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SMC run-off ends in first ever tie, re-elections on Friday

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

The race for student body president will continue at Saint Mary's.

For the first time in the College's history, votes in the run-off election between the tickets of Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte and Chrissie Renner and Michelle Nagle resulted in a tie.

In Wednesday's run-off election, an equal number of votes were cast. Both tickets received 49 percent of the votes. Two percent of the votes were abstentions. A winning ticket needed to gain 50 percent plus one votes to earn the position.

The next elections will take place Friday in the dining hall from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., noon - 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

A higher turnout showed up at the polls for the run-off compared to Monday's election, which eliminated two of the four original tickets. Thirty-nine percent of the student body voted

Wednesday, up from 36 percent Monday.

The candidates were pleased with the turnout and encouraged people to return to the polls on Friday.

"We are just hoping that everyone can come together one more time and vote," said Renner.

Koelsch's sentiments were similar.

"We've had a very good turnout," she said. "I hope this brings out more people on Friday. Let's get this finished and [get] a president elected."

Two years ago, when Sarah Seifert and Nancy Midden ran on a ticket together, the primary election was won by one vote. That is the closest tickets have ever come to tying, according to interim elections commissioner Bridget Heffernan.

"This is completely unprecedented. It's ridiculous that this has happened," Heffernan said. "These tickets are both very qualified. We were joking early that there would be a dead tie, but never thought it would happen."

Both tickets will be given another allotment to use for campaigning before Friday's elections.

Neither ticket is willing to give up the race.

"We are still determined and still motivated," said Nagle. "We believe in each other and we hope everyone else can believe in us too."

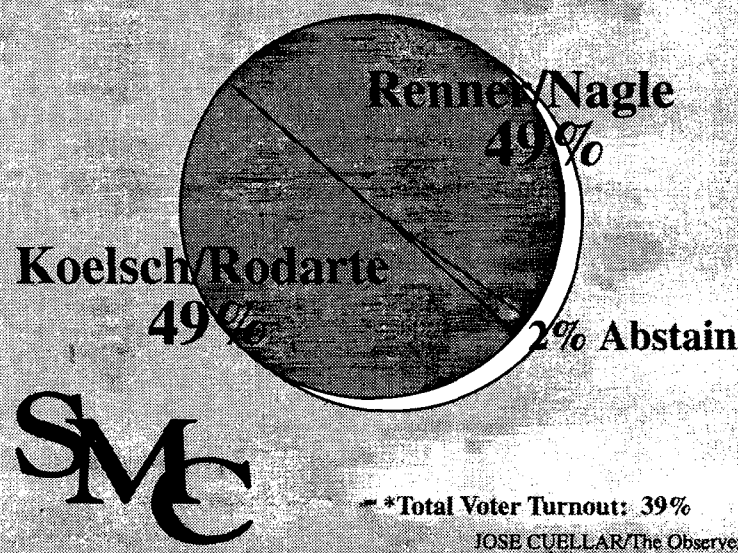
Koelsch said they are going to give everyone a break today.

"It's been so overwhelming for everyone," she said. "On Friday, we're just going to remind everyone to vote again."

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Bridget Heffernan
interim elections commissioner

SMC Student Body President Run-off Results



Growing in faith through service



Joe Ferroni [back, left] and Andrew Noethe [back, right] pose with children from St. John Vianney parish in Phoenix during their time as Holy Cross Associates. Noethe said that his service project opened his eyes to new experiences.

Holy Cross Associates provide program for year-long service

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

Eye-opening. Thought-provoking. A truly spiritual experience.

These are among the terms used to describe Holy Cross Associates, a post-graduate service program sponsored by the Congregation of the Holy Cross at sites throughout the United States and in Chile.

Holy Cross Associates offer participants the chance to incorporate their Christian faith through community living, prayer and a simple lifestyle of service to the poor.

"The goal of the program is to expose people to service, and be among those who have marginalized options in life. Through the experience, participants not only discover some of their own gifts but are also motivated to continue living an intentional life of serving others in the context of faith," said John Pinter, director of Holy Cross Associates.

Begun in 1978, the program includes one-year domestic service projects and two-year international programs. Current sites include Phoenix; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Brockton, Mass.; Portland, Ore.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Santiago and Pocuro, both in Chile.

Throughout the years, associates have been involved in education, homeless services, domestic violence services, HIV/AIDS services, family programs and parish ministry. Participants not only assist others, but are also deeply touched by their experiences.

ND: Annan perfect fit for 2000 message

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

When Notre Dame began its search for a commencement speaker for this year, the University wanted an individual who embodies Christianity's millennial theme of peace and the global family.

It found these qualities in United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"He is the best to represent this theme," said Louis Nanni, executive assistant to the University president. Dennis Brown, associate director of public relations agreed.

"Kofi Annan is a natural fit because he fits the international community," he said.

Selecting a speaker is "an ongoing process because of the difficulty in scheduling people."

Discussion begins a year in advance and the invitation letter is sent out in the beginning of the academic year. Annan was the first person Notre Dame contacted to be this year's commencement speaker.

"The names of possible speakers and honorees are submitted from any number of sources," Brown said. "It is then the officers of the University who meet, consider the suggestions, and make the final determinations."

"After the letter is issued, we look for



Annan

INSIDE COLUMN

A golden ring

We take pride in no symbol of our status as Notre Dame students and alumni than our class rings. No other school in the country has alumni as fanatic about proving their school pride so blatantly as our fellow Domers, and rightly so, for ours is a tradition of unparalleled family and excellence. But, as with all symbols, its meaning is polyvalent and there is much more to my class ring than simply showing off my bachelor of arts.

First, it is a sign that, at some point in my life, I had around \$600 to shell out on a piece of jewelry. For myself; not as a gift or as a donation to someone who needed the money for food or clothing, but for a pretty piece of gold to sit on my finger.

It is a sign that I have literally bought into the very disease that I railed against when I first saw it permeating the ostensibly Catholic character of this institution. It is a malign corruption of life known as materialism, the cure for which is harder to find than "for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle."

There are times when I feel the weight of my ring on my right hand and am forced to think of the chains that Marley wears in his visit to Ebenezer Scrooge. It seems I have forged the first link in my own chains of eternal bondage, and I fear it is larger than most. Worse, I find no comfort in the idea that comes from a fundamental reading of Matthew 25:29 that reads: "For to one who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." It is an idea that seems to be incorporated into the mission statement of both financial aid and development offices.

Although I have only had my ring since July, I have already noticed several dings and imperfections. At first I was overwhelmed with what people would think when they saw how ugly my ring had become. I worried that I had not been able to keep it aesthetically perfect. Then I realized that its condition was a perfect allegory of Notre Dame itself.

When you're here long enough to learn to care for the place and the people here, you pay attention to everything and you begin to see the dings and imperfections. For people of a good heart and a righteous soul, it is easy to become obsessed with these, discouraged that they exist and cynical that anyone could see beauty in something so horribly flawed.

But then you realize that despite a discoloration here or a small dent there, the whole of the ring is still gold, and to anyone who meets you and doesn't inspect it with an overcritical eye, it may as well be unblemished.

Much the same can be said of the Notre Dame experience. Despite what corruption or frustrations you may find, in time (though usually not until after you graduate), you will learn to see again the gold of the whole and not just the damage of one small area.

Finally, it is a symbol of the office of Notre Dame Alumnus (or Alumna), which carries a unique power and responsibility. It is a sign of our education and our commitment to service. It is a sign that we can accomplish great things against formidable odds. It is a sign that will allow us unhindered passage into positions at any number of corporations, firms and grad schools.

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

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Game: "Music Video Bingo," 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Noble Family Dining Hall, Saint Mary's.	◆ Film: "The Last Temptation of Christ," 7 p.m., Snite Museum.	◆ Lecture: Thomas Aquinas Symposium, 3 p.m., Stapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's.	◆ Film: "Gadjo Dilo," 2 p.m., Snite Museum.
◆ Performance: Keenan Revue, 7:30 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's.	◆ Discussion: "Alumnae Perspectives on Identity and Sexual Orientation, SMC and Beyond," 4 p.m., Dalloway's, Saint Mary's.	◆ Theatre: "How I Learned to Drive," St. Edward's Hall Players, 8 p.m., Washington Hall.	◆ Film and Lecture: "Gospel According to Matthew," 7 p.m., Snite Museum.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Dorms vandalized at University of Mississippi

OXFORD, Miss. Two bathroom stalls in the University of Mississippi Hedleston Hall were vandalized with racial slurs Tuesday night.

The words "Die N-----s" and "F--- N-----s" were scrawled on two bathroom stall walls in a third floor bathroom in Hedleston Hall. The first phrase was carved into a small section of one wall. The second phrase was about two feet long with six-inch letters. It was written in black marker.

Walter Lane, a freshman Hedleston resident, said the graffiti first appeared around 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Lane said there was a hall meeting about the matter at 11 p.m. He said that part of the problem may be that there are few black students in Hedleston Hall.

"There's only three black people



that stay in Hedleston," he said. Johnathan Hankins, Lane's roommate, said the people at the hall meeting knew the identity of the vandals. "They know exactly who did it," Hankins said. "They were laughing as though it were funny. They're just in there laughing about it." Residence hall association president Mike Juhas said housing director Bill McCartney has a policy of getting rid of any graffiti as soon as it is found.

"I think McCartney's policy is it's down in 24 hours," Juhas said. Juhas said finding such vandalism in residence halls is unusual. "I've been here four years on campus and I've never heard of it anytime since I've been here," Juhas said. "I've never seen anything like that happen." This is the second time this month that racial tensions have flared in the Garland-Hedleston-Mayes complex. A GHM resident advisor said a bulletin board display in honor of Black History Month was torn down and replaced with a computer generated poster featuring a monkey eating an apple and a Confederate flag. According to the resident advisor, the poster said, "Do not post pictures of n-----s or n---- lovers on the board." Hankins said racial problems have been occurring all year long.

Groundhog draws PSU revelers

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. It's Groundhog Day, and the most hearty of partygoers are already gathered at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney — including a Pennsylvania State University bunch. After a party from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday at The Rathskeller AllAmerican, about 90 ardent groundhog fans boarded two buses and were on their merry way. Bill Medland, day supervisor of the bar, hoped the alcohol from the party would keep the travelers warm until the groundhog emerges at around 7 a.m. this nippy February morning. Drinking at the event is illegal, so the group must choose between finding other ways to amuse themselves while there or stealthily circumventing the law. "It's not necessarily a drinking event," Medland said. "We will, of course, be obeying all laws." Hypothetically, though, if someone on the trip were to get a little, well, thirsty, Medland wasn't too worked up. "I think if they have a small flask or something, just to stay warm, there won't be any trouble," he theorized. "The police are going to be looking for someone drinking out of a keg, being stupid and acting drunk," Medland added.

UI students give profs grades

IOWA CITY, Iowa Seventy-seven University of Iowa students have voiced their opinions on their professors to the Internet community through an online service introduced last November. By logging onto <http://www.wegrade.com/ui>, any UI student can register a professor and make comments on her or his teaching style. "I saw a need for students to share ideas," said Lupe Brown, the developer of the site and a Michigan State University graduate student. Brown is in the process of setting up similar sites for the other Big Ten universities. At Michigan State, where the site was introduced in October, there have been as many as 1,700 hits per day. The statements made by students are not verified before they are published on the Web. Any profanity, racial slurs or multiple submissions by a single student are deleted from the site, Brown said. "This is totally built on student honesty. As an education major, I understand that the more honesty you allow students, the more they'll be honest in their dealings with you," he said.

LOCAL WEATHER

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

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Thursday	31	23
Friday	34	21
Saturday	36	21
Sunday	38	27
Monday	42	26

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 3.

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Atlanta	59	38	Las Vegas	68	43	Portland	54	38
Baltimore	41	30	Memphis	55	34	Sacramento	57	48
Boston	32	21	Milwaukee	32	22	St. Louis	41	27
Chicago	39	28	New York	38	30	Tampa	67	51
Houston	69	46	Philadelphia	38	29	Wash DC	41	30



A group of interracial couples, singles who had previous interracial relationships and interested students met Wednesday to talk about the aspects of interracial dating.

Panel discusses interracial dating

By KRISTEN FITZGERALD
News Writer

Mirella Riley's parents didn't want her to date outside of her Mexican race.

So, during her freshman year, when she began dating her black boyfriend — now her husband — problems arose.

"My family had problems with the relationship because we are a traditional Mexican family," said Riley, a 1994 Notre Dame graduate who works in the Alumni office. "They didn't like anything that strayed from a traditional Mexican family."

Panel members at the dinner and discussion on interracial dating hosted by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Wednesday evening expressed similar stories.

A group of almost 40 people, including interracial couples, singles who had previous interracial relationships and interested students joined in the discussion. Interracial

couples told about their encounters with their parents, friends, and the public and about their own feelings about interracial dating.

They also offered reasons why their loving parents would react negatively to interracial dating. They said reasons could stem from upbringing or a general feeling of prejudice.

Sophomore Stephanie Nemeth, a cacion, was concerned when her parents did not accept her black boyfriend.

Riley identified with Nemeth. "Being caught choosing between your boyfriend or girlfriend and your family is a terrible situation to be in," Riley said.

Many couples stated, however, that coming to terms

with their families was easier than they thought it would be. Most stated that their families were skeptical at first, but that their fears were eased as time went on.

The group spoke about the challenges presented not only because of the racial differences,

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Mirella Riley
ND graduate

uncomfortable parents or friends more understanding.

At the conclusion, audience members were asked to fill out a form, which would set them up with people of other races for a date. All those who participated are invited to another discussion next month to talk about the date.

Ill. suspension gives hope to ND activists

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Illinois Governor George Ryan's decision Monday to suspend executions in his state has anti-death penalty activists at Notre Dame more optimistic for a similar statute to be introduced in Indiana.

With the move, which Ryan made to prevent the execution of innocent prisoners, Illinois became the first state that uses capital punishment to suspend the practice. The state has overturned 13 of its 25 death penalty convictions since it reinstated executions in 1977.

Campus activists were pleased with the Illinois decision and optimistic that it may encourage Indiana to follow suit.

"I'm hopeful that there will be something of a ripple effect," said Maureen Kramlich, president of Jus Vitae — Law School Right to Life. "Maybe something will spread."

Matt Monberg, president of Notre Dame's chapter of Amnesty International, noted that death penalty statutes are often grouped by region. The lack of capital punishment in Michigan, Wisconsin and now Illinois could bode well for efforts to end the practice in Indiana.

"This decision gives a boost to the abolition movement in Indiana," he said. "Indiana should at least investigate their death penalty cases more closely."

There are currently two bills in the Indiana state legislature that would suspend executions in the state, according to Kramlich. One abolishes the practice altogether and the other

would place a moratorium until the procedure can be studied further, as it will be in Illinois. A bill to ban the practice was filed last session, but did not advance beyond committee.

Death penalty critics expressed hope the Illinois decision might push the legislature of this state to go further in investigating capital punishment.

"Hopefully they'll have some impact on discussions in the Indiana state legislature," said John Linn, president of ND/SMC Right to Life.

Indiana has executed seven people since 1976, including D.H. Fleenor, a mentally retarded man, in December. The state has never commuted a decision, according to the National Abolition to Death Penalty. Although some

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Matt Monberg
president, ND chapter of
Amnesty International

say it should have.

"I'm certain there are a number of men on death row in Indiana who are innocent," Kramlich said.

Monberg noted that anti-death penalty activism is one of the Notre Dame chapter of Amnesty International's top priorities, and that students can make a difference on this issue.

"I would encourage students to get involved as much as they can," he said. "It's easy to get involved, and every voice counts."

One of Illinois' overturned convictions resulted directly from investigations done by a class of journalism students at Northwestern University. Anthony Porter was pardoned last year, two days before his scheduled execution after the student journalists uncovered the truth behind his case and notified authorities.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Scene feature "At corner of world, Lyons Hall serves all" was incorrectly attributed to Bridget Mahoney. It was written by Laura Gaines.

The Observer regrets the error.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD
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Service

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Andrew Noethe, a 1998 graduate and currently an assistant director of Holy Cross Associates, recently served as a teacher for one year at St. John Vianney parish in Phoenix.

"Personally, it really opened my eyes to experiences I might not have always had," he said.

At the same time, volunteers can receive placements in Chile, another project which allows associates to serve the poor and grow in faith. David Atwood, '97 Notre Dame graduate, worked with the people in Pocuro, the rural suburbs in Chile.

"It was a difficult decision to leave the U.S.," he said, "but looking back at Notre Dame, you realize what a gift it is when you go to a poorer country. It was the best decision I made in my life. It made me rethink who I am and what I believe in. I am very grateful for the experience."

AmeriCorps South Bend, which is coordinated by Holy Cross Associates, also offers part-time and full-time placements in a variety of local non-profit organizations around South Bend.

"The objective of AmeriCorps South Bend is to assist men, women and children with

acquiring access to human services at critical points in their lives. Although Holy Cross Associates has a faith element, AmeriCorps volunteers ultimately evolve spiritually also because service work is based upon faith," said Bertha Baker, assistant coordinator of AmeriCorps South Bend.

