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Busts may paralyze businesses

By MAUREEN SMITHE
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The windows of Finnigan's Irish Pub may be darkened after the Oct. 12 raid that netted 147 underage citations, but that doesn't mean Benchwarmer's owner Steve Mitchell is happy about the reduced competition.

"Business creates business. The more people in the downtown area the better," Mitchell said. "I'll get my share."

Despite the early morning Jan. 25 raid on Benchwarmer's that yielded 18 underage citations, Mitchell refuses to compare his establishment with the likes of Finnigan's, ICONN and Bridget McGuire's Filling Station where numerous underage patrons were cited.

"As far as raids are concerned, I'm not worried because I've got good guys at the door. My philosophy is that I don't want underagers," he said.

When a bar gets busted, a variety of consequences can result. At ICONN and Bridget's, liquor licenses were immediately revoked. Bridget's owner Karen Bauer transformed her bar popular with underage students into Molly McGuire's, a coffee house for all ages, after her bar was busted on Jan. 30, 1998.

Bauer said she was unaware of the heavy underage patronage to Bridget's, blaming the bust on incompetent bouncers at the door. She said owning and managing Molly's is much easier than owning Bridget's.

"I can control what is going on now. I guess I learned this lesson the hard way," she said. "Most students don't know about Bridget's and I don't want them to. It is all about Molly's right now. Everybody comes together in this place and everybody feels welcome."

For Bauer, opening up Molly's took months of preparation and planning. After seeing a Starbucks commercial on television three days after the Bridget's bust, she decided to continue her business in a new direction.

"I went in there with a bottle of disinfectant and a putty knife. It took nine months, and voila, Molly's came. It was like giving birth," Bauer said.



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

A group gathers to get into Benchwarmer's while others wait outside for underage citations during the South Bend police raid early Thursday, Jan. 25.

ICONN owners changed their bar into a young adult dance club called the Four Penny Oasis. The owners of Finnigan's were unavailable for comment on the fate of their establishment.

Both Bauer and Mitchell agree increases in the availability and quality of fake IDs contribute to underage

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CLC opening connects ND to neighbors

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Tours, demonstrations and appearances by prominent guests will highlight grand opening celebrations today at the University-sponsored Community Learning Center [CLC].

The ceremonies today come nearly a month after the center's quiet official opening in mid-January. The open-house style activities will take place from 4 to 8 p.m.

The center, housed in the former Goodwill building at 921 N. Eddy St., represents Notre Dame's latest effort to strengthen ties between itself and the South Bend community. University officials said the CLC has already begun to address education, health care, and other community issues in the Northeast Neighborhood.

"It's been encouraging to see the community taking ownership of the center. That's the key to its success," said Denny Moore, director of public relations.

U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer and South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke are among the guests appearing today. University President Father Edward Malloy, Northeast Neighborhood activist Rev. Tim Rouse of First AME Zion Church and CLC director Jay Caponigro will also participate in grand opening events.

Malloy, Rouse and Caponigro were also on hand for the Dec. 1 press conference at which organizers announced Caponigro as the center's director.

Today officials plan to name the center in honor of a well-known neighborhood leader.

Tours of the facility are scheduled today, and a 20-computer lab highlights the center's offerings. The event will also feature demonstrations by St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, the South Bend Community School Corporation, the St. Joseph County Public Library and the

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Student government webpage to open communication

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

The Notre Dame student government Web page will remain full of out of date information until a new design that is both practical and affordable can be created, student government officials said. There are no plans to try and update the information until a new design chosen.

Student Body President Brian O'Donoghue blamed prior administrations for the imprac-

tical Web design currently used.

"Last year's administration spent tons of money creating (the page), and it was purely constructed because of the vanity of that administration," O'Donoghue said.

Upon taking office this year, O'Donoghue and vice president Brooke Norton con-

sulted their advisers regarding the Web page.

"We were not allowed to contract off campus with a Web design company, but we were also not allocated a large enough amount of money to contract with an on-campus provider," Norton said.

"We believe students would rather see their money go to programming events than to a Web site. Furthermore, the counter indicated that last year not many students visited the Web page," said O'Donoghue.

In response to these issues, O'Donoghue and Norton opted to use The Observer, Scholastic and class list serves as forums for communication, confident that these types of outlets would reach a greater number of students.

As student body president-elect, Norton expressed interest

in revamping the Web page next year. One of the planks in her communication platform was increased use of the Web page.

"I would like to lobby for more money with which to construct our Web page," Norton said. "If this is not possible, I will ensure that the Web page is updated by the technology division."

According to Norton, a successful student government Web page would feature a list of

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O'Donoghue



Norton

INSIDE COLUMN

From within this bubble

This campus, this University, is not reality. It is a fantastical place where students are all blessed beyond belief. The future is ours to take. The sky is limitless.

I find myself struggling with how I should give back to the world that has given me so much.

This past weekend, in an attempt to escape from Junior Parent Weekend and cabin fever, my friend and I packed up for a trip to Chicago.

On Saturday night, my parents took us out to a nice dinner on Michigan Avenue, and then we headed to the House of Blues. We didn't think twice to drop \$20 dollars apiece for tickets, and once inside proceeded to ring up a drink tab.

By the end of the evening, we had spent well over \$200 dollars.

As my friend and I headed back towards our car, we were approached by a homeless African-American man. He was dressed in rags, and told us that if we did not help him buy a train ticket, he would freeze to death during the frigid night.

My initial reaction, unfortunately, was to keep walking. I was tired, and I had spent enough money already on myself.

I began to keep moving, but stopped as he called after me. This may not seem too profound, but I was suddenly struck by a realization.

What if I had been born in the slums of the inner city? What if I had been discriminated against because of my skin color? What if I had not been given the opportunities to succeed the way I have?

Why has God blessed me the way He has? Why am I at Notre Dame? Why do I deserve it, and not this poor guy on the street?

It almost doesn't make any sense.

But, nevertheless, there must be some reason that we all have been given such wonderful opportunities.

The golden dome that rises out of the center of campus should not solely be a symbol of academic and athletic excellence. It should be a sign of compassion and of charity. It should represent our Christian obligation to the rest of the world, upon whose backs we have ridden this far.

I took Barney with me. I spent four measly dollars on a train ticket for him.

It was such a small act, but I think it meant a lot to him. It felt good.

Students of Notre Dame, I encourage you to realize your blessings, and to give back to those less fortunate.

This weekend, beginning Thursday, a number of our own students will be participating in Bengal Bouts. All proceeds go to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Its a good and noble cause; its a fun cause. I encourage everyone to go out and cheer on the guys while helping out people less privileged than ourselves.

Its the least we can do.

I leave you with this simple parting thought: "To who much is given, much is expected."

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: Men's Basketball Game, Joyce Center, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Movie: "IL Postino," DeBartolo 155, 7 p.m.	◆ Event: Michiana Boat & Outdoor Show, Century Center, 5 p.m.	◆ Event: Women's Basketball Game, Joyce Center, 1 p.m.
◆ Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sales Program, the Soil and Conservation District, all day.	◆ Event: Bengal Bouts, preliminary round, Joyce Center, 7 p.m.	◆ Theater: "The Winter's Tale," Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Best in Show," DeBartolo 101, 8 p.m.
	◆ Event: Acoustic Cafe, Lafortune, 9 p.m.		

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U. of California's SAT policy questioned

BERKELEY, Calif. Four days after the initial announcement of University of California's President Richard Atkinson recommendation to make the SAT optional for UC applicants, many academics are left questioning his unprecedented move and how it will change the university system and colleges across the nation.

While the long trip to implementation could take more than a year, the mere mention of the proposal was enough to cause speculation to circulate nationwide.

"The University of California is the premier higher learning institution in the country, and I think this will be very important for universities across the country," said Pedro Noguera, a former University of

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Pedro Noguera
former professor

California-Berkeley professor who now teaches at Harvard University.

Some academics have hailed the proposal as a step in the right direction for the university, while others defend the SAT's ability to reliably predict how students will perform in

college. They all agree, however, that the UC president's landmark recommendation is sure to challenge one of the nation's most influential standardized tests.

"The rest of the nation will look to California and begin long-overdue debate about the standard of these tests," said Michael Reese, a UC spokesperson.

The UC system has often been viewed as a leader among public universities, setting the trend on a variety of issues.

Most private schools already utilize a more comprehensive process for evaluating applications, said Michael Rowan, chair of the executive board of the Academic Senate, the statewide faculty governing body for academic policy.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

Student confesses to murders

PRINCETON, N.J.

