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SIGNING AWAY YOUR FREE TIME



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Students receive information from the Career Center's booth at Tuesday night's Activity Fair. Held in the hockey dome of the Joyce Center, the fair had numerous booths representing various clubs and organization ranging from athletic to service to academic. Groups attracted potential members with ploys ranging from t-shirts to food. Saint Mary's students will have the same opportunity to get involved at their Activity Fair at Angela Athletic Facility tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Zahm, Sorin rectors ease into jobs

Editor's Note: This is the first of two stories about the new rectors and rectress on Notre Dame's campus.

By NATE PHILLIPS
News Writer

Perhaps even more eager than the first year students to experience the traditions and rigors of Notre Dame are the new "freshmen" rectors. These rectors have the responsibility of maintaining order in the dorm and helping students spiritually and emotionally.

Both Father Tom Bednar of Zahm Hall and Sean Seymore of Sorin Hall have accepted the challenges of this job and enter their first year in their respective positions.

Unlike many of his colleagues, Seymore is not a Holy Cross priest. He will finish his graduate degree in Chemistry at Notre Dame this May. He attended the University of Tennessee for his undergraduate degree, and received his master's degree from Georgia Tech.

Seymore has been the assistant rector of the dorm for two years, and decided to take the job as rector after the administration approached him concerning the opening. He is uncertain as to how long he is planning on remaining rector, considering he will graduate this year.

"I am just focused right now on taking Sorin into the 21st century," he said. "It seems like a natural progression for me [to go

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Scholarship for ND students honors local bishop

By JENNIFER MORGAN
News Writer

Students from the Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese will soon begin to reap the benefits of a \$250,000 scholarship fund established by the University of Notre Dame honoring Bishop John D'Arcy.

The scholarship fund was established this year to mark the fifth anniversary of Bishop D'Arcy's Episcopal ordination and the 15th anniversary of his installation as bishop of Fort



D'Arcy

Wayne/South Bend, Notre Dame's home diocese.

"I was very moved, completely surprised and very honored," said D'Arcy. "This scholarship shows that the relationship between the office of the bishop and the University of Notre Dame is the best in the country."

Bishop D'Arcy was born in Boston in 1932 to Irish immigrants. He studied in Brighton, Mass. at Saint John's Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 2, 1957. In 1968, he received a doctorate in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. On Feb. 14, 1975, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Boston. In addition, he also worked at Saint John's Seminary as spiritual director and professor of spiritual theology from 1968-1985. He was installed as the eighth bishop of Fort

Wayne/South Bend on May 1, 1985.

"Bishop D'Arcy is a most valued member of the Notre Dame family," said university President Father

Edward Malloy in a press release.

"As our bishop, he safeguards the union of this institution with its mother Church, and as our friend, he both celebrates and exemplifies the joy of that union."

The Bishop John M. D'Arcy scholar-

ships are being funded by various University benefactors and will be given to Notre Dame students from the Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese

beginning in the fall of 2001 on the basis of need and resources available from the fund.

"Notre Dame lives its life in this diocese, despite being an international University," said D'Arcy. "It

is a great consolation to me that this scholarship fund has been established to enable more students from this diocese to attend the University."

"Bishop D'Arcy is a most valued member of the Notre Dame family. As our bishop, he safeguards the union of this institution with its mother Church..."

Father Malloy
University President

INSIDE COLUMN

Please write me...

As the Viewpoint Editor, I have the honor, sometimes the pain, of reading all letters sent into The Observer. These letters vary in content, but generally focus on the same issues every year. This early in the school year, I usually get an assortment of pre-football hype letters, dining hall anger and, of course, complaints about the sprinkler system.

Lila Haughey

Now, so far I have received no such letters. Actually, I received one letter, with one sentence including an explicative, "For C*****'s sake, fix the sprinklers!" Since no one else will comment on the dysfunctional sprinklers, I will. I know other people are irritated about the sprinkler system, have heard you as I walk to DeBartolo, "I'm glad the sidewalks are being watered." As a senior, I have realized that the sprinkler system will never work correctly. In fact, I have gained an appreciation for the wet sidewalks. I realize as I make my way to classes that even though I am not fully conscious at 9:30 a.m. I should be able to strategically maneuver around the grass so as not to get wet.

Some people see the required maneuvering as an annoyance. As a senior, I see it as another talent the University is giving me for later use in life. I may not be able to get a job as a history major; but by golly, I will be able to dodge. Dodgeball was fun in elementary school, but dodge-sprinkler is better. When you hear the R.O.T.C. department talking about how large our program is, they aren't kidding; they train the whole student body, indirectly, in army techniques. Besides being able to swerve, turn and tumble, the sprinkler system has another bonus — some people get wet. Usually, those caught under the spray on the way to DeBartolo are bicyclists. When the sprinkler rounds the bend, walkers flee quickly, but bicyclists are caught, unable to move, in the spray. Now, I like bicycles, however since I don't ride one around campus, they can be a bit irritating. How many people have you seen run over by people on wheels? Need I say more? I imagine if you really wanted the extra 10 minutes to sleep in the morning, you could also skip your shower and refresh yourself on the way to class. This is something, I wouldn't do or recommend, but some really lazy guys might.

Onto other topics missing from the Viewpoint page. South Dining Hall is confusing and it has been taking freshmen awhile to get the hang of things. Some advice: ask an upperclassman if you have doubts and never stop moving in the middle of the isles. North is less confusing but can seem overly safe. There is a direction at the food stations; usually this is indicated by the position of the plates. Also, you don't have to wait in line for soup. General notes to all, do not nibble directly out of the cereal bins, it is just plain gross. Some personal advice for freshmen, if a large football player is walking towards you in the dining hall and there is a chance of collision, make sure you move first. Generally they are big and really don't have anywhere to go in the narrow isles.

Football! Good luck to the players, we will support all of you and we are all looking forward to the first game.

Lila Haughey is the current Viewpoint Editor. She encourages you to write a letter to The Observer if you agree or disagree with any of her views.

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 ON CAMPUS

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: Saint Mary's Activity Night; 7 - 9 p.m.; Angela Athletic Facility	◆ Pep Rally: 7 p.m. Dillion Pep Rally; South Quad; Bands begin playing at 5:30 p.m.	◆ Pep Rally: 7 p.m. Pep Rally; Joyce Center	◆ Mass: Mass at Basillica immediately following football game
◆ Movie: "Happy Gilmore"; 10 p.m.; LaFortune	◆ Movie: "Gladiator"; 10:30 p.m.; DeBartolo 101; \$2 admission	◆ Movie: "Gladiator"; 10:30 p.m.; DeBartolo 101; \$2 admission	◆ Mass: Mass at Stepan Center 25 minutes after football game
			◆ Movie: "Gladiator"; 10:30 p.m.; DeBartolo 101

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

University of New Mexico students hold vigil

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. As the crowds slowly dispersed from hearing presidential candidate Al Gore speak, they passed a large circle of University of New Mexico students holding candles outside, singing and chanting against the violence of rape Monday night.

More than 100 students participated in a candle light rape vigil that was put together at the last minute by concerned members of the campus community. Their main concern was to speak out against the administration's lack of action following sexual attacks on campus.

Christy Lewis, a student organizer, said she was there to raise awareness about rape and UNM's limited response to campus safety.

"We are protesting UNM's not



doing anything about the violence," she said. "It's unfair what they're doing."

Alma Rosa Silva-Vanvelos, student activist and member of Feminists Liberating Our World, told students in the circle to look at each other's faces and understand that each of them is a potential rape victim.

"No matter where you came from,

you are vulnerable to rape," she said.

After the circle had broken, Silva-Vanvelos said she was thrilled the vigil coincided with the ending of Gore's speech, although it was not planned that way. She said the community and media was on campus to see Gore and they had to go through or around the circle, which brought much exposure to their cause.

"They saw the lights and wondered why we were here," she said.

Female and male students took part in speaking out against the violence. Chris Chavez, a senior, said he hoped the candlelight vigil would bring awareness to their cause.

"I hope the administration sees this as a call to get help from them."

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Murder - suicide shocks campus

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.

John Locke, comparative literature program director, and James Easton Kelly, a non-degree graduate student, died Monday from an apparent "murder-suicide" in Locke's office John A. White, University of Arkansas chancellor, said. Capt. Brad Bruns said witnesses heard three gunshots. Four empty casings were found, Bruns said, in the .38-caliber pistol found on the floor between the two bodies in the office. Rolinda Corbit, a junior, said she was in the hallway on the second floor and heard three gunshots. She said she went into an office, shut the door and made a 911 call. Bruns said he heard one shot after he arrived. He said the first officers on the scene did communicate with someone in the office, and the officers talked to one person. "I heard a person say he needed help and was hurt," Corbit said. She said the first officer on the scene "talked to the guy in the room." Bruns said he did not know the exact words of the conversation, but it was something to the effect that the person in the office was hurt, but not to come in.

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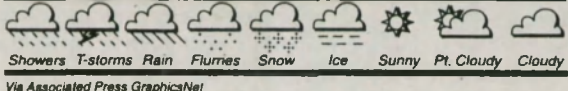
No more scooters for students

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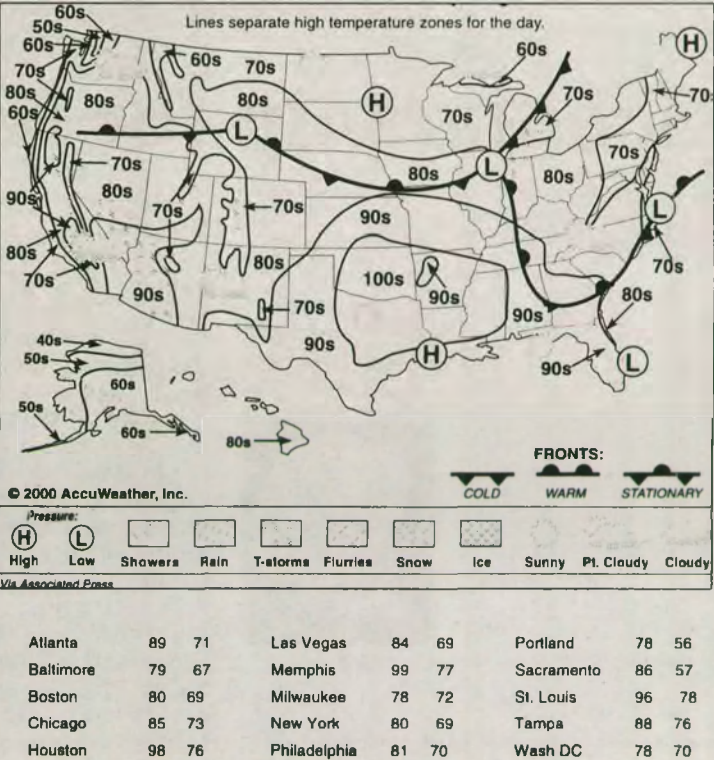
Those holding their breath in anticipation of the fateful decision about scooters on BYU campus can exhale. They can also be thankful that the scooters fold nicely and have an easy-to-carry position. On Monday, the University Traffic Committee decided to ban scooters on university property and classify them in the same category as skateboards, roller skates and in-line skates, and Vice President Jan Scharman approved. The use of any of these items on campus may result in a citation from Provo City Court and a fine. The Traffic Committee found scooters to travel at speeds greater than the pedestrian population on campus and have limited control to turn or stop. The above factors, suggesting that scooters may create danger for other students on campus, were really only part of the final decision. According to the University Police Department, the university has sustained damage to sidewalks, benches, railings and other campus facilities by the use of such devices.

LOCAL WEATHER

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NATIONAL WEATHER



Annabi offers bleak assessment of state of East Timor

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
The United Nations warned Tuesday that recent militia attacks against peacekeepers in East Timor appear to be a coordinated effort to undermine the territory's transition to independence and discredit the interim U.N. administration.

Assistant Secretary-General Hedi Annabi told Security Council members that they should be prepared for a worst-case scenario in which the militias may try to destabilize East Timor through "offensive guerrilla-style operations" against civilians and U.N. peacekeepers.

His unusually bleak briefing came on the eve of the first anniversary of East Timor's vote for independence from Indonesia, the results of which sparked a weeklong looting and killing rampage by pro-Indonesian militias opposed to independence.

The violence ended after an Australian-led intervention force took control and restored calm and the United Nations Transitional Administration, or UNTAET, began running the territory.

However, in his briefing, Annabi said attacks in the last month by eight groups of pro-Indonesian militias showed a new willingness by anti-independence forces to exchange fire with U.N. peacekeepers. Two peacekeepers have been killed in recent weeks.

"Their level of activity within East Timor is reflective of a degree of coordination and preparation that has not been seen so far," Annabi said.

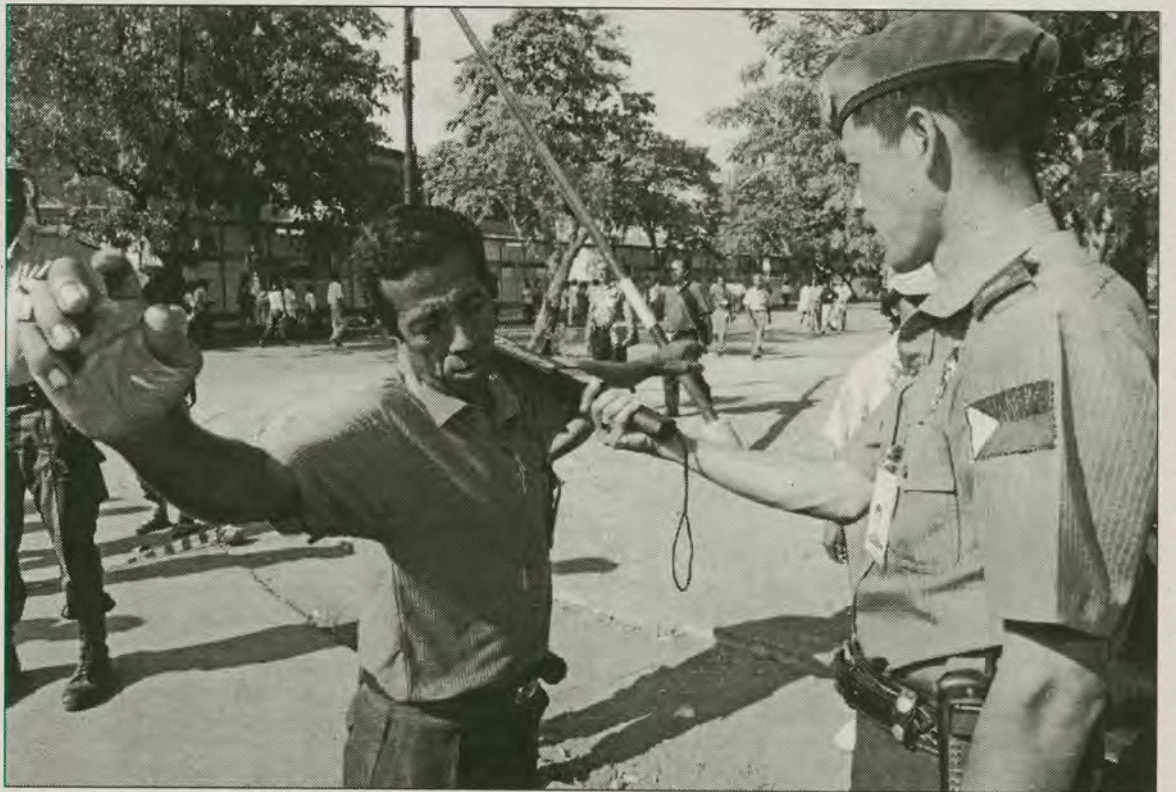
On Tuesday, U.N. officials said pro-Indonesian militiamen and peacekeepers exchanged gunfire near East Timor's troubled border. The U.N. has repeatedly complained that militia gangs use refugee camps in Indonesian-controlled West Timor as bases for border incursions. Security on the border has been stepped up ahead of Wednesday's anniversary celebrations.

No one was injured in the clash between a squad of Australian troops and two militia members, peacekeeping spokesman Col. Brynar Nymo said.

