cutting-edge "voidable years" contracts from the Bengals with little trouble.

Steinberg wanted a deal for Smith that was comparable to what other top young quarter-

backs got. Unhappy with how the Wilkinson and Carter deals turned out, the Bengals dug in this time.

The team initially pushed for a deal with incentives based heavily upon how well the Bengals perform. The two sides ended up at odds over what types of incentives would be included.

Steinberg flew to Cincinnati on Sunday and met for 16 hours over two days before getting a deal that includes a \$10.8 million signing bonus and will pay up to \$56 million if Smith reaches all of his performance goals along the way.

The deal contains one voidable year, meaning it will automatically shorten to six years if he's in for 35 percent of the plays in his first year or 45 percent any following year.

Smith's contract includes base salaries of \$175,000; \$250,000; \$325,000; \$350,000; \$375,000; \$400,000 and \$450,000. Various escalators would push those numbers higher.

The first round of escalators clicks in when he passes for 1,601 yards, the second when he throws for 2,500 yards and appears in half of the plays.

The final two rounds of escalators have Smith finishing in the top five in various passing categories, and the Bengals winning a playoff game — something the Bengals haven't done since the 1990 season.

"We gave here, they gave there," Brown said. "Anyway, it's all set."

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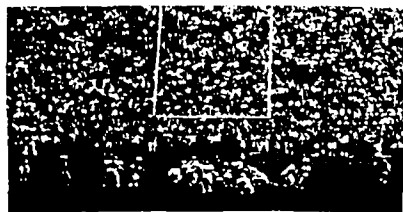
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Associated Press

HOUSTON

For three seasons, Darcie Johnson has sat in Section 120 at the Compaq Center, seven rows up from the Houston Comets bench, cheering with friends Petra Davis and Lori Self.

The trio showed up at Kim Perrot's memorial service in Houston on Monday to celebrate the point guard's life. The 32-year-old Perrot was buried in her hometown of Lafayette, La.

"We felt like we needed closure, too," said Johnson, dressed in a red, white and blue Comets shirt, with Perrot's No. 10 pinned on her chest.

The three were among 1,000 who poured into Houston's Second Baptist Church to relive special moments from the point guard's life.

The Houston Comets player died Thursday, six months after she was diagnosed with lung cancer that spread to her brain.

"I wouldn't be here today if she hadn't fought me," joked a misty-eyed Comets coach Van Chancellor, who recalled for the 1,000 in attendance how he "miscoached" Perrot their first year together.

He met her just two years ago at a Houston high school gym, where he was holding tryouts for the new WNBA franchise. What he saw, he didn't like.

"Too wild, too small and too everything," Chancellor said, laughing at how he underestimated the 5-foot-5 Perrot and continued to do so even though

that first season ended with a WNBA championship.

Chancellor reassessed his mistakes after he received a letter from two fans.

"Van Chancellor, you are miscoaching Kim Perrot," the letter read. "Point guards like her are hard to find and we are writing Les Alexander to say that coaches like you are a dime a dozen."

Diagnosed with cancer last February, Perrot died in Houston on Thursday.

"Kim was special. Kim used her gifts to the fullest," said Leslie Alexander, owner of the Comets and the Houston Rockets. "She never gave up on her dreams."

Chancellor said he and Perrot often joked that their great skill was responsible for the success two-time MVP Cynthia Cooper enjoyed.

When Chancellor teased back, asking how he figured she was involved, Perrot quickly responded: "You call all the plays and I'm passing her all the basketballs."

Blinking away tears, Chancellor softly remarked: "What a fun person. There will never be another Kim Perrot, in my mind."

Cooper, who was at Perrot's bedside when she died last week, said it was her best friend's generous spirit and love of people that left a mark on the world.

"The reason she touched so many lives is because Kim had a courageous heart," Cooper said.