Last Tuesday, Joseph Mesa, a 20-year-old Gallaudet University freshman, was arrested and charged with two counts of felony murder in connection with two separate murders in the past four-and-a-half months. His arrest came 10 days after the body of former dorm-mate Benjamin Varner, a 19-year-old freshman, was found stabbed to death. Last September, Eric Plunkett — a freshman with cerebral palsy who also lived in the same dorm as Mesa — was found beaten to death. In a videotaped confession, Mesa told detectives that he killed the two freshmen because he needed money. After Mesa killed Varner, he wrote himself a check from Varner's account for \$650 and cashed it the next day. He explained he chose Plunkett because Plunkett was vulnerable from his condition and lived alone. Police reported they were led to Mesa by a trail of blood from Varner's room to Mesa's room. Detectives found bloody shoeprints in both rooms that matched the brand of shoes Mesa wore.

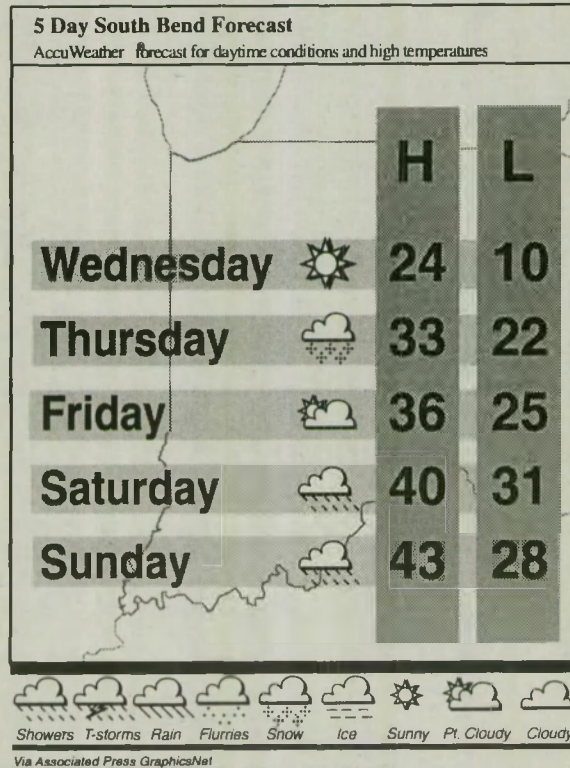
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Task force pushes accountability

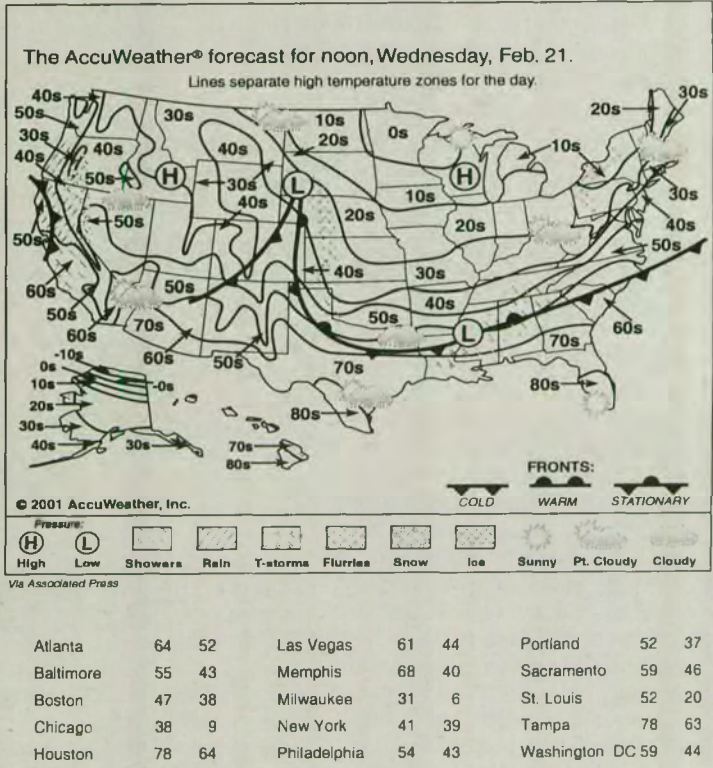
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Standards used to measure state universities and their local governing boards were questioned Monday at the final meeting of the task force charged with overhauling the state's educational system. While some argued the task force's accountability plan was not well-developed and lacked necessary details, the Education Governance Reorganization Transition Task Force strongly defended the program, saying it was one of the most comprehensive ever. Regent Steven Uhlfelder said the task force was releasing power to Boards of Trustees before having a sound accountability system in place. The trustees will be the nine-member board appointed by the governor to oversee each of the 10 state universities under the reorganization plan. "The devil is in the details. I really believe you're on the right track, but I think you're turning the keys over without the [system in place]," Uhlfelder told the task force. Universities will be held accountable by factors such as graduation, completion rates and diversity.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Prof. discloses admissions process

By PAT McDONALD
News Writer

Underprivileged students are at a distinct disadvantage due to the intricacies and biases of the undergraduate admissions systems at elite American universities and colleges, said Mitchell Stevens, a professor at Hamilton College who also worked in the admissions office of the college this year.

"The admissions process systematically favors students coming from privileged backgrounds," Stevens said at a lecture in Flanner Hall today.

Stevens said Hamilton College rates its applicants academically based in large part on the caliber and curriculum of their high schools. Students from less privileged backgrounds typically attend high schools in which lower percentages of students go on to four-year schools and offer fewer Advanced Placement courses than schools with more economically privileged students.

These ratings then factor into decisions on the amount of financial aid to offer an applicant, further prejudicing the

admissions processes against economically disadvantaged students, Stevens said.

"If you're from an underprivileged background, you can either be an exceptional student, an athlete or a racial minority. Being a racial minority is the only way a social disadvantage can be translated into an advantage for admittance to a top college or university," Stevens said.

"Multicultural status places students into a different decision-making matrix with clearly different standards."

Stevens said that elite colleges and universities naturally target students from elite high schools at the expense of less prominent schools.

"If you're an admissions officer and walk into a school in South Philly to recruit, no one will show up because they've either never heard of your school or their not going to skip their AP class to meet with you," he said. "But go to a privileged school out on the Main Line and the students are practically handpicked for

you."

The admissions process is further skewed by outside rankings, particularly the annual US News rankings of top colleges and universities. Ratings factor in median student SAT scores and GPAs, disinclining admissions officers from taking a chance on an applicant with less than average scores but other superior qualities that do not appear in magazine rankings,

Stevens said.

Admissions officers face the difficult task of comparing an applicant's broad academic and personal profile to those of others in an effective and efficient manner.

"The process consists of reducing an applicant to a grid sheet full of numbers and then recreating their personal narrative," Stevens said.

"Decisions are rarely made by voting but rather by a consensus of the admissions committee."

Stevens, a sociology professor, is currently studying admissions at elite colleges and universities as part of a fellowship from the National Academy of Education.

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Mitchell Stevens
professor at Hamilton College

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Dartmouth suspects killers to be friends

Associated Press

CHELSEA, Vt.

One way or another, Rob Tulloch and James Parker have been partners for nearly a decade — rafting rivers, climbing mountains and debating for their high school team.

According to friends and neighbors, the pair did everything together. According to authorities, that included murder.

Tulloch, 17, and Parker, 16, known around Chelsea mostly for their cocky, mischievous attitudes, are accused of killing two Dartmouth College professors in their Hanover, N.H., home three weeks ago. The teens were arrested Monday at an Indiana truck stop.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims, who were stabbed repeatedly. Friends and acquaintances in this isolated town of 1,200 people are grasping for an explanation.

To them, Parker was the class clown and Tulloch was an honors student who had earned enough credits at Chelsea Public School to graduate early.

"Whatever he did, there was a reason for it," said Kip Battey, Tulloch's friend and a fellow debater. "He's really smart, very logical. Everything he did, there was a reason for it."

Both boys come from well-respected families. Their fathers are carpenters, and Parker's was known for his work with the community's recreation program. He also coached basketball and helped

build the town's soccer and baseball fields.

"These kids were average teen-agers," said John Upham, owner of a variety store. "There was nothing extraordinary about them. There was nothing that would lead you to believe that they could do the crime they are accused of."

But not everyone speaks so highly of the boys. Some suggested their families were too permissive.

"This does not surprise me in the least," Robert Childs, the town property assessor, told The Boston Globe. "These kids weren't coming home from a job after school. These kids were unsupervised and on the streets."

"They aren't pillars of the community. Jimmy Parker wasn't quite wild, but his parents were permissive, [and he's] shunned by a major population of the school."