Annabi said he believed that the intent of the militias "is to continue a pattern of violence against the civilian population and UNTAET in order to try and undermine the transition process."

To counter the increasing violence, plans to reduce the number of U.N. peacekeepers in certain sectors of East Timor have been shelved and battalions have been redeployed to bolster units that have come under fire, Annabi said.

He suggested that the Indonesian armed forces, implicated in the 1999 violence, may have at least allowed the recent attacks to occur, noting that some militia members have been found with



A civil police officer from the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) searches an East Timorese man with a metal detector outside the national congress of the National Council of Timorese Resistance (CNRT).

army uniforms and weapons.

But Indonesia's U.N. Ambassador, Markarim Wibisono, rejected suggestions that the mere presence of army uniforms among militia members implied army involvement, noting "such material can be easily acquired on the black market."

While condemning the recent attacks on U.N. personnel, Wibisono stressed that UNTAET — not Indonesia — is responsible for what goes on inside East Timor.

But several Security Council members said Indonesia was responsible for curbing the source of the violence — the militias who operate across the border in West Timor.

The spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees echoed that sentiment Tuesday in Geneva. A "just and lasting solution to the refugee problem" depends on law and order being imposed in West Timor's sprawling refugee camps, said spokesman Kris Janowski.

The U.N.'s refugee agency announced Tuesday it would resume its operations in West Timor after a six-day suspension that followed a recent attack on three of its workers by pro-Indonesian militia members. The three were badly injured in last week's assault.

The decision came after Indonesian officials promised a thorough investigation and said two of those involved had been arrested and will be charged in court.

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Rectors

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from assistant rector to rector. I am really excited; there is quite a bit of responsibility."

Despite the fact that he is not a priest, Seymore has a strong spiritual sense. He holds his spirituality as his highest priority, and hopes he can help the men in his dorm on their spiritual journey.

But while he doesn't sport a white collar, Seymore's views on dorm management are in line with his ordained colleagues, including the parietals policy.

"As I see it, parietals are a great thing for the staff. We are tired by the end of the day and we need a break as well," he said. "It quiets the dorm down, relaxes everyone, and brings the day to a close."

Seymore describes himself as highly motivated and driven. He has spent close to a quarter of a century in school and said he borders on being a perfectionist. He sets his goals high, and always aims at being the best at whatever he is doing.

"I am probably harder on myself than anyone else can be," he said.

At age 29, Seymore is closer in age to the men in his dorm than other rectors. He

hopes this will foster a more open environment.

"Relationships with other people are very important to me," he said. "I am welcoming and inviting, and I think the guys think that I am somebody that they can talk to."

Seymore really appreciates and values the community feeling of Sorin Hall and is excited about the coming year.

"We are closely knit, and everybody knows everybody else. Sorin is my home, and it feels good to be here," he said.

Also entering into a rector position is Father Tom Bednar of Zahm Hall. New to the Notre Dame community, Bednar has spent the past 12

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Tom Bednar
Zahm rector

ministry.

Bednar takes his responsibilities as a Holy Cross priest very seriously, but at the same time thoroughly enjoys the work that he does.

"Being a priest is a great way of accompanying young people in their spiritual lives," he said. "I especially enjoy the pastoral aspect of working in the dorm with a group of young men."

"I am excited to be working with the guys as they express celebration and suffering, and I hope that I can serve as a witness of God's love ... and, uh, I am also excited about the Nebraska game," he added with a laugh.

Thus far, Bednar is impressed with the guys in the hall, especially with the number of service projects and community service outings the dorm has sponsored.

"The guys are great. They have great dorm pride, and are very welcoming. I guess that is why Zahm has such a great sense of tradition," he said.

Bednar said his best qualities are his listening skills and energy.

"I am passionate about Holy Cross and about the University," he said. "I am glad to be here at Zahm, and am excited to work with people that have such a strong sense of ambition."

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Sean Seymore
Sorin rector

that Notre Dame would be a great place for me to keep working in an aspect of education," said Bednar, who will be working with the Latino branch of campus

Supreme Court rejects medicinal marijuana

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Tuesday barred distribution of marijuana to people in California whose doctors recommended it for medicinal purposes.

The court, voting 7-1 to grant an emergency Clinton administration request, postponed the effect of federal court rulings that would have allowed a California club to distribute the illegal drug for medicinal use.

Government lawyers had sought emergency help from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who referred the request to the full court.

Only Justice John Paul Stevens dissented. He said the government "has failed to demonstrate that the denial of necessary medicine to seriously ill and dying patients will advance the public interest or that the failure to enforce the distribution of such medicine will impair the orderly enforcement of federal criminal statutes."

Justice Stephen G. Breyer disqualified himself from the case. His brother, Charles, a federal trial judge in San Francisco, previously had barred distribution of marijuana only to have his decision reversed by a federal appeals court.

The highest court's action, which came in a brief order, was the latest development in a conflict between federal narcotics laws and a 1996 California voters' initiative known as Proposition 215.

The state initiative allows seriously ill patients to grow and use marijuana for pain relief, with a doctor's recommendation, without state penalties. But federal law says marijuana has no medical purposes and cannot be administered safely under medical supervision.

In the California case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that "medical necessity" is a "legally cognizable defense" to a charge of distributing drugs in violation of a federal law, the Controlled Substances Act.

Because of that ruling, Judge Charles Breyer said the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative could provide marijuana to people facing imminent harm from serious medical conditions and for whom legal alternatives to marijuana do not work or cause intolerable side effects.

Justice Department lawyers called the 9th Circuit court's "unprecedented ruling" a dangerous one because it created "incentives for drug manufacturers and distributors to invoke the asserted needs of others as a justification for their drug trafficking."

The government's emergency request said allowing such distribution of marijuana would "promote disrespect and disregard for an act of Congress that is central to combating illicit drug trafficking and use by giving a judicial stamp of approval to the open and notorious distribution of (illegal) substances to potentially thousands of users without any of the strict controls required" by federal law.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China arrests Catholic priest: Police have arrested a priest in China's underground Catholic church for celebrating Mass in a private home. Five police raided the house in Jinfeng township in southeastern Fujian province on Aug. 19 and took away Father Gao Yihua, the U.S.-based Cardinal Kung Foundation said. It said the priest's whereabouts remain unknown. China forbids worship outside state-approved churches. In recent weeks, authorities in three provinces have detained more than 150 Protestants worshipping in house churches.

French minister resigns: The quarter-century of Corsican separatist violence that has stymied successive French governments led to the resignation Tuesday of France's respected interior minister, creating cracks in the left's governing coalition. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, who served three years as interior minister, said his departure was the "logical consequence" of his open disagreement with the Socialist-led government on a peace plan for Corsica. Political opponents said Chevenement's departure was a sign the left was weakening.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

California proposes gun law: The state Senate approved a proposal for one of the nation's toughest handgun licensing laws, a bill that would require most prospective gun owners to pass a safety course and get a license from a local law enforcement agency. The legislation, approved Monday by 22-15, faces a likely veto from the governor should it win passage in the Assembly. The proposal would require every prospective gun owner except current and retired law enforcement officers to pass a written exam and a firing range safety test. A written test would be required for license renewal every five years or when the gun owner's driver's license expired.

U.S. denies visa to Cuban: The Clinton administration has denied a visa to the president of Cuba's National Assembly, preventing him from attending an international conference of parliamentarians in New York, two U.S. officials said Tuesday. But two Cuban assembly deputies will be permitted to attend the conference. The Cuban denied a visa, Ricardo Alarcon, said the United States showed "contempt and lack of respect" for the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Suspecting he would be denied the visa, Alarcon accused the U.S. government of "rudeness" and interfering with the conference.

PHILIPPINES

Rebels threaten to kill U.S. hostage

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA

Muslim rebels in the Philippines threatened Tuesday to kill an American man they have kidnapped unless the United States accepts their demands.

Jeffrey Craig Edwards Schilling, of Oakland, Calif., was seized Monday by a faction of the Abu Sayyaf rebel group, which this week released six other Western hostages in return for a reported \$6 million ransom but was still holding 18 other captives.

In a radio interview, rebel

spokesman Abu Sabaya said the rebels would "not hesitate to execute this American guy if the Philippine government and the U.S. will not listen to our demands."

Sabaya said the specific demands would be announced in three days.

"We demand for our principles, we demand for our religion, we demand for our ideology," he told the Radio Mindanao Network.

"We have been trying very hard to get an American because the Americans may think we are afraid of them," he said when asked if they had abducted Schilling to prevent a military operation against Abu

Sayyaf.

Chief government hostage negotiator Robert Aventajado confirmed Schilling had been kidnapped, saying an envoy had seen him in an Abu Sayyaf camp on southern Jolo island.

Sabaya said Schilling had contacted Abu Sayyaf rebels in Zamboanga and identified himself as a Muslim convert who was interested in visiting the camp of the rebels, who are fighting for an Islamic state in the southern Philippines.

The rebels suspected he was a CIA agent when they discovered he knew little about Islam and decided to abduct him to Jolo, Sabaya said.

SOUTH KOREA

Korean leaders strive for peace

Associated Press

SEOUL

A five-member government delegation from South Korea traveled to North Korea on Tuesday for three days of high-level talks on easing tensions between the two countries, Seoul officials said.

The talks, the second since late last month, aim to follow up on an accord reached at a historic summit in June, when leaders of the two Koreas pledged to work together to promote peace and eventual reunification.

The unprecedented summit between the two Koreas provided the best hope yet for peace on the divided peninsula, the world's last Cold War frontier.

"We have taken a great first step forward ... but we still have a long way to go to achieve national reconciliation, co-prosperity, peace and unification," South Korean Unification Minister Park Jae-kyu said in a statement issued in Pyongyang, the North's capital. A copy of Park's statement was released in Seoul.

Park, accompanied by 20 assistants and 10 reporters, arrived in Pyongyang aboard a chartered commercial plane after a 50-minute flight Tuesday.

During a dinner hosted by North Korean Prime Minister Hong Sung Nam, Park made a speech calling for more reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War. The two Koreas sent 100 separated family members to each other's capitals for four-day temporary reunions in mid-August.

South Korean officials said key discussion points in the talks include opening a military hot line, a detailed schedule to reconnect a railway across the heavily armed border and the first-ever meeting between the defense ministers of the two sides.

Officials also were to dis-



AFP Photo

North and South Korean leaders meet to encourage economic cooperation and a reduction in tension. Among other issues, building a railway line across the heavily armed border is proposed to increase communication.

cuss an investment protection and double taxation treaty and ways to resolve disputes stemming from future economic exchange, local media quoted unidentified government sources as saying.

In the first round of talks in Seoul, the Koreans agreed to re-link a major cross-border rail line which was cut off shortly before the Korean War, but details have yet to be worked out.

The Koreans were divided into the communist North and the pro-Western South in 1945. The 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, and their border remains the world's most heavily fortified.

South Korea wants to break ground for the railway project jointly with North Korea around Sept. 15. The work requires clearing tens of thousands of mines inside the demilitarized zone that separates

the two sides.

Another important topic expected to be discussed in Pyongyang is scheduling a visit to Seoul for North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

He has openly promised to send one of his close confidants, Kim Yong Sun, to South Korea in September to discuss his visit to the South Korean capital. Kim Jong Il's visit is a key part of the inter-Korea summit agreement.

As part of the agreement, South Korea plans this weekend to send back 63 convicted North Korean spies who were freed after serving long prison terms.

Japan has criticized South Korea's plan to repatriate at least one of the convicted spies, a man who testified in 1985 that he helped kidnap a Japanese cook in 1980. Seoul had no immediate reaction to Japan's criticism.

South Korea also plans to raise the issue of hundreds,

perhaps thousands, of South Koreans believed to be living in the North against their will. Seoul officials say tens of thousands of South Korean prisoners of war never returned home after the war ended. Citing defectors, they believe about 300 may still be there.

The Seoul government also says North Korea abducted 3,756 South Koreans after the war ended. All but 454 of them — mostly fishermen — were sent back to the South. Pyongyang denies the allegation, calling it a smear campaign.

In another sign of thawing relations, a South Korean fishing boat that drifted into North Korean waters with navigational problems was returned Tuesday. In the past, many South Korean ships that crossed the border could not come back, with the North holding them and their crews on spying charges.

Market Watch 8/29

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Beating causes LAPD legal woes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
Victims of the Los Angeles police corruption scandal can sue under the federal racketeering law originally aimed at the mob, a judge ruled in a decision that could cost the city hundreds of millions of dollars.

U.S. District Judge William Rea issued his ruling Monday in a civil rights lawsuit filed July 3 on behalf of Louie Guerrero, 36, who alleges that officers grabbed, choked, kicked and punched him, then arrested him on trumped-up charges in 1997.

The ruling allows Guerrero to refile the lawsuit under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the 1970 law aimed at busting "criminal enterprises" such as the Mafia. RICO allows plaintiffs to receive triple damages and extends the statute of limitations to 10 years after a crime is committed.

This could become the first case in which a police department has been held responsible under RICO, said Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of Southern California law professor.

"I think it's insanity," Police

Commissioner Herbert Boeckman said of the ruling.

Officers assigned to the police department's Rampart division have been accused of lying, planting evidence and covering up shootings.

More than 100 convictions have been overturned since September, and five officers have been charged with crimes ranging from planting weapons to attempted murder. The city expects up to 275 lawsuits as a result of the burgeoning scandal.

The judge in the Guerrero case has yet to rule on whether it can proceed as a class-action on behalf of all those who were abused by the police. No trial date has been set.

The case was brought by lawyer Stephen Yagman, a longtime critic of the LAPD who has filed some 15 lawsuits against the department.

"This will show what I was saying all along was correct: The LAPD is a criminal

enterprise," Yagman said. "When I said this in the past, it was dismissed as the ravings of a lunatic."

RICO was designed by Congress to crack down on organized crime, drug dealers and smugglers. In subsequent decades it has been used

against street gangs, HMOs, tobacco companies, law firms and medical practices.

In the 1990s, the National Organization of Women and two abortion clinics used RICO to win millions of dollars in damages from the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

With the lawsuit against the LAPD, "it's pushing the statute to its limits and it's ratcheting up the stakes," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson.

Yagman said he and co-counsel Brian Lysaght invoked RICO when a one-year time limit appeared to be running out on some of the lawsuits involving alleged victims of police misconduct. A RICO lawsuit could also lead to federal oversight of the department.

Technically, the lawsuit is not against the LAPD, which is immune from litigation, but against city officials and current and former police chiefs. The lead defendant is former Police Chief Daryl Gates, who was forced out in the aftermath of the riots over the Rodney King case.

"I want to rebuild the LAPD so it serves the Los Angeles community and stops being an occupying paramilitary force," Yagman said.

Police Chief Bernard Parks, who is named as one of the defendants, suggested Yagman and Lysaght are trying to line their own pockets. Parks noted that the judge did not declare the department a criminal enterprise, and suggested the ruling would be challenged.

Weekend rain could help crews fight fires

Associated Press

RED LODGE, Mont.

Montana's governor asked President Clinton to declare Montana a federal disaster area Tuesday because of its huge wildfires, as exhausted firefighters looked hopefully toward the weekend and the possibility of rain.

Gov. Marc Racicot told Clinton the state has exhausted its fire fighting resources and asked for a federal disaster declaration that would free up more federal money. The governor estimated wild-fires are costing Montana businesses \$3 million a day.

In a visit to one fire camp near Helena, however, the governor heard a forecast for what would be first break in the drought that has helped feed the fires.

Cooler temperatures and scattered rain showers are expected for the Labor Day weekend, said Bob Nester, a National Weather Service forecaster.

"This is the first real weather pattern change in the West for three months," he told Racicot.

The National Interagency

Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, said there were 31 large fires burning on 674,000 acres in Montana on Tuesday. The biggest accounted for almost 250,000 acres after the Valley Complex and the Mussigbrod fires in the Bitterroot Valley burned together.

Nationally, there were 84 fires on 1.6 million acres. Idaho reported 26 large fires on nearly 745,000 acres; Wyoming, five large fires on 52,000 acres; and South Dakota one 65,000-acre fire.

So far this year, 6.2 million acres in the United States

have burned, the center said.