Baker coordinates AmeriCorps activities and recently completed two years of service at Dismas House, a residential program for former prisoners and college students.

Much more than a service program, AmeriCorps is a movement to unite volunteers, who make a difference in the lives of those they assist. Many of the placements can accommodate a student's schedule and provide both a living allowance and an Education Award from AmeriCorps. Used for current expense or after graduation to reduce loans, the Education Award ranges from \$2,362 for part-time work to \$4,725 for full-time work.

Recent college graduates may apply for Holy Cross Associate

positions in which everything is provided and covered. No prior service experience is necessary; participants simply must have a college education.

Applications for one-year domestic placements will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 22, 2000. Volunteers can also serve a two-year program in Chile. However, that application deadline already passed.

According to Pinter, "It is a great program and offers many opportunities to help others and grow in faith. If any student feels a call to service, it would be worthwhile to check it out."

Holy Cross Associates is also sponsoring a "Day of Reflection" for all current and returned volunteers in the area. Open to all former volunteers who have served in the U.S. and overseas, the meeting will take place on Feb. 12 at Moreau Seminary from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about future meetings, please contact Holy Cross Associates at 219-631-5521 or e-mail at <http://www.nd.edu/~hcassoc/>.

"It is a great program and offers many opportunities to help others and grow in faith."

John Pinter
director of Holy Cross Associates

Report: Arsonists started Seton Hall fire

Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. Officials refused to comment Wednesday on a published report that a deadly dormitory fire at Seton Hall University was deliberately set.

The Star-Ledger of Newark quoted unidentified law enforcement sources in a report Wednesday saying that investigators believed the fire was not an accident and that at least four suspects had been identified.

Three 18-year-old students died in the Jan. 19 blaze. No charges have been filed.

University spokeswoman Lisa Grider referred all questions about the report to the Essex County prosecutor's office. Executive Assistant Prosecutor Charlotte Smith

said her office would not comment on it.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has not reached a conclusion about the fire's cause, Special Agent Joseph G. Green said Wednesday.

"It's too early to tell," he said.

The university held a news conference Wednesday to announce it will be installing sprinkler systems immediately in its two dormitories that lack them. One is Boland Hall, where the fire broke out.

The newspaper said investigators believe the fire, which injured more than 60 students, may have resulted from a feud between a group of students and some non-students who were in the building the night of the blaze.

NEWS IN BRIEF

♦ **Housing contracts:** Housing contracts for the 2000-01 have been distributed to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Everyone who receives a contract must return it regardless of whether you will live on-campus, off-campus or study overseas. If you did not receive a contract, please report to the Office of Student Residences at 305 Main Building before the deadline of Feb. 9 to have a duplicate contract made. To be eligible for room picks in April, your contract must be returned, in person, by 5 p.m. on Feb. 9 to the Office of Student Residences.

♦ **Summer hall staff applications:** Summer residence hall staff applications for hall manager and assistant manager are now available in the Office of Student Residences, 305 Main Building from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications received prior to Feb. 11 will receive priority consideration.

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other points of contacts," said Nanni. The contacts may be trustees, faculty or members of the administration in Notre Dame. These people then try to convey Notre Dame's theme.

Since Annan receives letters from hundreds of universities and spends only 50 percent of his time at the U.N. headquar-

ters in New York, each school needs to find "what would distinguish your university from any other one," said Nanni.

Nanni said Notre Dame's international emphasis distinguishes it from other universities and attracted Annan because the University parallels "the United Nation's theme and efforts of democratization in South America and other parts of the globe."

"Kofi Annan is the largest governing official in this world who brings peace and justice to

the world community," said Nanni.

"If a world crisis would occur, then he would not be able to attend, but the chances of that are very slim," said Nanni. In that case, he would send a top delegate of his office to speak in the commencement ceremony.

Although Annan's visit will be a great honor, "one thing that we do not want to be is prideful. We hope that what we stand for and our ideals will resonate to great leaders in the world," said Nanni.

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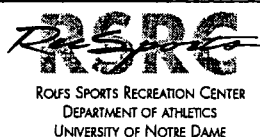
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Floor Hockey	Mondays	8:30-10:30
Indoor Soccer	Tuesdays	8:30-10:30
Volleyball	Wednesdays	7:00-10:00
Lacrosse	Thursdays	8:30-10:30
Badminton	Fridays	7:00-10:00
Badminton	Saturdays	9:00-11:00

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**All Faculty & Students Are Invited
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Open Forum on the relationship between academic & student life

- What expectations do you have for faculty involvement in student life outside the classroom?
- Are academic life and student life well integrated at ND?
- What would you like to tell us?

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The Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life will sponsor two open meetings:

Wednesday, February 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, February 17, 7:00-8:00 pm

Both meetings will take place in the Notre Dame Room on the 2nd floor of LaFortune.

Please join us!

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bush tries to reassure GOP Congress

WASHINGTON

Gov. George W. Bush's campaign sought to reassure Republican lawmakers Wednesday about the Texas governor's drubbing in the New Hampshire primary, saying the state has a "history of 'obstinate' political primary behavior." While supporters "may have hoped for results that were different," said an e-mail from Rep. Roy Blunt to Bush's congressional allies, "the results were reasonably consistent with expectations and the traditions" of New Hampshire. Sen. John McCain won the primary 49 percent to 30 percent in a five-way race, a far bigger margin than any pre-primary polling had predicted. Blunt, a Missouri lawmaker who is Bush's official House liaison, went on to reinforce the campaign's message that New Hampshire was a "bump in the road" that will eventually wind its way to the White House.

Alleged Peru rebels go on crime spree

LIMA, Peru

Suspected Shining Path rebels killed three park rangers and robbed passenger buses and cargo trucks during a rash of attacks in Peru's central Andes, authorities said Wednesday. The rangers were shot Tuesday by masked assailants in a reserve for vicuna, a small non-domesticated relative of the llama, about 275 miles southeast of the capital, Lima. On Monday, five masked intruders broke into the home of a rancher in a nearby village and gunned him down in front of his family. A spokeswoman for the Prefect of Ayacucho, the highland department where the killings took place, said all the victims had their hands bound and had been killed by a single bullet to the head, a "trademark of Shining Path" rebels.

Suspect pleads guilty in kidnapping

LANCASTER, Ohio

A man who abducted a 3-year-old girl and sealed her in an attic for several days pleaded guilty Wednesday to kidnapping, rape and other charges. Jason Wagner, 24, could be sentenced to a maximum of 45 years to life in prison for the April 26 abduction, said his attorney, Tullis Rogers. He was to have gone on trial Wednesday on a range of charges that carried a possible penalty of life in prison without parole. Fairfield County Prosecutor David Landefeld said the victim's family supported the decision to accept the plea. "This has been a terrible ordeal for them. They want [the girl] to have a chance to lead a normal life," Landefeld said. The girl is now 4 years old.

SCOTLAND



Jack and Kathleen Fynn arrive at Edinburgh High Court on Feb. 2. Lawyers on behalf of Abdel-Basset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi and Al Ami Khalifa Fahima entered a plea of not guilty to charges of conspiracy, murder and a breach of the Aviation Security Act. The Fynn couple's son, John, was a victim of a Pan Am plane crash.

Libyan defendants plead innocent

Associated Press

EDINBURGH

The two Libyans accused of bombing Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988 pleaded innocent Wednesday at a pre-trial hearing as both sides agreed to speed up a trial that will cap one of the most extensive international terrorism investigations on record.

Defendants Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamien Khalifa Fhimah, in custody in the Netherlands, did not enter the pleas in person before the Scottish High

Court judge, Lord Randal Sutherland.

Instead, the pleas were relayed by their attorneys, Bill Taylor and Richard Keen, at the close of a one-hour session called to resolve lingering differences over witness protection measures.

The move was unusual in a Scottish court of law, where pleas are generally entered several days before the start of a trial with the accused present.

Yet its acceptance by the court was an indication that all parties are eager to see the trial begin on

May 3 as scheduled. The trial has faced repeated delays since the suspects, alleged Libyan intelligence agents, were surrendered for trial last April.

The trial will be held without a jury at Camp Zeist, a former U.S. military base in the Netherlands, under an unprecedented agreement between Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and the U.S. and British governments.

Al-Megrahi and Fhimah could face up to life in a Scottish prison if convicted on charges of murder, con-

spiracy to murder and contravention of the British Aviation Security Act. The airliner exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988, killing 259 passengers and crew — including 189 Americans — and 11 people on the ground.

In an overall spirit of consensus, Scottish Crown Solicitor-General Colin Boyd and the defense counsels said they would accept measures to conceal the identities of CIA and European secret agents who refuse to appear as public witnesses.

Earlier Alaska Air problems reported

Associated Press

PORT HUENEME, Calif.

Investigators said Wednesday they are looking into reports that the Alaska Airlines jetliner that plunged into the Pacific Ocean had problems with the aircraft's tail controls in a flight hours earlier.

Authorities also began analyzing recordings of the pilots' conversations with a Seattle maintenance crew made while the pilots tried to control the plane in the terrifying moments before it nose dived into the sea Monday, killing all 88 aboard.

The plane crashed after a pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that keeps the plane flying level.

Dozens of ships were ordered to abandon the search for survivors and shift their focus to recovering flight recorders and wreckage that could explain why Flight 261 went down about 10 miles off the Southern

California coast.

The search was officially called off over the protest of some family members who held out hope that some of the plane's passengers and crew might still be alive in the chilly waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.

"We have far exceeded our estimate of survivability," Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thomas Collins said after announcing the decision at a news conference.

On shore, investigators interviewed airline employees about reports that a different crew of pilots complained of problems with the aircraft's horizontal stabilizer as they headed toward Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on Monday.

The jetliner crashed hours later on the return trip to San Francisco and Seattle.

The Seattle Times reported Wednesday that the crew had reported problems with the stabilizer on the southbound leg of the flight.

"We don't know if it's true, we are

investigating that," John Hammerschmidt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said of the report.

The pilots who reported the problem will be interviewed, an anonymous source familiar with the investigation told the Times.

Possible problems with the stabilizer forced an American Airlines MD-80 to land in Phoenix 20 minutes after takeoff Wednesday. The plane, which had been headed toward Dallas, is part of the same series of aircraft as the Alaska MD-83 that crashed.

Investigators, meanwhile, interviewed pilots who were flying in the area of the crash and may have seen Flight 261 go down.

The audio tapes of the pilots and the Seattle maintenance crew apparently capture an exchange that took place as the pilots tried to troubleshoot what was going wrong, Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said on morning talk shows.

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STUDENT SENATE

Report to focus on student involvement, academics

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Board of Trustees report chairman John Obsorn and vice chair Mark Donahey presented their proposed topics for the May report at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

"What we could be addressing this year are three main issues," Obsorn said. "[The] first issue is that of tuition, fees and student financial assistance."

Obsorn said, adding that there is a 5 to 6 percent increase on tuition every year and questions arise on whether students are seeing a corresponding increase in services.

"The next issue is increasing student involvement in University governance," Obsorn said. "Who's on these committees? How'd they get there?"

Obsorn called for central coordination of student appointments to these committees and also dissemination of committee records and decision for public record.

"I've been told that the Board of Trustees is not the proper body to address this issue with," Obsorn said. "However, I would respond to this complaint that it is the only body to possibly address this issue. If the Board of Trustees were to commit itself to this issue, it would be very powerful motivation. It would have a large effect and changes could be made."

This topic included possible addition of a student to the Board of Trustees itself.

"There are wonderful alumni, faculty and other members making decision that will effect students," said Michael Palumbo, student body vice president. "Having a student presence on the Board would be nice."

"The final proposed topic is curricular reform, modernization and enrichment," Obsorn said. "This would include increasing access to high popularity classes and also make consistent requirement numbers and give students more opportunities by increasing the number of minors." Obsorn added this would include specialized programs in cultural studies.

After presenting all three proposed topics, the Senate voted with an overwhelming majority to support the second topic addressing student involvement in University governance.

Also presented at the meeting by James Jesse, was the 1999-2000 Student Union spending review.

"We're out of debt and I foresee us going even more out of debt," Jesse said. "The money is there and I feel very comfortable."

However, there was controversy around the Student Business Board which controls N.D Video, Ad-Works, Irish Gardens Flower Shop and Dome Design.

Senators questioned whether the Business Board's debt was affecting other allocated funds.

"The current debt [for the Student Business Board] is around \$32,000, but it's an historical debt. For the first time in years, they were profitable," Jesse said.

Jesse explained that over the past six years, the board has lost about \$5,000 per year and thus, the debt had continued to add up.

"The assumption was 'Hey, it's going to eventually help repair itself' and for the first year it has fixed itself. However, this debt does not effect anything else. It has no bearing on other money allocated."

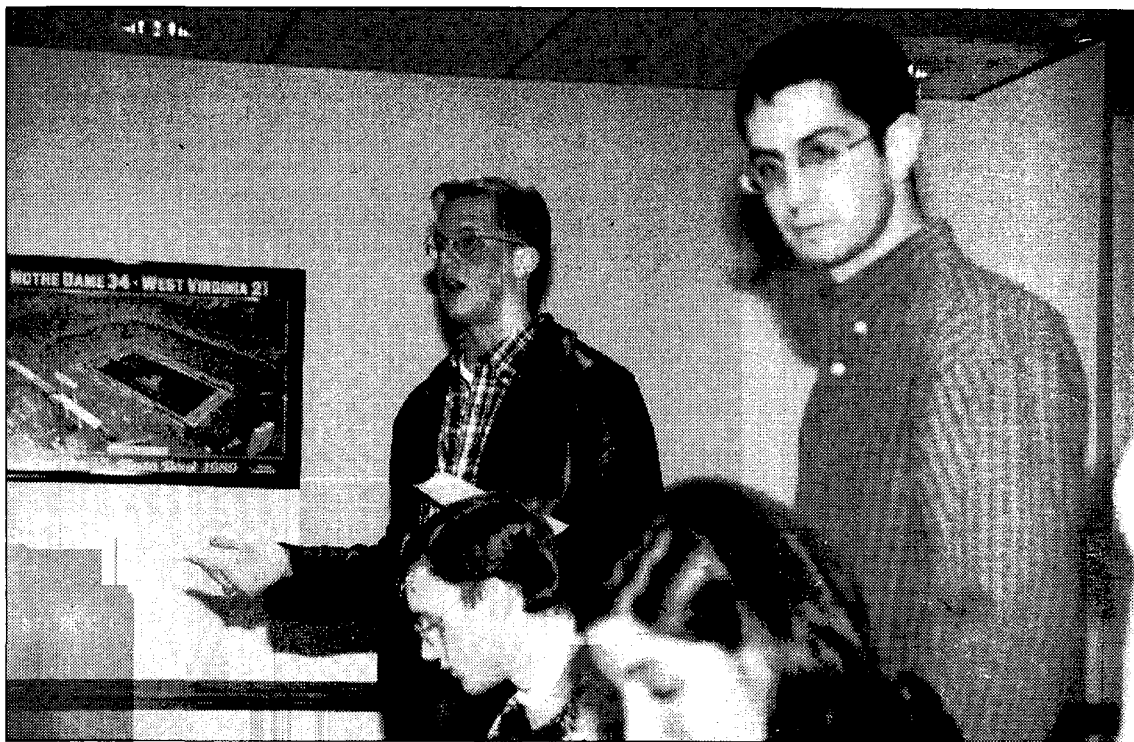
The actual spending review report will be brought to vote next week by the Senate.

In other Senate news:

♦ Senators were presented with a letter from Matthew Mamak, chief of staff, explaining the current state of SafeRide. The letter said that a student coordinator is currently being hired for SafeRide and hopefully this new design will rectify the problems.

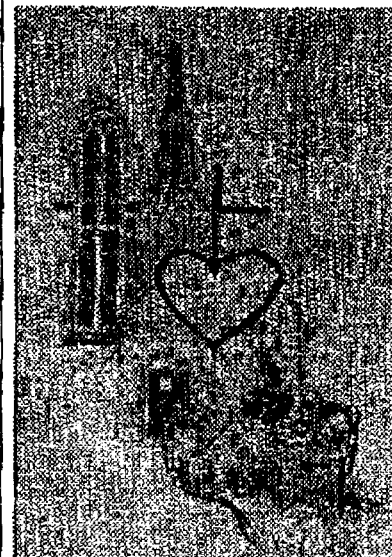
♦ Micah Murphy, student body president, addressed the Senate and said that a new plan for distribution of football tickets is in the works and will be presented by March.

♦ Also, a plan is being made to provide a hockey ticket pass for students. Finally, Murphy said that a student services week will be held Feb. 20 through March 3.



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Treasurer Jesse James presented the 1999-2000 Student Union spending review to the Student Senate Wednesday. Jesse explained that the Student Business Board has turned over a profit for the first time in six years.



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Film series to examine literal, metaphorical Christ

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Assistant News Editor

At Notre Dame, religion and popular culture are inextricably linked.

This link will be explored in the week-long festival, "Imaging the Divine: A Jesus Film and Lecture Series," which explores varying representations of Christ in films from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The films will be accompanied by lectures from Lloyd Baugh, associate professor of film studies and theology at Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

"The culture has produced

these films, some of which we approve of, some of which we do not," said Baugh, noting that he analyzes films from a theological perspective.