Before and after her diagno-

sis, Perrot made more than 200 public appearances, often at schools, where she stressed the

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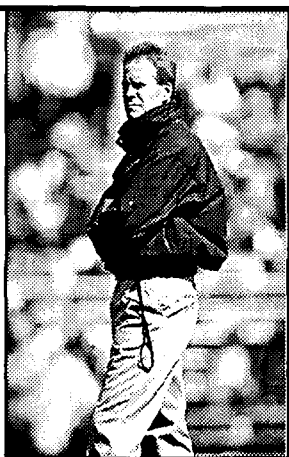
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MLB

Jones leads Atlanta to 6-2 victory over Cincinnati

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Chipper Jones was covered in grass and dirt stains. The left knee of his pants was shredded. In a way, he symbolized the grit shown by his entire team.

Despite a rash of injuries, the Atlanta Braves have maintained

their place atop the NL, beating the Cincinnati Reds 6-2 Monday night as Jones drove in three runs and Kevin Millwood pitched three-hit ball over seven innings.

"This is a lot of fun," said Jones, who hit his 33rd homer and had two of Atlanta's seven stolen bases. "It's nice to come to the ballpark in July, August,

September and have it be like a playoff game. In a sense, all of these games are playoff games."

The Braves have survived despite losing four players to season-ending injuries and illness, not to mention assorted other maladies.

Sixteen-game winner Greg Maddux has a chipped bone in his pitching wrist, and reliever Rudy Seanez went on the DL after Monday's game when a bone scan revealed a stress fracture in his right elbow.

"No one in this clubhouse has complained or used that as an excuse," Millwood (14-7) said. "And we're not going to start now."

The Braves, doing anything to win, shook up Cincinnati by coming within one stolen base of the franchise record. Jones also scored on a wild pitch that rolled no more than 4 feet from the plate.

"Regardless of whose fault it is, it shouldn't happen that many times in a game," said Reds catcher Eddie Taubensee, who was so shell-shocked he lost track of all those steals. "It's not a good thing when a team steals six bags off you," he said, failing to account for the seventh one.

The NL's best home team, Atlanta improved its mark at Turner Field to 43-21 by cooling off the Big Road Machine. The Reds had won 33 of their previous 44 games away from home and still have the top road mark (38-18) in the majors.

Atlanta remained a half-game ahead of the Mets in the NL East, and Cincinnati stayed a half-game behind Houston in the Central standings.

Despite the pennant-race ramifications, the crowd of 31,016 was the smallest at Turner Field since June 1.

Atlanta scored two runs in the first, third and seventh — and Jones was at the center of all three innings.

After the Reds grabbed a 1-0 lead in their first at-bat, the Braves third baseman went the opposite way for his 33rd homer, a two-run drive off Brett Tomko (4-7) that landed in the first row of the left-field seats.

In the third, Jones doubled into the right-field corner to make it 3-1, then came home on Andruw Jones' RBI single.

Atlanta ran the Reds ragged in the seventh. Bret Boone led off with a double and stole third while Chipper Jones was taking ball four. Jones then stole second before Boone came home on Brian Jordan's sacrifice fly, his 100th RBI of the season.

With third base open, Jones promptly stole it. Then, when reliever Stan Belinda skipped a pitch in the dirt and frazzled catcher Eddie Taubensee turned the wrong way looking for the ball, Jones broke for home.

Taubensee finally located the ball, just behind the plate, but Jones flew over Belinda's attempted tag and tumbled to the ground, rolling almost to the stands while manager

Bobby Cox jumped from the dugout to make sure his star was OK. He was.

"Chipper is having an MVP-type year," Cox said.

"We wanted to be aggressive," Jones said. "We felt like we could run on Tomko. Guys got good jumps in good situations."

Millwood started the game like he didn't plan to be around very long.

Mike Cameron led off with a drive that Andruw Jones caught at the 400-foot sign in center field.

Michael Tucker walked and came home when Greg Vaughn, breaking an 0-for-18 slump, doubled to the gap in left-center.

"It really didn't bother me," Millwood said. "In most of my games lately, when something has happened to me, it's happened early. Then I seem to settle down and pitch a good ballgame."