In Idaho, two New Jersey firefighters were injured when a driverless fire tanker

rolled over their tent as they were resting between shifts. One man had a broken leg and two broken ribs, and the other had abdominal swelling and neck pain.

It was the first major accident in the firefighting efforts on the 192,400-acre Clear Creek fire, where more than 1,500 men and women have been scraping firelines for more than a month.

"This is the first real weather pattern change in the West for three months."

Bob Nester
National Weather
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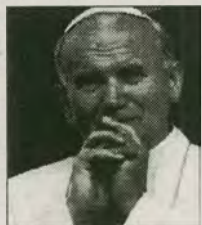
ITALY

Pope offers moral medical guides

Associated Press

ROME

Pope John Paul II sought Tuesday to lay down moral guidelines for medical research in the 21st century, endorsing organ donation and adult stem cell study but condemning human cloning and embryo experiments.



John Paul II

John Paul's address to an international conference of 5,000 transplant specialists appeared to be an attempt to set moral limits on such life-and-death issues as organ transplants and related research.

John Paul won applause from the transplant experts when he encouraged organ donation, calling it an "act of love."

But if his stance against embryo research were followed, "all these people with serious diseases would have no hope," said one supporter of the research, Dr. Robert Goldstein of the New York-based Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Underscoring how important he considered the issue, the 80-year-old pontiff left his summer retreat at Castel Gandolfo outside Rome to address the International Congress of the Transplantation Society.

But the address went beyond being a booster speech for organ donations.

John Paul spelled out the church's position on transplant-related matters, condemning the

sale of organs, insisting on informed consent on both sides of the exchange and singling out the complete end of brain activity as an acceptable way to determine that death has occurred.

Calling organ donation "a genuine act of love," he said, "Accordingly, any procedure which tends to commercialize human organs or to consider them as items of exchange or trade must be considered morally unacceptable."

The decision on who should be first in line to receive organs can be based only on medical factors, John Paul said — not on age, sex, race, religion, social standing, usefulness to society or any other standard.

He left the door open for cross-species transplants.

The pope's support for organ donation was likely to have an impact on his 1 billion-strong flock of Roman Catholics. Traditionally, many Catholics have been adverse to both organ

transplants and cremation for reasons having to do with keeping the body intact for resurrection.

John Paul also spoke out against cloning and related embryo research, a rapidly developing field in the four years since Dolly the lamb first struggled to its cloned hooves.

The pope renewed his opposition to both techniques just weeks after Britain moved toward allowing limited human

cloning for research and the United States approving federal funding for research on human embryo stem cells.

The British and U.S. actions both grew out of scientific excitement about the promise of research on embryonic stem cell — parent cells that go on to form most types of cells and tissues.

Researchers hope the cells can some day be used to grow cells, tissues or whole organs — offering hope for scores of diseases from diabetes to Alzheimer's.

Experts say one of the most promising areas for the research is in Parkinson's — a neurological ailment of which the pope himself shows symptoms. The Vatican no longer denies he has it, although it has never confirmed it.

In the church's view, cloning is irreconcilable with its position that sex between married couples is the only acceptable way to create human life.

"Methods that fail to respect the dignity and value of the person must always be avoided," John Paul told the medical workers.

"I am thinking in particular of attempts

at human cloning with a view to obtaining organs for transplants: These techniques, insofar as they involve the manipulation and destruction of human embryos, are not morally acceptable, even when their proposed goal is good in itself."

"Accordingly, any procedure which tends to commercialize human organs or to consider them as items of exchange or trade must be considered morally unacceptable."

Pope John Paul II

SPAIN

Basque separatists blamed for shooting

◆ Politician marks fifth death this month

Associated Press

SAN SEBASTIAN

A politician was gunned down Tuesday in the street of a northern town in the latest in a series of slayings blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

Manuel Indiano, 29, was shot 10 times in the chest and abdomen outside his candy store in Zumarraga, a Basque town, about 250 miles north of Madrid, police said.

Indiano, who authorities said refused police protection normally offered politicians in the Basque region, died in the town's hospital an hour after the attack. His wife, pregnant with their first child, was admitted to a hospital later in shock.

Although not a member of the governing Popular Party, Indiano became a councilor in Zumarraga for the party six months ago. The conservative party fiercely opposes Basque separatism and other moves to change Spain's political makeup.

No one took responsibility for the shooting, but Interior Ministry officials immediately blamed ETA, which began its campaign for independence of the three-province northern region in 1968.

The killing brought to 12 the number of slayings — five this month — attributed to ETA since it ended a 14-month truce last December.

The group, whose name stands for Basque Homeland and Freedom, has been blamed for killing nearly 800 people. It normally

claims responsibility for its attacks several weeks after carrying them out.

Officials believe the latest ETA campaign seeks to push the government to the negotiating table. A single round of talks during last year's truce ended in stalemate.

The killing was condemned by political parties, labor unions and Amnesty International.

"We are faced once again with the confirmation that the terrorist group ETA has no other aim but to impose its will on others and exterminate all those who don't think like they do," said deputy Prime Minister Marian Rajoy.

Indiano's body was to be brought to Madrid, where his parents live, for burial Wednesday, news reports said.

Hundreds of people gathered Tuesday evening in Bilbao, San Sebastian and Vitoria, the capitals of the three Basque provinces, to observe a few minutes of silence. The quiet was broken by periodic shouts against ETA.

In Zumarraga itself, at a special town meeting called to condemn the killing, one of three councilors who belong to the pro-ETA party Euskal Herriarrok tried to read a communique but was drowned out by shouts of "murderers."

While security force members have long been ETA's main target, in recent years the organization has begun killing more politicians, particularly those of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's Popular Party.

Aznar, who was on a visit to Poland on Tuesday, survived a car-bomb attempt on his life in 1995 when he was in the opposition.

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Gore to Bush: 'put up or shut up' on health care policy

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Al Gore touted his \$100 billion plan to help provide health care to every American child and said Tuesday it's time for rival George W. Bush to "put up or shut up" on health care policy.

Bush retorted that Gore was resorting to the kind of partisan sniping that's paralyzed Washington.

"I felt like his comments underline the point I made," said Bush, who was campaigning in Maine and New Hampshire. "If we want to get something done in Washington we have to change the tone of the discourse."

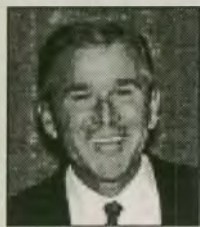
The long-distance exchange came as Democrat Gore was in the midst of a weeklong focus on health care, telling voters he's

offering them details of what he'd do if elected — unlike Bush, a Republican.

"The time for generalities without specifics I think is just about over," said Gore. "It's kind of put up or shut up time."



Gore



Bush

Speaking with reporters on his campaign airplane, Bush was scornful.

"It's not very presidential to me," said Bush.

The Democratic National Committee backed up Gore with a new ad on prescription drugs for Medicare. "Bush has no specific plan," it charges. It's the fourth political ad in a week on the drug issue, which is particularly popular with seniors.

Gore, campaigning in a photo-friendly park, listened to local residents talk of the difficulty they've had getting coverage for

their children.

The parents of one 2-year-old who suffered a broken leg told Gore they eventually were able to get insurance coverage through a federal program, but it took a bureaucratic fight, and better outreach would help.

"Let's not play games with this. Let's put the facts on the table," Gore said, then underscored his point with details of his plan.

His \$100 billion, 10-year children's health proposal is an expansion of an existing program offering coverage to children of the working poor.

Gore would cover children in families making up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. He said that would offer coverage to the 11 million uninsured children by 2005.

"We need to cover every child in the next presidential term," said Gore. "Every child ought to

have good, high quality health care."

Gore argued he's flying solo in the health care debate, because Bush is ducking on offering specifics for child and senior health care.

"I encourage our opponents to enter that debate also with a specific plan," said Gore. "I think it will be a campaign that better serves the American people if they can compare the plans that both sides have put forward and make the judgment for themselves."

Gore on Monday touted his plan to add a prescription drug

coverage in Medicare, and Bush said he would offer details on his plan next Tuesday.

Gore deputy campaign manager Mark Fabiani said, "Now the question is what will he do for the children? What does Governor Bush intend to do about the 11 million uninsured children in the country, 1.4 million of whom live in Texas?"

In response, a Bush spokesman, Dan Bartlett, contended, "Under Al Gore's watch, there are 2.4 million more uninsured children in America because the Clinton-Gore administration's effort to nationalize health care was soundly rejected by the American people in 1993."

"We need to cover every child. ... Every child ought to have good, high quality health care."

Al Gore
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Voters consider campaign reform

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. California, the Wild West of political giving and spending, and two other states, will offer voters the chance in November to overhaul their campaign finance laws.

California's ballot proposal would limit political donations, while initiatives in Missouri and Oregon would finance campaigns with taxpayer money.

The measures in Oregon and Missouri would put those states in the forefront of the campaign-finance reform movement. California, on the other hand, is playing catch-up as it considers the kinds of donation caps that 44 states already have.

In California, individuals, corporations and other special interests can donate as much as they want.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis has exploited that system like no one before him, shattering records by collecting more than \$21 million for his reelection two years from now. (By comparison, Al Gore has raised \$38 million in the same period for his Democratic presidential run.)

California's Proposition 34 would set the limits for donations from most sources at \$20,000 for gubernatorial can-

didates, \$5,000 for other statewide candidates and \$3,000 for legislative candidates.

Political parties could give unlimited amounts to candidates but collect no more than \$25,000 a year from any one donor to support or oppose specific candidates. "Soft money" donations not targeting a candidate would be unlimited.

"It diminishes the power of special interests," said Senate Democratic leader John Burton, co-author of the measure. "It's infinitely better than

Proposition 34 would make it harder to track who is seeking to buy influence, Miller said. Instead of giving directly to a candidate, a special interest could give to a party, which could then channel the money to the politician.

"It's really money-laundering, is what it is," Miller said.

Among Miller's other objections: It would permit special interests to "bundle" contributions from their employees to increase their impact, and it would supersede far more stringent restrictions approved by voters four years ago, now moving through the courts.

Republicans, too, take a dim view of the proposal.

It exempts statewide officeholders — of whom all but one are Democrats — from the donation caps until after the 2002 election, leaving Davis unaffected by its provisions.

And it defines each union local as a separate entity, rather than belonging to one statewide or larger organization. So countless union groups could donate the maximum. Unions generally support Democrats.

"The worst part of the plan is the transparency of giving Gray Davis the right to continue pillaging donors for the next two years," said Shawn Steel, vice chairman of the California Republican Party. "A plan crafted by Democrats, supported by Democrats and designed specifically to help Davis cannot be good for the people."

The measure was placed on the ballot by the Legislature and Davis, who complained that he had been blindsided by it. Burton moved it through the Legislature with no public hearings.

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Shawn Steel
vice chairman
California Republican Party

an outpouring of criticism from government watchdog groups, who say it is so riddled with holes it would be worse than the current system.

"In most states that would be a step backward," said Nick Nyhart, executive director of Public Campaign, a Washington-based group.

The measure's donation limits would be among the highest in the nation, said Tony Miller, who is leading the campaign against Proposition 34. California's campaigns are also among the most expensive to mount, because the state is so big and has so many television markets.

Casinos attract Asians, Hispanics to Las Vegas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Those new hotels and casinos that sprouted up in Nevada's Clark County this past decade attracted more than just gamblers anxious to try their luck under the bright lights of Las Vegas.

The boom also brought an influx of Asians and Hispanics eager to fill new construction and service-industry jobs, a development that helped make Nevada the fastest-growing state in the 1990s.

New Census Bureau estimates being released today show that increases in the nation's two fastest-growing minority populations are also helping to spark gains elsewhere.

Between July 1, 1990 and July 1, 1999, the nation's Asian and Pacific Islander population grew 43.0 percent to 10.8 million, and the Hispanic population grew 38.8 percent to 31.3 million, the Census estimates show. These are the last such estimates to be released before detailed Census 2000 results come out next year.

California, Texas and New York — the three most populous states — continue to have the highest numbers of minorities, but Nevada, Georgia and North Carolina experienced the biggest percent increases, Census analyst Larry Sink said.

"It's largely a condition of jobs and the network of people they know there," said John Haaga of the Population Reference Bureau, a Washington-based research group. "That's the traditional American experience."

Nationally, the country's white population increased 7.3 percent between 1990 and 1999 to 224.6 million. Blacks remained the country's largest minority group, experiencing a 13.8 percent spike during the same period to 34.8 million, while the American Indian and Alaska Native population increased 15.5 percent to 2.3 million.

"The white, black and American Indian populations

for the most part just don't show that dramatic of a change," Sink said. Overall, the Hispanic and Asian growth is "largely being fueled by immigration."

Nevada's 50 percent population growth led all states during the 90s. Its Asian population rose 123.7 percent to 88,208, the largest such increase in the nation, while its Hispanic population rose 144.6 percent to 304,364. Hispanics can be of any race.

Unprecedented new hotel and casino construction in Clark County opened up more jobs during the decade, said Steven Kwon, a Las Vegas architect and founder of the area's Asian Chamber of Commerce.

In that county alone, the Hispanic population rose 164.3 percent to 219,075, while its Asian population rose 139.3 percent to 64,636. "In-migration into southern Nevada is dominated by people from Southern California," said Dr. Keith Schwer, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. "And Southern California has historically had a high portion of the Asian and Hispanic population."

California had the biggest Hispanic population with 10.4 million. Over 2.7 million Hispanics moved into the state between 1990 and 1999, a 35.8 percent increase. Arkansas, meanwhile, had the biggest percentage growth among Hispanics, increasing 170.3 percent to 53,729 in the 90s.

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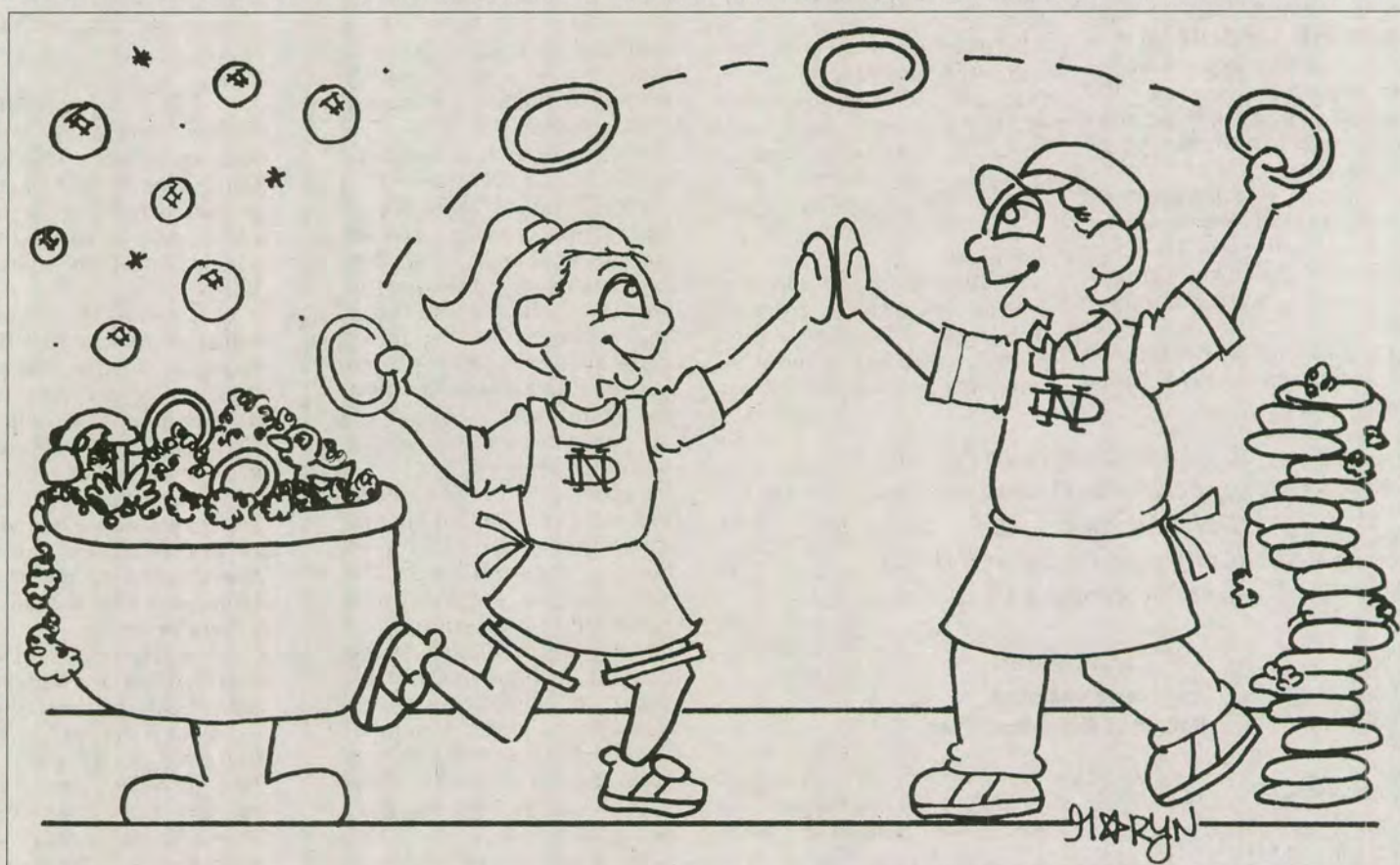
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Seeing old friends on the dishline

I have a confession to make. I'm not sure I'm really ready to reveal this to the entire campus, but I guess I have to say this sometime. So here goes. My niche is the dining hall. I'll explain that.