The most controversial of the seven films is "The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese.

When the film was shown on campus in September 1989 it prompted protests and a flurry of letters to The Observer.

Most people object to the film because it shows dimensions of Jesus' sexuality, said Baugh.

But Baugh cautioned that the film's controversial interpretations of Jesus should not cause people to avoid the film.

"We can't just say it's a sin to

see it," said Baugh. Viewing the film allows for dialogue to develop about the issues it confronts.

"It's the first film to attempt to represent the humanity of Jesus," Baugh said.

However, he noted serious problems in Scorsese's characterization of Jesus.

"I have to say, let's look at it; let's see where it's weak," Baugh said.

Laura Holt, the event's organizer, said that she did not encounter any objections to showing the film.

"I haven't heard a whimper," she said.

The seven films fall into two groups — literal and metaphorical representations of Jesus.

One film, Denys Arcand's "Jesus of Montreal," encompasses both. The main character is an actor who is playing the role of Jesus. To prepare for his part, the man researches Jesus. He encounters problems, first with the Church, then the police and eventually dies on a cross.

"The metaphorical image ultimately has more value than the literal image," said Baugh of the movie.

The festival will also address the question, "Is faith a prerequisite for making a film about Jesus?"

Baugh explained that several atheistic directors have made very good religious films — including Pier Paolo Pasolini, whose film "The Gospel According to St. Matthew" will be shown Sunday.

The musical genre is represented with David Greene's "Godspell," which is an interpretation of the Gospel of Mark. Musicals are usually very superficial, but here character is developed, said Baugh.

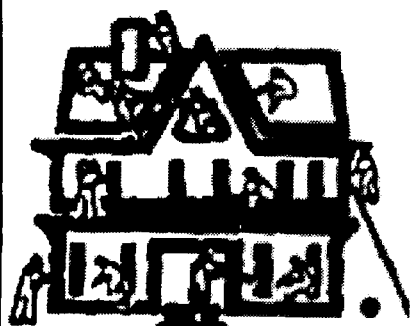
The festival is part of the department of theology's millennial series.

"Building the Civilization of Love: Imaging the Third Millennium." The series is a response to Pope John Paul II's call for a holy year.

The film and lecture series is the focus of a one-credit theology class, in which approximately 130 students have registered. All films and lectures are also free to the public.

Baugh is the author of the book, "Imaging the Divine," which examines the topics of the film festival in more detail.

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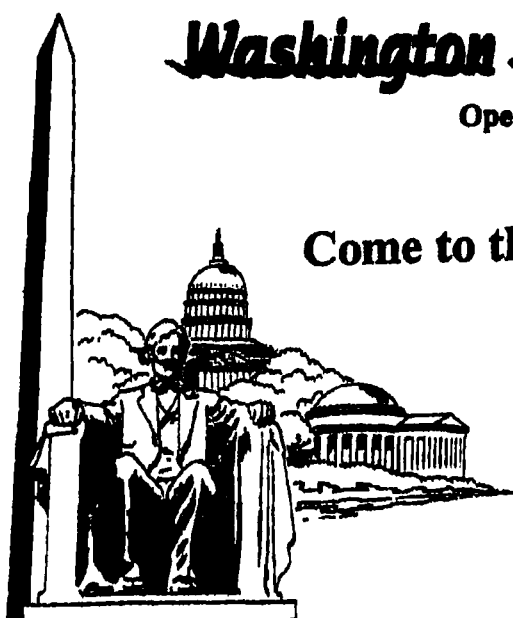
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Archbishop: U.S. challenge threat to Anglican church

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Faxes and e-mail messages have been flying among the world's Anglican churches this week as they cope with a serious challenge to authority from some within Anglicanism's U.S. branch, the Episcopal Church.

The division — at root, a disagreement over such issues as gay clergy — was triggered by events played out on the other side of the world.

A week ago, at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore, two conservative American priests were consecrated as bishops to work in the United States without Episcopal Church authorization.

The leader of the 77 million Anglicans, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, quickly declared that the consecrations of the Rev. Charles H. Murphy III and the Rev. John H. Rodgers Jr. were "irresponsible" and said they "only harm the unity of the communion," the formal name of his 77-million-member flock.

The head of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, said, "I am appalled

by this irregular action.

"These two men have been ordained outside all formal structures of the Anglican world," he told The Associated Press in an interview.

Anglican rules, based on an ecumenical council in A.D. 451, require that clergy be appointed not just to a country — in this case the United States — but to a specific locale, said Canon J. Robert Wright, a church historian.

"I don't think there's any precedent," Wright said.

What, then, led to the consecrations of Murphy, a rector in Pawley's Island, S.C., and Rodgers, a retired seminary dean in Ambridge, Pa.? To understand the events, it is necessary to understand the six bishops who performed the ceremony.

The "Singapore Six" — the host archbishop of Southeast Asia, plus Rwanda's archbishop, two retired U.S. bishops, and others from Africa and South America — are vexed over Episcopal Church liberalism, especially the freedom of its bishops to sanction actively homosexual clergy and rituals for same-sex couples.

Web site to give away funds

♦ Company offers \$10,000 per day in random drawing

Associated Press

BOSTON
An Internet site to be launched Thursday is promising to give away \$10,000 a day in college scholarship money. No essay required. No nerve-racking interview. Just the luck of the draw.

The folks at FreeScholarships.com know the sweepstakes may sound too good to be true. But it's the latest of a host of Web sites handing out millions to Web surfers willing to tell marketers about themselves.

The scholarships from the new Cambridge-based company are financed largely by marketers and advertisers who are particularly keen on the teenage and 20-something markets.

And the incentives for coughing up demographic information are great. FreeScholarships plans to award an additional \$25,000 every month and \$50,000 each quarter, in addition to the daily giveaway of \$10,000.

The money is available for college, graduate school, even private school for children. College grads with loans to pay off are also eligible, as are parents planning for future college bills. Winners need only be U.S. citizens over 13.

The Web site sounds well-intentioned enough, said Mark Cannon, deputy executive

director of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which represents guidance counselors and admissions officers.

Still, he said, "You don't need to be a sweepstakes winner to afford college."

To ensure the money goes to school and not a new car or vacation, the company will send the check directly to the college, bank or other lending program, said Chuck Digate, the company's founder.

Site visitors must register to be eligible. Visitors earn more chances by playing games, answering surveys and polls, referring friends and clicking on ads.

Winners, chosen by a computer-generated random drawing, can win more than once. The odds of hitting the jackpot depend on how many log on.

"It's a low-energy path for people to get a shot at helping them pay for school," Digate said.

FreeScholarships is billing itself as unique in a Web world of quick money. Others have offered one-time scholarship sweepstakes — Embark.com, for example, just wrapped up a promotion with a grand prize of four years' tuition up to \$80,000.

FreeScholarships is generating mixed reviews in higher education circles.

Buyer beware, cautioned Timothy McDonough, spokesman for the American Council on Education, a Washington-based higher education trade group.

"You're always concerned

about the possibility of some kind of scam activity," McDonough said. He also said the Web site's financial information might not be the most reliable.

Dallas Martin, president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, said anything that helps students confront college costs should be commended.

"So what if there's a commercial side to it?" he said.

Free money on the Web is a booming business. Iwon.com, which offers cash jackpots to Web surfers, is ranked among the 50 most popular sites of the 21,000 sites followed by the Internet survey firm MediaMetrix.

The reality, of course, is most site visitors never win the big bucks. So FreeScholarships also provides tips on financial aid, with links to national scholarship programs.

Half of all U.S. college graduates emerge from school in debt — \$12,000 on average at public schools, \$14,000 at private schools.

The typical yearly bill at a four-year private school, including room and board, averages \$23,651, while state schools cost just under \$11,000.

The American Council on Education's Web site, CollegeIsPossible.org, is designed to show college isn't as expensive as many fear. More than two-thirds of full-time undergraduates receive financial aid, averaging \$6,800.

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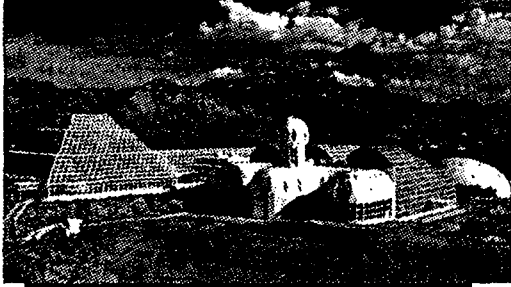
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Chip used to diagnose cancer

Associated Press

A new technology that uses computers to rapidly monitor the activity of thousands of genes in cancer cells is giving scientists the ability to more precisely diagnose cancer.

That kind of detailed information should one day let doctors classify tumors with more precision, helping them tailor treatments to each patient, scientists say.

Currently, doctors diagnose cancer by looking at tissue under the microscope for certain biological changes and by doing other tests. The new technique, however, goes beyond those methods to look at the activity of many tumor genes.

"You could think of it as a new kind of microscope" that looks at gene activity instead of the visible structure of cells and tissues, said Dr. Patrick Brown, an associate biochemistry professor at Stanford.

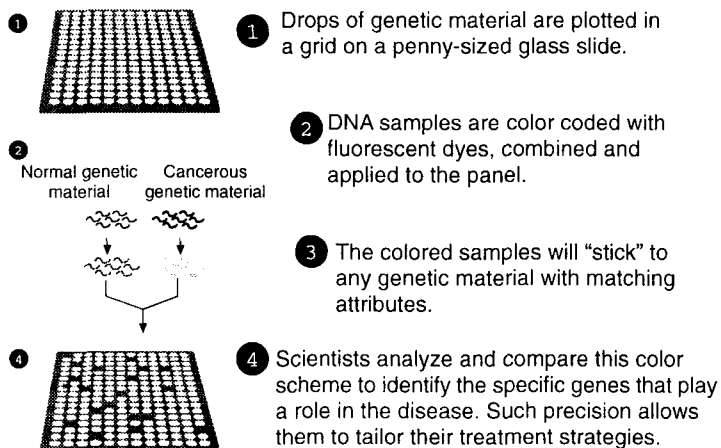
In today's issue of the journal *Nature*, Brown and colleagues from Stanford, the National Cancer Institute and elsewhere describe one of the first large-scale experiments with the technology. They used glass chips the size of a penny to keep track of how active each of 18,000 tumor genes were.

The researchers focused on diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, a type of cancer diagnosed in more than 25,000 Americans each year. They uncovered two distinct forms of that disease, distinguishable by different patterns of gene activation. By checking records of previously treated patients, they found that one form was deadlier than the other.

The findings help explain why two-fifths of patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

DNA chip

Scientists have been dependant on microscopic views to classify tumors. Now, a development in genetic profiling, called microarray technology, is helping them make more precise diagnoses.



Source: *Nature*; National Human Genome Research Institute

AP

can be cured with standard chemotherapy while the rest often relapse or die, scientists said.

The new technique works because active genes in a cell give off chemical messages. These messages will bind to specific DNA segments, depending on what gene they came from. The glass chips carried some 18,000 DNA segments, representing each gene the scientists wanted to monitor.

So by tracking which DNA segments attracted the chemical messages, and how many messages bound to each segment, the technology revealed how active each of the studied genes was.

The results need confirmation in larger studies but establish an important principle, said Dr. Todd Golub of the Whitehead Institute and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"It suggests that we are really at the tip of the iceberg and that our expectation going forward is that there will be similar stories emerging for all common human cancers," Golub said.

In an accompanying *Nature* commentary, Anton Berns of the Netherlands Cancer Institute agreed patients should someday benefit by genetic analysis. But he cautioned that such analysis may not be able to predict how cancers will behave after the initial treatment.

DNA chips also hold promise for cutting the price of treatment. Someday, a DNA chip that costs less than \$100 could take the place of a barrage of current tests, said Pat Brown, an associate biochemistry professor at Stanford who also was part of the study.

"The actual technology is cheap, very cheap," he said.

Researchers develop new, better AIDS drugs

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Powerful new AIDS drugs in development should help relieve one of the biggest problems of treatment — the pill burden.

Over the past four years, new treatment combinations have revolutionized AIDS care, changing HIV infection from a death sentence to a disease that is treatable, if not curable.

"We are giving patients back a freedom of choice in how to live their lives, uninterrupted by taking tablets."

Dr. Ian Sanne
University of Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg

However, patients must

adhere to a tedious and exacting schedule of downing pills, often more than 20 a day.

Now, drugmakers are working on new drugs that require much smaller doses as well as better versions of the old standbys that can be taken less frequently.

Experts say that if all goes well, over the next two or so years it may be possible to reduce the pill burden to just four tablets taken once a day.

"Most drugs are dosed twice or three times a day for a reason. Once a day is not enough. The Holy Grail would be to take all your medicines once a day with as few capsules as possible. We are not so far from that, maybe in the next couple of years," said Dr. Eugene Sun, head of antiviral drug research at Abbott Laboratories.

The pill-taking schedule is more than just a nuisance. Those who miss even a few doses risk losing control over their virus. Without enough medicine in the bloodstream, HIV comes roaring back, often generating mutant versions that are resistant to the drugs.

About half of all patients who initially respond to treatment eventually find their

virus levels rebounding, and the most common reason for this is failure to stick to a pill schedule.

Doctors say that simpler doses should make treatment more effective as well as free patients from a sometimes all-consuming obsession with taking their pills on time.

"This is an important step toward improving compliance and getting away from the perception of an enormous pill burden," said Dr. Ian Sanne of the University of

Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. "We are giving patients back a freedom of choice in how to live their lives, uninterrupted by taking tablets."

A key ingredient of most drug regimens is a class of medicines called protease inhibitors. They are often combined with two or three older kinds of drugs, such as ddI and AZT.

At this week's 7th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in San Francisco, doctors described results of testing with new varieties of protease inhibitors. Some of these medicines are 10 times more powerful than the ones that transformed AIDS treatment.

Protease inhibitors are by far the biggest lump in the pill burden. Typically patients must take three of them three times a day — a total of nine pills — often on an empty stomach.

In the works are protease inhibitors that doctors hope will need to be taken twice or even just once a day. One of these described Wednesday is Bristol-Myers Squibb's drug code-named BMS-232632.

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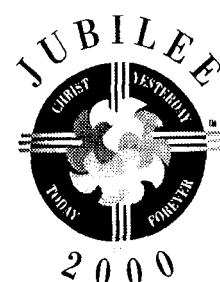
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Stocks respond to fund rate increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Stocks struggled to a mixed finish Wednesday after the Federal Reserve's widely expected interest rate increase did little to calm turbulent U.S. financial markets.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 37.85 to close at 11,003.20. The blue-chip index rose as much as 60 points in the moments before the Fed released its decision, then bobbed between positive and negative territory for much of the rest of the session.

The Standard & Poor's 500 slipped 0.16 to 1,409.12, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 21.98 to 4,073.96.

Stocks gave up early gains

after the Fed said it was raising its target for the federal funds rate — the interest banks charge one another on overnight loans — to 5.75 percent from 5.50 percent. Several commercial banks quickly announced that they, too, would boost borrowing costs.

Higher rates can cut into corporate profits by making it more difficult for companies to borrow money to finance growth.

As a result, investors Wednesday turned to the companies that are advancing quickly enough to outrun rising rates, said A. Marshall Acuff Jr., equity strategist at Salomon Smith Barney. For the most part, that meant technology stocks.

Fed raises rate by quarter-point

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve raised a key interest rate today by a quarter-point — the fourth increase since June — in an effort to slow the red-hot economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem.

The announcement came after a closed-door meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee, the officials who set interest rate policies.

The Fed said it was increasing its target for the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loan — to 5.75 percent from 5.50 percent.

It also raised its mostly symbolic discount rate, the interest that the Fed charges to make direct loans to banks, by a quarter point to 5.25 percent from 5 percent.

In a statement explaining its decision, the Fed said it continued to be worried that the rapidly growing economy "could foster inflationary imbalances that would undermine the economy's record economic expansion."

The Fed's quarter-point increase in the funds rate was followed quickly by announcements from commercial banks Citibank, First Union, Bank of America and Bank One that they were boosting their prime lending rate by one-quarter point, from 8.50 percent to 8.75 percent.

The prime rate is a key benchmark for millions of loans, from home equity and credit card balances to short-

term loans for small businesses.

The stock market had a subdued reaction to the Fed's announcement. The Dow Jones average closed with a decline of 37.85 points from Tuesday at 11,003.20.

The Fed's decision marked the fourth time since June that the central bank has raised the funds rate.

The central bank raised the funds in June, August and November — each by a quarter of point — in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation from escalating.

In today's announcement, the Fed for the first time employed

a new disclosure policy that it hopes will remove some of the confusion that had arisen in financial markets over the past year over its announcements concerning potential future actions.

The new simplified announcement said the Fed believes that future "risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate heightened inflation pressures in the foreseeable future."

This statement does not guarantee that there will be future rate increases but it puts financial markets on notice that the Fed continues to be worried about inflation dangers.

Many economists believe

today's rate increase will be followed by two or more increases before the end of June.

"The Fed is now on record saying inflation is its primary concern," said Wells Fargo's chief economist, Sung Won Sohn. "This sets the stage, I think, for more hikes later this year."