But as far as most of the community is concerned, any mischief the boys were involved in was minor -- they liked their paintball guns (using them on neighbors' trees and lawns), clowning around in school and loved to speed along the town's narrow roads.

Encounters with police had been mostly stay-out-of-trouble-type talks. Boys-will-be-boys type stuff, according to Steve Watson, who owns the town video store.

"It's going to take a long time for me to believe these kids were involved," he said.

Both boys were considered part of the school's preppy crowd, which friends said avoided drugs, alcohol and smoking.



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Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County and other local organizations.

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, RecSports and the Notre Dame music department will present University-sponsored programs at the center. The 1st Class Steppers, a Notre Dame step dancing troupe, are also scheduled to perform.

"Bringing this center into being has been a very important and gratifying activity for the University to carry out..."

Denny Moore
director of public relations

"Bringing this center into being has been a very important and gratifying activity for the University to carry out, especially in conjunction with northeast neighborhood residents," Moore said. "We're looking forward to this formal opening."

Notre Dame announced plans for the CLC in August. University administrators said the costs of renovating and equipping the center exceeded \$500,000 and its annual operating budget will be about \$300,000.

Bars

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busts. They said Internet and student-made IDs can be just as authentic-looking as the real ones.

"For years, people have been making IDs. We check pretty close. But with these new IDs it is really tough to tell which ones are fake and which ones are real," Mitchell said.

"The fake ID stuff is unfortunate, but it happened when I was in school," said Bauer, a 1974 graduate of Saint Mary's.

Bauer recalled a much different bar scene when she was a Belle. She said Eddy Street was the place to be, with one bar after another running up and down the street. Both Bauer and Mitchell agree that the nation's current drinking age should be re-evaluated.

"I think 18 year olds should be allowed to drink. You could get drafted and go lose your

life but you can't drink a beer?" Mitchell said. "But, the laws is the law and you've got to obey the law."

"The fake ID stuff is unfortunate, but it happened when I was in school."

Karen Bauer
owner of Molly McGuire's

"I don't think the government will ever change it. It's just going to get tighter and tighter," Bauer said.

Bauer offered some advice to the other bars in town - and the underage drinkers getting

into them.

"Anyone in the bar business should know, it's a time bomb," she said.

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members and their e-mail addresses, a message board, updates on events and projects, the stu-

dent union calendar and more specific information on the current and upcoming programs and services.

"We would also like to make it more interactive, provide links to various organizations and advertise the address. Ideally, I would like for it to be another forum for student suggestions," she said.

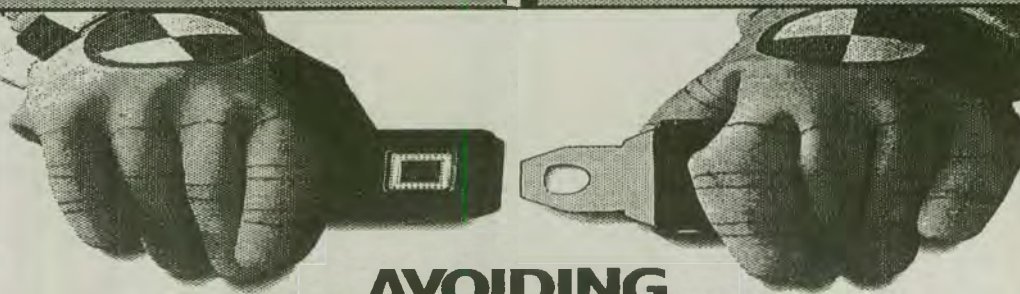
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Columbian troops raid drug trade:

Troops making a late-night descent on an airstrip in the Amazon didn't get the men they were looking for: a fugitive Brazilian drug lord and the Colombian guerrilla commander who allegedly sold him cocaine for arms. But the military said the commando-style operation near the Brazilian border helped to expose a cocaine-for-guns operation fueling the country's 37-year war and demonstrating the guerrillas' deepening involvement in the international drug trade. Troops arrested 29 people. Six Brazilians are among the 29 people arrested so far in Operation Black Cat, launched on Feb. 11. One is said to be the girlfriend of Luiz Fernando da Costa, a fugitive Brazilian considered one of his country's top narcotics traffickers.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

New York man slain: A man sitting with his girlfriend on a bench in Central Park was shot to death during an attempted robbery early Tuesday, police said. Ismael Marzan, 25, and his girlfriend, whose name was not released, were sitting on the bench at about 12:30 a.m. when they were approached by three men, police said. The men demanded the couple turn over jewelry and a jacket. Marzan was shot in the head before the two could comply, and the men fled. Marzan's girlfriend was unhurt and able to call police.

Potential cancer vaccine created:

Government scientists have created a potential vaccine against a virus that causes cervical cancer, a promising development against a cancer that each year kills 200,000 women worldwide, including 5,000 Americans. The experimental vaccine just passed its first human safety test but has years more testing ahead to prove if it does protect women.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Suspects arrested in Hammond slaying:

An alleged drug dealer and his cousin have been arrested in connection with a triple homicide that police believe may have been a mistaken act of revenge against a police informant. Zealand Bea, 25, of Matteson, Ill., and Eric Sanders, 25, of East Chicago, were arrested Friday and each was charged with three counts of murder. Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter was reviewing the charges Tuesday to determine whether he would seek the death penalty.

FBI agent accused of espionage

Associated Press

A veteran FBI agent was accused Tuesday of spying for Russia for more than 15 years, betraying three Russian undercover agents to Moscow and disclosing volumes of U.S. secrets in return for diamonds and up to \$1.4 million. The FBI director called the case "the most traitorous actions imaginable."

Robert Philip Hanssen, 56, the father of six, was only the third FBI agent ever accused of espionage. President Bush called it "a difficult day," particularly for the law enforcement and intelligence communities.

Hanssen, a 25-year FBI agent, was arrested Sunday night at a park in

suburban Virginia after dropping a package of documents for his Russian contacts, authorities said. FBI agents confiscated \$50,000 hidden for him at a nearby drop site.

Hanssen provided Moscow with the identities of two KGB officials who had been recruited by the U.S. government to serve as agents in-place at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, FBI Director Louis Freeh said. The agents, whose names were first compromised by Aldrich Ames, were tried on espionage charges on their return to Moscow and executed. A third KGB official identified by Hanssen was imprisoned but ultimately released, Freeh said.

Ames pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union in 1994.

Operating under the codename Ramon, Hanssen kept his identity and occupation secret from the Russians, Freeh said. He said Hanssen frequently ran his name, address and his drop sites through FBI computers to see if they had raised any alarms.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who said he was briefed on the case a week to 10 days ago as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said Hanssen may have caused grave harm.

"This could be a very, very, very serious case of espionage," Shelby said in a telephone interview

from Alabama. "Here's an agent who is a veteran of the FBI, who's been doing counterintelligence for a long time. He knows a lot. He could have given them a lot."

Hanssen provided the KGB and its successor agency, SVR, with information since 1985 on top secret U.S. intelligence and counterintelligence activities, including investigative techniques, sources, technical operations, double agents and targets of U.S. intelligence, according to a 100-page FBI affidavit.

He also tipped off the KGB to the FBI's secret investigation of Felix Bloch, a foreign service agent suspected of spying for Moscow in 1989, the FBI said.

YUGOSLAVIA

Families mourn victims of bombing

Associated Press

GRACANICA

Carefully, Slavisa Cokic laid out the clothing he brought: Sunday best for his brother and sister-in-law and pajamas for his 2-year-old nephew, Danilo.

"I wanted to make sure he was warm," Cokic said as he prepared for the virtual certainty that the bodies of loved ones are among the mutilated remains of at least 10 Serbs killed in a bus bombing that has left Kosovo teeming with ethnic tension.

Families of the passengers missing after Friday's attack gathered Tuesday in Gracanica, just south of the capital, Pristina, to wait for peacekeepers to deliver the remains of their relatives — or at least tell them when the victims will be identified.

They waited outside all day in freezing temperatures, pacing and smoking cigarettes — in vain.

The bus was carrying Serbs on a pilgrimage to the graves of their ancestors when the bomb blast tore it apart on a road near Podujevo, 25 miles northeast of Pristina. Bodies were disfigured, making it difficult to establish identities.

The hours of uncertainty took their toll on Radoslav Kragovic, 56, who wept as darkness fell and another day ended without information on his missing brother.

"We can't even get our dead out of here," he said, his body shaking, tears streaming down his weathered cheeks. "I've lost my brother. I can't tell you the pain I feel."

To reduce the shock of being confronted by mutilated bodies of loved ones, experts planned to use photographs to help family members identify relatives before actually showing them the remains.