He retired 15 of the next 16 hitters, a streak that was broken up in the fourth when Jones bobbled a routine grounder by Barry Larkin and the play was charitably scored a hit.

Michael Tucker had the other hit against Millwood, a sixth-inning homer.

The Braves have won four straight from Cincinnati at Turner Field this season, limiting the Reds to six runs and 14 hits in those games. Atlanta is 20-4 vs. Cincinnati over the last three seasons.

"I can't understand it," Jones

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MLB

Walbeck drives in game winner; Anaheim tops Detroit

Associated Presse

ANAHEIM, Calif. Matt Walbeck hit a one-out single in the eighth inning to drive in the go-ahead run Monday night as the Anaheim Angels beat the Detroit Tigers 6-5.

Garret Anderson began the rally against Doug Brocail (4-4) with his fourth single of the game. Troy Glaus drew a one-out walk and Walbeck lined a single to right to drive in Anderson, who scored for the third time.

Troy Percival (3-2) blanked the Tigers in the final 1 1/3 innings.

The outcome was decided long after Detroit's Dave Borkowski, a rookie making his eighth big league start, committed three errors in the first two innings, helping the Angels score three unearned runs.

The three errors — first mis-cues of Borkowski's career — were the most by a Detroit play-

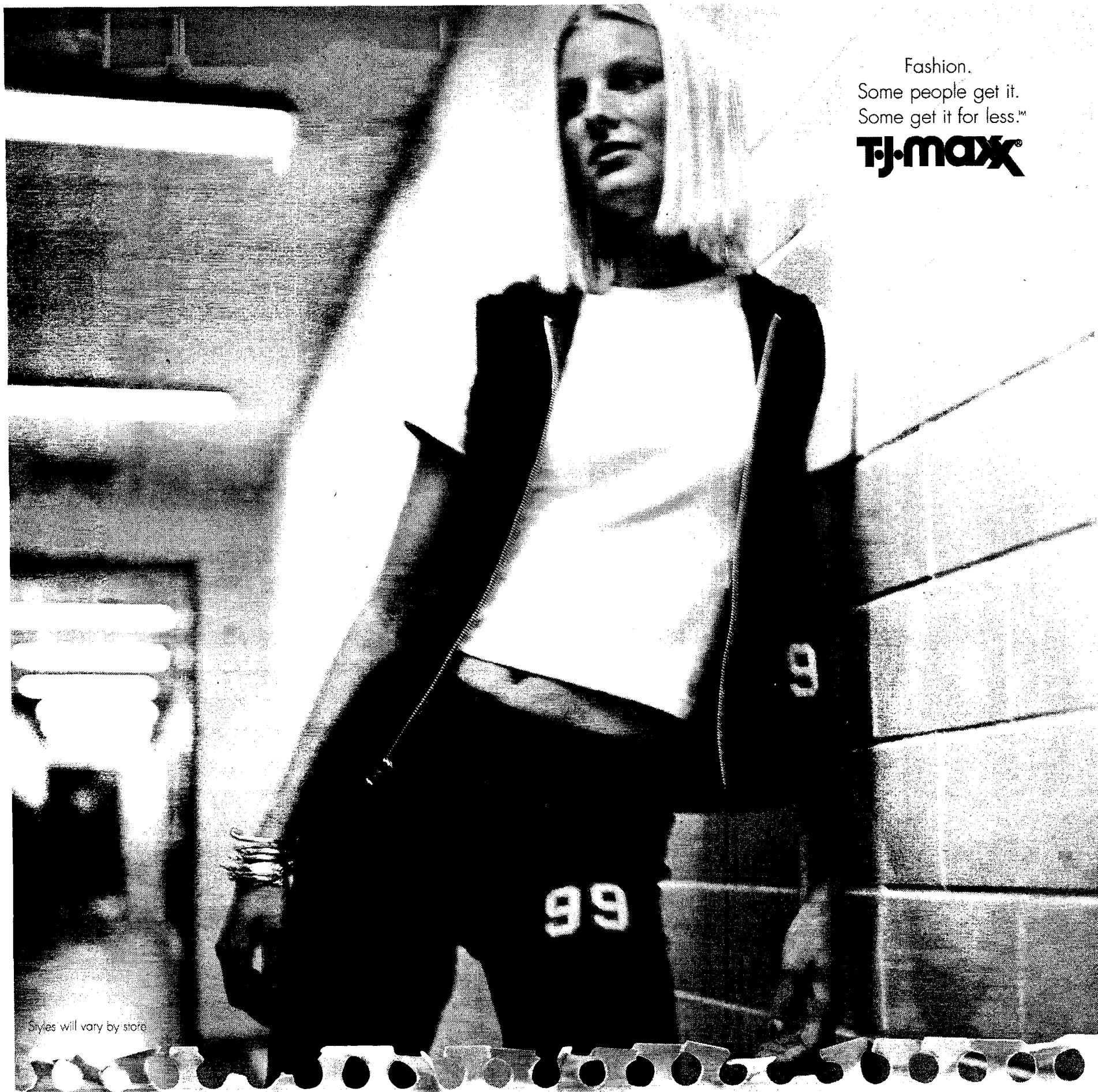
er since John Doherty, another pitcher, committed three on July 23, 1993 against Kansas City.