Martin Baily, chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, and Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, in a joint statement, said they "share the Federal Reserve's goal of maintaining healthy economic growth while preserving low inflation."

Economist says another rate increase is likely.

But critics said the Fed's action was not warranted. Today's rate increases a rate "premised on an exaggerated fear of

inflation," said National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasinowski.

The economy grew at a sizzling 5.8 percent annual rate in the last three months of the year and by 4 percent for all of 1999. That growth has pushed down the nation's unemployment rate to 4.1 percent, the lowest level in 30 years. Many analysts believe a further dip to 4 percent will be reflected in January's employment report Friday.

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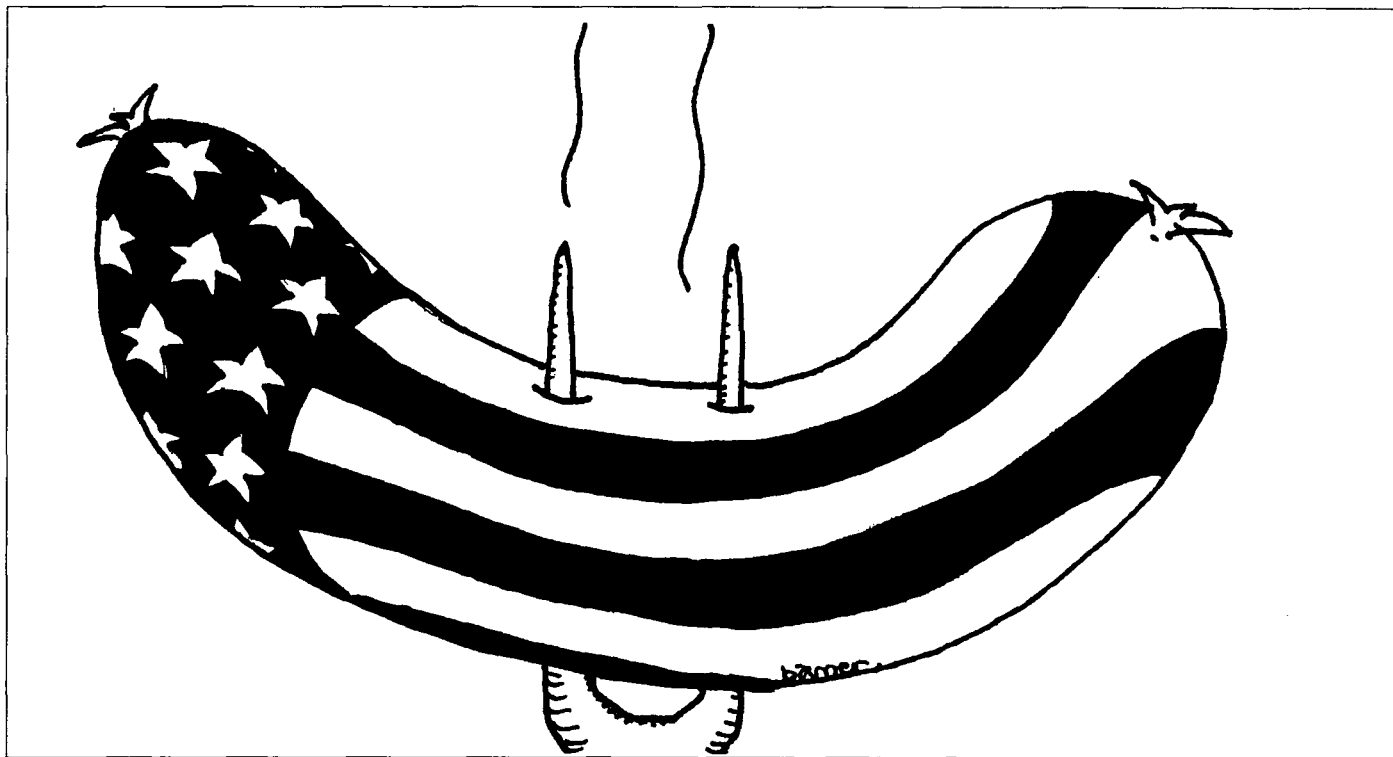
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Bradley and McCain bring on the fat!

Now that the primary season is beginning, the two candidates of ideas, Bill Bradley and John McCain, have decided to meet later this week to unveil their plan to revolutionize America: The Fat Tax.

Jeffery Langan

These candidates will propose the Fat Tax as a way of solving many vexing problems in American politics.

McCain and Bradley figure that now that we have villified tobacco, it is time for the federal government to take tougher measures to improve the health of the American people in general. First, let's look at the proposal. Then, we'll see the benefits.

After McCain's and Bradley's joint appearance to push campaign finance reform, they were having coffee and the conversation got around to taxes.

"Why not," McCain mused, "drop the L from flat. That will give us fat. You add the word tax, and you get the Fat Tax." "A Brilliant idea!" Bradley retorted. "People could pay a tax based on the amount of extra fat they carry around with them. They could also get write-offs by meeting national fat requirements." They began chanting: "The enemy is fat. The answer is tax. Forget about tobacco. Declare war on fat!" This, they both agreed, was what the American people really wanted.

First, it would expand the government's power to show how much it cares for the health of the American people. It would be no problem extending the government's regulatory control over health now that the people had let it heavily regulate tobacco companies. The government could begin suing companies that put too much fat in their food. They could tax foods that are high in fat. They could come up

with studies that show how fat is one of the greatest killers of all time. Being good Puritans, we could all glare and look down our noses at people who, like smokers, violate our sensibilities about health.

Secondly, it would make Republicans happy. The party that is against big government, would have a way to show its zeal with deeds. The Fat Tax would let people really put their money where there mouth is. People would pay less taxes if they weighed less. Therefore, Republicans who hate big government could get rid of big government by getting rid of their big bodies. Others, who liked big government, could stay big or get big. You could pay taxes based on how fat you wanted to be. This could do wonders for party re-alignment.

Thirdly, the Fat Tax would make Democrats happy by increasing jobs dependent on the government. In order to meet national fat regulations, people would have to go to doctors to get a fat test sometime during tax season. We take our cars in for emissions tests, why not take our bodies in for fat tests. In the process of getting a fat test, the American people could get their yearly check-up. It would be a way of putting into effect the old adage that prevention is the best medicine.

The purpose of these visits would be twofold. It would give accountants an individual's fat reading, allowing them to calculate the proper tax rate for each individual. It would also allow doctors to give special tax exemptions to people who were fat through no fault of their own, establishing their status as victims in the tax code. Nonetheless, over the years, even these people would have to show improvement in their diet. Thus, the new Fat Tax would add governmental jobs for surveying and administering the new tax code.

Of course, this might lead the

American people to adopt the dieting habits of wrestlers. Wrestlers will go on incredible starvation diets to make weight. Every March and April there might be vast increases in the amount of people going on crash diets and exercising for hours on end at local health clubs instead of looking at themselves in the mirror, but that is a risk worth taking. But this also might have its benefits.

Doctors might see an incredible rise in the number of liposuctions performed during that time of year. The government could also start the equivalent of a model cities program for communities that met the Fat Tax requirements. They could call it the "People In Good Shape" program. The government could siphon millions of dollars to those communities that showed improvement in their fat readings.

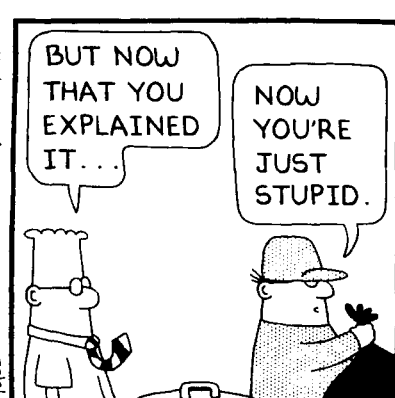
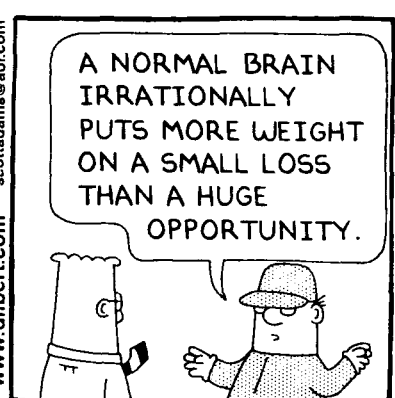
The Fat Tax would be a great source of raising revenues to pay for Healthcare. Everyone is concerned about the future cost of health care. The Fat Tax would make people contribute financially to resolving that crisis by making them pay for their culpability in bringing on that crisis. The money raised for the Fat Tax would go to the cost it took to care for people who developed problems related to fat.

Finally, the Fat Tax would be in accord the concern that the American people show for their health. With all the diet books, health club memberships and diet programs Americans regularly go on, McCain and Bradley figured that they needed some real enforcement mechanisms to really make these diets work.

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DILBERT



SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is not premarital sex unless you intend to marry."

Anonymous

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Thank you for coming

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MOVIE REVIEW

Beauty in 'Eye' is only skin deep

By JASON HAMMONTREE
Scene Movie Critic

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but the filmmakers also forgot that beauty is just skin deep. They've succeeded in making a surreal and sharp looking picture, full of interesting visuals and creative editing, but you forgot the story, stupid. As a result, "Eye of the Beholder" is a fine mess of a movie. From what little the audience is given, what can be determined is that Ewan McGregor plays "The Eye," a British agent trained in counter-surveillance, who uses a lot of hi-tech stuff to spy on his assignments. On one such job, he watches a sexy young woman, Joanna Eris, (Ashley Judd) suddenly kill a man. But instead of rushing to take her into custody, he quickly becomes entranced by her beauty (get it) and instead begins following her on a quest of sexual obsession.

This begins more as a passive trek, with "The Eye" merely following Joanna around as she continues to kill, but it quickly develops into more, with McGregor seeing himself as her guardian angel, protecting her from the authorities and even herself.

These two loners are not your run-of-the-mill spy and killer. They have mental problems, like normal people. They suffer, too. "The Eye" has to deal with the disappearance of his daughter (and does so by carrying on dialogue with the girl in his head); Joanna, as a child, found out one day that her daddy had left her without a trace. The spy guy and murderous girl, both with some abandonment issues, are just made for each

other (get it again). Only "The Eye" can recognize the suffering inside Ms. Eris and see her true beauty. Her inner child is just screaming out, "Hey, serial killers have feelings, too."

So off the movie goes, racing from location to location, following this basic line: new city, new man, Joanna kills man, Joanna runs off.

"The Eye" watches. "The Eye" follows. This bizarre pace, with very little dialogue, does not reveal anything about anybody, leaving us at the end with a movie in need of a point.

Judd and McGregor sure look good, but like everything else in this film, there is nothing to be found underneath the surface. Judd ("Kiss the Girls," "Double Jeopardy") seems to like the thriller genre, and usually excels. But here, she does not convincingly portray the angst that leads her character to axe every guy that comes near. And McGregor is not much better.

Making matters worse, it seems the budget for the actors was used up with the two stars, and we are left with Jason Priestley in a meaningless role as a bad guy Judd encounters, and k.d.

lang as "The Eye's" version of Bond's Q or Moneypenny. (One wish for the year 2000: musicians, make music. Movie stars, please make movies. This means you, Jewel and Jennifer Lopez.)

This movie comes from director Stephan Elliott, the maker of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," a very enjoyable film. But here, he seems so interested in camera angles and making the film look hip and ultra-modern, that he forgot what he was doing in the first place.

This movie was based on the 1980 book by Marc Behm. You would think a book about an intelligent spy and his obsession with a neurotic killer would work well on film, especially in the effects-laden cinematic world in which we live. But again, the critic's mantra rings true: Read the book.

"The Eye Of the Beholder"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Stephen Elliott
Starring: Ashley Judd, Ewan McGregor, Jason Priestley and Genevieve Bujold



Photo courtesy of Destination Films

Ashley Judd plays a pretty, but not very convincing, serial killer in "The Eye of the Beholder."

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

It's a dog-eat-dog world in 'Glengarry Glen Ross'

By JOHN CRAWFORD
Scene Movie Critic

Blake is a motivational speaker, sort of.

His job is to inspire the troops at a Chicago office, but his tactics may be a bit, well, rough.

"You call yourself a salesman, you son of a bitch," he says, before going on to question the manhood of sales force and brag about his \$80,000 BMW.

"Glengarry Glen Ross"

Director: James Foley
Starring: Al Pacino, Jack Lemmon, Alec Baldwin, Alan Arkin, Ed Harris, Kevin Spacey

Blake, played by a tyrannical Alec Baldwin, is just one of a roll call of liars, thieves and all-around sleazy guys infecting "Glengarry Glen Ross," a 1992 film directed by James Foley and based on David Mamet's Pulitzer-Prize-winning play. Following a group of struggling real

estate salesmen fighting to keep their jobs, "Glengarry" depicts a dog-eat-dog world of suit and ties, gin-fueled business deals and testosterone so thick you can drown in it.

Money and manhood are kings in this universe. Armed with smooth talk and plenty of four-letter words, the salesmen pursue the business deal. Nothing else matters.

"Only one thing counts in this life," Blake preaches. "Get them to sign on the line that is dotted."

To do that, all is game. Continually bothering potential customers? That's fine.

Lying to customers? That's OK, too.

The salesmen even contemplate breaking into their own office to grab good sales leads locked in the company's safe.

"Is there an absolute morality? Maybe," muses Al Pacino, while oozing confidence, cockiness and cool in his Oscar-nominated portrayal of Ricky Roma, the salesman on a hot streak who is aiming for top prize, a Cadillac, in the company's sales contest. Second prize is a set of steak knives. Third prize is unemployment.

Pacino and Baldwin are part of an excellent ensemble cast that includes Jack Lemmon, Alan Arkin, Ed Harris and Kevin Spacey. The real star of the movie, though, is the fast, machine-gun dialogue of Mamet.

Clipped and rhythmic, Mamet's writing, which has graced movies ranging from "The Untouchables" to "Wag the Dog," bounces and flips between the characters. It is Ping-Pong with words, language serving as a punching bag. Talk is how the salesmen wage war. At one point, their phones are stolen, leaving the characters literally defenseless, unable to do business. Conversation is what makes them, what defines them as men.

"I swear it is not a world of men," Ricky Roma says. "We are members of a dying breed."

Stand-out performances in "Glengarry" include Pacino, who thankfully doesn't resort to the yelling and "hoo-haas" that have characterized his later work, and Lemmon, who portrays Shelley "The Machine" Levene.

As a once great but now aging salesman, Levene flounders to regain his old magic and keep his job. He is desperate and pleading, and while a big deal temporarily restores his confidence, he is ultimately left broken and pathetic. In a world bathed in continual rain and red neon light, he is another whose manhood has been chewed up and spit out.

As Arkin's quiet salesman George Aaronow laments, "I hate this job."



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

Pacino delivers a performance worthy of an Oscar nomination as a tough, motivated salesman in "Glengarry Glen Ross."

THEATER REVIEW

St. Ed's players make dramatic detour with 'Drive'

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

Glaring at everyone making their journeys throughout the halls of campus buildings is a breast.

This breast is an advertisement for a play. The play, "How I Learned to Drive," seems to be taking a cue from other taboo breakers — like a penis-infested Student Film Festival. Performed by the St. Edward's Hall Players, it is not an ode to the female breast, but a commentary about sexual deviance and the family.

"How I Learned to Drive" follows the memories of an adult Li'l Bit who had a sexual relationship throughout her adolescence with her

aunt's husband, Uncle Peck. A conversation with the play's director, senior Sean Dwyer, illuminated the reasoning behind bringing this somewhat controversial play to Notre Dame.

"I was looking for something that was a modern work," he said. "Normally the STEDS show is done with comedy, but I didn't want it to be something mindless. I wanted something that would also have a message to it."

Paula Vogel, the playwright behind "How I Learned to Drive," won the Pulitzer Prize in 1998 for the drama. Despite the fact that the play includes some seriously mature roles that must be acted well for the play to be a success, Dwyer felt he found the right actors to fill the main roles.

"It's really a difficult thing to do when you're working with actors who are 18 to 23, for the older roles. You can't do it on looks so much as you do it on maturity and character," said Dwyer. "John Area, who plays [45-year-old] Uncle Peck, he really has great instincts when it comes to his acting. He just kind of brings a worldliness and a maturity that really would suggest an actor with many more years in training."

Area noted the difficulty in playing the middle-aged character.

"It's really something very different from what I've played in the past," he said. "People tend to typecast me in the nice guy kind of role. It's the first role I've ever played that is inherently kind of bad." But Area added that Vogel characterized Uncle Peck as a victim, as opposed to a villain.

Beth Hoffman plays Li'l Bit, the multi-aged character who must deal with the emotional bearing of

an incest victim. "She's a younger actor. She's a sophomore," said Dwyer. "What I liked about Beth is she really doesn't put up any walls around herself. She works incredibly hard and if you ask her to give you something in rehearsal, she's willing to do it. And emotionally, she's willing to go as far as you push her."

"And as a director, it's much easier to bring someone back and to confine the performance, then to constantly have to draw it out, and make it bigger. The fact that she has to play Li'l Bit at so many different ages and in so many different situations, that definitely was something I was looking for."