But that wasn't happening for most people Tuesday, and the waiting fueled anger, feeding deep-seated opinions that the NATO-led peacekeepers and U.N. officials who govern the province are insensitive to Serb concerns.



A woman from Kosovo holds a placard of her missing relatives, during the protest organized by the group known as the Union of Relatives.

Tens of thousands of Serbs have the Serbian province of Kosovo since the 78-day alliance air war forced former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces to withdraw in mid-1999. Those who remained have been subject to attacks leveled in revenge for Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

Several Serbs have been killed in the Serbian province since the United Nations and NATO took over

after the Yugoslav withdrawal. The bus bombing was the deadliest attack since July 1999, when 14 Serb farmers were machine-gunned to death in a field.

Some angry Serbs claim the U.N. authorities and NATO peacekeepers have understated the number of victims in the bus bombing in order to minimize publicity and avoid further violence. They say as many as 23 people took the bus — and never came home.

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ISRAEL

Barak turns down defense post: a step farther from peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

In a dramatic turnaround, caretaker Prime Minister Ehud Barak said on Tuesday he will not serve in Ariel Sharon's Cabinet, throwing into disarray plans for unity government that might renew peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Barak had said in recent days he would serve as defense minister under Sharon, drawing a whirlwind of criticism from his allies in the Labor Party, charging he had sold out.

If Barak's latest change of mind means a government without Labor, Sharon will likely be forced into a narrow coalition dependent of right-wing parties — hawks and religious nationalists — who would have little flexibility in talks with Arabs and who oppose any territorial concessions to the Palestinians. Such a grouping would likely be unable to make progress in peace talks with the Palestinians.

Barak announced his latest change of mind Tuesday in a letter to Sharon — a sharp reversal to the prime minister-elect's efforts to set up a national unity government with his Likud and Barak's Labor.

Sharon, who trounced Barak in a Feb. 6 elections, has said he needs a broad-based government to deal with nearly five months of Palestinian-Israeli violence.

It is unclear whether Barak's statement meant the Labor party would not join the unity government. Some leaders of the party have said they would favor such a coalition but one without Barak.

In Washington, the State Department had no comment Tuesday on Barak's move, but said the administration looks forward to working with whatever government emerges.

In his Tuesday letter, Barak charged that Sharon had dealt with the Labor Party "in a way that seriously harms the trust between us and does not allow me to accept the position" of defense minister.

Barak's decision to enter Sharon's government had set off a groundswell of opposition in his own party among activists who blamed him for the election failure. They also charged that his continued presence on the scene would undermine their efforts to revive peacemaking.

The activists also saw Barak's landslide loss as a repudiation of his peace policies. They also blamed him for a low voter turnout, and claimed he had froze them out of the decision-making process. One by one, his political allies dropped away.

Barak's frequent changes of mind also angered party members: Right after the election he said that he would resign from politics. But a few days later, he accepted Sharon's offer to serve as defense minister in a joint Likud-Labor government.

Barak lost his majority in parliament last July over concessions he planned to offer the Palestinians at a summit meeting in Camp David, near Washington. There and at a last-minute round of intensive negotiations just before the election, Barak suggested a Palestinian state in almost all the West Bank and Gaza, with Palestinian control over parts of Jerusalem. The Palestinians did not accept the proposals.

Voters who backed Barak in an election in May 1999 switched to Sharon in droves, complaining about Barak's frequent policy shifts.

After the negotiations with the Palestinians ended without agreement several days before the election, Barak began talking of the need for unilateral separation, drawing a border between Israel and the Palestinians without further talks, if necessary.

Barak led his party directly into negotiations with Sharon after the election, though he had warned the people that a Sharon government might bring war to the Middle East. When he accepted Sharon's offer to serve as defense minister, along with party veteran Shimon Peres as foreign minister, both sides expressed confidence that a coalition agreement was near.

But negotiations between Likud and Labor hit a snag over the inclusion in the government of far-right parties that reject compromise with the Palestinians.

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe lashes out at journalists

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe

President Robert Mugabe lashed out at international journalists and foreign governments, threatening to ban them from future elections to keep their "dirty, interfering hands" out of the Zimbabwe's affairs.

Monday night's warning follows a weekend crackdown on foreign journalists, in which two newsmen were ordered deported.

The opposition charged Tuesday that Mugabe's comments and what it said were increasing restrictions on foreign journalists are an effort to thwart foreign scrutiny and might be part of a plan for Mugabe to call early presidential elections this year.

Mugabe's six-year-term expires

next March. Under the constitution, Mugabe, 76, can only call an early election if he resigns, leaving his deputy to act as caretaker during the campaign. Mugabe might prefer to face voters before the country's situation further deteriorates, analysts said.

Instability in the country and Mugabe's increasingly authoritarian rule has crippled the economy, scared away foreign investors and drawn scathing criticism from the international community.

International observers monitoring parliamentary elections last June said pre-election violence, mainly committed by ruling militants of Mugabe's party, had tainted the result.

Mugabe told foreign diplomats Monday evening that there was "a massive degree of external interference" in the June ballot, and his government would not tolerate

the "prevailing practice of observing elections for purposes of interfering with them."

"Zimbabwe ... will never in future brook the phenomenon of dirty, interfering hands in its domestic affairs," he said, according to state media.

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Leadership key in AIDS battle

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
It is now possible to dramatically reduce the spread and impact of AIDS, and the most important factor is global and national leadership, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday.

In a report which will serve as the backdrop to the U.N. General Assembly's special session on the AIDS crisis in June, Annan called for expanded prevention programs and stepped up efforts to combat the stigma surrounding the disease and make low-cost generic drugs available to those infected with the HIV virus.

He also called for intensified development of affordable AIDS vaccines and new HIV treatments, greater efforts to alleviate the social and economic impact of the epidemic, and more money to fight it.

"The most important lesson learned from countries that have successfully responded to the epidemic has been the critical role of government and civil society leadership in increasing the visibility of the epidemic while decreasing the stigma associated with it," Annan said.

But despite successful AIDS prevention programs in a host of countries from Uganda to Thailand, last year also saw an estimated 5.3 million new infections around the globe,

and 3 million deaths, the highest annual total of AIDS death ever, the report said.

Annan noted that the spread of the HIV virus has brought about a global epidemic far more extensive than was predicted a decade ago. About

"Leadership ... is the single most important factor in reversing the epidemic."

Kofi Annan
UN Secretary-General

36.1 million people are living with HIV or AIDS worldwide today, 50 percent higher than the figure projected in 1991. The modes of transmission remain the same — unprotected sex, unscreened blood and blood products, contaminated needles, mother-to-child transmission, and breast feeding, he said.

While AIDS is now found everywhere, Africa is home to 70 percent of adults and 80 percent of children living with HIV, and to three quarters of the nearly 22 million people who have died of AIDS since the epidemic began two decades ago, he said.

Nonetheless, Annan said, "Collective experience with HIV/AIDS has evolved to the

point where it is now possible to state with confidence that it is technically, politically and financially feasible to contain HIV/AIDS and dramatically reduce its spread and impact."

"Leadership — at the global as well as the country level — is the single most important factor in reversing the epidemic," the secretary-general said in the report.

There is strong evidence that the incidence of HIV infection has declined in Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and sub-Saharan Africa when people have access to effective prevention programs, he said.

Annan called for intensive education programs to reduce the risk of sexual transmission, greater accessibility to male and female condoms, and much cheaper antiretroviral drugs so people with HIV in Africa and other developing countries can get the same treatment as those in industrialized nations.

"The availability of low-cost generic drugs needs to be expanded, in accordance with national laws and international trade agreements and with guarantees of their quality," he said. "Other approaches, including tiered pricing, improved global and regional procurement policies and new funding mechanisms, also need to be explored."

Napster attempts to settle lawsuit for \$1B

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Napster Inc. offered \$1 billion to the recording industry Tuesday to settle a copyright infringement lawsuit that threatens to shut down the free Internet song-swapping service.

Under the proposal, \$150 million would be paid annually for five years to Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal. Another \$50 million would go to independent labels in each of those five years.

Napster believes it can generate hundreds of millions of dollars to pay record companies, mostly through monthly subscriptions. It has tried to reach agreements with record companies, but has done so only with BMG parent Bertelsmann Inc.

Analysts said they doubted the rest of the recording industry would allow Napster and Bertelsmann to control the online distribution of their music.

"Napster is basically trying to purchase the copyrights and resell them," said Susan Billheimer, an analyst with Zona Research.

Universal Music Group called Napster's offer a rehash of previous promises that have gone unfulfilled.