The Angels took a 1-0 lead in the first thanks to Borkowski's first two errors. The 22-year-old right-hander muffed Trent Durrington's leadoff grounder, and then threw wildly on a pick-off attempt. Durrington later

scored on Mo Vaughn's infield out.

Jim Edmonds hit a run-scoring double in the fourth to extend Anaheim's lead to 4-1.

Detroit's Karim Garcia hit a two-run homer in the sixth, but the Angels got a run in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Anderson.



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terback blunder in the 10th game of the season. Trailing 14-7 at halftime to Penn State in Beaver Stadium, Holtz benched quarterback

Tony Rice and replaced him with Kent Graham. Graham threw three interceptions in the 21-20 loss. The next week, the Irish lost to the Hurricanes in Miami, to end their regular season on a sour note. Last year parallels these campaigns. Although Huarte

was more successful than Ron Powlus, there still was a question mark at quarterback entering the 1998 season. Also, last year's season ended with three losses and a Gator Bowl appearance, their first appearance there since 1976. In the 11th game of 1998, with one loss and a chance at a BCS appearance, Davie was also involved in a quarterback controversy.

With three seconds left in a apparent win over LSU, Davie kept Jarious Jackson on the field, where he was injured while attempting to take a safety. The following week, like in 1987, the team flew to a warm climate (USC), only to suffer another setback.