Hoffman commented on the respect she paid to her character.

"She has this incredible strength which I think all of us are looking for at some point in their lives," she said. "The really amazing thing is that she calls on it and uses it and pulls herself through."

Dwyer's satisfaction with his two lead actors may be surprising to some people who will doubt the capabilities of naïve college students taking on such tough subjects. But he insists there is nothing to worry about in terms of being honest to the text.

"I've been satisfied with the whole cast. I think they've done really well with the material," he said. "It's a hard script to do with actors who have just started their formal training. Even myself, I'm a senior major, but I'm just kind of finishing up the first steps of my training. But I think they've done very well."

Of course, he really couldn't do anything but praise his cast. Nor could he withdraw himself from the confidence he feels heading into the weekend, despite the fact he missed the play's last dress rehearsal Wednesday evening so he could attend a funeral.

"I feel very confident," he said. "It will be a play that the audiences will enjoy, but that hopefully will also be something that they can take a few messages away from."

PLAYBILL

CENTURY THEATRE

HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE

Image courtesy of Pulitzer.org

The St. Ed's players present Paula Vogel's play "How I Learned to Drive" at Washington Hall this weekend. Directed by senior Sean Dwyer and starring students John Area and Beth Hoffman, the play deals with the controversial topic of incest. Tickets are available for \$5 at LaFortune or at the door. Shows start at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

BOX OFFICE



Ashley Judd is Joanna Eris in this weekend's No. 1 movie at the box office, "The Eye of the Beholder." Judd portrays an emotionally troubled serial killer who is being stalked by an investigator, "The Eye" (played by Ewen McGregor). He develops a sexual obsession for Joanna. Interesting camera angles provide a hip and modern look in this film.

Photo courtesy of Destination Films

TOP TEN

Weekend of Jan 27-30

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. The Eye of the Beholder	\$ 6.0 million	\$ 6.0 million
2. Next Friday	\$ 5.8 million	\$ 39.5 million
3. The Hurricane	\$ 5.7 million	\$ 30.9 million
4. Stuart Little	\$ 4.8 million	\$ 123.0million
5. The Green Mile	\$ 4.0 million	\$ 115.2 million
6. Down to You	\$ 4.0 million	\$ 13 million
7. Galaxy Quest	\$ 3.4 million	\$ 58.8 million
8. Girl, Interrupted	\$ 3.3 million	\$ 21.2 million
9. The Talented Mr. Ripley	\$ 2.8 million	\$ 72.2 million
10. Toy Story 2	\$ 2.3 million	\$ 234.3 million

Source: Associated Press

NCAA BASKETBALL

Porter leads No. 10 Auburn to defeat Alabama, 77-63

Associated Press

Chris Porter scored 22 points and No. 10 Auburn used stingy second half defense to beat Alabama 77-63 Wednesday night.

Auburn (18-3, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) beat the Crimson Tide (10-9, 3-4) for the fourth straight time.

Alabama had a 32-28 lead at halftime, the first team to lead at the break at Auburn since 1998.

This season, the Tigers' three losses came when they were losing at halftime. But against Alabama, the Tigers used an early 17-7 run to wipe away the lead.

After Auburn took a 45-39 lead with 13:18 to play, things unraveled for Alabama. The Tide failed to make a basket for more than four minutes and turned over the ball five times during the stretch.

Auburn, meanwhile, made its shots at the other end and used a 14-0 run to put the game away.

Mack McGadney and Scott Pohlman made consecutive jumpers and Mamadou N'diaye and Porter made three free throws.

After Schea Cotton's turnover at the other end, Porter dunked in an N'diaye miss.

Cotton turned the ball over again and Daymeon Fishback finished the fast break with a long 3-pointer. McGadney ended the spurt with a jumper that gave Auburn a 60-43 lead with 7:40 to play.

Alabama, which at one point had made just three of its 18 second-half shots, ended its scoring drought on Rod Grizzard's jumper with 8:01 to play. The Tide shot just 32 percent for the game and finished 6-of-24 from 3-point range.

Pohlman finished with 17 points. Doc Robinson scored 11

and N'diaye finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Auburn out-rebounded Alabama 45-35, only the second SEC team the Tigers have beaten under the boards this season.

Grizzard scored 14 of his team-high 21 points in the first half. But he picked up his third foul of the game with 4:26 to play in the first half and was limited in the second half.

Cotton, Alabama's leading scorer with a 16.3 point average, finished with 18 points on 6-of-19 shooting.

Hoosiers 87, Nittany Lions 77

Once Larry Richardson got into the game, he was just too good to come out.

Richardson came off the bench to score a career-high 25 points, including 10 during a 16-2 run that carried No. 11 Indiana over Penn State.

The victory was Bob Knight's 759th in 35 years as a college coach, tying him with Ed Diddle of Western Kentucky for fifth among Division I coaches.

Knight finally gave Richardson a breather late in the game, then paid tribute to the fifth-year senior in the closing seconds by joining hands with him along the sideline and raising them over their heads as the Assembly Hall crowd roared its approval.

Kirk Haston also had 25 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and A.J. Guyton added 15 points for the Hoosiers (16-3, 6-2 Big Ten).

Indiana led only 21-18 after a basket by Gyasi Cline-Heard midway through the first half, but Richardson, who missed only one shot in the opening period, dominated the Nittany Lions (12-7, 4-4) for the next 10 minutes.

A steal and layup by Dane Fife and a fast-break slam dunk by Richardson started

Indiana's big run, when Penn State's only score was on a rebound basket by Tyler Smith. Richardson, a 6-foot-8 forward, scored the next six points on a pair of free throws and two baskets to give Indiana its biggest lead at 37-20.

The Hoosiers led 39-26 at halftime and Richardson, whose previous high was 19 points against Illinois last year, stayed in the game at the start of the second period, scoring the Hoosiers' first five points over the next two minutes.

The second of five 3-pointers by Titus Ivory started a brief Penn State comeback, however, cutting the lead to six points three times.

Guyton scored seven more in the next two minutes, and another basket by Richardson pushed Indiana's lead back to 13.

Richardson finally left the game with just over six minutes to go.

Terrapins 91, Cavaliers 79

Terence Morris had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 25 Maryland pulled away in the second half to end Virginia's five-game winning streak.

Lonny Baxter scored 24 points and Juan Dixon 19 for the Terrapins (15-6, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference). Maryland, which made a season-high 30 free throws, has won four of five in the ACC after starting 0-3.

Chris Williams scored 22 points for the Cavaliers (15-6, 5-3), who have lost five straight against Maryland and eight in a row at Cole Field House. Virginia was seeking its first six-game winning streak since the 1994-95 season.

Donald Hand, Virginia's leading scorer, missed his first seven shots and finished with five points on 1-for-9 shooting.

Maryland led 49-47 before

Baxter scored in the lane. Morris hit a hook and Mike Mardesich got a tip-in to make it 55-47. Adam Hall stopped the run with a 3-pointer, and his three-point play minutes later brought the Cavaliers to 60-55.

Morris then made two foul shots and Baxter scored in the lane to spark an 11-3 run that put Maryland up 71-58 with 8:04 left. The spree included a jumper by Steve Blake as the shot clock expired.

The Cavaliers made only one less basket than Maryland but were outscored by 30-14 at the line. The Terrapins took 38 free throws, twice as many as Virginia.

Morris scored 12 points and Maryland outscored Virginia 15-3 at the foul line in taking a 41-36 halftime lead.

Both teams missed their first six shots from the field, and after eight minutes the Terrapins trailed only 12-10 despite 3-for-12 shooting. Danny Miller then made two foul shots and Baxter added a dunk to start an 8-0 run that put Maryland up by six.

Buckeyes 51, Badgers 48

Michael Redd scored 14 points and No. 5 Ohio State weathered two 3-point misses in the final seconds to hold off Wisconsin.

The win was the seventh in a row and 11th in its last 12 games for Ohio State (15-3, 6-1 Big Ten). The 51 points matched Ohio State's lowest point total in a conference win since 1982.

Scoonie Penn added 13 points for the Buckeyes, who won despite shooting 37 percent from the field. They hit 12-of-14 free throws, although both misses came in the final 48 seconds.

Even though they trailed most of the game, the Badgers (11-10, 3-6) controlled the tempo. Tight defense, mixed

with chest bumps and hand checks, held down the scoring at both ends.

Down as many as seven points in the first half, Wisconsin pulled even at 35 on a free throw at the 13:33 mark by Andy Kowske, who led the Badgers with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Following form, neither team scored on its next four possessions.

The Badgers' 9-0 run was built on their defense and ball-control offense. While Ohio State missed all but one of its 13 shots from the field, Wisconsin took a 40-35 lead on Mike Kelley's steal and assist on Charlie Wills' layup and Jon Bryant's 3-pointer from the right side.

The Buckeyes scored their first points since the 15:25 mark when Reese scored on a backdoor pass from Redd with 7:23 left. After a Wisconsin miss, Penn hit a 15-footer that went through the net while he hit the floor.

Ohio State scored its next six points at the line — two apiece by Redd, Penn and Brown — to forge a 45-40 lead and complete a 10-0 run.

The Buckeyes led 49-44 after Reese hit a baseline jumper with 2:07 left. But a 3-pointer by Duany Duany with 29 seconds left cut the lead to 50-48.

Reese was fouled with 22.8 seconds and hit the second of two shots, with Wisconsin calling timeout to set up a 3-point attempt.

Center Mark Vershaw put up a shot behind the arc with 8.5 seconds left that missed, but Kowske rebounded and kicked it out to Kelley who misfired on another 3-pointer. The ball bounced under the basket as time ran out.

Kirk Penney added 10 points for Wisconsin, which shot just 32 percent from the field.

The low score backed up the teams' ranking as the two best defensive teams in the Big Ten.

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Aut - hope you liked your black-
male ... i mean mail pics!

Can I get a ...

Time to go to Heartland! I heart
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See Gina! I do write these for you!

Rie: What's this remind you of?
Yeah, good show, Rick!

O'Danny's man, You will be mine!
Someday, somehow, somewhere ...
soon!

Rick Springfield is makin' a come-
back, baby! Just ask Milwaukee's
finest hockey players!

Thanks for the road trip, Marie!
You rock ... and so do your answers
to "If."

Foot PLUS foot EQUALS pain.

I'll meet you in Jeff's room. Oh,
I'm not "invited" to meet you in
Jeff's room? We'll see about that.

Hey Min, know his name yet?
Didn't think so.

Noah, scribble, scribble,
scribble, scribble, SCRIBBLE

I hate Bond.

I think everyone knows that.

Lara Croft will most likely be invit-
ed to the Decade Dance.

Instead of me.

Which is why I'm not invited.

Because he's taking a digital
character.

Who he probably thinks exists.

Jimmy Dillon can dunk. That
amazes me.

Leno talks about the same stuff.
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Oh, that's harsh. Sorry.

Okay, Molly's turn.

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My turn again. Woo hoo.

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I can't find LFO posters in the UP
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- * Congrats to Anne Abbott for being named SUB December Member of the Month!

NFL

Vermeil resigns, Martz to coach Rams

Associated Press

Mike Martz won't let go of the NFL's No. 1 offense, even if he's now the man in charge of the Super Bowl champions.

Martz inherited the St. Louis Rams coaching job, his first ever, when Dick Vermeil resigned on Tuesday.

Martz said he'll still be calling the plays, only from the sideline instead of the press box.

"That's what I love doing," said Martz, who got a four-year contract. "That is going to be fun for me."

Martz, 48, was offensive coordinator of a unit that averaged 33 points and more than 400 yards per game with an inventive mix of sets designed to put pressure on a defense. He said he would increase the responsibilities of some of his assistants, wide receivers coach Al Saunders in particular, to help fill the gaps.

The move is the first of several offseason adjustments for the Rams, who are soon expected to elevate Charley Arney from personnel director to general manager and Jay Zygmunt to president of football operations. Vermeil had been president of football operations, while leaning heavily on advice from Arney and Zygmunt.

Martz is the fifth coach in NFL history to take over a Super Bowl winner, and the first since 1993, when Barry Switzer replaced Jimmy Johnson at Dallas.

His staff agreed it would be a crime for Martz to become a supervisor instead of a hands-on guy.

"I've never been around a guy that took a more aggressive approach to the game," tight ends coach Lynn Stiles said. "Bill Walsh was that way, but this guy is out of sight. We could be up 30-0 and he would act like it was still zero-zero, and now he's the head coach and he doesn't have to pull off."

In one big year, Martz made a name for himself. He was with the Rams from 1992-96

as an offensive assistant, coaching tight ends, receivers and quarterbacks. After Rich Brooks' staff was fired, he coached quarterbacks for two years with Washington.

Vermeil brought him back last year after the Rams had gone 4-12 with the NFL's 27th-rated offense. Just like league MVP Kurt Warner, he had no idea what he'd found.

Five years ago, Warner was stocking grocery shelves. Martz's story compares, because his first NFL job was as an unpaid tight ends coach with the Los Angeles Rams. Chuck Knox gave him a shot but no money in 1992.

The line of succession was established last month when the Rams signed Martz to a two-year contract that handed him the job when Vermeil had finished the last two years of his deal. The promotion came a lot sooner than expected for Martz, who was shocked when Vermeil broke the news Tuesday morning.

Vermeil's advice: "There's only one way to become a head coach, and that's be one."

Martz has had some time to get used to the idea and it's clear he's quickly growing into the job. When the team named him their leader of the future, Martz was uncomfortable at the podium, but on Wednesday he was cool and confident and even cracked a joke or two about his playing career, his family, advice he might get from his assistants.

Over and over again, he said he was ready.

"I think I've seen every side of this game," Martz said. "I've been with the best and the very worst, and I started at the very bottom and right now I'm at the very top."

"I feel good about being able to handle it and take another run at this thing."

This promises to be a hectic, compressed offseason for Martz. In addition to playing a month longer than most teams, he's also due to undergo surgery to fuse vertebrae in his neck.

That operation had been scheduled for Wednesday morning.

"Most of the assistant coaches out there have already had a week or two off," Martz said. "Our guys, we just caught our breath."



Martz

FOOTBALL

Chasing recruits lacks glamour

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

It was 8 at night, 12 inches of snow covered the ground and they were trapped in a small rental car, heading to Columbia, S.C.

On their way to visit a recruit, they felt something ricochet off the side of their car.

Snowballs. Several people decided to pack some snow together and hit an innocent bystander.

But they didn't know the occupants were Bob Davie and Steve Addazio.

Sixty miles and six hours after leaving Spartansburg, S.C., at 12:30 a.m., the two Irish coaches finally arrived at their destination, a Marriott hotel. They had not eaten since noon, and most places were closed at the late hour.

So their dinner consisted of a small box of cereal. No milk, no fruit, just dry Froot Loops.

Then, recognizing Davie, one of the hotel workers offered the coaches some milk and bananas that were hidden in the back room.

"We were the kings of the world sitting there," Davie recalled. "We were keeping an eye on it so nobody would come in because there were other guests that were hungry."

Such is the life of a coach during recruiting season.

It's not the glamour associated with people who make six-figure salaries. The five-

star hotels, the fancy restaurants and the cars mean nothing when you're trying to build a winning program.

There are long days and nights in unheard of places, far from family — all to chase 17-year-olds.

But this is when recruiting coaches realize that coaching is their first love. That in order to survive in the profession, they must work long days. That the only way to keep a job is to get players that can win at the college level.

Notre Dame received visits from 45 players this year. Davie visited each one at their homes. He traveled to Florida, Texas and California in search of talent.

"I was gone every day that you could be gone as the head coach," he said.

This work ethic is not limited to just the head coach. The assistants were assigned regions of the country. They evaluated players for months — some for more than a year — to determine which players they wanted to target.

Addazio, the tight ends and special teams coach, was instrumental in attracting players from the Northeast.

Through Kirk Doll's sales pitch, the Irish were able to land Carlyle Holiday.

Desmond Robinson, the

running backs coach, was at home on Saturday, ready to go with his family to the Notre Dame-St. John's basketball game.

Then the phone rang around 1 in the afternoon. It was Davie, who told him to head to Tulsa, Okla., to meet with a recruit. He boarded the next flight and was at the recruit's house until one minute before midnight, the deadline for coaches to visit.

The recruit never signed with Notre Dame.

Then there's defensive coordinator Greg Mattison, whose physical presence and personable nature make him a nationally respected as a recruiter.

"We went up to [recruit Greg Pauly's] school Friday and everyone in that school knows Greg Mattison when he walks in," Davie said. "He knows where all the pizza lines are. He knows all the faculty members and they think he does a terrific job. He did a great job recruiting."

"I'm real proud of the effort our coaches have put into this," Davie added. "We've got some guys that can compete."

That includes Davie, who found out some bad news yesterday.

None of the names on the official list of signees came from South Carolina.

"I'm real proud of the effort our coaches have put into this. We've got some guys that can compete."

Bob Davie
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Friday-Sunday, February 4-6, Fatima Retreat Center

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Depart from Library Circle at 8:00 a.m.
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Sunday, February 6, 4:00 p.m., Sorin Hall Chapel
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Sunday, February 6, 4:30 p.m., Walsh Hall

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Monday-Friday, February 7-11, 103 Hesburgh Library
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Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, February 9, 8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, February 9, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, February 5 Mass
5:00 p.m.