Last Monday, I read the Freshman Orientation issue of The Observer. My column was in it, so I wanted to see what else was. I ended up reading somebody else's column about how the freshmen need to find an activity or group or something that they enjoy and make that their niche. As I read this, I thought a little sadly to myself, "I'm a sophomore, and I still don't know where my niche is."

God knows I tried to find it last year. I volunteered. I was an activist. I joined musical groups. I even started writing for this paper. But none of these places were my niche. I quickly discovered. I enjoyed some of them, particularly the writing, but none of them were places where I was comfortable with everyone or where I knew all the inside jokes. None of them were my place on campus.

So I came into my sophomore year with a number of things to put on a resumé of activities and no place that I felt I really belonged. I made up my mind to wade back into the fray and find my niche if it killed me.

Along came Monday night. At 8:30, I went to the beginning of the year meeting for the dining hall workers, since I am, after all, a dining hall worker. This consisted of the student managers, about 12 of them, the returning workers, about 20, and about 8 million freshmen, all but three of whom will quit by the end of the year. (I know this from experience.) I said hi to some of the returnees and a couple of the managers, and then joined up with a couple of friends to quietly heckle the welcome speech.

It was, strangely, probably the high point of my day. My roommate wasn't here yet, and I hadn't had a chance to find many people I knew. So this was my first chance to see a bunch of people I knew and liked.

As I left the dining hall that night, I started thinking about the niche problem again. And then it dawned on me. The dining hall is my niche. It's where I am comfortable. It's where I know all the returnees and managers. It's where I

know all the inside jokes. I am now one of those veterans who has funny stories about people who are gone to tell younger members. This is my niche.

This sounds strange, I know. You are probably thinking to yourself, "What kind of niche is that? You do dishes, clean up after other students and deal with food a lot. How can you enjoy that?"

I enjoy it because of the people. Not just the students workers, but the full-time workers as well. Sure, I hate doing dishes as much as the next person. But if I'd never worked back on the dish line, I would never have met Walter, who's this really warm, nice, funny guy. If I didn't work downstairs, I'd never have met Lester, who's always happy to see me, always helps me get what I need and gives me high-fives whenever he hasn't seen me for awhile. If I didn't work in the Grab'n'Go, I would never have met Bettie, who always has a hug for me and who I corresponded with over the summer.

I've met a lot of interesting people. There's one man who works in the back who is an immigrant from Vietnam. He was studying to be a lawyer when the war started and he lost his youth to that war. After the war, he immigrated to the U.S. and now he works in our dining hall. I bet you didn't know anyone so interesting worked back there!

The student workers are pretty interesting, too. About 95 percent of the people I know who are minority students. I know from the dining hall. This is also where I met Katie, originator of two famous statements 1) "I may work in the dining hall but I'm not dirt!" and 2) "Core is where you read books and talk about your childhood." It's where I met Mike, the man who invented the concept that if you are funny, you don't have to do work.

I've met a lot of other great people at the dining hall, but I can't describe them all. I guess the point of this whole article, if I could ever really be said to have a point, is that there really is a niche out there for everyone. It just might not be where you would expect.

Marlayna Soenneker's column appears every other Wednesday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Sponges grow in the ocean. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be if that didn't happen."

Steven Wright
humorist

GUEST COLUMN

Tuning in on the Republican Convention

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.

"They have had their chance. They have not led. We will." That was the theme of Governor George W. Bush's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. He also commented "so much promise to no great purpose," referring to the Clinton-Gore administration and their lack of leadership over the last eight years.

Catherine Middleton

The University Echo

This administration has presided over one of the greatest economic booms in our country's history, yet there are so many things they haven't accomplished. Social Security is still bankrupt, our health care crisis continues, and just last month Clinton vetoed the removal of the "marriage-tax penalty." (For those of you unfamiliar with this phenomenon, married couples filing jointly pay a higher tax than if they were single and filed separately. It basically punishes you for getting married.)

Many people expected Bush to attack Clinton, but I thought the speech was rather mild. He made the expected references to a lack of character in the White House, as did vice-presidential nominee Dick Cheney, but they were rather veiled. Primarily, Bush took the opportunity to introduce himself to voters.

He described his childhood, his marriage to Laura, their children, etc. He also laid out goals for his administration which included increased pay for members of the armed forces (the number of armed services members who receive food stamps is staggering), giving private insurance tax credits for lower-income people and reducing the tax rate from 15 percent to 10 percent on the lower-income brackets.

From the very beginning of the convention, there were comments about the racial makeup of the convention delegates, participants and speakers. The Republican Party is not known for its diversity, but that is beginning to change. Locally, an African-American man, Johnny Horne, is the Republican nominee against Democrat Brenda Turner for State Representative. The national convention attempted to reflect the increasing role of minority groups in the Republican Party.

They say in politics that no matter what you do, you'll manage to offend someone, and that was definitely the case at the convention. Republicans are called the party of "old, rich white guys," and sometimes that seems to be true. The average delegate was a 47-year-old white male. However, the youngest delegate was 19 and there were more minority delegates than ever before.

This is not to say that we're getting the support of the NAACP just yet (although after the anti-Semitic comments by the chairman of the Dallas, Texas NAACP about Democratic VP candidate Joseph Lieberman, I'm not sure I'd want their support).

The Republicans were accused of "trotting out the token minority" by having former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell (widely discussed as possible Secretary of State in a Bush Administration) as headline speaker the first night of the convention. In my opinion, this was an unfair comment.

There were several minority speakers, including Congressman J.C. Watts, an African-American minister from the Philadelphia area and an openly gay congressman. The speaker I was most impressed with, however, was Condoleezza Rice. She spoke before Sen. John McCain on Tuesday night.

Although she is unknown to many voters, she is an expert on Russian politics and is George W. Bush's foreign policy advisor. She is expected to be named as National Security Advisor and to the best of my knowledge, would be the first African-American woman to hold that post.

The Democratic National Convention was two weeks ago in Los Angeles, where the party nominated Joe Lieberman as its vice-presidential candidate. Al Gore received a large bounce in the polls after the Convention, making it a statistical dead heat according to the latest poll numbers. Labor Day weekend is traditionally the beginning of the final stretch to the Presidency, and it appears to be getting interesting. Stay tuned ...

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Continuing the mission of the CSC

I invite you to reflect on the importance of personal and community-based passion and mission as we begin this academic year.

Four years ago at the commencement ceremony in the JACC,

Don McNeill

*For a More
Just and
Humane
World*

Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ (of Dead Man Walking book/movie fame) concluded her powerful talk after receiving the Laetare Medal with the words, "May you be blessed with passion and may you follow it all your life." She returned to Notre Dame and DeBartolo a few months ago to a standing room only crowd and affirmed the importance of passion and our call to our community-based mission of "loving tenderly, acting justly and walking humbly with God" (Micah 6).

During the past 12 days, I have experienced events which are energizing and encouraging for me as executive director of the Center for Social Concerns. In the next few days, I anticipate an initiative which is very challenging. This spring we at the CSC worked hard as a staff and with students, faculty, alumni and other constituents to revise our mission statement as part of a comprehensive strategic planning process. I am grateful to share these brief and personal reflections on how our mission is more than words and is being lived out passionately by many in our community as I write to you.

Our mission statement is as follows: Rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social tradition, the Center for Social Concerns of the University of Notre Dame creates formative educational and service experiences in collaboration with diverse partners, calling us all to action for a more just and humane world.

This past Saturday morning, I celebrated with the more than 200 students and collaborators who participated in Summer Service Projects, discussing the way their passions were engaged during the eight weeks nationally and internationally in service-learning. With readings, journals and written reflections over the summer, they discovered how their "formative educational and service experiences" were "rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social tradition." A few days before in our Theology seminar with SSP returnees, I relished the way students responded to the video of

Sr. Helen Prejean's talk and related it to the passions and collaboration of "many diverse partners" who made their service experiences possible.

On Thursday afternoon, August 24th, over 100 First Year students gathered in our Center Multipurpose Room with their professors for a new course initiative. They will be able to incorporate community-based learning opportunities in the South Bend community into their First Year Composition writing course because of the collaboration of four groups: Office of First Year of Studies, First Year Writing Program, agencies in the South Bend area, and our own Center. I was especially pleased to share the enthusiasm of two First Year students in McGlinn Hall who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity and for the passion of their professors for this challenge.

I am also anticipating my joy at Activities Night to see many options in the area of social concerns and service in the midst of other invitations for you students to share your gifts with the Hall, campus and off-campus possibilities. It is encouraging that all received by mail the listings of the multiple Social Concerns Seminar offerings during breaks which often complement other CSC programs in "calling us all to action for a more just and humane world."

I am grateful that a press conference on Thursday will clarify a new program, called New Initiative in the Northeast

Neighborhood, which has included "many diverse partners," on and off campus. The CSC has welcomed the initiative to be deeply involved in this effort to have out the best of our ND mission to be collaborative and sensitive to our "neighbors."

This past Sunday, August 27th, I participated in a special Eucharistic Celebration in the African-American parish of St. Agatha in North Lawndale (Chicago). Fr. Mike Ivers, who was a dynamic speaker at the conference last February,

"Reconciliation and Renewal in the Cities: Faith-Based Initiatives," was leaving the vibrant parish community after 12 years of shared ministry. In his homily, he asked those of us with Notre Dame connections to stand. As I looked at our current Notre Dame African-American students, other students and alumni who learned so much from Mike and the "diverse partners of St. Agatha," I was moved to tears with gratitude. Many Notre Dame alumni of St. Agatha had transformative experiences and will continue to on SSPs and Urban Plunges.

Thanks for your interest. We of the CSC welcome your ideas, suggestions, passions and sharing in our mission.

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Games seduce the strongest of men

Where, oh where, have all the boys gone?
Oh where, oh where can they be?

With their joysticks in hand,
Never seen on Notre Dame land.

Where, oh where can they be?
Notice:

There are several guys missing in action from the Notre Dame campus. The few men recovered have suffered from watery eyes, underexposure to sunlight, deprivation of sleep, and thumb exhaustion.

Surprisingly, these males are not MIAs who have fallen into the hands of torturous enemies. Rather these chaps have succumbed to the warping ways of

video games. The prescribed torture is unending hours of sitting in front of a television playing the same game until in sets total mind numbness.

The illness is contagious. O'Neill resident Bobby Goedert reports that 70 percent of his dorm mates possess a game system. Three out of five rooms in Sorin Hall are equipped similarly. The presence of a game system increases the likelihood of a video game obsession infection.

Epidemics especially break out when the winter arrives. Those people with mild symptoms of the malady quickly escalate to full-blown obsession.

Common rooms, to which each section's residents gravitate, become the breeding ground for the infection. Community rooms in Morrissey, Alumni,

Sorin, Knott and Keough dormitories seemingly promote the mania by hosting tournaments to determine the video guru of each respective hall. The winner of each competition receives respect and admiration from his fellow residents and companion victims of infirmity.

Video game obsession is not a new-fangled concept. John Eriksen, yet another victim to the mania and a Keough alum, remembers these manly pursuits of opposition lasting for days on end. "You have to understand that these games suck you in. It's just hard not to play."

Some students at Notre

Dame are able to elude the video game craze. Sorin residential assistant Michael Campbell has become immune to the "crazy,

competitive, and emotional" nature of these contests by weathering out the storm and concentrating on more important aspects of student life.

Junior Brian Gray has also observed the pandemonium of rivalry. Gray reported, "There are guys that play, and guys that don't. Some of the people that play, they can get scary."

What factors nourish this obsession is questionable. Spencer Begg "tributes his susceptibility to the illness as being "a hunter-caveman thing." Quake 3, a first person shooting game, satisfies his primary instincts. The only advantage to Begg's game playing must be that he does not have to take home any carcasses to skin. Most guys, though, acknowledge that video games monopolize their time because of the mindless and distracting nature of the entertainment. Adversely, video game fever helps to cure other illnesses such as acute boredom and stress from finals week.

Other sufferers of the syndrome prefer games like "Blitz 2000", "Goldeneye", "Vigilante", "Tony Hawk's Skateboarding" or "Mario Kart". Basically, any video diversion dealing with things that blow up, vehicles that are speed-lightning fast, or entrails-covered spherical objects promotes video game madness.

The affliction is peculiar in its preference to affect the male's central nervous system rather than those of the females. Yet, occasionally a femme is infected. Various ladies in Pangborn and Walsh Hall do boast of owning a video game system. Walsh senior Tiara Jefferson revealed that chicas are not "into the shoot 'em up games." Rather, most popular among the women are the "old-school" games like "Mario Brothers", "Mario Kart", "Donkey Kong" and "Tetris" games.

The plague of video game obsession continues to sweep across the Notre Dame campus, claiming thousands of men and women. Until a cure is found, the madness will persist in its attempt to corrupt every able body.

Beware, beware.

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Scene Writer



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X-Men return to Academy

By JOSE CUELLAR

Scene Video Game Reviewer

The X-Men have done it again. After a summer blockbuster movie, The X-Men have followed that success with a new video game, "X-Men: Mutant Academy". One is used to seeing the X-Men in games like "Marvel Vs. Capcom" in which characters of the Marvel Universe fight it out in teams of three against other teams in the Marvel universe and even some that appear in Capcom games.

No one can forget the only pure X-Men fighting game "X-Men: Children of the Atom". Few of us will remember the one arcade game in which you and your five closest friends could play at the same time against Magneto and his minion as one of the X-Men. Although it was cool to watch the game in two screens, "X-Men: Mutant Academy" brings the feel of the arcade into your PlayStation and for this reviewer, a 13-inch television.

"X-Men: Mutant Academy" gives you the option of playing as one of the X-Men or even as one of the villains from the X-Men movie. One can choose between Wolverine, Storm, Cyclops, Jean Grey (as The Phoenix), Sabertooth, Toad, Mystique and even the Master of Magnetism, a.k.a. Magneto.

Keeping true to the movie, the programmers at Paradox even included the movie costumes. Two more X-Men, not in the movie but extremely popular, were added to the cast, everyone's favorite Cajun, Gambit and the incredibly hairy and smart beast, the Beast.

Professor X, Charles Xavier to all non-X-Men fans, stays in the background and acts as your trainer. They all have their individual powers at full strength and the combos, when executed, offers plenty of eye candy for X-Men fans.

When you start the game, you get the choice between several modes. One-on-one combat is found in the arcade mode. Academy mode takes you to the basement of Professor X's mansion and under the supervision of Professor X and Cerebro, you learn all the moves for your favorite character.

Keeping with the school environment, you even get a grade. Survival mode is a real challenge and should only be picked once you are a seasoned fighter or until the tip of your thumbs can withstand a direct flame.