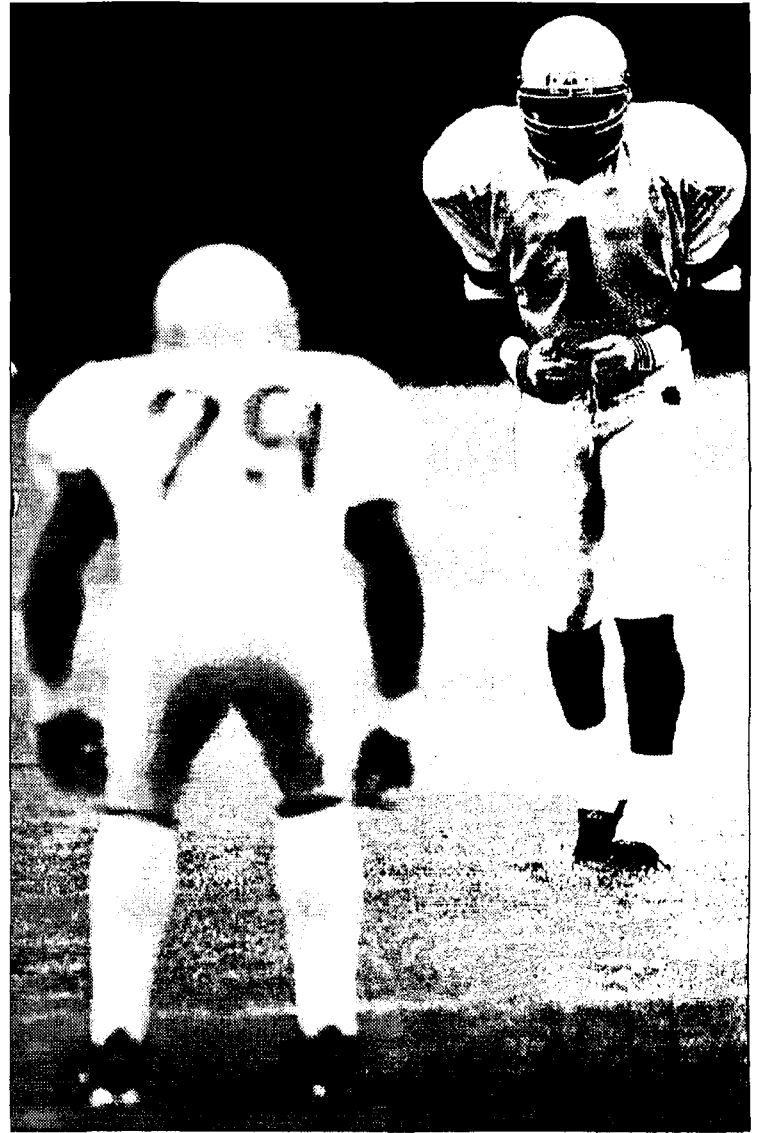
Davie is not letting the focus of the season blur. His concentration is on solely on Saturday's home opener against Kansas.

Although Kansas is the underdog, Davie was quick to point out that the Jayhawks are an explosive club that can cause trouble for his team.

"It's really important to keep your eye on the target. You really don't know what you have yet, especially in college football," Davie said. "The other night our players were watching Green Bay and Denver on Monday Night Football. We don't have the luxury of playing the exhibition games. Even high school teams scrimmage against each other. But that's what makes college football exciting."

Irish Notes:

- ♦ On the injury front, defensive linemen Tony Weaver is doubtful for Saturday's game due to a sprained left knee. Lineman Lance Legree sprained his right knee Aug. 10th and is out for the Kansas game.
- ♦ The thin cornerback position is the biggest area of concern on the Irish defense. With Brock Williams out for the year, Deveron Harper and Clifford Jefferson will join safeties Deke Cooper and A'Jani Sanders in the defen-



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Free safeties Justin Smith (#29) and Deke Cooper (#1) work on coverage drills during practice last week. Cooper, who has seen action in each of his first three seasons, will start at safety on Saturday.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Freshman Joey Hildbold, pictured here during last Wednesday's practice, has impressed head coach Bob Davie and will start at punter in Saturday's home opener with Kansas.

sive backfield.

♦ Freshman Joey Hildbold has the edge at punter for Saturday. Senior Jim Sanson will once again assume the placekicking duties for the Irish.

♦ There are two honorary captains for the game. 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung will serve as Notre Dame's captain, while the "Kansas Comet" Gale Sayers, a Jayhawk alum, will be on the Kansas sidelines.

♦ Freshman tailback Julius Jones is likely to handle kick-off returns for the Irish along-

side Joey Getherall. Davie said Jones reminds him of Greg Hill, whom he coached at Texas A&M and now plays for the St. Louis Rams. Jones is currently battling junior Terrance Howard for third string.

♦ Bobby Brown and Getherall are expected to start at split end, but senior Raki Nelson and sophomores Javin Hunter and David Givens are expected to see playing time.

♦ Seniors John Merandi and Mike Gandy were the only returning offensive linemen who saw considerable playing

Irons

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the fundamentals and the footwork, I feel more comfortable."

While Irons was originally reluctant to make the switch from linebacker to defensive end, he is now enjoying playing on the line.

"You can just attack; you can play on instinct," Irons said. "At linebacker you are always looking into the backfield at the tailback and then the guard. You always have to deal with linemen coming at you and cutting you, but at defensive end, it's just you and the tackle or you and the tight end. It makes it a one-on-one battle each play. My reads are cut down and I can focus on the tackle and the tight end."