Rev. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 6 Mass

10:00 am

Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Mark 1: 29-39

What is a Campus Ministry Internship, and why should I do one after graduation?

The Campus Ministry Internship provides an opportunity for recent Notre Dame graduates to grow personally, spiritually, and professionally while learning from and ministering with fellow members of the Campus Ministry team.

Applications are available now, and are due February 15, 2000. Stop by the Badin Hall Office of Campus Ministry to pick up an application, or to speak with John and Sylvia Dillon about the Internship and its benefits.

It seems like its been forever, but it was just one year ago that I was facing graduation and trying to decide what I would do with myself, at least for the coming year. I had long been interested in going to graduate school, but I had also always thought I wanted to take a year off from school to find a way to live out my faith by ministering to others.

I never really found any one particular service organization, or not-for-profit, that appealed to me. As graduation neared, I naturally thought more and more about the best experiences I had enjoyed here during my four years as an undergraduate. I thought back to service opportunities I had participated in, and retreats I had attended and helped lead. I remembered the honor of acting as a Confirmation sponsor for a friend, and the times I helped organize my dorm's Sunday liturgy. Most of all, I reflected on my year as a Resident Assistant in Siegfried Hall, and on all of the wonderful opportunities for friendship and ministry that it had afforded me.

The more I thought about these experiences, the more I realized that I never would have been able to have them if it weren't for a dedicated group of people that have given their lives to ministering to Notre Dame students. There were rectors of course, and Holy Cross priests, and lay men and women who taught, led retreats, organized service trips, and provided music at liturgy. Together they had made my time here at Notre Dame an opportunity for me to grow intellectually and spiritually.

As I reflected more on this, I decided that I wanted to continue to learn from these men and women, and I wanted to help them make for others, what they made Notre Dame for me. My chance to do just that came with my discovery of the Campus Ministry Internship. The internship is designed as an opportunity to learn from those men and women who minister on this campus, by joining them in ministry.

This immersion in ministry has allowed me to reflect on the Gospel call to service of others, and on what it means to be Church here at Notre Dame. Personally, this year has helped me discern a possible future in ministry. But I already see that whatever I might ultimately do with my life, this experience has given me the tools to be constantly involved in the life, teaching, and ministry of the Church.

- Stephen M. Koeth

Like many seniors currently, last year I spent countless hours discerning exactly what it was I wanted to do with my life. My path seemed fairly straightforward, like all the other 150 accounting majors I would go and work for a Big 5 CPA firm. I had already interned with one firm the previous summer and received an offer from them to come back and work next year. I had the opportunity to walk into my senior year with a job so I could just sit back and party and wait for graduation, right? Well that path as nice as it sounded just didn't seem to jive with who I was and what I wanted for myself. So I took a long look at what it was that really made me thrive and came to the realization that it was working with people that I really found my true calling.

During my four years at Notre Dame, I had worked in the office of Campus Ministry and participated in a variety of their programs from retreats to workshops to sacramental preparation programs. When I looked at the people around me I could see that they really enjoyed what they were doing and did not dread coming into to work every day. I thought to myself how great would that be to find something that you liked to do and were also good at. Unfortunately working in ministry really never crossed my mind until later senior year because it is, for all practical purposes, very far removed from the business world. Well, for all you business majors out there or anyone else who enjoys working with people and feels a calling towards ministry the Campus Ministry internship will provide you the chance to explore this opportunity in a challenging and rewarding environment.

This year working as the Campus Ministry Intern I have been able to not only help others learn about their faith but also to grow in my own. The internship has challenged me to articulate exactly what it is I believe while also finding ways to explore these beliefs in a secure setting. I have grown in so many ways both spiritually and professionally through this internship. I believe that we have some of the best campus ministers in the world on this campus and the chance to work side by side and learn from them is a once in a life opportunity that everyone who is interested in this field should take advantage of.

This internship has provided me with a variety of tools that I will carry forth not only into any job that I do but into any relationship that I have. It has also opened my eyes to what it means to not only work for the Church but to be a contributing member of the Church. I think that many stereotypes exist about what type of people work for the Church. Through this internship I have been able to wash away those stereotypes and see that anyone can be a contributing member to the Church body regardless of their background or expertise in the field. Also through this internship I have come into contact with a wide variety of students in various stages of their faith development, each searching for a deeper relationship with God in their own way. The Campus Ministry Internship will allow you the opportunity to find out how you too can be of service to others throughout their faith journey. Now as I am about ready to reenter the business world I realize I have gained the skills that allow me to integrate my faith life into a secular setting.

-Clare Sullivan

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NBA

Walker's Wizards take down Timberwolves

Associated Press

In Darrell Walker's home debut as coach, the Washington Wizards played one of their best games of the season and beat the hottest team in the NBA.

Juwan Howard, playing his preferred position of power forward, had 14 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists and held his own against Kevin Garnett as the Wizards beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 103-93 Wednesday night.

Walker, hired Monday to replace the fired Gar Heard, punched his fist and leaped off the bench to reflect the fortunes of his team. He lost his first game Tuesday at Cleveland. This time, with boss Michael Jordan watching intently from the owners' box, the Wizards played with enthusiasm and kept up the tough defense the whole way through.

The Wizards nearly blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead as they went nearly seven minutes without a field goal. The lead shrank from 83-69 to 92-89, but solid defense forced two key turnovers — bad passes by Garnett and Malik Sealy — in the final 90 seconds.

Washington ended the game with an 11-4 run that included layups by Howard and Richmond and a 3-pointer by Richmond. Richmond scored 19 points in his return to the lineup after missing seven games with a cracked rib.

Washington is in last place in the Atlantic Division, while Minnesota lost for only the fifth time in 23 games.

The Wizards were leading 70-64 when Minnesota coach Flip Saunders rested Garnett for the final three minutes of the third quarter. Washington then went on an 11-3 run to end the period, capped with

Richard Hamilton's pump-fake, 3-point leaner at the buzzer to make it 79-67.

Howard, unhappy when he was playing small forward under Heard, dunked over Garnett to increase the lead to 14 early in the fourth, but Garnett then led the comeback to make the game close. He finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Heat 105, Celtics 103

Alonzo Mourning made a hook shot from the lane with 15.7 seconds left to give the Miami Heat a victory over the Boston Celtics.

Mourning and Jamal Mashburn each had 23 points for Miami, which snapped a season-high three-game road losing streak. Antoine Walker scored 35, but he missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds that would have won the game for Boston.

After Mourning's basket gave the Heat the lead, the Celtics had two chances to win. Paul Pierce, who had 27 points and 10 rebounds, missed first then Adrian Griffin pushed the rebound out to Walker on the left side.

He dribbled and stepped back behind the 3-point line, then clanged the game's final shot off the side of the rim.

Miami led 99-92 with 3:08 to play when Kenny Anderson made consecutive baskets to pull Boston within three. Voshon Lenard hit a put-back to make it 101-96, but he fouled Pierce at the other end; Pierce hit both free throws and then added a 3 to tie it with 1:28 to play.

Clarence Weatherspoon's 10-footer put Miami back in front, but Anderson hit another short jumper to tie the game again. Miami called time out with 32.4 seconds left, and came up with a winning strategy.

VOLLEYBALL

Brown inks four in Class of 2004

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head volleyball coach Debbie Brown announced the signing Wednesday of middle blocker Kim Fletcher, outside hitter Jessica Kinder, setter Kristen Kinder and middle blocker Katherine Neff to Notre Dame's Class of 2004.

"I think it's a really strong and balanced class," Brown said. "They all have the ability to compete right away and will definitely raise the level of competition for us in the gym."

"If they're not starting, then they will be pushing for significant playing time and either they're going to be getting better, or the players that they're pushing will be getting better."

Fletcher is a two-time U.S.A. Volleyball All-American, earning all-tournament honors last year at the junior national championships after leading her squad, Team St. Louis, to the silver-division championship.

"Kim is a solid all-around player, a good passer and defensive player and hits the slide extremely well," Brown says.

The 6-foot senior at Nerinx Hall High School in Webster Groves, Mo., Fletcher earned all-metro and all-district honors three times in her career.

"It's mostly because of the people — the players and the coaches," Fletcher said about her decision to sign with Notre Dame. "I think I am going to learn a lot from them."

Jessica and Kristen Kinder both earned All-America hon-

ors from Student Sports Magazine in 1999, and were selected as U.S.A. Volleyball All-Americans after leading their club team, the Fresno Red, to a fifth-place finish in the girls 18 open division at the 1999 junior national championships. The sisters and class valedictorians also captained Bullard High School to a No. 11 national ranking in 1999, and were honored the same year as the Fresno Bee All-Valley Co-Players of the Year.

Individually, Kinder, who is 5-foot-10, was a four-time all league selection and two-time North Yosemite League player of the year. She also was an alternate for this year's U.S.A. Volleyball Youth National Team.

"Jessica hits the ball as hard as anyone in this year's national recruiting class," Brown said. "She's very strong, hits a heavy ball and has excellent ball handling skills."

Kinder, who is 5-foot-9, was a three-time all-league performer, who recently earned Volleyball Magazine third-team All-American honors.

"Kristen is a very dynamic player who will give us depth at the setting position," Brown said. "She's a very good left-handed setter, who attacks the second ball very well, and has the ability to run anything down and get her hands on the ball."

Jessica and Kristen Kinder, both members of the All-Stater Sports Class of 2000 Super 75 volleyball list, will be the second set of sisters to play volleyball for the Irish, following Kathleen (1984-86) and Maureen (1980-82) Morin

of Mishawaka, Ind., who played for the Irish during the early- and mid-'80s.

Neff, Fletcher's club teammate this season on the St. Louis Elite, is a 6-foot-4 middle blocker from Cor Jesu Academy, who earned all-state honors her junior and senior seasons.

She also owns the Missouri state record for total games played in a career (317) and is tied for the state record in career matches played with 144.

"Katie is a very efficient hitter," Brown said. "She hits the ball at a very high point and is a very good blocker who takes up a lot of court. She's tall, jumps well and has a good arm swing to hit over the block."

Neff was a three-time all district and two-time all conference, all-region and all-metro selections at Cor Jesu, in addition to being named to the academic all-state team all four seasons.

A Street & Smith Basketball Honorable Mention All-American as a junior, Neff owns 10 school volleyball records.

"It's always been my dream to come to Notre Dame, and I'm really looking forward to it," Neff said. "They have a great balance between athletics and academics and it was somewhere I always wanted to go."

The Notre Dame volleyball team finished its 1999 campaign with a 20-9 overall record, claiming its eighth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and went undefeated in winning its fourth Big East regular season title in five years.

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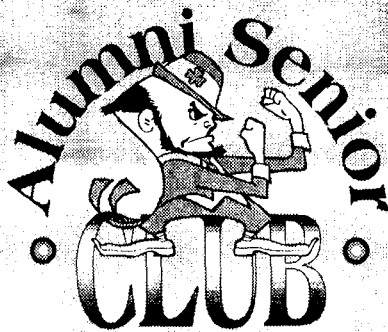
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Irish fail to sign 'star' in Gator-powered recruiting war

Associated Press

As Steve Spurrier likes to say, it's great to be a Gator!

Some of the nation's most promising prospects agreed with the Florida coach on Wednesday, becoming baby Gators on the first day high school stars can sign letters of intent.

"We did get most all the guys we went after this year," Spurrier said. "A few weeks ago, I didn't think we were recruiting enough players to sign 21 or 22. But it seemed like they all wanted to come play for the Gators this year."

With an incoming class led by quarterback Brock Berlin, USA Today's offensive player of the year, All-American linebacker Darrell Lee and a flurry of impressive last-minute signees, Florida came out the winner in Recruiting Wars 2000.

"Florida was amazing — lots of big names on signing day," added Bobby Burton of Austin, Texas-based The National Recruiting Advisor.

Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report also gave the nod to Florida, while Max Emfinger of Covington, La.-based National Blue Chips had Tennessee first with the Gators a close second.



Spurrier

Alabama, Florida State, Penn State and Texas showed up in at least one of the four recruiting gurus' top-5 lists.

Notre Dame and Michigan, usually in the top 10, didn't fare so well. The Wolverines lost out on several players, including All-American wide receiver Charles Rogers from Detroit, who chose Michigan State, and All-American offensive lineman Kwame Harris, who signed with Stanford.

The Irish didn't have a star player in their incoming class, says Emfinger. They didn't even sign Starks, the son of former Notre Dame star Ross Browner, who chose the Gators instead.

"They were about 15th — the problem is they don't have a difference maker, a 7 in my ratings," Emfinger said. "They have some 6s and 5s and they also signed four quarterbacks. What are they going to do with all of them?"

Irish coach Bob Davie said he planned it that way. Jarious Jackson is gone and Eric Chappell has been suspended.

"Quarterback, no question that was a priority for us," Davie said. The quarterbacks are Matt LoVecchio, Jared Clark, Carlyle Holiday and Abram Elam, who can also play defensive back.

Quarterbacks Casey Clausen and John Rattay, brother of Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay, made early commitments to the Vols and are set to take part in spring practice.

So is the 6 foot-1, 190-pound Berlin, the Gators' prize recruit from Shreveport, La., who threw

for 4,219 yards and 36 TDs in his senior year at Evangel Christian. In four years, his team was 60-0 with four state titles.

While Florida made a huge move Wednesday in signing 29 players, it paled by comparison to Florida State's surge. The Seminoles, despite a perfect season and national championship, weren't on many top 10 lists — until wacky Wednesday.

By the time the day ended, Florida State was third on Emfinger's and Wallace's top 10 list, fourth on Lemming's and seventh on Burton's. Burton said the Seminoles began the day rated 24th on his list.

Coach Bobby Bowden, that c r a f t y recruiter who shows up at a prospect's doorstep for one last-minute pitch, came through again. He convinced Parade and USA Today All-American Travis Johnson, a 6-5, 240-pounder from Sherman Oaks, Calif., to head to the Sunshine State.

The Seminoles also grabbed two other All-Americans on Wednesday — defensive back Bryant McFadden from Hollywood, Fla. and linebacker Eric Moore from Pahokee, Fla. All-American defensive back Yohance Buchanan from Atlanta made good on an earlier verbal commitment.

Michael Boulware, brother of former Florida State All-American Peter Boulware, also

signed with the Seminoles.

Linebacker D.J. Williams, the consensus defensive player of the year from Concord, Calif., was undecided late Wednesday. He was said to be considering Florida State, Michigan and California, but was unlikely to make a decision until later in the week.

Florida soared to the top when it landed highly regarded defensive backs Cory Bailey from Hialeah, Fla., and Trey Orr from Lake City, Fla.; offensive linemen Jonathan Colon (6-6, 285) from Miami, Max Starks (6-8, 340) from Orlando, and Kevin Deaton (6-4, 290) from Merritt Island, Fla.; defensive tackle Kenny Parker (6-4, 300) from Warner-Robins, Ga.; and wide receiver Kelvin Knight from Lithonia, Ga.

"I hope these guys will all stick together and last four to five years," Spurrier, whose Gators finished a 9-3 in '99, said. "If they can do that, we're going to have a chance for some very good teams in future years."

The four recruiting experts agreed it was a big year for Southern teams, specifically the Southeastern Conference. Alabama joined Florida and Tennessee with an impressive signing class.

"The South is cleaning up," Lemming, who had Florida, Tennessee and Alabama 1-2-3 on his top 10 list. "In Florida's

case, they were No. 1 going in and got a bunch of stars today."

Lemming also cited the Gators' poor finish last season as a reason for their recruiting success.

"When powerhouses falter a little, kids get the idea they can come right in and play," Lemming said.

Until Wednesday, Penn State coach Joe Paterno had himself the top class, no one spectacular, but a solid all-around group.

"Penn State dictated the process for seven months," Wallace said, "and Florida took over on signing day."

Among the Nittany Lions signees were quarterbacks Zac Wasserman of Westlake Village, Calif., and Zack Mills of Ijamsville, Md. Also, Wallace noted six linemen who made his All-America team — Jeremiah Davis of Annandale, Va.; Scott Davis of Parkersburg, W.Va.; Sam Ruhe of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Erik Noll of Gaithersburg, Md.; Dan Aciri of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Jason Robinson of Swedesboro, N.J.

Texas, the winner of last year's recruiting fight, had another strong year. The Longhorns grabbed homegrown receivers B.J. Johnson (South Grand Prairie); Roy Williams (Odessa), Sloan Thomas (Klein) and Brock Edwards (Fort Worth).

Two prep stars, offensive lineman Jason Respert of Warner-Robins, Ga., and tight end Eric Knott of Detroit, face criminal charges and didn't sign with any school.