"It is Napster's responsibility to come to the creative community with a legitimate business model and a system that protects our artists and copyrights," the company said. "Nothing we have heard in the past and nothing we have heard today suggests they have yet been able to accomplish that task."

An industry group urged Napster to accept a federal injunction ordering it to block copyrighted music from its service.

"This path would be more productive than trying to engage in business negotiations through the media," said Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

A week ago, a federal appeals court said the music industry

almost certainly will win its lawsuit against Napster.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Napster to stop millions of users from swapping copyrighted music without charge and without restriction. Napster, whose lawyers have said such action would be virtually impossible, vowed to appeal.

The company has argued it is not to blame for how subscribers use copyrighted material. But the appeals court said there was evidence of "massive, unauthorized downloading and uploading of plaintiffs' copyrighted works — as many as 10,000 files per second by defendant's own admission."

Napster's popularity exploded in 1999 after founder Shawn Fanning released software that made it easy for personal computer users to locate and trade songs stored as computer files in the MP3 format, which compresses digital recordings without sacrificing quality.

The five largest record labels sued as soon as Napster took off, saying it could rob them of billions of dollars in profits. Bertelsmann reached a deal with Napster, promising much-needed capital if Napster switches to a subscription-based service that pays artists' royalties.

Napster's new service could be ready by July, according to Thomas Middlehoff, head of Bertelsmann.

Napster said monthly subscribers paying from \$2.95 to \$9.95 would be able to download a limited number of songs, while unlimited service would be available to those paying double that amount.

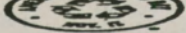
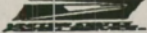
Transferring files to blank CDs or portable music players would cost extra, the company said.

Napster chief executive Hank Barry estimated that 17 million fee-paying, registered users could generate more than \$1 billion by the fifth year of the deal.

"It's the biggest, largest collection of music lovers," said Andreas Schmidt, president and CEO of Bertelsmann's e-commerce group.

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Jury convicts doctor in botched abortion

Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz.

A doctor was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday in the death of a patient following a botched abortion and a former clinic administrator was found guilty of negligent homicide.

Dr. John Biskind, 75, and Carol Stuart-Schadoff, 63, were both charged with manslaughter in the death of Lou Anne Herron, who died three hours after an abortion at the now-closed A-Z Women's Center in Phoenix in 1998. An autopsy found Herron's uterus had been ruptured by a medical instrument.

"We don't usually prosecute doctors for bad medicine, but this case was so bad we had to make a stand," prosecutor Paul Ahler said.

Prosecutors said Biskind and Stuart-Schadoff caused the death by providing little care for Herron as the 33-year-old woman bled heavily. Prosecutors also accused them of ignoring sonograms showing Herron had a pregnancy too advanced to be terminated.

Sentencing was set for March 20.

Jurors disapproved of Biskind's decision to leave the clinic as his patient lay dying.

"We all agreed from the start of deliberations that he was guilty," said jury foreman Russell Craig, a 56-year-old retired government worker.

Jurors also were struck by

Stuart-Schadoff's disregard for a sonogram showing the fetus was more than 24 weeks old and her failure to schedule a nurse during Herron's abortion.

Biskind had no comment. His attorney, Lawrence Kazan, said the jury made a crime out of a medical mistake, and he wondered what implications that would have.

"We're sorry the jury didn't see it our way," Kazan said. "We think at worst this was a case of medical malpractice."

Stuart-Schadoff's attorney, Cameron

Morgan, said he wants a new trial. "Obviously we disagree with the verdict," Morgan said.

The case led to a state law, now being wrangled in the courts, that would require a medical license for clinics performing more than six abortions per month and analysis of fetuses aborted after 12 weeks. The Legislature is also considering a bill requiring doctors to provide abortion information to women at least 24 hours before undergoing the procedure.

Arizona law does not give a specific date after which a doctor can no longer terminate a pregnancy, but it prohibits aborting a fetus after it becomes viable, or able to live outside the womb — usually 22 to 26 weeks.

The clinic advertised itself as the only place in Arizona performing abortions up to 24 weeks.

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Ark. honors civil rights pioneer

◆ In 2002, Daisy Bates to get state holiday on President's Day

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Daisy Bates, the late civil rights pioneer behind the nine black students who broke the color barrier in city schools in 1957, will be honored with a state holiday.

Gov. Mike Huckabee signed legislation Monday to honor Bates on the third Monday in February. Beginning next year, residents will honor her while at the same time observing President's Day.

The nine students walked into Central High amid rioting whites and with an Army escort. Meeting before and after school at Bates' small home during the crisis, she advised the children on how to face the taunting and urged them to be

proud of what they were accomplishing.

The Central High incident was a sign that Washington was going to enforce the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education that school segregation was unconstitutional.

The signing ceremony took place outside the Central High School Visitor Center, along Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive. Among those in attendance was Shirley Brown, 18, who said Bates

was her mother's godmother. She said the holiday recognition was important.

"She thought it would make a better Arkansas — and it did," she said.

Bates, who died two years ago at age 84, became a national symbol of black hope and a target of segregationist hate during the 1950s, first for her prominent role in desegregating

the Little Rock bus system in 1956, then as adviser to the Little Rock Nine.

During legislative debate, some lawmakers argued that Bates should be honored but not

"None of us can match her courage, none of us can match her record on civil rights."

Mike Huckabee
Arkansas governor

Firefighters battle Florida wildfire

Associated Press

POLK CITY, Fla.

A central Florida wildfire had grown to 11,000 acres Tuesday after closing part of a key east-west highway and forcing the evacuation of dozens of homes.

The blaze was only 20 percent contained, authorities said.

There was no immediate indication when authorities would reopen a 10-mile section of heavily traveled Interstate 4, which connects Tampa, Orlando and Daytona Beach.

The wind-driven fire in Polk County had charred 11,000 acres by early Tuesday.

No injuries were reported

and no houses were damaged. About 30 homes were evacuated in a sparsely populated area near Polk City.

"Because of the swampy area, this fire isn't going to subside for a long while," Gov. Jeb Bush said Monday as ash from the fire swirled around him. "It's got anywhere from 4 to 10 feet of fuel to burn before it reaches the dirt."

"People need to know that most of these fires are man-made, either by arson or human error," Bush said. "I-4 is closed, which has created an incredible hardship for many people, and we've got hundreds of firefighters out there all because of human error."

Some residents returned to their homes Sunday afternoon after being told to leave Saturday night. Others ignored the evacuation orders, choosing to run sprinklers on top of their homes and in their yards.

The Detroit Tigers, who hold their spring baseball training in Lakeland, had to use alternate routes to get to their practice facility from Haines City hotels.

The Polk County Correctional Institute took 120 inmates with respiratory problems to neighboring jails, authorities said.

A federal fire suppression grant was approved for the state, said Joe Myers, Florida's emergency management director.

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BRAZIL

Planned uprisings end in 15 dead

Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil
Brazil's largest prison riot in history ended with at least 15 dead and many questions about just who's truly in charge of the nation's penitentiaries — the state or organized crime.

The uprising by the First Capital Command organization, or PCC, started Sunday afternoon at Sao Paulo's Carandiru prison complex and spread to 28 other prisons in the state before negotiators regained control Monday.

In Carandiru, some of the 10,000 inmates took guards hostage and held nearly 8,000 visitors inside.

"It was a carefully planned operation by an organization that exerts its influence over inmates in other prisons," said Marco Vinicio Petreluzzi, Sao Paulo's public security secretary.

The inmates demanded the return of 10 PCC leaders who were transferred from Carandiru to other facilities last Friday after stockpiles of ammunition, knives and cellular phones were found in their cells, he said.

"The uprising was clearly the organization's way of getting back at us for the transfer," said Petreluzzi, calling the transfer part of a government effort "to dismantle an organized crime group that

wants to control the prison system."

After nearly 24 hours of tense negotiations, authorities persuaded the rebellious inmates at all 29 facilities to release the hostages and visitors — many of them family members.

"None of us considers ourselves hostages, we could have left whenever we wanted, but we preferred to stay inside for fear there could be a repeat of the massacre of 1992," Clara Martin Kalil, an inmate's wife, said in reference to an operation to quell a riot at Carandiru that left at least 111 inmates dead.

Officials had made it clear they would not return the PCC leaders to Carandiru, and the uprising ended peacefully. Authorities said at least 15 inmates were killed, including seven at Carandiru, five at the Franco da Rocha prison, one at a penitentiary in Pirajui and two at Belem, a jail.

Most of the violence appeared to take place between prisoners. But authorities were investigating the deaths of two inmates at Carandiru who may have been killed when police returned fire.