Last season, Irons started the first five games at outside rush linebacker,

before suffering a shoulder injury that sidelined him for three games. He came in off the bench in the final four contests, but this season he is once again competing for a starting job. In addition, Notre Dame's switch from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 defense will accommodate Irons' move to the line.

Irons, who stands 6-feet, 5-inches tall, has put on some weight in the off season and is up to 275 pounds, prob-

ably courtesy of the four to five peanut butter and jelly sandwiches he says he eats at night. He came to Notre Dame weighing just 218 pounds, but was up to 250 last year.

"I didn't think I'd get this big, but with the weight program here and just my appetite, I've grown a lot," Irons said. "I'm definitely comfortable with the weight. My quickness has even increased. Coach

Mickey Marotti and the rest of the staff have done a great job in not only developing our strength and size, but our quickness as well."

"At first [last spring] when I moved to the position [defensive line], I wasn't comfortable at all, but coach Mattison and the rest of the coaching staff have done a great job in teaching fundamentals."

**Grant Irons
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tive for 1998-99. "This is not some high school girls gym class. The move to the MIAA will make athletes appreciate that."

Recruiting already is benefiting from conference membership.

"We have several strong freshmen coming in who will make an immediate impact in every sport," she said.

Stronger and more effective recruiting efforts may improve team rankings within the MIAA.

As provisional members, volleyball and tennis finished third, golf fourth, soccer, softball and track fifth, swimming sixth, cross country eighth and basketball ninth during the

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1998-99 seasons.

"Every sport should see

improvement athletically and academically this year," Cook said. "I think that we have proven that we are real contenders in this conference, and we aren't here to be anyone's doormat."

The move will also force athletic teams to rise to higher levels of competition, Samreta said.

"This will force us to keep to a standard," Samreta said. "Because it offers us more competition, we will be able to develop competitive rivalries with other schools. It will definitely make all of us better athletes."

Permanent membership should also help sports become a bigger priority for

the College. Six new tennis courts are part of this year's plans.

"Every sport should see improvement athletically and academically this year."

Jini Cook
Saint Mary's athletic director

"The students, the administration and prospective students are creating this demand," Cook said. "We need renovations to our equipment, office space, locker room and

more. We need these things upgraded so that we can be a contender for a MIAA championship down the road."

Defiance College, which also completed two years as a provisional member in the MIAA, will not become a permanent member.

Defiance accepted membership in the Heartland Conference for the 1999-2000 seasons.

Defiance teams will compete in fall and winter sports in the MIAA.