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Garron Bible

position: defensive back
hometown: Kingwood, Texas
height: 5-foot-11
weight: 186
accolades: all-district
 cornerback junior year

"He may get a crack at running back, but I think he'll be an even better cornerback because that is where the need seems to be now."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Jerome Collins

position: wide receiver
hometown: Wheaton, Ill.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 225
accolades: ranked No. 94 on Tom Lemming's Top 100 prospects

"He's a great athlete and a guy that can probably fill out to 260 pounds. He can have a great future."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Vontez Duff

position: running back
hometown: Wheaton, Ill.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 225
accolades: rated No. 61 on Tom Lemming's Top 100 prospects

"A terrific running back, not the biggest but very quick with great cutting ability and vision."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Omar Jenkins

position: wide receiver
hometown: Dallas, Texas
height: 6-foot-2
weight: 180
accolades: ranked No. 94 on Tom Lemming's Top 100 prospects

"He plays fast, probably better suited to be a receiver because he's not real physical."

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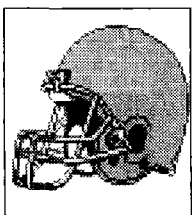


Ronnie Rodamer

position: wide receiver
hometown: Morgantown, W.V.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 185
accolades: first team All-West Virginia

"More of a possession type receiver. He has good hands and leaping ability."

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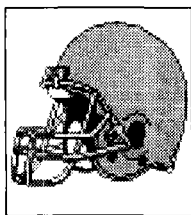


Kyle Budinscak

position: defensive line
hometown: Bridgewater, N.J.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 250
accolades: registered 68 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior

"Could wind up playing offensive guard but will get first shot at defensive tackle. He could be one of the sleepers in the group."

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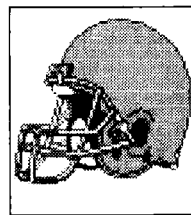


Lorenzo Crawford

position: wide receiver
hometown: Prospect Park, N.J.
height: 5-foot-11
weight: 185
accolades: caught 37 passes for 858 yards and 17

"One of the most heavily recruited players in the East for his ability to play at wide receiver and cornerback."

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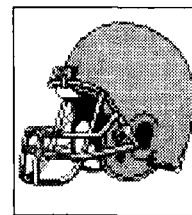


Abram Elam

position: defensive back
hometown: Riviera Beach, Fla.
height: 6-foot-1
weight: 190
accolades: made 100 tackles and picked off five

"I feel he is one of the top 10 players in Florida. He can come right in and contribute in the secondary."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert

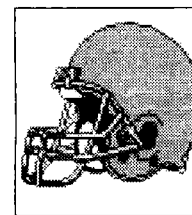


Matt LoVecchio

position: quarterback
hometown: Franklin Lakes, N.J.
height: 6-foot-3
weight: 200
accolades: threw for 3,267 yards and 48 touchdowns in high school career

"He's quicker than most people think — he's got a good arm, is a smart ballplayer and a leader."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Jason Sapp

position: linebacker
hometown: Bridgeport, Conn.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 230
accolades: collected 92 tackles, eight sacks and three interceptions

"This guy is a terrific ball player — one of the best outside linebackers in the nation."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Jared Clark

position: quarterback
hometown: Sarasota, Fla.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 225
accolades: Ranked 62nd out of top 100 prospects by Tom Lemming.

"He has a strong arm and is a lot quicker than he look — sort of like Ron Powlus with feet."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert

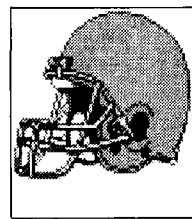


Derek Curry

position: linebacker
hometown: Sealy, Texas
height: 6-foot-3
weight: 230
accolades: semifinalist for Texas Christian Athlete of the Year

"Real steady, physical ballplayer — one of the top 3 linebackers in Texas."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Preston Jackson

position: defensive back
hometown: Brandon, Fla.
height: 5-foot-10
weight: 172
accolades: made 60 tackles and recorded five interceptions in 1999

"Not real big, but he's got excellent recovery speed, good athleticism and is very active."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert

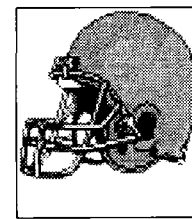


Billy Palmer

position: tight end
hometown: Wyntree Heathrow, Fla.
height: 6-foot-3
weight: 250
accolades: caught eight passes in 1999

"Could play offensive guard or tight end in college."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Jovan Witherspoon

position: wide receiver
hometown: Fort Wayne, Ind.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 200
accolades: rated No. 25 on Tom Lemming's Top 100 prospects list

"He's probably going to be their go-to guy in the next couple of years."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert

Top 10 Recruiting Classes

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Florida | 6. Alabama |
| 2. Tennessee | 7. Florida State |
| 3. Penn State | 8. Michigan State |
| 4. Ohio State | 9. Nebraska |
| 5. Texas | 10. Arizona State |

Source: Rivals100.com

Tom Lemming's Top 12 High School Prospects

- | Player | School | Player | School | Player | School |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Charlie Rogers | Michigan State | 5. Marcus Houston | Colorado | 9. B.J. Johnson | Texas |
| 2. Travis Johnson | Florida State | 6. Brock Berlin | Florida | 10. Jason Campbell | Auburn |
| 3. Kwame Harris | Stanford | 7. D.J. Williams | unsigned | 11. Derron Parquet | LSU |
| 4. Darrell Lee | Florida | 8. Amon Gordon | unsigned | 12. Michael Munoz | Tennessee |

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Recruits

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-luses on his fingers from hitting that dial on that phone so many times," Davie said. "In my sleep I can hear that operator come on saying 'No one answers yet.'"

But they kept pursuing the 6-foot-2, 190 pound Holiday — the 48th ranked player in recruiting analyst Tom Lemming's Top 100. They had targeted him in March and were not about to let him slip away.

Yet the phone calls continued to go unanswered, the uncertainty mounted and the impending decision kept being delayed.

And when he had made his decision to attend Notre Dame, those gathered at his high school knew his choice before the Irish coaching staff.

"His [Carlyle's] mom had told Kirk that Carlyle had told her Tuesday night, but Carlyle had not told us," Davie said. "We did not know until he called us, after he had signed

at the press conference in his high school. That's difficult. So the communication process can be a little frustrating at times."

In retrospect, the frustration turned into adulation on Groundhog Day 2000. The Irish landed all three quarterbacks they targeted. They also signed several other top recruits, including defensive All-Americans in linebacker Mike Goolsby (Joliet, Ill.) and defensive lineman Greg Pauly (Waukesha, Wisc.).

"It's open [the quarterback spot]. I think [competition is] what's best for Arnaz, and Arnaz understands that."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

Now, with the three incoming quarterbacks, as well as junior Arnaz Battle, returning next season, the focus shifts to the starting position. Davie

insists that there will be an open competition, though Battle's experience gives him an edge.

"It's open [the quarterback spot]," Davie said. "I think [competition is] what's best for Arnaz, and Arnaz understands that."

"But let's face it, Arnaz is a little bit ahead in the race. He's been in the system and he's got spring ball."



Bob Davie addresses reporters at Wednesday's press conference, following the signing of 18 high school seniors.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

2000-01 gains and losses

Graduating seniors and their Class of 2004 replacements

♦ Quarterback

losses

Jarious Jackson

replacements

Jared Clark
Matt LoVecchio
Carlyle Holiday

Jackson's leadership will not be replaced by three freshmen, but Clark, LoVecchio and Holiday are talented. Considering that the Irish didn't recruit any quarterbacks last year, this year's strong class was especially important.

♦ Running back

losses

Joey Goodspeed

replacements

Vontez Duff
Garron Bible

The Irish have a strong stable of running backs so they didn't have too big of a need here.

♦ Wide receiver

losses

Bobby Brown

Raki Nelson

replacements

Ron Rodamer
Jerome Collins
Lorenzo Crawford

Omar Jenkins

Jovan Witherspoon

The Irish get a solid crop of big receivers. With the exception of the 5-foot-11 speedster Crawford, all are at least 6-foot-2.

♦ Offensive line

losses

John Merandi

replacements

None

The Irish already have eight freshman and sophomore linemen on the roster.

♦ Tight end

losses

None

replacements

Billy Palmer

The brother of Florida quarterback Jesse Palmer is a capable blocker.

♦ Defensive line

losses

Antwon Jones

Lamont Bryant

Jason Ching

Brad Williams

replacements

Kyle Budinscak

Greg Pauly

The Irish lost a lot of talent and experience at defensive line but Pauly could be star. He registered 17 sacks as a high school senior — just one less than the entire 1999 Irish defense.

♦ Linebackers

losses

Ronnie Nicks

Roe Ferrer

replacements

Derek Curry

Mike Goolsby

Jason Sapp

Notre Dame stole Sapp away from Virginia Tech which has been known for great defense in the '90s. Goolsby is one of the top five linebacker prospects in the country.

♦ Defensive backs

losses

A'Jani Sanders

Deveron Harper

Deke Cooper

replacements

Abram Elam

Preston Jackson

Elam could be good but Jackson is another defensive back under 6-foot.

♦ Kicker

losses

Jim Sanson

replacements

none

This is a case of addition by subtraction.

Davie's top three prospects



Greg Pauly

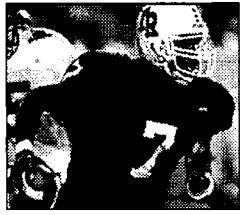
position: defensive line
hometown: Waukesha, Wisc.
height: 6-foot-6
weight: 275
accolades: first team USA Today All-American, Parade prep All-America pick, one of 34 on the Reebok/ESPN prep All-America team, ranked 12th in the Best of the Midwest by Detroit Free Press, voted Wisconsin Player of the Year by Associated Press in 1999

"I think he'll have a chance to play as a freshman. You know, he's a big physical guy that I think will have a chance to help our defensive line."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"One of the top three or four defensive linemen in the country — very quick, very strong, a smart ballplayer. I think he can make an immediate impact on the team."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Carlyle Holiday

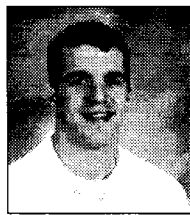
position: quarterback
hometown: San Antonio, Texas
height: 6-foot-2
weight: 190
accolades: rated 48th in Chicago Sun Times Top 100 prospects, ranked in top 100 high school prospects by Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram, four-sport letterwinner

"He brings to us, you know, the prototype quarterback we're looking for in this system and just about everybody in this country is looking for now, a guy that can run and throw."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"Probably the most athletic quarterback they were looking at — a very dangerous ballplayer with his arms and his legs."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert



Mike Goolsby

position: linebacker
hometown: Joliet, Ill.
height: 6-foot-4
weight: 225
accolades: ranked 20th by Tom Lemming among Top 100 prospects, Parade prep All-American, second team USA Today All-American, ranked 20th out of the top 100 prospects by the Chicago Sun-Times, Detroit Free Press named him ninth on the Best of the Midwest list, two time All-Illinois

"Goolsby gives us a lot of attitude at that position. I was in his home the other night and he's a unique character."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"One of the top 5 linebackers in the country. He's got a chip on his shoulder which is great for a defensive player. Tough, extremely quick and active."

Tom Lemming
recruiting expert

IRISH INSIGHT

Graves, Irish enhance team efforts, gain confidence

The Irish proved that their roster runs deeper than Troy Murphy.

With a balanced team effort at home Wednesday night, they dismantled West Virginia 79-64.

Four Irish players scored in double digits, led by sophomore David Graves and freshman Matt Carroll with 17 apiece.

"It was nice to see some guys chipping in and stepping up," head coach Matt Doherty said.

In the first stanza, Notre Dame (14-8, 5-3 Big East) trailed West Virginia (12-7, 4-4) by as many as 17 points before going on a 19-5 explosion.

Graves and Carroll sprung back from shooting slumps to pace the Irish as high scorers.

"When you're off, it seems like you're never going to get back," Graves said of ending his slouch with 4-for-6 shooting night. "It was a big boost for me. I think the timing of the 3s was big. It made my confidence soar."

At half time, Carroll was 1-for-6 from the field with just two points in the books.

"Outside shooters, you just have to keep on shooting," Carroll said. "If you're off, the only way you're going to get back on is to keep on shooting."

In the second period, Carroll came out with 15 points for the Irish, including two 3-pointers during a 15-0 Irish run.

"I get more confidence as the game goes on," Carroll said.

It was the players who sometimes get overlooked who put the Irish over the top. Although Murphy had 16 points, he did not score during a 13-minute stretch in the second period. In that span, Notre Dame surged from a 51-44 deficit to a 69-61 advantage.

"We all huddled up with about 14 minutes to go," Graves said. "And we just said, this is the time that we need to start chipping back at the lead."



Kathleen O'Brien

assistant sports editor

"When you're off, it seems like you're never going to get back. It was a big boost for me. I think the timing of the 3s was big. It made my confidence soar."

David Graves
Irish forward

A little extra shooting practice Monday may have been just what the Irish needed. Doherty held an optional shoot-around that every player on the team showed up for.

But Graves, Carroll, junior point guard Martin Ingelsby and freshman Mike Monserez did more than just show up. They stayed for around two hours, playing shooting games and two-on-two.

It paid off, as each of the four nailed at least one 3-pointer against the Mountaineers. Carroll hit four treys, while Graves and Ingelsby added two each.

"I'm very proud of Martin Ingelsby," Doherty said. "Martin Ingelsby didn't play in the second half the other night, and he didn't sulk, didn't complain."

The team production went beyond just scoring.

A trio of sophomores — Graves, Murphy and Harold Swanagan — grabbed nine rebounds apiece.

"I thought David was excellent, and grabbed some tough rebounds," Doherty said. "Harold as well. We were very active on the boards."

Bringing down the boards boosted the Irish past the Mountaineers, as the Irish held a 36-26 rebounding advantage.

Starting senior Jimmy Dillon split time with Ingelsby at the point guard position. Dillon dished off six assists in 27 minutes of play, while Ingelsby added three in 24 minutes on the court.

Monserez, who played only four minutes, handed out four assists as well.

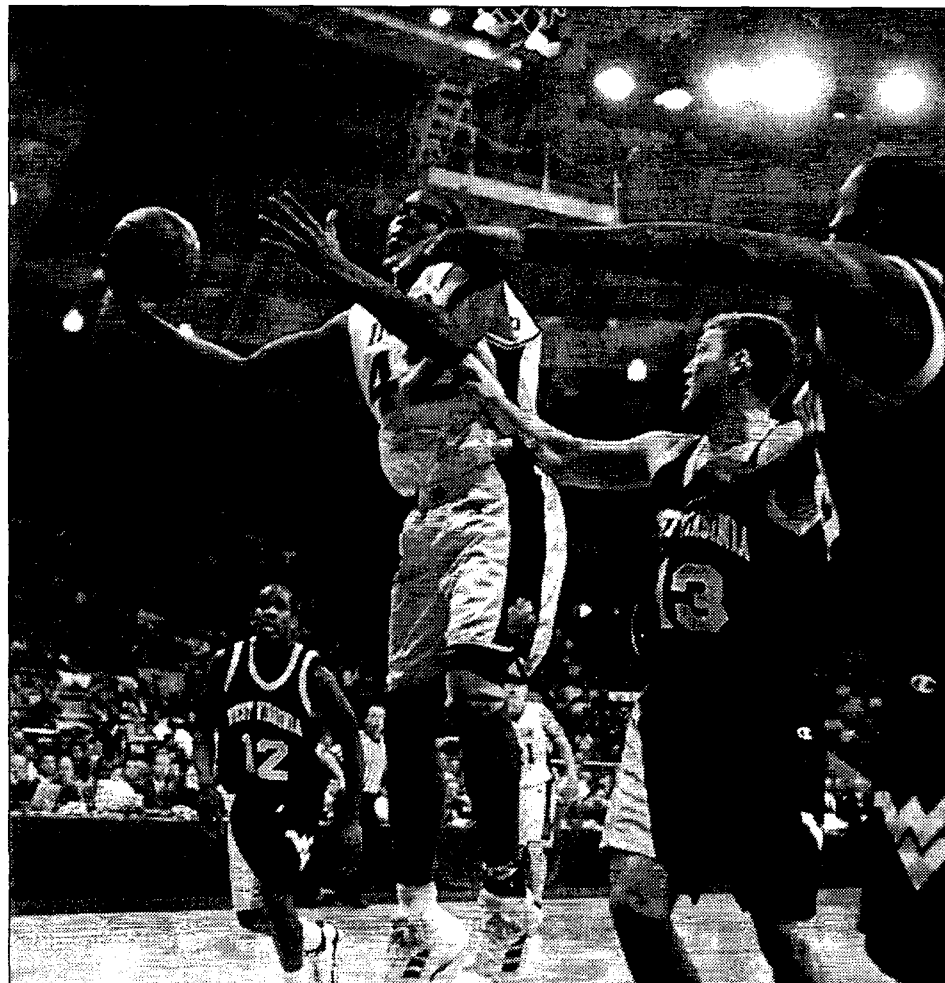
"It's a well-balanced team, and it was a great day today," Murphy said. "We extended a lot, and we had a lot more energy."

The Irish kept their turnovers to a minimum Wednesday, with just 12 in the entire

game. They also stayed out of foul trouble, only fouling the Mountaineers 11 times total.

Notre Dame continued its advance in the Big East with the victory. At 5-3 in the conference, Notre Dame stands locked in a three-way tie for fourth place with St. John's and Connecticut.

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



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Sophomore forward Harold Swanagan, shown here attempting a lay-up against West Virginia, made nine rebounds in Wednesday night's game. Effort on the boards pushed Notre Dame past West Virginia, 79-64.