Inmates set bedding on fire in prisons, and smoke was seen pouring from windows of Carandiru as the revolt began. After it ended, television

footage Monday evening showed naked inmates in recreation yards while guards in body armor searched prison cells.

Troops suspended the searches before nightfall, and officials said they would return in the morning.

The riots threw a spotlight on the PCC and its increasing influence in the state prison system, which holds more than 90,000 inmates. The state is about the size of Oregon.

Most observers say that the group was formed four years ago by convicted bank robbers and drug dealers serving time in the Taubate Penitentiary, 55 miles northeast of Sao Paulo.

In a 1997 television interview that was rebroadcast Monday, a prison guard said the group controlled drug trade in the prisons and extorted money inmates who refuse to join them. The guard, who was not identified, claimed those who don't pay or who betray the group are killed.

The size of the latest uprising reflects the group's growing power, said Renato Simoes, president of the Sao Paulo State Legislature's Human Rights Commission.

"With the rebellion, the PCC has shown that it has become a parallel power and that the state's prison system is completely bankrupt," Simoes said.

"The government has only itself to blame," he added. "Because its focus is on repression instead of rehabilitation, the prison system is fertile ground for the PCC and its growing influence."

RUSSIA

Putin presses for NATO mobile missile defense

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin lobbied NATO's chief Tuesday to give serious thought to Moscow's answer to the United States' multibillion-dollar plans for a national missile shield — a smaller mobile defense system for Europe.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said Russia should not count on Europeans in the alliance splitting ranks with Washington over a missile defense system.

"I made it clear that the NATO allies accept that the United States has made its decision to have an effective missile defense," Robertson said. "But what is important now is that we now have a Russian proposal to deal with the same kind of perceived threat."

Moscow vehemently opposes the U.S. plan to construct its own missile defense shield to protect against intercontinental missiles from small potential nuclear powers like North Korea. The estimated cost of a U.S. system ranges from \$30 billion to \$60 billion.

Details of the Russian alternative presented to Robertson on Tuesday were sketchy, but it includes proposals for joint Russian-European mobile defenses to counter medium- and short-range missiles.

The plan, said Russian military officials, also envisages forming a joint group of experts to analyze possible missile threats. If such threats are considered serious, Russia and European states would jointly deploy anti-missile defenses as a last resort.

Moscow fears the U.S. project would be expanded to protect the United States from larger nuclear arsenals, like Russia's. It says the shield would violate

the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty, which Moscow considers a cornerstone of disarmament; the ABM treaty prohibits a national missile defense umbrella. Russian officials also insist that Washington has exaggerated the missile threat.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had not seen the Russian proposal but was "heartened" by Russia's acknowledgment that Europe faces possible missile threats.

Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev presented Robertson with Russia's official proposal in a Kremlin meeting.

Putin first made the proposal last year, but the lack of details prompted observers to call it an attempt to draw a

wedge between European NATO members and the United States.

Putin urged Lord Robertson to quickly consider the proposal. "Our military and civilian experts are ready to arrive in Brussels to explain the meaning of Russian proposals to the European public," Putin told Robertson at a Kremlin meeting.

"The mobile anti-missile units will be deployed in the directions of the greatest risk of missiles to cover the most important facilities," a top Defense Ministry official, Col. Gen. Leonid Ivashov, told reporters.

In Beijing, Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Tuesday denounced U.S. plans for a missile defense shield, saying the system could "sabotage global strategic balance and security."

Jiang made his comments to German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping.

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GUEST COLUMN

Bands lose with Napster

LEXINGTON, Ken.

So, we're all guilty. For the record though I don't think anyone thought what they were doing was legal.

Yep, Napster is soon to be a thing of the past. Sad, I know. I too will miss being able to get practically any song that I wanted at any given time.

But let's be honest, kids. Did anyone really think this was legal? Did anyone really think that stealing the creative works of thousands of artists wouldn't be, I don't know, a slight bit unethical at least?

For those of you who bust out with the "hey-music-should-be-free-to-everyone-dude" side, sit down a minute and listen to yourself. Unless you practice the musical equivalent of communism or even heavy-grade socialism you can't go out and purchase anything from a store and then ask a hard-working (or hardly working) artist to just give you his music, his "wares" if you will.

Our society (however screwed up you might think it is) just doesn't work that way. For better or for worse we go to jobs to get money and we sell ourselves each day to make money.

These guys — the guys out there who aren't on MTV and aren't selling millions of albums — those are the guys that are really getting ripped off. The

guys like Metallica and Dr. Dre that get millions upon millions of dollars anyway really don't need the half million they lose to Napster.

While they still deserve the money (they did unfortunately earn it) it's the guys like Cracker, Burlap to Cashmere and Guster that are taking the hits to album sales.

As much as we don't like them; one-hit wonder bands like Aha and Men Without Hats are suffering even more. Not only do they have the stigma attached to them that they were "one-hit-wonders" but now their album sales on compilations and singles are down the tubes because you can easily get it off of Napster.

Band members in the public eye (as cushy as their jobs look now) really do have to work. Yes, even Fred Durst has to sit down and write lyrics to his songs, spend countless hours in the studio and travel away from his family.

Then there were the times before bands were big when they had to open for first-tier acts, play small clubs or even play out of their basement. They deal with the inability to work with their group, legal contracts, blood-thirsty and money-hungry promoters and deal completely with life as you and I see it.

They are not exempt from everyday life even though it might seem so among the pyrotechnics and screaming groupies. They work hard for their money and they deserve the paychecks that are supported by the money that

you the consumer throw at them.

Think they shouldn't make the money they do? Don't pay the prices.

Oh, and I'll let you in on a little secret: the producers and record companies make more money than the performers do at almost a 5-to-1 ratio.

Even with this said, the idea of music trade isn't going anywhere in the near future. Even though people might be taking down places like Napster and Scour music services the MP3 age is upon us and it's not going away. MP3 players are selling well and the actual technology of trading, sharing and encoding is just shy of sheer brilliance.

Hopefully the old ways of the music industry will embrace this new technology. I don't think they can survive without it — no matter how many lawsuits they win.

So what is the common college student to do?

I'd say this: if you like your music, do as you would have normally. I plan on getting while the getting is good. But when all is said and done I won't complain when it's gone.

Hopefully you won't either.

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Alan Slone

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debate must follow controversy

I apologize in advance for my hypocrisy. Just a few days ago I was laughing with friends about how "The Vagina Monologues" issue was still making the newspaper. Glancing at Monday's front page article, however, prompted me to put my foot in my mouth and write in to share my viewpoint.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Arts and Letters faculty presentation this past weekend as it helped justify in my own mind my switch to that college in the hopes of a more fulfilling career. The faculty members who spoke emphasized, among other things, the absolutely vital role of open and ongoing discussion and debate of "tough questions" — academic, as well as moral, ethical, and spiritual — among students, faculty and administrators in a university of Notre Dame's repute.

Contrast this with the paraphrase in Monday's issue of The Observer of Marilou Eldred which indicated that "The Vagina Monologues" would not be allowed because of concern that the play would "draw more controversy than healthy discussion."

Pardon me, but doesn't the debate of tough questions that the Arts and Letters faculty spoke of imply a degree of controversy?

I might go further and infer that Marilou Eldred's idea, then, of "healthy discussion" involves everybody agreeing on everything ... which also implies that nobody learns anything from anybody.

As students in the Notre Dame family we are special. But

are we not also just normal people? Don't we also have the same concerns and personal issues as students elsewhere? In particular are violence, sexuality and the combination of violence and sexuality not crucial to our developing lives? (If sex isn't a part of a Catholic's life, then how is it that they have such big families?)

Suggesting otherwise — that we are somehow above these issues — is turning a blind eye to stark reality; it is burying our heads in the sand. I don't want to learn to live as an ostrich. If our leaders are ostriches then I don't want to follow them.

I'd like to close this letter with a story about a close friend of mine with whom I had the pleasure of talking over Christmas break. I'll call her Valerie.

Valerie is a student at a Michigan state school, is a theater major and is deeply religious. She was also sexually assaulted recently — an event which shattered her life. It was through hearing "The Vagina Monologues" and eventually through participating in the production that she was able to find strength, meaning and direction again in her life.

I thank God that she chose not to come to Notre Dame.

Kyle Demko

junior

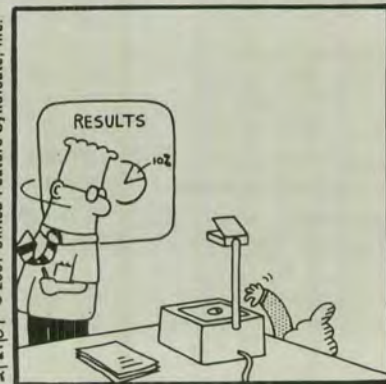
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them."