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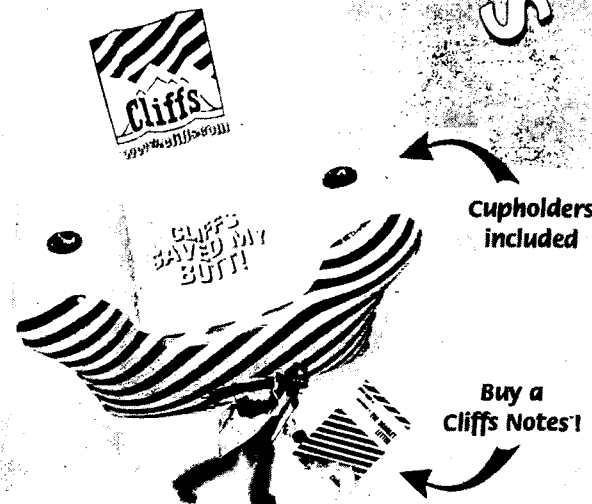
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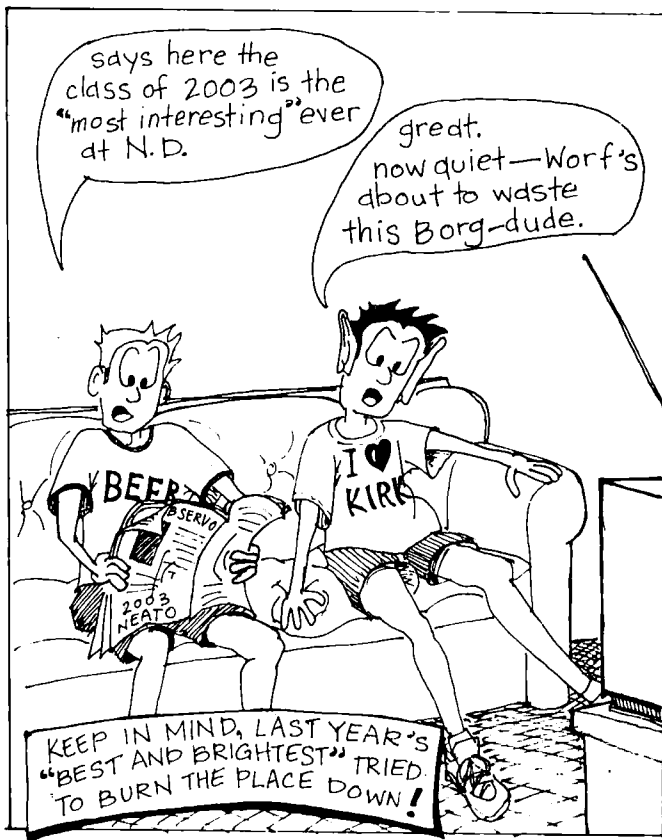
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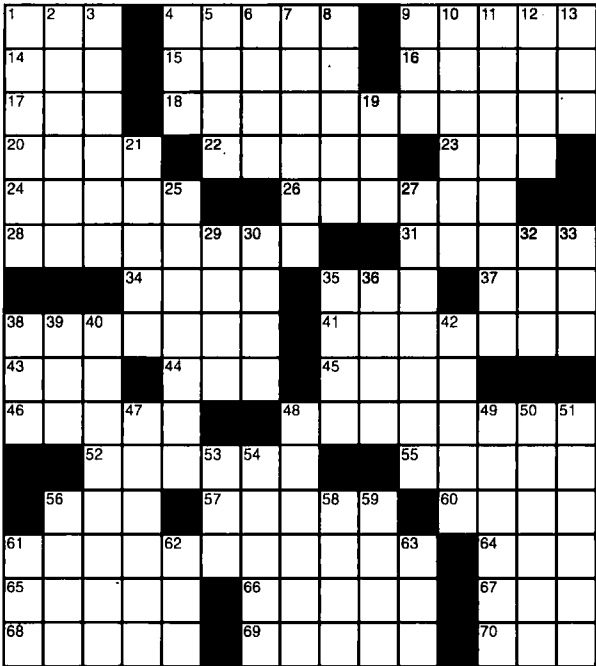
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Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elvis Costello, Sean Connery, Billy Ray Cyrus, Tom Skerritt, Blair Underwood, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer

Happy Birthday: You must concentrate on doing your own thing and following your heart if you want to achieve the power and strength that you desire. Focus on what you believe in and you will reach the expectations that you've set for yourself. This is a year not to sit back watching what others are trying to accomplish, but instead to believe in yourself and your own capabilities. Your numbers: 4, 12, 17, 25, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get enticed into a secret affair. The temptation may be great, but the consequences will be even greater. End one relationship before you start another. Be honest with yourself about your motives. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll feel like quitting your job, but it's best not to make rash decisions. Someone you work with has been trying to get you to leave, and it's time to fight back quietly by doing a better job. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romance will be plentiful, but do not get involved with someone at work. Don't lead someone on if you aren't completely sure how you feel. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plan a quiet evening with the one you love. A candlelight dinner will lead to a passionate encounter. Your sensuality will be aroused easily, and your mate will be eager to cater to your whims. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're better off hanging out with friends. Your home base is stressful, and it's likely that those you live with will be eager to pick a fight with you. Get your

Birthdays: You have what it takes to be great. You're strict in your beliefs and eager to prove yourself to the world. Your accomplishments will far exceed your expectations throughout your life, bringing you the distinction and respect you desire.