Cerebro Mode is one of the best additions to any type of game. It contains full motion videos (FMVs) of each X-Men once they finished their training in academy mode. It also features the trailer for the X-Men movie and some drawings from the comic books. The trailer is the only one that is unlocked, the rest have to be unlocked after hours and hours of play. I am still working on that.

The FMVs are not the best but are a great addition to the game. The voices of the characters are

right out of the X-Men cartoon. My only problem with the game was control. I spent hours in the academy mode with my favorite X-Man (card throwing Gambit) and even when I could do his super moves (one called the 52 card draw, my personal favorite) it was hard to recreate the combination when I was fighting it out in the arcade mode.

I spent most of the time using simple combinations to win. At one point I got so desperate that I began playing like my little sister. I threw down my controller to the floor and began pressing every

button at random. It was then that I finally got Gambit's super move to work. Good grief!

Control aside, I really liked this game. I am also a big fan of the graphics that were developed for the game. All the characters are in 3D and the backdrops, even though they are in 2D, are right out of the comic. X-Men know-it-alls will really like Storm's New York sewer backdrop, Phoenix's moon base and Gambit's deck, deep in bayou country.

While I did enjoy the game and would recommend it to everyone, I wish that it were easier to control. Overall, this game will give fighting game fans, and X-Men fans, hours and hours of optic blasting enjoyment.

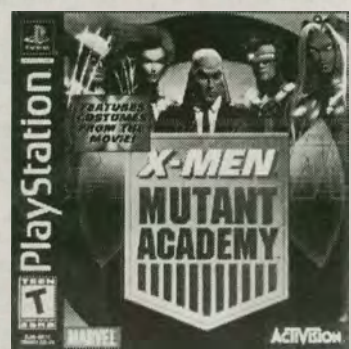


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"Tenchu" ninja assassins jump back onto screen

New prequel to popular game gives hardcore fans of gory original deadlier weapons, longer missions and more stealth kills

By ADAM TURNER
Scene Video Game Reviewer

With all these nerds running around, checking the big Episode 11 news on starwars.com — for example an interview with the key grip — it seems that everyone in the entertainment industry is trying to cash in with a prequel success. Activision has decided jump on the prequel bandwagon by purchasing the Playstation rights to release the prequel to the million-copy selling "Tenchu: Stealth Assassins". "Tenchu 2: Birth of the Stealth Assassins" is set four years before the original Tenchu. As in the original, you may pick between two different Azuma ninja, Rikimaru and Ayame, each with their own individual story modes.

For those of you who may be newcomers to Tenchu, the name of the game is stealth. With either ninja, you must sneak through 11 different massive levels in the story mode, traveling from place to place throughout feudal Japan on missions handed down from your master, Lord Gohda.

For those of you who persevere through the 11 missions for either character, you are granted an additional seven missions to complete with the use of Tatsumaru, a powerful Azuma ninja.

A new concept in "Tenchu 2" is mission objectives. Different missions have different objectives, as opposed to the basic find some bad guys/ kill bad

guys/ find boss/ kill boss/ go to next level/ repeat. Sometimes the mission is to slide through enemy defenses and assassinate an evil warlord. Sometimes the objective is to creep through a stronghold to steal something. No matter what the objective is you can be sure that it will be a bloody good time.

For me, the one thing that was always so frustrating growing up playing video games was that if you were sneaking up on some unsuspecting sap, you should be able to take them out with one well-placed blow. "Tenchu 2" gives you this opportunity.

For those of you who may be newcomers to Tenchu, the name of the game is stealth.

Fans of the original already know how gruesome the stealth kills are.

In addition to the original stealth kills, each character has three more stealth kills to compensate for the frustration of hiding in a dark corner for two minutes while your roommates tell you what a stupid game you're playing. Then, all of a sudden, you run up and blood flies everywhere, on the floor, on the wall, or on some other goon.

This game has a mature rating, kids. Don't let mommy and daddy catch you if you're from Utah, because that stuff just doesn't fly there — kind of like music. Why the Jazz are in Utah is beyond me. They belong back in New Orleans.

Other cool new additions to the original include some of

the sweetest full-motion video animation that I've ever seen in a game that wasn't made by Squaresoft. New ninja tools and weapons, like exploding arrows, blowguns, and blinding dust are also fine additions.

The computer artificial intelligence is vastly improved. The patrols will stop and look around when they stroll over an assassinated cohort — thus giving away your element of surprise. The solution: pull the body into a corner.

No blood, no foul? Probably not, but for you serious Tenchu fans out there, there is also a mission editor included with the game, allowing those who are most bored on a Saturday night to amuse themselves by creating their very own nerd fest. These people

also hide from the sunshine. They hang out in the Fitzpatrick cluster to increase their dark powers. They also check out starwars.com a lot.

Okay, so you're probably going "Ah, another Observer

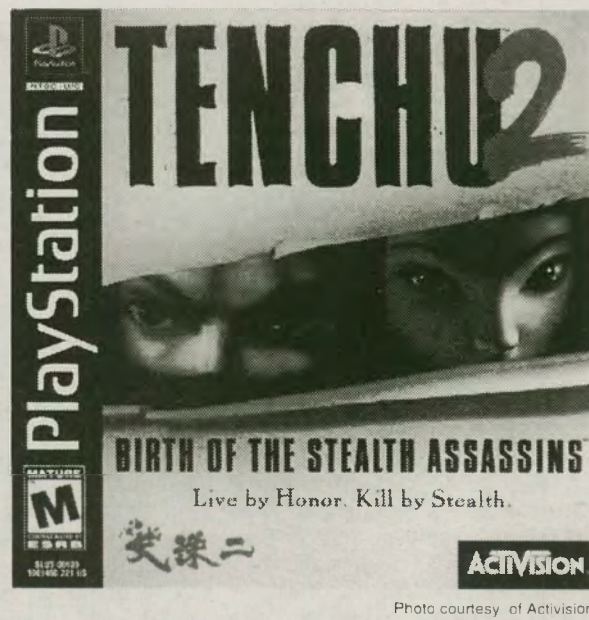


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review that finds no fault at all with the product in an attempt at positive PR for everyone." Actually, that's not what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Why should I not buy this game? Why is this review rambling? Is that guy sitting by the door in the dining hall going to see me stick this stack of cups in my bag?" Well, all this and more, my friend. (He's not really looking at you, by the way. Make a run for it.)

I'll tell you what sincerely displeases me about this game. The graphics are the same as the original. There hasn't been vast improvement in any department really. Some things are different, but by no means is it a tremendous change. I think they blew their graphics budget on the opening full motion video sequence.

On top of that, some of the stage paths are not only hard to follow, but almost annoyingly impossible. Example: I spent one hour on first level looking for hole in ceiling. I broke the sign pointing to the hole and I was lost. Which makes me stupid, but it is hard to follow at times.

Another flaw in the system is the view, which is just awful at times. There is a constant need to hit the L1 button to look around, even when you're not in a tight spot.

The most annoying bug I caught was that sometimes, when you're right on top of someone you're sneaking up on and you're going for the stealth kill, the screen flashes and all of a sudden you've passed through them and they start spurting blood everywhere.

This ticks me off because if I'm going to spend the trouble of sneaking up to the bad guy, the least they can do is show me the little stealth-kill movie.

Then there's the problem of the learning curve. The learning curve is not fast if you're unfamiliar with the game. The controls take a bit of getting used to, since 99 percent of the population is still used to

playing Mario Kart. A training level allows you plenty of opportunity to work out the kinks, but it is still superannoying, because you don't want to learn, you want to play. Which is why you're in college in the first place, really.

For those of you who are hardcore and like your games violent and dirty, with great amusement, I highly recommend Tenchu 2. For those of you who have girlfriends, just make sure to hide it before she comes over.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hammonds picks up resting Helton, Rockies win 2-1

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Todd Helton got some rest and Jeffrey Hammonds picked up the slack.

Hammonds went 3-for-4, including a go-ahead RBI double in the sixth inning, as the Colorado Rockies edged the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 Tuesday night.

"Who needs Todd?," Hammonds said, jokingly. "It was a great game all around and we won. That's all that counts."

The loss was the major league-high 16th for Philadelphia's Omar Daal (3-16).

Colorado took a 1-0 lead in the third when Ben Petrick scored on Juan Pierre's RBI single.

The lead was short-lived as the Phillies tied the game in the bottom half of the third as Doug Glanville singled home Daal, who led off with a double.

Astros 11, Mets 1

Wade Miller, Jeff Bagwell and the Houston Astros made it a miserable night for Al Leiter and the New York Mets.

Miller pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in the majors. Bagwell hit his 40th

homer and drove in three runs and the Astros romped past the Mets.

Tony Eusebio's 24-game hitting streak came to an end, but most everything else went right for the Astros.

Piazza had a tough day at the plate, too, in going 0-for-3. In the fourth, he hit a grounder to third base and stayed in the batter's box, sure he had fouled the ball off his left foot. After the umpires conferred, Piazza was called out.

The next half-inning, Houston's Chris Truby was called out on appeal for leaving third base early on a tag play. Truby, who drove in two runs, and Tim Lincecum each had three of the Astros' 16 hits.

Jerrod Riggan, promoted from Double-A Binghamton a day earlier, made his major league debut and pitched two innings for the Mets. The 26-year-old righty allowed two runs, both unearned.

Dodgers 7, Brewers 2

Chan Ho Park allowed one hit in eight innings and Mark Grudzielanek drove in four runs as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Milwaukee Brewers for their eighth victory in nine games.

Park (14-8) allowed only James Mouton's two-out, two-run homer in the sixth and

struck out a career-high 14.

Grudzielanek, a Milwaukee native, also tripled in the ninth and scored when Henry Blanco dropped a good relay throw from Ron Belliard at the plate. It was scored a triple and an error.

Haynes allowed four earned runs, five hits and three walks. The Brewers, who fell to a season-worst 19 games below .500, lost for the third time in four games.

Reds 4, Braves 2

Ken Griffey Jr.'s two-run single in the seventh inning put Cincinnati ahead and the Reds went on to a victory over the Atlanta Braves, who squandered a chance to break a first-place tie in the NL East.

Javy Lopez had an RBI single in the fourth to put the Braves ahead, and Reggie Sanders hit his first homer in 39 days leading off the fifth.

Cincinnati halved its deficit in the sixth on Dmitri Young's two-out homer over the center-field wall. Otherwise, Ashby was dominating.

The right-hander struck out Dante Bichette swinging three straight times, and seemed likely to break a personal three-game losing streak until his finger began hurting.

Diamondbacks 8, Expos 7

Greg Colbrunn homered and had three RBIs as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Montreal Expos.

Colbrunn hit a two-run homer in the fifth and an RBI single with one out in the seventh to break a 6-6 tie.

After Montreal tied the game on Michael Barrett's RBI double in the sixth, Expos reliever Scott Forster (0-1) walked Tony Womack and Danny Bautista to lead off the seventh.

Lee Stevens and Geoff Blum hit RBI singles off Geraldo Guzman in the bottom half as the Expos cut the lead to 4-2.

Colbrunn's homer made it 6-2 in the fifth before Jose Vidro brought Montreal back to within one with a three-run homer — his 22nd — in the bottom half.

Guzman, who went 5 1-3 innings, allowed nine hits and six runs in his eighth start for Arizona.

Vazquez, who hasn't won since July 23, allowed six hits and six runs in five innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Marlins 3, Cardinals 1

Chuck Smith allowed four hits in eight innings and Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer in the first to help the Florida Marlins beat the St. Louis Cardinals.

Florida snapped the

Cardinals' three-game winning streak and beat Pat Hentgen (13-10), who had won his previous three starts.

Smith (3-5) struck out nine, walked three and gave up a home run to Edgar Renteria in the seventh. Smith, a 30-year-old rookie, had been 0-4 at home despite a 2.56 ERA.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 37th save in 41 chances.

Florida's Cliff Floyd, activated from the disabled list before the game, made an immediate impact in the first inning. He singled with two outs, and Lowell followed with his 19th home run.

Floyd added a sacrifice fly in the fifth to make the score 3-0, then left the game. He missed 28 games with a knee injury, and the Marlins plan to limit his at-bats for a few games.

Renteria hit his 16th home run, breaking the Cardinals' previous record for homers by a shortstop, 15 by Solly Hemus in 1952.

Hentgen gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Luis Castillo singled in the fifth and swiped second for his 51st stolen base, a career high. He took third on Mark Kotsay's infield hit and scored on Floyd's flyout.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Woodard's strong performance leads Indians in win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

Steve Woodard allowed one run and four hits in six innings for his first win since May 11, and the Cleveland Indians routed the Texas Rangers 12-1 Tuesday night.

David Segui, acquired from Texas on July 28 for outfielder Ricky Ledee, and Manny Ramirez each had two-run homers for the Indians, who have taken over the AL wild-card lead by going 17-8 since Aug. 2.

In the fifth, Thome walked and Segui hit his 15th homer of the season, his fourth since joining the Indians, to push the lead to 5-0.

Roberto Alomar had an RBI double in the sixth. In the seventh, Omar Vizquel had a two-run double, Ramirez hit his 27th homer of the season, and Thome homered for an 11-1 lead.

Reliever Francisco Cordero allowed five runs and four hits in 1 2-3 innings.

Tigers 12, Orioles 2

Dean Palmer homered and drove in four runs to back an effective pitching performance by Jeff Weaver as the Detroit Tigers beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Bobby Higginson and Dusty Allen also homered, and Juan Encarnacion had four hits for the Tigers. It was Allen's first major league homer.

The Tigers pulled away in the third. Juan Gonzalez singled in a run before Palmer hit an 0-2 pitch into the left-field seats. One out later, Cruz chased Parrish with a double.

The barrage continued in the fourth, when Palmer hit an RBI single off Jason Johnson to make it 7-1. Encarnacion singled in two runs in the fifth.

Richards homered in the seventh.

Higginson hit his 25th homer, a two-run drive, in the eighth. Allen homered off Chuck McElroy in the ninth.

Red Sox 8, Devil Rays 0

Pedro Martinez came within three outs of his first career no-hitter, leading the Boston Red Sox to a brawl-filled win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

After hitting leadoff man Gerald Williams in the first inning with his fourth pitch of the night, Martinez (15-4) retired 24 in a row before John Flaherty singled to the right-center on a 2-2 pitch leading off the ninth.

Martinez then retired his next three batters, finishing with the third one-hitter of his career.

"I don't really care. I've achieved enough," Martinez said, when asked if he was disappointed.

"I've had enough achievement in my career. A no-hitter is not what's going to dictate

what kind of pitcher I am. I think my career is more interesting than one game."

Dave Eiland (2-2), Tampa Bay's starting pitcher, and coach Bill Russell, who became acting manager following Rothschild's ejection, were tossed in the third after Eiland hit Daubach and Nomar Garciaparra with pitches.

Daubach hit the dirt avoiding a high and inside pitch, then was hit on the next pitch. After Everett doubled, Garciaparra was hit in the back and Eiland was ejected.

Cory Lidle was ejected in the seventh after throwing a pitch behind Daubach and coach Jose Cardenal was tossed because he was acting manager. Tony Fiore relieved, threw an inside pitch to Daubach, then hit him with his second pitch.

Both benches emptied, but there were no punches thrown. Williams came out of Tampa Bay's clubhouse and ran back on the field, in front of the Devil Rays' dugout.

Vaughn was ejected by plate umpire Phil Cuzzi in the bottom of the seventh inning for arguing balls and strikes after Martinez, who was working on a no-hit bid, threw a called third strike by him.

Eiland allowed two runs and five hits in two-plus innings.

Royals 7, Twins 3

Blake Stein allowed five hits

in 6 2-3 innings and the Kansas City Royals used two big innings to beat the Minnesota Twins.

Mike Sweeney had a two-run double in a four-run third inning off J.C. Romero (2-4), and Jermaine Dye added a two-run double in three-run fifth.

Sweeney's hit extended his hitting streak to 15 games and tied him with George Brett for the fourth most RBIs in a season for Kansas City with 118.

The game was played in front of 11,931 fans, a season-low for the Royals.