Alfred Adler
psychologist

VIEWPOINT

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Learning center enriches community

Can you imagine knocking on the door of a house in your neighborhood and finding out that the family living there has never before seen a computer?

Asking them if they have a "PC" brings a response of bewilderment, confusion and embarrassment. I must admit as a senior here at Notre Dame from the Silicon Valley it is hard for me to imagine anyone in my neighborhood who could possibly fit this bill. Up until a year ago I would not have believed that someone in my neighborhood would have never seen a computer or understood what a PC was. Sadly, if you answered "no" to the first question you, as I, are unaware of the neighborhood surrounding our home here at Notre Dame.

John Micek

*For a More
Just and
Humane World*

Until last year I did not know that the area extending away from our campus toward and including Molly McGuire's, Lafayette and St. Joseph Medical Center was called the Northeast Neighborhood.

I did not know that there was a diverse community of persons with the challenges of a neighborhood so close to the "Notre Dame bubble." Many in the neighborhood do not have computers.

It was then that I learned about certain students, staff and faculty members of the Center for Social Concerns who were working with an initiative of the President's Office and residents of the Northeast Neighborhood to create a center in the old Goodwill Building. They hoped to partner in a way to "strengthen interaction between the Northeast Neighborhood and Notre Dame by building trust through partnerships that stimulate community revitalization" (excerpt from the Community Learning Center Mission Statement).

Sadly, many in this neighborhood have in the past felt neglected and some abused by the powerful institution of Notre Dame. Why, many ask, has the University, a place of such education and philanthropy, not given and shared more with its neighbors? This, a sentiment long fostered in the generations of some families within the Northeast Neighborhood, is now being addressed structurally and through programs. The University is extending itself into the area in the form of a major revitalization program. One part of this program is the development of the Community Learning Center.

I think that we all understand the importance of our education in our own lives but this Center offers us a chance to enrich our education and experience within a neighborhood of which we are fortunate to be a part.

The Community Learning Center will be a place of mutuality where students and neighbors alike will engage in shared learning. I must stress that the time you will spend in this Center will in no way be a one-way flow of information and learning. This two-way street, if you may, is why this opportunity should strike at the hearts of the entire Notre Dame community. Students, staff and faculty can both give and receive from this unique and beautiful Center.

Today members of the University and residents of the Northeast Neighborhood are coming together for the grand opening of the Community Learning Center. This celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. is the culmination of a wonderful instance of collaboration amongst the Northeast Neighborhood, Notre Dame and community partners.

The Center houses a new computer cluster, exercise equipment and classes, health screening through St. Joseph Medical Center, a library, tutoring, piano lessons and more. Located next to Molly McGuire's on Eddy Street, the Center is less than four blocks from campus, a spot ideal for any student to drop in and expand their outlook on the richness of our neighborhood.

I recently visited the CLC in its initial days of operation. I'm filled with joy and great hope about the future of this collaboration in the Northeast Neighborhood. In the future after my Notre Dame undergraduate years I look forward to returning to this neighborhood to witness how these written goals will come to life beyond this first month.

The following is a summary of the goals of the Community Learning Center:

1. To create a neighborhood setting that will house an array of community programs and activities and will serve as a place of gathering, welcoming and interaction for all.
2. To establish educational programs beginning with a computer initiative that develops skills, encourages new efforts in communication and community building and provides new opportunities for teaching and learning across generations and within families.
3. To provide space and support for cooperative programs with local health care agencies, businesses, schools, faith-based group and community organizations that enhance the quality of life of the neighborhood by providing increased access to health care, employment and business opportunities, new community-based learning resources and faith-based initiatives that encourage the revitalization of each person's God-given dignity and worth.
4. To foster an enhanced sense of citizenship and commitment to community revitalization among all the Center's partners and participants.

The Center for Social Concerns' column appears every other Wednesday. This week's column was written by John Micek. Micek, a senior and a Center for Social Concerns student intern this past summer, was, along with many ND students, faculty, staff, Northeast Neighborhood residents and various community agency representatives, involved in the initial stages of the CLC's development.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Display mocked culture

The brochure from the Junior Parents Weekend Gala last weekend listed a number of displays, including "Indians: A promotion of the Indian heritage through decoration and scenes."

If we are trying to better understand Native American cultures there are much better ways than inviting them to perform in a side-show style setting side by side with a cardboard "saloon" staffed with people costumed as cowboys and prostitutes serving "cactus juice."

I am sure that everyone who attended the events this weekend will join me in thanking the JPW committee for a wonderful weekend and for their hard work; I am sure that they did not mean to offend. I am not questioning the Native Americans who were present at the gala dancing, drumming and singing. I do not know how they felt about the event although I hope to contact them to find out.

My intent is to encourage questioning within the Notre Dame community as to why we were comfortable with the placement of Native American dancers right next to a fake wild West scene and a teepee with moving Indian statues.

When faced with this grotesque juxtaposition the majority of the people in attendance did not seemed bothered; on the contrary many cheerfully sported feathered headbands that said "JPW 2001." I admit, I too have worn a headband such as this ... when I was in kindergarten for a Thanksgiving celebration. Back then I was

too young to know the tragic effects of the conquest and European colonization on the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

What is it about the Notre Dame culture that allows us to participate in such an event in which actual Native Americans performing dances could be placed amidst tacky displays, most significantly a campy wild West display that propagated stereotypes set in place by old television westerns? Do we see these things as deserving of equal treatment?

I may be accused of falling prey to the very racism and exoticism that I am trying to question in my failure to take offense at some of the other displays; however, none of this existed in a vacuum and the social-historical context in which Native Americans have been marginalized cannot be separated from this event.

The bottom line is that we invited these people to perform here and then we paid little attention to them and wore feathered headbands, actively participating in creating a situation which could potentially be very degrading.

I would love to see more events on campus that could work towards a greater understanding of Native American cultures and issues today; however these events should be held in a respectful setting.

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February 19, 2001



Protest against sweatshops should persevere

Soon Notre Dame will decide whether or not it wants to join with 74 other schools already signed on to the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is a monitoring system that will begin to end sweatshop labor by focusing on the manufacturing of collegiate apparel.

Notre Dame may have led the way early on in the fight against sweatshops but that position as a leader is being lost. Seventy-four other schools have already decided to join forces under the WRC.

The WRC is the best way for this University to stop using sweatshops. It gives a voice to those who know best what goes on in a sweatshop — the workers. It also publishes the information it finds so the public will know what abuses are present in a companies factories. The WRC will use Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are already in countries with sweatshops. These NGOs will continuously monitor the situation at apparel factories.

Notre Dame is a founding member of the monitoring system known as the Fair Labor Association (FLA). The FLA was created by the Apparel Industry Partnership in 1998 to "provide the public with confidence" that their clothes are not made in sweatshops.

Many student and human rights groups feel that the FLA is just a public relations ploy that will only do minimal amount to change the current industry-wide use of sweatshops. The FLA will only check an average of 10 percent of the apparel factories each year once it is in full operation. It

could be over 10 years from one factory check to the next.

The FLA also keeps the factory abuses to itself. The public will never know what companies to avoid when buying sweatshop-free clothes. This is not adequate. The WRC is clearly better with continuous monitoring and making its findings available to the public.

Notre Dame now wants to create its own monitoring system. This system will be similar to the FLA. There will only be spot checks of a company's factories by Notre Dame's monitoring system. It will not publish any of the abuses it finds either, leaving the public and students in the dark.

Although Notre Dame has a chance of doing good alone, by joining with 74 other schools so much more can be done.

Notre Dame has many things to be proud of but this pride should not get in the way of doing what is best to end sweatshops. Notre Dame should resume its position as a national leader and join the WRC. Saint Mary's has already joined the WRC as have some of our closest football rivals: University of Michigan and Purdue.

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senior
O'Neill Family Hall
February 20, 2001

New technologies can identify songs, babysit your kids

We've all done it. We're rolling in our '83 Datsun or Dad's 2000 Explorer. We hear a new song that sounds like Madonna circa 1987 and we say, "What's this song called? I want to go home and download it, so I don't have to buy another CD for just one song — that Vanilla Ice album really sucked except for 'Ice, Ice Baby.'"

But then at the end of the new song, the smart-mouthed DJ starts talking about how Britney is denying her alleged surgery to distance her nipple from the rest of her body, and they never get around to saying the title of the song.