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Mary's win to the women's ability to out-rebound Kalamazoo. The Belles finished the game with 41 rebounds. Matha led the team with 10.

"We had the height advantage with our starting line-up," Roeder said. "With that advantage, we out-rebounded Kalamazoo and that was key to the win."

Another key factor to Saint Mary's win on Tuesday was the shooting game. The Belles shot 41 percent from the field, almost 8 percent higher than their average.

"We haven't had the best shooting game," Norman said. "But Tuesday we shot very well and that really made a difference."

Norman led the Belles finishing the game with five baskets and three foul shots. Roberts and Campione both had four baskets during the game.

Although the Hornets defense pressed the Belles, Saint Mary's managed to keep control.

"We controlled the tempo," Roeder said. "We ran our offense, ran time off the clock and kept control the entire game."

Norman was also impressed with Saint Mary's ability to play its game and dictate the pace.

"What really strikes me is how well we executed our offense," Norman said. "We ran down the clock and really made the most of our plays. It made a huge difference in the game."

Stouffer, the point guard, helped lead the Belles in the second half against the tough Kalamazoo defense.

"Jamie handled the ball very well during the second half," Norman said. "Kalamazoo has a scrappy



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Guard Mary Campione dodges Hope College's Becky Sutton. Against Kalamazoo, Campione hit crucial 3-pointers to boost momentum.

defense and Jamie really kept control and that was a big help to the whole team."

Irish

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and Graves leading the way with 17 points.

"I haven't been shooting the ball very well, but I've still been playing well," Graves said. "Tonight I felt great and I hit some shots. I think the crowd really helped."

Troy Murphy turned in another solid performance with 16 points and center Harold Swanagan added 12.

"We had three keys to the game," Doherty said. "Get back in transition, stop [Marcus] Goree and have all five guys box out."

The Irish were able to accomplish all three. They forced West Virginia to take 35 three pointers, held Goree to just nine points and out-rebounded the Mountaineers 36-26. Murphy, Graves and Swanagan each pulled down nine boards.

The Irish were able to knock down some key shots in the second half and outscored the Mountaineers by 20 points.

"We shot the lights out in the second half," Graves said. "When you have the type of players we have and the type

of shooters we have, a double digit lead doesn't mean a whole lot."

The Irish shot 48 percent in the second half and an astounding 58 percent from beyond the arc. The Mountaineers made just 31 percent of its shots and 25 percent from downtown.

"We were more active in our zone and didn't want to let them shoot the three [in the second half]," Murphy said. "The crowd gave us a lot of energy down on that side of the floor and we were able to bounce around more and stop them."

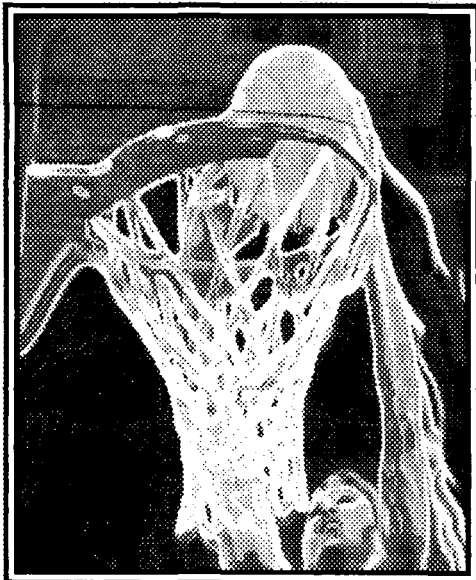
Calvin Bowman led the way for West Virginia with 16 points. Josh Yeager and Lionel Armstead each had 12.

Jimmy Dillon had six assists for Notre Dame and Mike Monserez had four in just four minutes of play.

Notre Dame hits the road Saturday for a rematch with Pittsburgh before traveling to Villanova on Tuesday. The Irish finished the homestand with a 3-1 record.

"Three out of four is pretty good," Doherty said. "I'd like to have won all four but I realize how good Miami is and this whole league scares the mess out of you."

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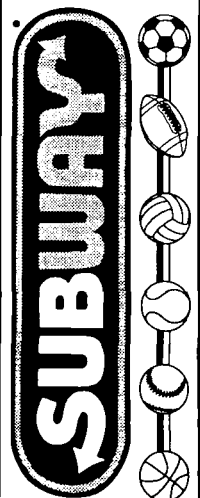
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NCAA

Athletes' courses reduced

Associated Press

High school athletes will now have an easier time meeting academic standards that allow them to play college sports.

A new set of NCAA rules will let high schools determine whether athletes have fulfilled course requirements for college eligibility.

The decision means that many athletes who had been denied scholarships in the past will now be able to qualify for them.

A committee of the governing body recommended the change last spring, and the NCAA Division I and II membership recently approved the legislation.

The NCAA eliminated certain parts of the course requirements, giving high school principals more latitude in setting the agenda. The change takes effect immediately.

The old rules were much more stringent and allowed the NCAA to determine what were acceptable courses. For example, one previous regulation disqualified social studies courses that devoted more than 25 percent of classroom time to current affairs or independent study.

"We've become more generic in defining those academic criteria," Bob Oliver, director of NCAA membership services, said Wednesday.

The new rules require several things: that a course be considered college preparatory, be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level and qualify for graduation credit in English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, computer science or nondiscriminatory religion or philosophy.

Independent study, individual instruction and correspondence and Internet courses may now be part of the new criteria for core subjects.

Who knew Jimmy Dillon could dunk?

The sports world has been pretty active lately.

The Super Bowl was upon us. College basketball teams are trying to get on and off of the elusive bubble, and current and ex-Florida college football players are doing what they do best, committing crimes. So here are some random thoughts on the happenings in the world of sports.

Sure, Kurt Warner's shopping-center-to-stardom story was compelling and shocking. Unfortunately, it's just like the mainstream press to let this "feel-good" story slurp up all of the attention and ignore the most important story of the weekend. Dick Vermeil restrained from crying for an entire day!

The man that single-handedly boosted Kleenex's business kept his face dry. The odds that Vermeil would cry either in defeat or victory were far greater than were the odds that Warner would throw for 300 yards. But Vermeil, as the Rams have done all year, shocked us all and kept his tears dry until nearly 24 hours after the game.

Did anyone else see Jimmy Dillon dunk Saturday afternoon?

Another pro football star has been arrested for murder, and the country is outraged. Mr. Lewis, here's a piece of advice: Hire Bobby Bowden to represent you. His record of getting sure criminals off lightly is legendary. He'll have you acquitted in time for the Pro Bowl.

Speaking of that bastion of morality known as Bobby Bowden, it looks like yet another Florida State player has had a run-in with the law. This time, it's kicker Sebastian Janikowski. You know the one who also broke curfew and was excused because he was under

"international rules."

Fortunately, the police officer he tried to bribe didn't understand these "international rules." That brings Florida State's criminal total to a number too high for any of their players to count.

Attention NFL teams with a coaching position: Bob Davie is still available and he's good. You snatched up Colletto. Why don't you try Davie, too?

Too little has been made of how good Troy Murphy is. The performance he put up against St. John's solidified, at least in this writer's mind, that Murphy is the best player in the country. Yes, Kenyon Martin is more athletic and flashier than Murphy. Martin also plays on the best team in the country with four other very good players. Thus, opposing teams must cover his teammates as well. Murphy, on the other hand, has four other role players as teammates. They're very good role-players, but they lack the sheer athletic ability that a Derrmarr Johnson or Pete Miceal brings to the court. Consequently, teams are able to focus their entire defensive efforts against him. He's putting up numbers that Kenyon can't compare to while being triple-teamed and knocked around like a Bobby Knight player after a turnover.

Tougher defenses, less help, better numbers. Hand him the Wooden Award.

Phone Operator: Coach Doherty? Hi, this is FedEx, and we've got a package for David Graves. His confidence is being returned.

Can someone tell me why Syracuse isn't ranked in the top two in the country. Sure, they have played a lot of games at home and their

schedule is as tough as a Nebraska non-conference football schedule.

They're undefeated and they dismantled Connecticut! Sounds to me like a team that's underrated at fourth.

Jimmy Dillon can dunk?

Joe Montana's election into the Hall of Fame was nearly as suspenseful as the American League Central division race has been recently. Did they even need to vote? The only question was whether or not he should have an entire wing named after him.

Chan Gailey was just named offensive coordinator of the Miami Dolphins last Tuesday, and it doesn't bode well for

Dan Marino's chance to stay with the team. Remember Thanksgiving, when Marino played the worst game of his career, throwing five interceptions. The game was against —you guessed it— Gailey's Cowboys.

Finally, I hope that anyone who missed the men's basketball game in person on Saturday enjoyed watching the students celebrating on the court. It was a feeling that comes so rarely, you don't want to miss it. Too bad for you.

Oh and by the way, I think Jimmy Dillon dunked.

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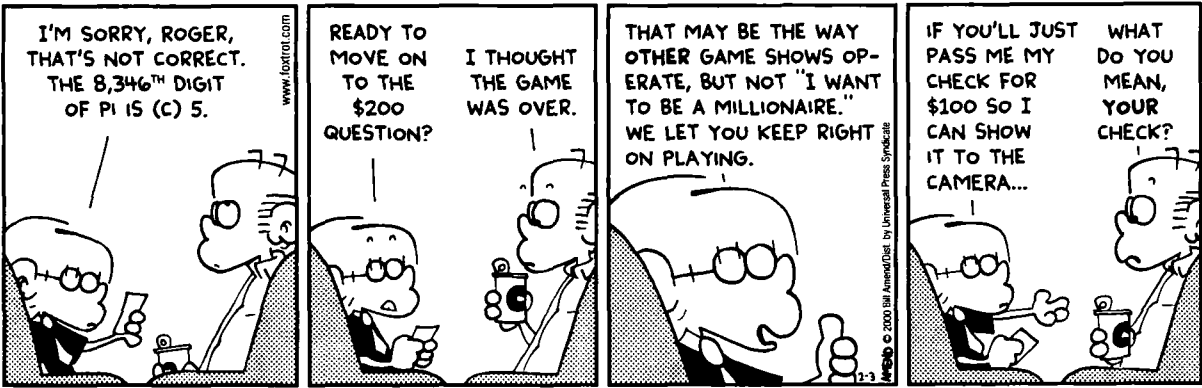
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25 City south of Gainesville

28 Prefix with classic

29 Madre's little one
- 30 Capture

31 Sandbag

32 Grilling technique

35 Palme (Cannes award)

36 Norm

37 Type of argument

44 Sprite

45 Major's successor

46 Ready for the operating room

48 Addams Family member

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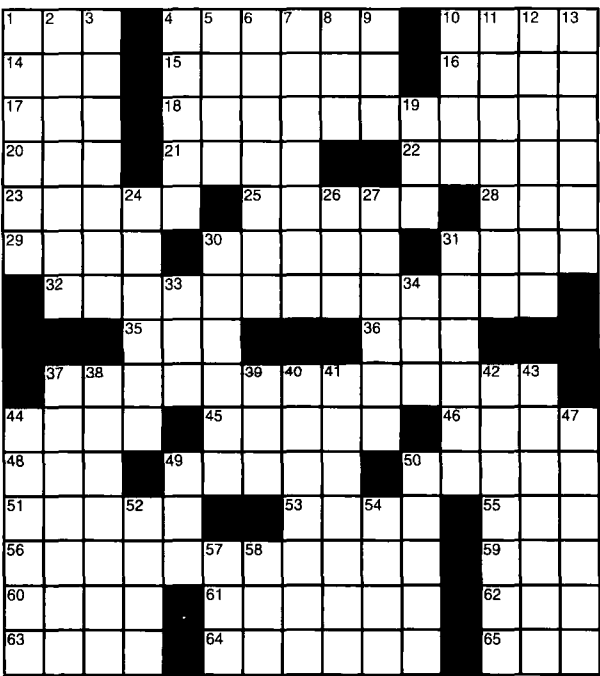
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Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

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- 8 Actor Alejandro
- 9 Ranch extension?
- 10 Not well?
- 11 Eroded
- 12 Suddenly stopped working
- 13 Hire
- 19 Part of an Olympics chant
- 24 Like pine scent, say
- 26 Certain Wall Streeter, briefly

- 42 Triathletes
- 43 Catherine of "The Convent"
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel or educational pursuits will lead to romantic encounters. You will be in the mood to get out with friends; mental stimulation will be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Minor health problems will plague you if you haven't taken the necessary precautions. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures or lend cash to friends or relatives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Travel and love will go hand-in-hand. You will enjoy exotic destinations that will contribute to the romantic mood that will engulf you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business opportunities must be taken advantage of. You can make professional changes if you wish. Your mental attitude will enhance your chances for advancement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic opportunities will develop through organizational activities. You can make financial gains through group

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New love connections will evolve through friends or relatives at family functions. Completing those decorating plans you've dreamed of can beautify your home.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Self-deception may be an issue today. Take time to re-evaluate as you may be judging your situation wrongly. One-sided romantic infatuations are likely.

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CLASS OF 2004

Signing day is happy 'Holiday' for Davie, Irish

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bob Davie hadn't heard from him in a few days.

No one at the Holiday home in San Antonio, Texas, was answering the phone. Frustrated with reporters and recruiting analysts calling on a daily basis, Carlyle Holiday decided he had had enough of the inquiries.

No need to worry for Davie. Unlike a year ago, when he lost the quarterback he coveted — CJ Leak — to Wake Forest on signing day, Davie had his options covered. He

had already signed two quarterbacks — Matt LoVecchio and Jared Clark. So getting Holiday would be an added bonus, not a necessity.

The official word came down Wednesday, after holding a morning press conference. Around 8 a.m., Holiday made his decision: Notre Dame over Nebraska.

Davie got his revenge.



Davie

"What happened last year took the wind out of us a little bit," Davie said, referring to the Leak situation. "That wasn't going to happen again. I will never get myself in that position again where I've got all my eggs in that one basket."

Instead of holding out for one quarterback, as he did last year with Leak, Davie targeted some of the top high school signal-callers early last spring.

In fact, 10 of those quarterbacks attended the Notre Dame summer football camp, including LoVecchio and Clark. LoVecchio committed almost immediately after the

camp, while Clark waited until after his visit in December to make his final decision.

With two quarterbacks in the fold, the Irish staff could turn its attention to Holiday. One member of the Irish coaching staff, normally Davie or assistant head coach Kirk Doll visited Holiday's home every week, while also conversing over the phone.

They were honest with Holiday — as they had been with the other two quarterbacks — telling him that there would be competition. There was no promise of playing time, no guarantee to start, as Leak was apparently told by

the Wake Forest coaching staff just prior to his signing with the Demon Deacons.

"We were right up front with them [the quarterbacks] from the beginning," Davie said. "I told each one of those quarterbacks that I wanted to sign three. I told them who they were. I told them who else we were recruiting from day one."

Though they had a feeling they would land Holiday, there was no indication where Holiday was leaning. Even getting in touch with him was a task in itself.

"Kirk Doll has got little cal-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish climb to bring down Mountaineers

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last night, the Irish looked more like mountaineers than West Virginia did.

Notre Dame was at the bottom of the hill, trailing 33-16 with 6:29 left in the first half and it was an uphill

climb from there.

A 19-5 run by Notre Dame cut West Virginia's lead to just three points, but a Josh Yeager 3-pointer late in the first and a 10-5 run to open the second half had the Irish tumbling back down the mountain.

Notre Dame, however, responded with a 15-0 run of its own. Martin Ingelsby drained a 3-pointer with 10:40 to play and the Irish took a 55-51 lead.

West Virginia (12-7, 4-4) was unable to answer and Notre Dame (14-8, 5-3) eventually emerged at the peak with a 79-65 win.

"That was a gut check when we were down 17," Graves said. "We were able to come back and protect our home court."

"That was a heck of a win," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "I'm proud of our kids. They kept their composure when they were down 17. That's a big time win. I don't think people realize how good West Virginia is."

Four Irish players scored in double figures with Matt Carroll

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JOHN DAILY/The Observer

West Virginia defenders pressure sophomore forward David Graves during Wednesday night's game. Graves, one of four Irish players to score in the double digits, finished with 17 points and nine rebounds.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles upset Hornets

By KATIE MCVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team found the magic Tuesday, upsetting Kalamazoo College with a 62-51 win.

The Hornets came into the game with a 7-3 conference record and a fourth-place ranking in the MIAA. Before last Saturday, the Belles were winless and on an 18-game losing streak.

"The confidence from the Olivet win really helped us," freshman starter Kristen Matha said. "We found the magic."

Belles' coach Dave Roeder started the same women as he did on Saturday when the Belles claimed their first victory. Matha, along with sophomore Kelly Jones, sophomore Kelly Roberts, junior Julie Norman and sophomore Mary Campione led the Belles to a big start early in the game with a 19-7 lead.

"Campione and Roberts started off the game with some big 3-pointers," Roeder said. "We never lost the lead."

Matha agreed that this line-up gave the Belles the edge they needed to claim the upset.

"This line-up is really working for us," Matha said. "We started off with that large lead and kept it up to win."

Roeder owes part of the Saint

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