Stein (5-3) cruised through the first six innings, giving up only three hits and never facing more than four batters in an inning. But he gave up solo home runs to Matt Lawton and Corey Koskie in the seventh before being relieved by Kris Wilson.

The Twins took the lead in the second inning when Koskie singled with two outs, stole second and scored on Torii Hunter's RBI single.

Kansas City took the lead with four runs in the third. Hector Ortiz led off with a walk and Wilson Delgado followed with a single. Rey Sanchez was hit by a pitch, loading the bases.

Sweeney then doubled to right field. Ortiz and Delgado scored on the hit and Sanchez came across when Lawton's throw from right field got away from second baseman Jay Canizaro for an error.

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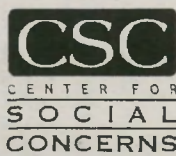
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OLYMPICS

Track twins look for combined win

Associated Press

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They think, talk, act and run alike — and they're making history together.

They're the Harrison brothers — Alvin and Calvin — the first twins to make a U.S. Olympic track team.

"We've already made history by being the first twins on the team, now we want to add to it," Alvin said.

They will get that opportunity at Sydney, hoping to run in the 1,600-meter relay final, win gold medals and break the world record.

Alvin is virtually assured a place on the relay team, after finishing second to Michael Johnson in the 400 meters at the Olympic trials in Sacramento, Calif., last month. Calvin was fifth at the trials and he is contending with his brother, plus Johnson, third-place finisher Antonio Pettigrew and fourth-place finisher Jerome Young for a spot in the final.

Even if the brothers don't run in the final, they would still earn gold medals if they run in preliminary rounds on the way to a U.S. victory.

Alvin already has an Olympic gold. He ran the second leg on the winning 1996 team that included Lamont Smith, Derek Mills and Anthuan Maybank and was timed in 2 minutes, 55.99 seconds, the fourth-fastest in history.

Alvin finished third at the '96 trials and fourth in the Olympic 400-meter final, while Calvin was eliminated in the semifinals at the trials.

The relay gold still left Alvin

"We've already made history by being the first twins on the team, now we want to add to it."

Alvin Harrison
Olympic track team member

with an empty feeling.

"I couldn't get into my race," he said. "Virtually everything I do, I do with my brother."

"Now, we feel whole."

Calvin agreed, of course.

"We're complete," he said. "This is redemption."

To consider where the identical twins are now and where they were five years ago is remarkable.

In 1995, they were homeless and lived in a Ford Mustang coupe for about three months. At the time, Alvin resided in Orlando, Fla., with his father, and Calvin was living in Salinas, Calif., where the brothers went to high school.

Alvin had just completed working at an assembly line plant Calvin visited him in his car. Their father wanted them to remain in Florida, but the twins decided to head back to California. That's when the car living began.

"That wasn't such a bad situation," Calvin said. "Not as bad as people think."

"It made our bond stronger because we seemed to be drifting apart then," Alvin said. "We realized we needed each other for what we had planned. We realized that the assembly line wasn't for us. Living in the Mustang was an obstacle we had

to overcome. Everyone has to go through hardships and we had ours."

Now, the twins earn their living through track and are in much better financial condition.

"We're living a lot better than in the car," Alvin said.

Calvin has a son, Jarajah, 4, and Alvin has two children — a son, Shraee, 2, and a daughter, Shiyah, 6.

The 26-year-olds resemble each other very closely. Calvin can be distinguished by his longer goatee and earrings shaped like the letter "C."

U.S. coach John Chaplin had trouble telling them apart at first, introducing them by their wrong names. The brothers still tease him.

"When he calls one of our names, the other answers," Alvin said.

"If one wins and the other goes to the podium, you'd never know the difference," Chaplin said.

While the twins could fool a lot of people by changing places, they have done it only once. That was in their senior year at Salinas High, where Calvin went to Alvin's English class and Alvin attended Calvin's science class.

This is the second time the brothers have been on an international team together. In 1993, Alvin ran the second leg and Calvin anchored the U.S. team that won the 1,600 relay at the World Championships.

The Olympics are much more special.

"This is the pinnacle of anything we've achieved so far," Alvin said. "Calvin and I are what the Olympic Games are all about — unity and brotherhood."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Blue Jays, Rangers look to Puerto Rico

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After season openers in Mexico and Japan, baseball is discussing starting next year in Puerto Rico.

The Toronto Blue Jays and Texas Rangers are likely to open the 2001 regular season in San Juan on Sunday night, April 1, several baseball officials said Tuesday.

"I would say it's in the discussion-of-details stage," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "There's a willingness to participate. It's just a matter of getting the details done."

Toronto would be the home team in the game at Hiram Bithorn Stadium, Ash said, and the teams would play an exhibition game in Puerto Rico the previous day. A decision on the trip is expected in a few weeks.

ESPN could televise the game as part of its Sunday night package. Network spokeswoman Diane Lamb said ESPN wouldn't comment until after baseball makes an official announcement.

It would be the third straight international opener for baseball, which started the 1999 season at Monterrey, Mexico, with a

game between San Diego and Colorado, and opened this season in Tokyo with a two-game series between the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs.

Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, the 1999 American League MVP, would be the top attraction for the game. Rodriguez, who is out for the season with a broken right thumb, was born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, and lives in Rios Pedros.

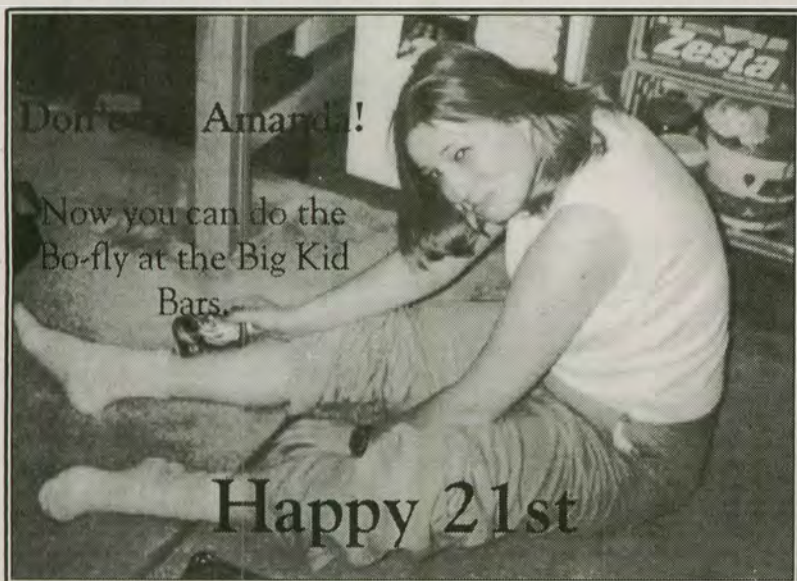
Texas infielder Luis Alicea was born in Santurce and lives in Florida.

Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado is from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. While he agreed last December to a \$36 million, three-year contract extension, he has the right, in the 10 days after the World Series, to demand that Toronto trade him by Feb. 15.

Last year, baseball discussed moving a three-game series between the Rangers and the Chicago White Sox this May 10-12 to Puerto Rico, but nothing became of those talks.

News of these negotiations originally was reported earlier this week by The Globe and Mail in Toronto.

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U.S. OPEN

Willams begins title defense with straight sets win

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Never shy, Serena Williams arrived in defense of her U.S. Open title resplendent in tied-dyed lilac and black, and flashing a pert smile that bespoke the confidence of champion.
The crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium was still buzzing from the dismissal of French Open champ Gustavo Kuerten, the men's No. 2 seed, who fell victim to lanky Australian qualifier Wayne Arthurs' 26 aces in a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) defeat.
If the fans thought that upset would be a prelude to another, Williams quickly set out to disabuse them of that notion and any thought that her recent heel injury might hinder her.
First she made her color-coordinated fashion statement, slowly peeling off her lilac jacket to reveal a sheer, flowing dress that perfectly matched her lilac sneakers.
"It shows how good I look, how in shape I am," Williams said with a laugh.
Then she made a tennis statement, ripping a return winner on the first point as she proceeded to crush 19-year-old Slovenian Tina Pisnik 6-3, 6-2.
In beginning her quest to

reach the final along with her older sister Venus, 18-year-old Serena did not display her finest tennis, even if it was enough to overwhelm a player of Pisnik's modest ability.
"I was not the usual Serena," she said. "It showed a little bit because it should have been a little quicker. Y'know, it was 59 minutes. I'm used to 40s and 30s now. ... I didn't play well today."
"Actually, I was expecting to feel really special. I didn't. The guy that was announcing, he said, 'Our defending U.S. Open champ,' and I couldn't help but smile. Other than that, I didn't really feel it."
There were times when Williams soared spectacularly on overheads and lunging volleys, and times when she walloped serves at 111 mph to rack up four aces and six service winners. But there were also times when she found herself out of position, when her lilac shoes got tangled up, when Pisnik made her look quite ordinary.
That happened once in the first set, when Pisnik broke her

at love in the fourth game, and once again in the second set, when Pisnik broke her at 15-40 with a backhand at the net.
But those lapses were perhaps to be expected after Williams missed a week to allow an inflamed small bone in her left heel to calm down. The injury flared up nine days ago during her final against Martina Hingis in Montreal, and Williams cautiously retired from that match in the third set.
There was never any danger that Pisnik would pull off an upset like Arthurs.
Once in a while, Arthurs, a left-handed Australian, gets into a serving groove and seems unbeatable. It happened at Wimbledon last year when he held serve for 111 consecutive games through three rounds of qualifying and three matches of the tournament before falling in four sets to eventual finalist Andre Agassi.
This time, after a solitary break by each player in the first

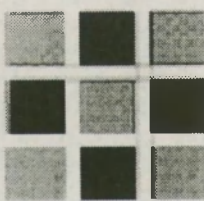
two sets, Arthurs and Kuerten held serve the rest of the way and let the tiebreakers decide matters. In those, Arthurs proved dominant and he ended the affair with a 134 mph ace up the middle.
Despite the urging and cries of "Guga" from Kuerten's fans, the bearded Brazilian failed to impress his game on Arthurs, who first began winning the battle from the baseline, then took charge of the match at the net.
Time and again, Arthurs, best known as a doubles player, would chip Kuerten's second serve and charge the net, ready to knock off a feeble attempt at a passing shot. On his own service games, Arthurs would keep Kuerten on the defensive with his blistering serves.
Arthurs reached double match point on Kuerten's serve in the ninth game of the fourth set. Kuerten served an ace to save the first one. He thought he had his second straight ace on the next serve, but it was called wide.
It made no difference. Kuerten won the next three points and held for 5-5. Two games later, they moved into a second straight tiebreaker, which Arthurs dominated, racing out to 6-0 lead.
Kuerten won the next point,

but the hole he was in was much too deep. Arthurs then pounded his final ace to complete the upset.
Told that Kuerten was one of the favorites to win this tournament, Arthurs replied, "Not any more."
Kuerten became only the second No. 2 seed to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open since 1956, when the present system of seedings started. The only other time it happened was in 1994 when second-seeded Goran Ivanisevic was ousted in his opener. Ivanisevic lost another first-round match on Tuesday.
Kuerten was the second seeded player to tumble from the tournament on the second day. Earlier, No. 16 Julie Halard-Decugis fell to Miriam Oremans 6-3, 6-4.
Lindsay Davenport, the 1998 women's champion, romped past Gala Leon Garcia of Spain 6-0, 6-1 in 44 minutes.
In the fourth game of the second set, Leon Garcia, who prefers to play on clay rather than the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center, whipped a winning forehand into the corner and raised her arms in triumph. Two points later, she had won her first — and only — game, breaking Davenport at 15.

"I was not the usual Serena. It showed a little bit because it should have been a little quicker."

Serena Williams
1999 U.S. Open champion

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NCAA FOOTBALL

A&M brings changes to South Bend

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — R.C. Slocum spent some time after last season mixing and matching his Texas A&M offense.

He added assistant head coach Larry Kirksey, with his background in the West Coast offense. Pete Hoener gave up the offensive coordinator's job at Iowa State to be the Aggies' running backs coach.

Slocum selected Mark Farris as the starting quarterback and added speed with junior college wide receiver Robert Ferguson.

"We've got a new quarterback and a new secondary," Slocum said.

Slocum's new Aggies debut Saturday in their season opener against Notre Dame.

"We're going up there to win. Mark Farris is our quarterback and we expect him to play well," Slocum said.

While injuries have mounted in the defensive line and secondary, the Aggies are deep at receiver and running back going into South Bend, Ind.

"We want to be as multiple as possible and have continuity with our running and passing," offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe said. "We want to

get the ball in the hands of the players who will make things happen."

The Aggies expect Farris, who gave up a career in minor baseball, and Ferguson to be two of the players making things happen.

Returning wide receivers Chris Taylor and running backs Richard Whitaker, Ja'Mar Toombs and Joe Weber also will be key offensive ingredients for the Aggies.

"We have a lot of weapons on offense and our size is a little better, so I think we're going to use all of our receivers and hopefully mix things up a little," Ferguson said. "Coming from junior college was more of a mental leap for me."

"I know I have the ability to play here. I just had to prepare myself to be ready when I got here so it would be all go."

Taylor led the Aggies receivers last season with 33 catches for 591 yards and four touchdowns, and his backup, Bethel Johnson, added 27 catches.

"We brought in two coaches with varied backgrounds and tried to come up with the best ideas for our players."

Steve Kragthorpe
offensive coordinator

Kragthorpe is ready to see if the off-season brainstorming did anything for the Aggies offense.

"We brought in two coaches with varied backgrounds

and tried to come up with the best ideas for our players," Kragthorpe said. "There are no egos in that room. We've made some subtle changes and others you'll see right away."

Farris, who replaced graduated Randy McCown, isn't expected to carry a big load. In fact, Kragthorpe insists that he doesn't try to do too much.

"Mark doesn't have to go out with the weight of this team on his shoulders," Kragthorpe said. "If a player feels he has to make a lot of big plays, he usually does, for the other team. All Mark has to do is make his handoffs and hit his passes."

Farris says he's ready. He just wishes people would stop saying he got the job because of his maturity. He's 25, with five years of minor league pro baseball behind him.

"You don't just pick the oldest

Cornhuskers ready to kickoff 2000

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb.

After an eight-month layoff, top-ranked Nebraska is more than ready to play again.

The Cornhuskers don't care if it's San Jose State or Florida State, they just want to see somebody else lined up on the other side of the ball.

"There's nothing like the first game of the year. That's probably the most you can be pumped up all year," said guard Russ Hochstein, who is preparing for his final season opener. "Winter conditioning, summer conditioning, it all kind of adds up to one moment. The excitement is unlike anything else."

Even for San Jose State, a 50-point underdog heading into Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to hitting somebody with a different colored-jersey on," Hochstein said.

The Huskers haven't played since beating Tennessee 31-21 in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2. The win moved Nebraska

to third in the final AP Top 25 and second in the coaches' poll. The Huskers are starting out this season at No. 1.

Coach Frank Solich seemed a little hesitant when the first preseason polls came out, but seemed to have warmed up to the idea by his first weekly news conference Tuesday.

"I take that on line and our players have accepted that and many of them relish the fact that they're sitting on top of the polls. You certainly control your own destiny from this point on," Solich said. "There are some advantages to it. And I prefer to look at it from the advantages rather than the disadvantages of sitting on top."

Injuries that have depleted the defensive line in fall camp seem to be healing, although slowly, Solich said. Nose tackle Jason Lohr, out from the start of fall camp with a toe injury, is practicing again, and tackle Loran Kaiser is expected to be ready Saturday despite having his appendix removed last week.

Vanderbilt player suffers injuries

♦ Hammond falls 100 feet down elevator shaft

Associated Press

NASHVILLE

Vanderbilt University football player Luke Hammond was in critical condition Tuesday after falling 100 feet down a dormitory elevator shaft.

Hammond, 19, a freshman linebacker from Montgomery, Ala., fell Monday night trying to climb out of a crowded elevator stopped between the ninth and 10th floors.

He suffered internal injuries, and doctors operated on him Tuesday morning, removing his spleen, university spokeswoman Elizabeth Latt said.