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Hot-lanta
The Atlanta Braves increased their lead in the NL East with a win over the Cincinnati Reds last night.
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Catch Up
Cincinnati quarterback Akili Smith is finally in camp with a seven-year, \$56 million dollar deal.
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Saint Mary's officially joins MIAA conference

◆ Belles' academics, athletics to benefit from decision

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Coming soon after Notre Dame's Big Ten decision, Saint Mary's campaign for permanent membership in the Michigan Intercollegiate

Athletic Association may have been overshadowed.

But the spring decision by the MIAA President's Council to accept the College as a permanent member brings Saint Mary's into an academic and athletic spotlight.

The election ended Saint Mary's two-year provisional membership in the oldest collegiate conference in the United States.

Other MIAA members

include Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet Colleges.

The decision provides Saint Mary's an advantage for recruiting and competition opportunities within the conference, according to acting athletic director Jini Cook.

"Coaches recruiting for their sports can offer a stable conference, a stable schedule and strong competition to incoming freshman athletes," Cook said.

Prospective students also are attracted to the strong academic reputations Saint Mary's and the MIAA offer.

With two academic All-American teams last year, Saint Mary's ranks near the top academically in the conference.

"We compete in the classroom and we compete on the field," Cook said. "Several MIAA colleges had academic All-American teams last year,

as we did. Saint Mary's is definitely a positive addition because of that academic reputation."

The move to the MIAA conference also shows recruits and current students that athletics is a priority for Saint Mary's.

"We are serious about athletics," said Michelle Samreta, Saint Mary's MIAA representa-

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FOOTBALL



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In the offseason, junior Grant Irons (#44) made the move from linebacker to defensive end. Irons worked closely with defensive end Lamont Bryant and strength and conditioning coach Mickey Marotti in order to make a smooth transition.

Irons adjusting to defensive move

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

It took a long look in the mirror for Notre Dame's Grant Irons to realize where his future in football would lie.

"I looked at my father when he played in the NFL [as a

linebacker] with the Raiders and that's where I wanted to be. I always saw myself as a linebacker," said Irons, whose father Gerald played six seasons in the pros. "However, as time went on my body matured. When I looked in the mirror everything said defensive end."

With that glance in the mir-

ror, Irons' transition from linebacker to defensive line began.

"At first initially [last spring] when I moved to the position [defensive line], I wasn't comfortable at all, but coach Mattison and the rest of the coaching staff have done a great job in teaching fundamentals," Irons said in

yesterday's press conference. "I was so used to the middle position at linebacker where I'm in the two-point stance. Then when I went down [in the three-point stance] I wanted to pop up. I never really worked to stay down, but now that I've worked on the fundamentals and the

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ND hopes '99 is season of destiny

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

On paper, 1999 looks like a year of destiny for the Irish.

In the past three decades in years ending with the same double digits — 1966, '77, '88 — Notre Dame finished its season with a national title.

Former head coaches Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz won championships

Eddie Robinson Classic
No. 18 Notre Dame vs. Kansas
◆ Where: Notre Dame Stadium
◆ When: 2:30 P.M.

wondering if he will find similar success.

"It's fun to talk about that," Davie said at Tuesday's press conference. "It's also fun to take a look at the records the year before they won the national championship. But when it comes down to running the fullback trap, that stuff goes out the window."

The mediocre seasons prior to those national championship years are eerily similar to the 1998 record.

In 1965, a year after Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte graduated, the Irish recorded a 7-2-1 season.

In 1976, Notre Dame ended the season 8-3 after posting a victory in the Gator Bowl against long-time rival, Penn State.

In 1987, after starting the year with an 8-1 record, coach Lou Holtz pulled what was to be considered a quar-

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Saturday, 2:30 p.m.



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Volleyball
vs. Valparaiso
Sept. 1, 7 p.m.



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Sept. 11, 10 a.m.