Thirteen people were aboard the elevator when it stopped in Carmichael Towers West, said Steve Caldwell, dean of residential and judicial affairs. The recommended maximum capacity is 10 people, and a safety feature stops the elevator when sensing an overload.

Several people reportedly forced the door open and Hammond fell to the basement as he attempted to lower himself to the floor below, Caldwell said.

The remaining students on the elevator, who called university police on the elevator's emergency telephone, were safely removed.

The elevator was taken out of service for inspection.

Hammond was conscious and speaking when he was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, officials said.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Hammond signed with Vanderbilt in February after an outstanding prep football career at Wetumpka (Ala.) High School, the same school that produced

Vanderbilt's All-SEC linebacker, Jamie Winborn.


During his senior season at Wetumpka, Hammond made more than 100 tackles and averaged 6.7 yards per carry as the team's fullback.

He was also an outstanding performer on his high school's baseball team and planned to pitch for Vanderbilt.

His father, Warren Hammond, played football at the University

of Tennessee-Martin, and he has two older brothers who played Southeastern Conference football — one at Auburn, the other at Alabama.

In March 1997, another Vanderbilt freshman football player died when he fell seven stories from a dormitory window. Kyle Gullahorn, 19, of Hueytown, Ala., had hit and shattered the window after an argument.



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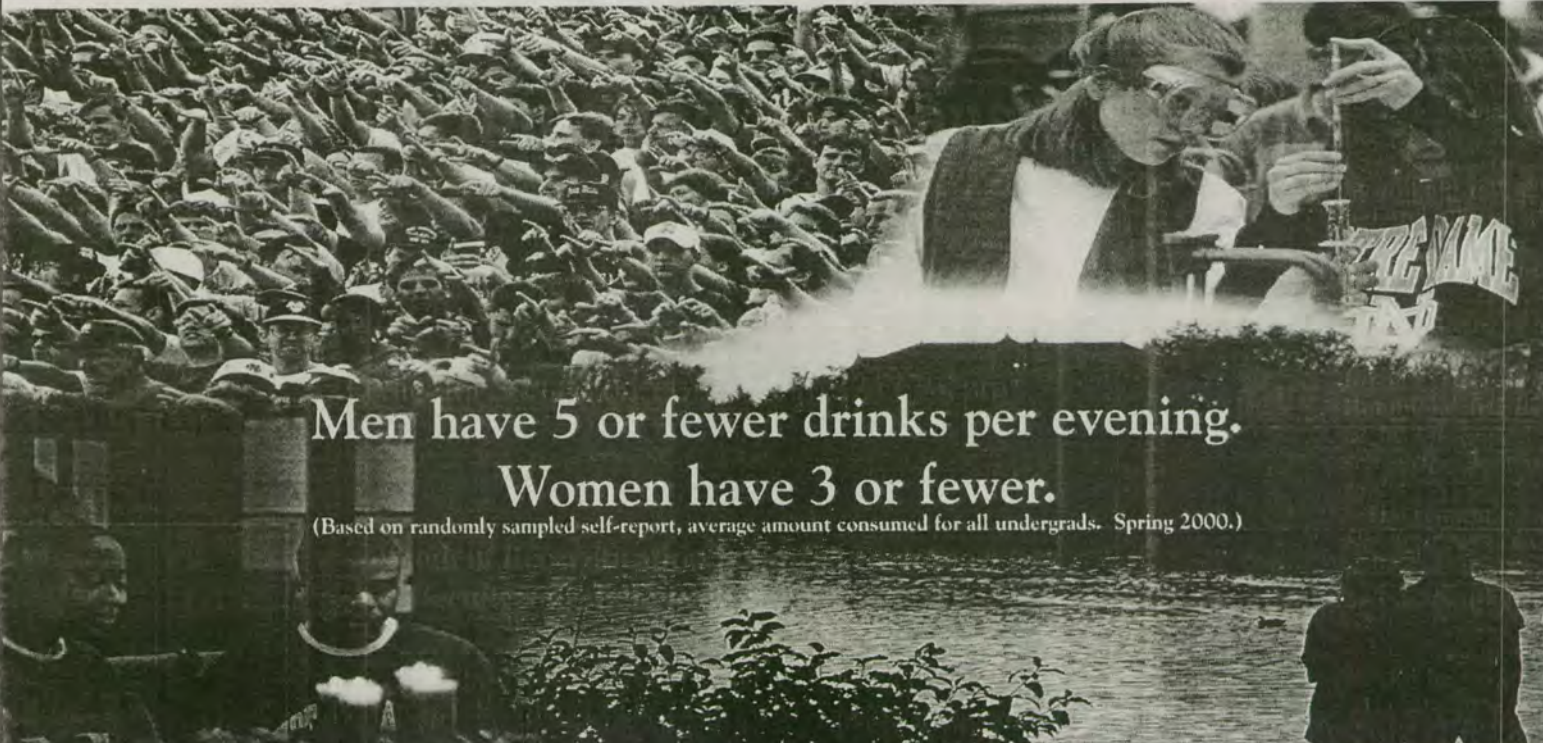
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FOOTBALL

Denman up for linebacker award



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior linebacker Anthony Denman takes down a Spartan in last season's game against Michigan State. Denman recorded 89 tackles last season for the Irish.

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior inside linebacker Anthony Denman is one of 70 candidates for the 2000 Butkus Award presented by Cooper Tire. The award is given annually to the nation's best collegiate linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

The 6-foot-2, 235-pounder led the Irish with 59 solo tackles a season ago and also had three fumble recoveries. Denman was Notre Dame's leading tackler in six games a

year ago.

Denman was a member of Football News' all-Independent team last year and was named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame MVP for his efforts against Michigan State.

The independent selection committee, comprised of 28 of the nation's foremost media members, begins reviewing the candidates this week and more players may be added to the watch list. The committee will select 10 semifinalists on Oct. 19.

Subsequently, the three finalists will be announced on Nov.

9, at Spectator's Sports Bar at the Downtown Marriott Orlando. The 2000 Butkus Award winner will be announced Friday, Dec. 8, during the Butkus Award Gala at Hard Rock Live at Universal Studios CityWalk.

Last season, former Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington won the award before becoming the second selection in the NFL draft. Former Butkus Award winners include Trev Alberts (1993-Nebraska), Percy Snow (1989-Michigan State) and Derrick Thomas (1988-Alabama).

NFL

Cowher avoids topic of Stewart's role

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Bill Cowher isn't saying much about what benched quarterback Kordell Stewart's role will be in the Pittsburgh Steelers' opener Sunday against Baltimore.

By not saying anything, Cowher might be saying a lot.

Cowher tiptoed around questions Tuesday whether Stewart might reprise his former role of Slash now that Kent Graham has beaten him out at quarterback.

"You don't want to elaborate, obviously, for competitive reasons," Cowher said. "They have different styles, and I plan on using those styles."

It is just as obvious the Steelers don't want Stewart, one of their highest-paid players, to waste away on the bench. So, just as he did while backing up Neil O'Donnell in 1995 and 1996, Stewart just might show up at wide receiver. Or running back.

Or, maybe even at quarterback, to run a series here or there, or in a long yardage situation in which his scrambling ability would give offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride another option or two.

By returning Stewart to his

Slash role, a team that was offensively deficient in the pre-season potentially could revive what was an effective weapon in 1995 and 1996.

In those seasons, Stewart produced 11 touchdowns despite touching the ball just 37 times as a passer, 54 times as a rusher and 31 times as a receiver.

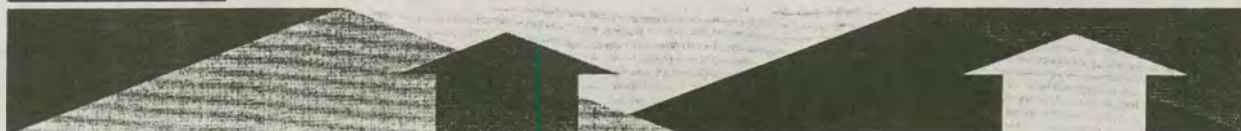
The only difference between then and now is that Stewart had never been an NFL starting quarterback and he considered his Slash role as merely part of his apprenticeship. Now that he has started, it may be difficult for him to return to the role with much enthusiasm or any hope that it might again lead to him starting.

"No, that isn't my focus right now," Stewart said. "I have to study film of the opponent as if I were the starting quarterback, as opposed to going out there and trying to please people and make them cheer and make them happy by playing wide receiver."

Cheering isn't something that Stewart has heard much of the last two seasons in Three Rivers Stadium, where a fan once threw a beer on him and the booing began this summer with the first series of the first preseason game.



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Morgantown, W.V. is a very difficult place to play (just ask Virginia Tech) and some think the Mountaineers will turn it around this season. A very talented USC team sure looked improved while they were trouncing Penn State on Sunday.

That would also mean quality wins over Texas A&M, Michigan State, and we might be able to stretch Boston College into a "quality win" if it continues to improve this year. Add no ridiculous losses as some of last year's seven were. To make the decision tougher, let's say Notre Dame beats a team like Tennessee in a mid-tier bowl to go 8-4. Would that make a four-loss season look good enough?

What if Notre Dame starts 4-1, then Arnaz Battle goes down (knock on wood) and we limp to a 7-4 finish? It sounds far-fetched but we need only look back to 1998 to see what hap-

pens when this team is firing on all cylinders one second and the next the quarterback is out and the offense is sputtering. Would an excellent start overshadow the fact that Notre Dame still has not groomed a quarterback that can step in for the starter?

These are all interesting questions. What it adds up to is if it's an 8-3 season, Davie probably stays, and if it's 7-4, maybe he still stays. If USC turns out to be a Top 10 team and other teams on the schedule end up being good, 7-4 might be deemed acceptable.

At 7-4 it could also come down to how the Fighting Irish look on the field. Will we see another non-existent pass rush or cornerbacks getting beat with their backs to the ball? Will we see something resembling pass protection? How about a quarterback running left and two running backs running right on the last play of the game? Most importantly, will we see a team play together and inspired?

Let's make something clear. 8-3 should be the absolute mini-

mum to prevent a change from being made. More like 9-2. Call me old fashioned, but I like my popcorn with real butter, my pants without cargo pockets and my Notre Dame football teams winning. A four year span of 7-6, 9-3, 5-7, and 7-4 (or 7-5 perhaps) is not winning.

It would show that seven-win seasons are becoming more the rule than the exception. 8-3 was a down season for Lou Holtz, and the fact that some now are

hoping for 8-3 goes to show how low expectations have sunk. When was the last time so many Notre Dame lovers and haters alike just penciled in an "I." for a game the way they have for Nebraska? At home no less! Somehow I think there's a bunch of alumni out there who agree.

In any event, isn't speculating fun? All good things must come to an end though, and in just three short days we will be able to base our theories on some-

thing solid when the Irish play an actual game.

An actual game ... finally. No more 8-3 talk. No more Tom Coughlin talk. No more Barry Alvarez talk.

Just the Irish on one side, and the Aggies on the other.

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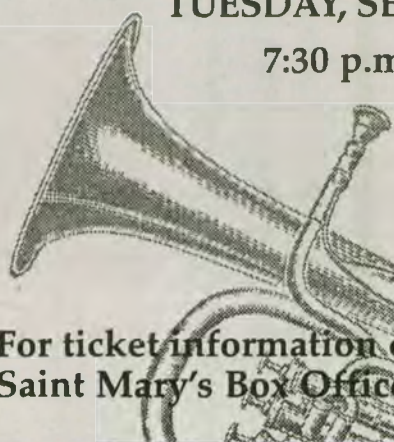
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Rowing

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Chicago, Ill., was the coxswain for the second varsity eight boat last season. Kiernicki, like Bula, is also a three-year team member.

The girls who were chosen by the team are "great choices," said Stone. "They both started off on the club team and progressed up to varsity coxswain. They have different leadership styles but are very effective."

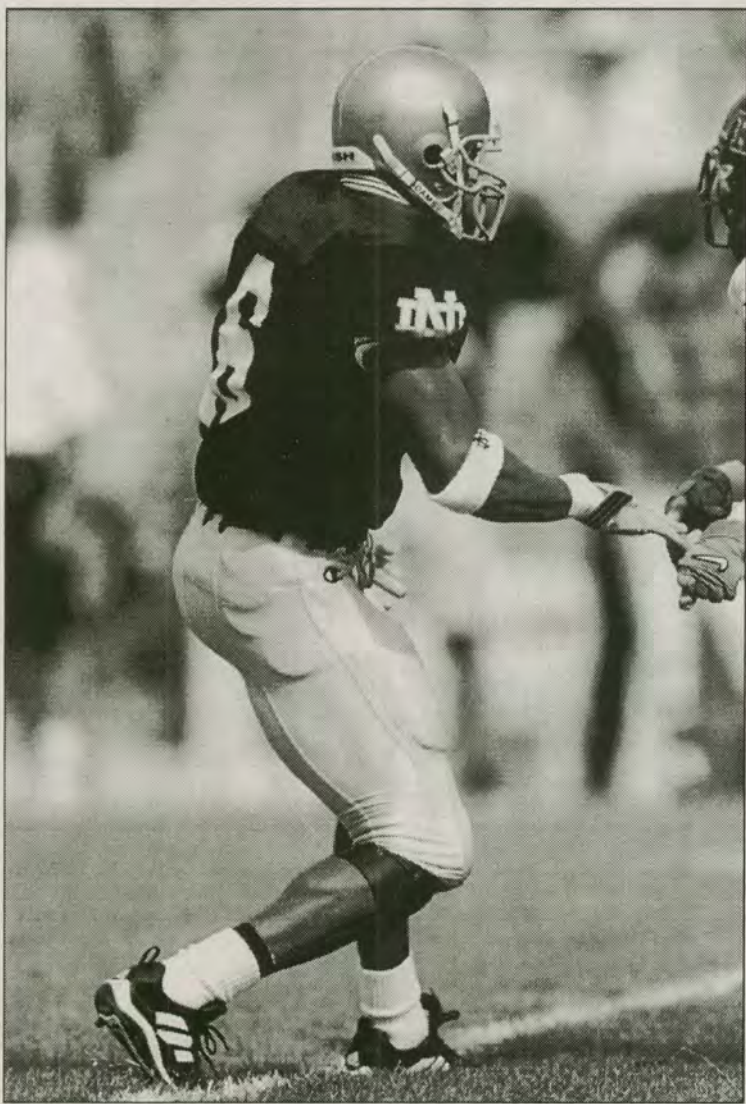
Many athletes have endured rigorous off-season training to improve from last year and take the next step to establish the team as a top collegiate program.

"We are already gaining from last year," said Bula. "The girls are faster and working really hard."

The rowing team opens Oct. 7 at the Chicago Chase.

Fall 2000 Women's Rowing October Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
10/7	Chicago Chase	Chicago
10/8	Head of the Rock	Rockford
10/14	Michigan State	East Lansing
10/29	Head of the Elk	Elkhart



JOHN DAILY/The Observer
Junior receiver David Givens hails from Humble, Texas. Givens hopes to be anything but humble against his home state rival.

Football

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present coach R.C. Slocum. During Sherrill's tenure at the helm of the Aggies' program, Slocum served as the defen-

sive coordinator, before inheriting the head coaching position.

"When you spend nine years at a place, you can't help but have strong emotions," said Davie. "And if you combine that with the fact that R.C. and I are extremely close

friends, it makes for a unique situation."

Together, Davie and Slocum compiled a nine-year 85-24-1 record with eight bowl game appearances.

But football wasn't their only common interest.

"We hit it off from the time that I arrived at A&M," said Davie. "I've done a lot of jogging with him. He runs like I do. Both of us have pretty good hands. We both played the tuba in the high school band. We both married our high school sweethearts. We both coached defense. We just had a lot of the same interests and so we hit it off in the beginning."

While Davie looks forward to the friendly rivalry when Slocum and company arrive in South Bend, the fourth-year head coach knows it's time to get down to business.

"Before this game is kicked off, I'm going to enjoy the moment, but I promise I'm only going to enjoy it for a moment," said Davie. "We'll kick that thing off and we're going to get after each other."

After a losing 1999 campaign, the Irish have to prove they are better than last year's 5-7 record. Davie especially feels this pressure.

"The reality is that we lost our last four games last year and regardless of the reasons, that's not acceptable here at Notre Dame," said Davie. "I realize that. Our football team and our coaching staff realizes that."

Davie is not the only one who has come under fire. Slocum has recently faced critics of his own. Going 8-5, the Aggies suffered crushing defeats to Oklahoma, Nebraska and Penn. State. The Aggies' 51-6 loss to the Sooners marked Texas A&M's worst loss since 1901. Weeks later, a 37-0 loss to the Cornhuskers ended a 142-game scoring streak and dropped the Aggies out of the AP Top 25.

"Well if [R.C.'s] under fire, I'm under ashes. I'm already burned and toasted," said Davie. "I think R.C. would be the first one to say that they didn't end the season last year on a particularly high note. But it's amazing what he has accomplished. He's done a tremendous job. I think anywhere people like to stir controversy."

Davie is not the only member of the Irish with ties to Texas — 20 Irish players are from the Lonestar State.


"You think back to the recruiting of those players, just about everyone of them either had a chance to go to UT or A&M or certainly had the chance to stay in state," said Davie. "Certainly bragging rights are involved with it. They all go home. They want to show they made the right decision by coming to Notre Dame."

Davie is also hoping to share those rights Saturday.

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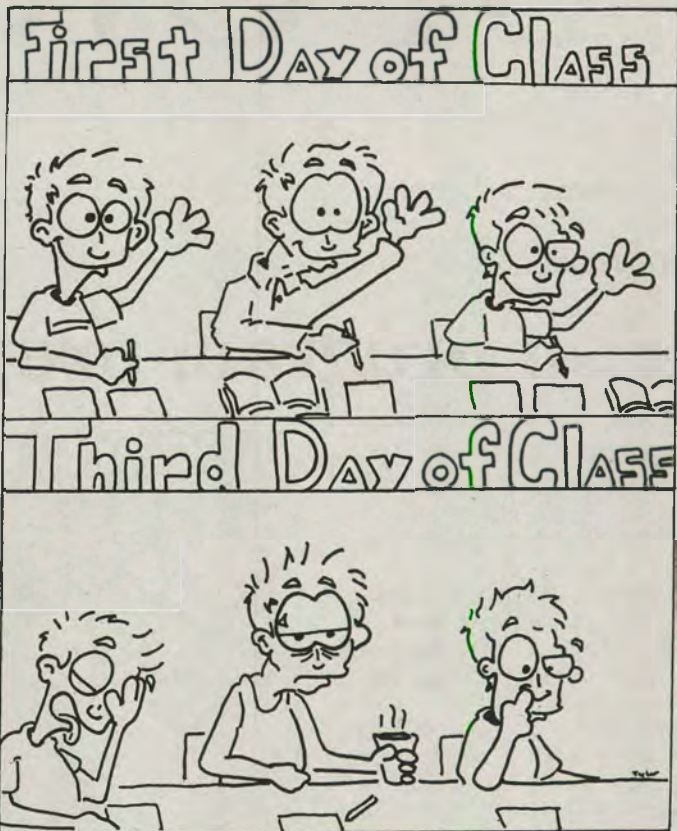
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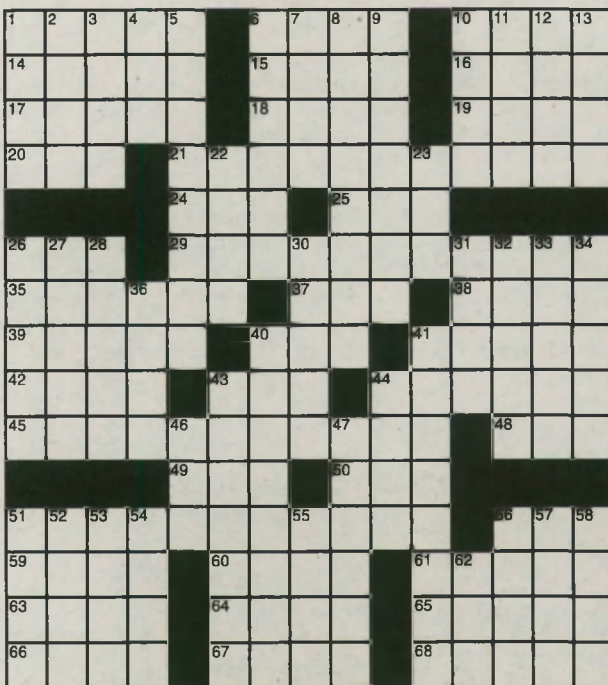


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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Later, dude!"
 - 6 Bowlful for Bowser
 - 10 Lefts from Louis
 - 14 Swashbuckling Flynn
 - 15 Long bath
 - 16 Sometimes-twisted snack
 - 17 Hamper
 - 18 News agency founded in 1918
 - 19 Troy Aikman's alma mater
 - 20 Sound of disapproval
 - 21 "Ver-r-ry funny!"
 - 24 Burt's "The Killers" co-star
 - 25 Female hog
 - 26 Batting avg., e.g.
 - 29 Father Flanagan's group, today
 - 35 The Earps, e.g.
 - 37 In addition
 - 38 Aware of
 - 39 To pieces
 - 40 Shirt part
 - 41 Show fear
 - 42 Part of the uvea
 - 43 "What ____, chopped liver?"
 - 44 Improvise
 - 45 1980's antidrug campaigner
 - 48 Strands in a cell?
 - 49 Range part: Abbr.
 - 50 Purge
 - 51 Wasn't on commission
 - 56 Cultural Revolution chief
 - 59 Meter maid of song
 - 60 Spy Aldrich
 - 61 Wooer of Olive Oyl
 - 63 Notes in a pot, maybe
 - 64 Hop, skip or jump
 - 65 Fabulous fellow?
 - 66 Little swab
 - 67 They may come with odds
 - 68 Doesn't talk smoothly
- DOWN**
- 1 Splinter group
 - 2 Goes off
 - 3 The Phantom of the Opera's name
 - 4 Day in Jerusalem
 - 5 Kind of soup
 - 6 Off track
 - 7 Mutual fund fee
 - 8 Announcer's medium
 - 9 "I'm ready — let's hear it!"
 - 10 Du __ (menu phrase)
 - 11 Enemy leader?
 - 12 Actor Lugosi
 - 13 Go sky-high
 - 22 Bell-ringer of commercial dom
 - 23 "That is so-o-o-o cute!"
 - 26 Bagel variety
 - 27 1930's director with three Oscars
 - 28 Aunt Polly's creator

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Puzzle by Philip Lew

- 30 Bashar Assad's land
- 31 Shady spot
- 32 Single
- 33 Pilsener holder
- 34 Main line
- 36 Richie's mother, to Fonzie
- 40 Emphatic words of agreement
- 41 Mars, for one
- 43 Gallery event
- 44 C-worthy?
- 46 Singer Sumac
- 47 Understands
- 51 Old radio quiz show
- 52 Laugh __
- 53 Small case
- 54 Ethnic acronym
- 55 Hindrance for Superman
- 56 Rumble
- 57 Perched on
- 58 Unwelcome word from a surgeon?
- 62 Rustic locale

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to the interesting things that older relatives want to share with you. You can save yourself a lot of grief if you avoid argument with loved ones. Your emotions will be unstable. ○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Romance will unfold through work-related events. Don't be afraid to socialize with colleagues or clients. Your charm will win the hearts of those you encounter. Let your heart lead the way. ○○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Help youngsters prepare for Halloween. You can have fun if you attend a

costume party. You may even consider having a party yourself. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Disillusionment regarding money is evident. Do not overspend on luxury items. Take time to work on hobbies that relax you. You need a break more than you think. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Discuss your future plans with good friends. You will get a clearer picture of your situation if you bounce your ideas off those you trust. Romantic attractions will surface. ○○○

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Birthday Baby: You are a happy individual who can see the good in everything. You're highly motivated and willing to do whatever is necessary to accomplish your life goals. You are well-liked because of your ability to understand what others are experiencing.

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FOOTBALL

Irish program prepares to face the heat

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The temperature is rising at Notre Dame.

And it's not just the weather. With just three days left until the Irish kick off their season against Texas A&M, things are heating up.

"It's been hot enough, and in some ways it concerns me a little bit," said Irish head coach Bob Davie. "It seems like every year, we go through camp and it's relatively cool, and then we go out and it's hot and humid and 90 degrees. I made a prediction — I'm not a weatherman, but I can tell you what, it's going to be hot as it usually is."

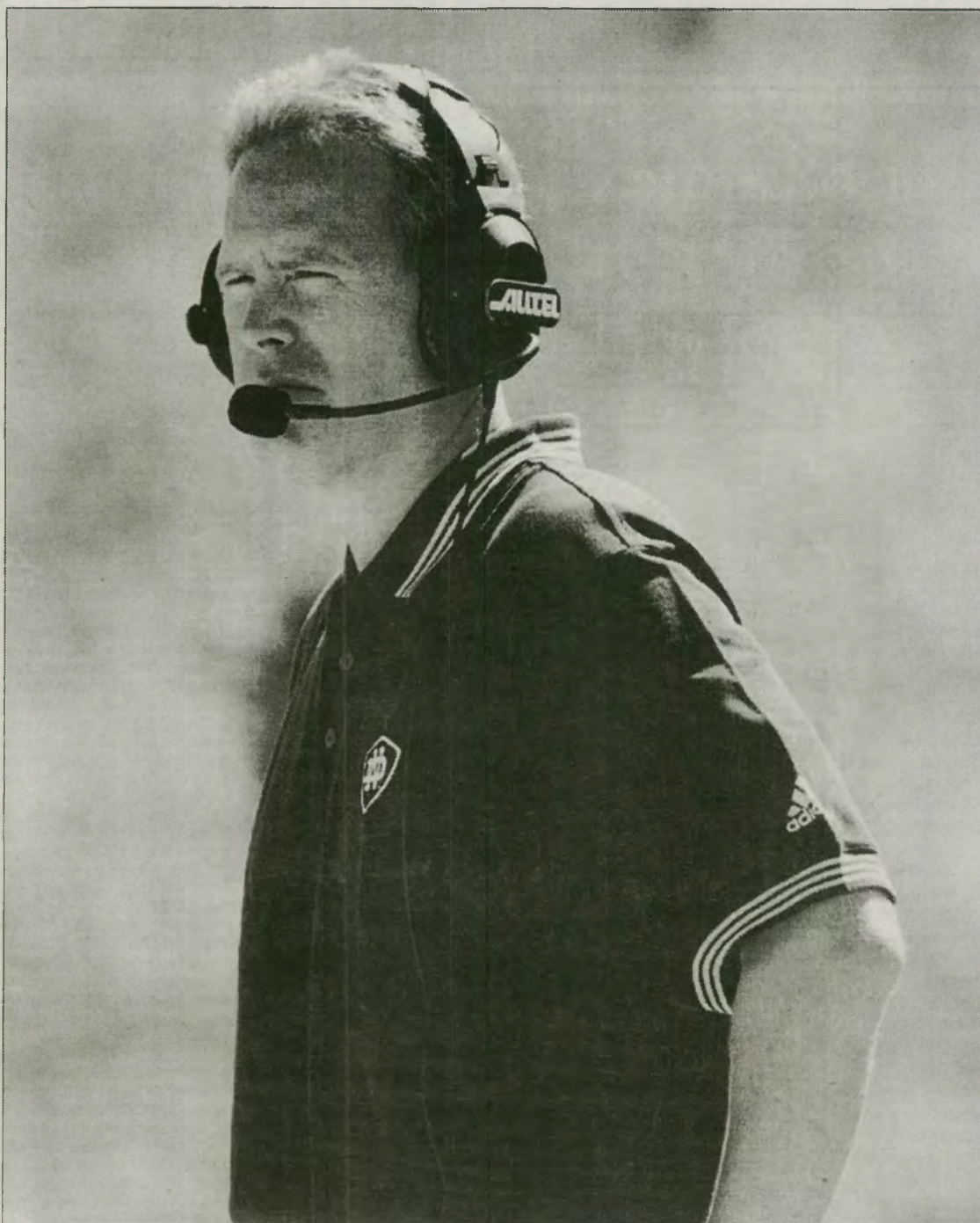
Combine that with the heat of pressure and scrutiny and Saturday promises to be a scorcher.

The Irish know this and have been preparing for the season opener since the end of last season.

"You always look at the schedule for the next year, and certainly, Texas A&M has been on our minds since then," said Davie. "You get such a tremendous boost of confidence and momentum from winning the first game. The first game of the year is always huge."

Saturday's game against Texas A&M is all the bigger because of the personal ties among the coaches and players.

Davie served as an assistant coach for Texas A&M from 1985 to 1993, first working with outside linebackers under then head coach Jackie Sherrill and then as the defensive coordinator under



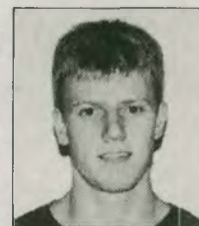
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Irish head coach Bob Davie takes on his former employer this weekend as the Aggies visit Notre Dame Stadium. Davie coached at Texas A&M from 1985 to 1993.

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Success in 2000 defined

As the final week wanes before Notre Dame's season opener against Texas A&M, it seems that the campus can do little but wait. After all, there's no game from the previous week to talk about, and since our head coach has adopted a bunker mentality where he closes practices to the media, we really don't have any idea what the heck is going on in there.



Brian Burke

Fourth and
fifteen

I suppose it's just as well Notre Dame football fans keep indulging in that wonderful spring and summer pastime: speculating about the job status of Bob Davie.

When discussing this topic, every supporter of the Irish seems to have a standard that Davie must meet to keep his job. There are generally two schools of thought.

First, there is option A: "5-7? Are you kidding me? If he doesn't go to a BCS Bowl he should be canned!"

And then there is the slightly less demanding option B: "5-7? Are you kidding me? If he doesn't go at least 8-3 he should be canned!"

One Notre Dame football analyst who seems to be of the later opinion is Tim Prister, the Editor of Blue & Gold Illustrated, a popular publication covering Notre Dame football. In his preseason issue, Prister writes "...there should be enough experience, talent, and pride on this team to finish at least 8-3. Anything less than that is a crime...if (the coaches) don't lead this team to a New Year's Day bowl, the school has an obligation to find the right coaching combination."

A crime? I can't say I disagree. But will athletic director Kevin White see it that way? All these opinions on what Davie needs to stay could differ from what he actually needs to do in the eyes of White. Is there any way 7-4 could be enough? Consider these scenarios:

Notre Dame loses to Nebraska, Purdue, West Virginia, and USC. All are close losses. Nebraska looks primed for a national title. Purdue has a Heisman trophy candidate at quarterback.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish prepare to begin 2000 season

◆ Bula, Kiernicki named co-captains

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Every second counts as the women's rowing team glides towards the NCAA championships.

Even the fractions of a sec-

ond.

"Last season we raced fairly well, but we are young still," said head coach Martin Stone. The head coach hopes to get a little faster before the first meet in Chicago Oct. 7, but has seen some improvement already.

"Our initial testing went pretty well, but to make the NCAA's we need to be about three to four percent faster,"

said Stone. "That is our main goal."

The women helping Stone row towards that goal are seniors Claire Bula and Erin Kiernicki, four year veterans and captains for the 2000 squad.

The two captains — who have been with the team since it became a varsity sport three years ago — will be the key leaders on the

squad.

Bula, a Madison, Wisconsin native, said that player and coach connections will be key in the upcoming season.

"We've been around since the very start and we kind of give direction and coach the others," Bula said. "We both have a really good relationship with all of the rowers."

Kiernicki, a senior from

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE



Volleyball
vs. Fairfield
Friday, 4 p.m.



vs. Tulsa
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. New Mexico
Friday, 9 p.m.



vs. Texas A&M
Saturday, 12 p.m.



Volleyball
at Alma Tournament
Sept. 1-2



vs. Alma
Sept. 4, 4 p.m.



Cross Country
at Valparaiso Inv.
Sept. 9, TBA