Jeff Baltruzak

Short Circuits

What do you do? Whip out that cell phone! ConneXus, a company out of Pennsylvania, has a free service called *CD where you hit *23 on your phone, punch in the station's frequency and then get the title of the track you just heard, as well as titles of other songs you heard earlier in the day on the same station.

Then you can be a sucker and actually buy the CD using your cell phone instead of just downloading the songs from one of the dozens of MP3 sites the University hasn't blocked. I would mention them, but I don't want to give anyone any ideas.

ConneXus runs this service by using sound-recognition technology on a dozen of the top radio stations in each city. Then the song is compared to a database with one million tracks stored in it.

Spiffy, you say? The best thing about it is, it doesn't cost a thing. The bad news is that it's only available in Philly and San Francisco. But the company is monitoring radio stations in 32 other cities, looking to expand the service.

Do you think South Bend is one of those lucky towns? I don't. Has anyone ever used the words "lucky" and "South Bend" in the same sentence? I'll have to do some research on that one.

It seems everyone is getting DVD players these days. Good ol' VHS is going off to join Beta in VCR heaven because the tapes just can't keep pace with the multiple camera angles and director's commentary added on DVDs.

Resist the urge to buy "Weekend at Bernie's" because the NFL has now caught the DVD wave with "The NFL's Greatest Moments in Super Bowl History" (\$25). As you watch each play, you can interact with the DVD by hitting one of the icons. Each icon provides more in-depth information about the play, like different camera angles and the chance to listen to the opposing team's announcers.

I like this product because I always wanted to hear the Buffalo Bills announcers during those four Super Bowl losses. I bet they would say something like, "Scott Norwood is the best place-kicker in football" right before he choked it in Super Bowl XXV.

Also available on the NFL DVD are screen savers and trivia games. This product might help you get your football fix during the off-season without watching the XFL.

Here's a good present for your parents after you win the lottery: the DC06 robotic vacuum cleaner made by a company in England.

Like the robotic lawnmower featured in this column earlier this year, it uses sensors to negotiate around your living room while vacuuming in a spiral motion. The crazy Brits behind it claim it "has more sensors than the Mars lander."

While that may not be good news for NASA, it's good news for your glass coffee table.

The vacuum costs \$3,500. If you're wondering how many snooty butlers you could hire to vacuum for less than \$3,500, the answer is five.

For people that don't want the dry British wit that comes with a butler, you can buy an I-Robot-LE from iRobot for under \$5,000. The company says you can control it from anywhere using the Internet, even letting you "hold a remote conversation with your babysitter."

I thought people normally just gave the babysitter the number they would be at, but I guess I'm wrong.

The I-Robot-LE also climbs stairs, just like a real babysitter. Here, trust your kid to a robot. That's a great idea. Then tell them to talk to strangers and sit really close to the TV.

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Get something for nothing

By MERIDETH PIERCE
Scene Writer

It has long been man's goal to obtain something for nothing. And with the birth of the Internet, we may finally be reaching that goal.

Believe it or not, there are actually thousands of Internet sites that want to give you free stuff.

If you set your mind to it, and point your browser in the right direction, even you can obtain products and offers completely free from the Internet.

In fact many sites are practically begging for you to take their samples or free services.

Granted, there may be often some drawbacks and catches to these freebies.

It is always best to remember that people usually don't give away free stuff out of the goodness of their hearts.

By and large, freebie providers are looking to draw you to their site to drum up business, so they can sell you something else.

All catches and loopholes aside, there are an enormous number of freebies out there for the taking. As long as you are careful and use common sense, you'll be OK.

On many of these Internet sites, you will be required to answer some marketing questions in order to have something sent to you for free.

Other sites simply require you to sign up for one or more mailing lists. And there are a few Web sites which offer free computer downloads that generally require nothing at all.

There are numerous search engines linked

with these "freebie" pages, which are an easy way to start your quest for free stuff. On all of the search engine sites you can sign up for a newsletter that will keep you aware of the new freebies being added daily.

If you are looking for free downloads of any type, the best site to visit is TheFreeSite.com.

For those Web surfers who know exactly free stuff they are looking for, TheFreeSite.com provides a handy subject keyword search. This homepage is also full of categories that you can browse and choose from.

Some of their popular categories include

"Free Fonts,"
"Free Graphics,"
"Free Internet Access,"
"Free Software" and "Free Games."

Once you find a topic of interest, all the free offers are listed and described

in a concise manner.

Most of the time when searching for downloads, you are linked to another site where you have to download what you are looking for.

TheFreeSite.com is full of popular freebies. One offer links you to NeoPets where you can create your own virtual pet. Another option helps you create your own search engine for a personal Web page.

If you are looking for something new to spice up your computer, you will find what you are looking for here.

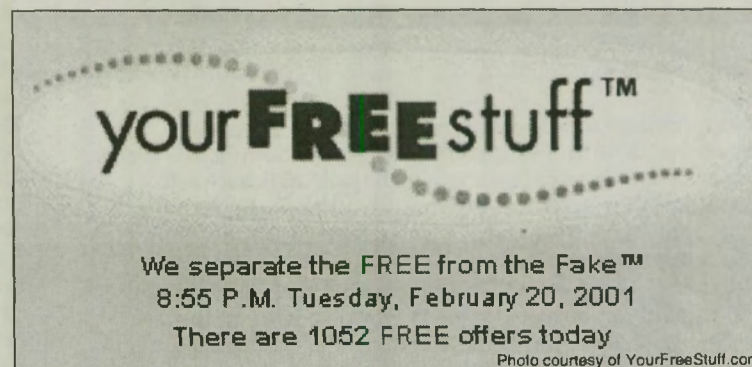
TheFreeSite.com also has a listing for free goods. Some of the easy and interesting offers include samples from Physique hair products, free stickers from eSticker.com and a free mouse pad from the aptly named FreeMousepads.com.

Another search engine for freebies is Free-Stuff-Center.com. This site has fewer offers than TheFreeSite.com, but what they do have is more exciting.

The "samples" section at Free-Stuff-Center.com has many enticing offers. These samples range from free makeup and beauty samples to free long distance phone cards.

The page also has a link to Postage-Shop.com, a site which will send you 10 pre-stamped envelopes as well as coupons for postage.

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Search engines like TheFreeSite.com direct Internet freebie-seekers to the bargains online.

FreeStuff-Center.com is the category marked "contests."

If you are feeling lucky, this option is for you — with one click you are instantly linked up to win \$1 million.

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With this option you can print off coupons from CoolSavings.com or have them sent to you from SaveCoupons.com.

If by chance you have any spare time and not enough school-related reading, check out the category of books on FreeStuffCenter.com.

Here, leisure readers can link up to TheBookCart.com where you can get a number of paperback books for no cost at all.

In the book category you can also surf mystery and sci-fi book clubs that have a very low fee.

TheFreebieDirectory.com is yet another of the hundreds of freebie resources on the Internet.

Of the many search directories, this site is the easiest to read and use. What makes this site unique is that once you pick from the wide variety of categories of freebies, it lists them all.

Besides general information about the product or offer, TheFreebieDirectory.com also ranks the freebie, tells you when it was added and how many people have visited it from TheFreebieDirectory.com and allows you to read reviews that other users have written about the freebie.

There are many links on TheFreebieDirectory.com to useful tools for students.

Through these links you can get free samples of Excedrin and Folgers Coffee through these products' Web pages.

Other perks are a free CR-R disk from FileBurner.com. After registering to FileBurner.com and referring others to the site, you can earn even more free disks.

You may also choose to visit GreenTea-Life.com to have a free sample of green tea sent right to your dorm room.

Pantene Pro-V is also a part of TheFreebieDirectory.com and you can have hair product samples sent to you as well as coupons for their products.

Some people, however, might be better off checking out the link to Beano.com. There you can request a sample of the dietary supplement that helps prevent gas and subscribe to Beano's free mailing list.

A very helpful service that TheFreebieDir-

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This unique service lets you make free unlimited long distance calls via your computer.

Dialpad is Java-powered, so you don't need to download and install software to use the service. This is a freebie you cannot miss out on — you might never have to pay for long distance again.

If all this talk of free stuff peaks your interest, there are hundreds more freebie searches that you can do on the 'Net.

YourFreeStuff.com specializes in name brand item samples. Samplesite.com is another worthwhile engine with links to freebie sites.

Manufacturers of food and small household items are continually sending out coupons and free samples all the time.

So get online and make sure you don't miss out on all that's free for the taking. Who says you can't get something for nothing?

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



AP Photo

A 20-year-old computer hacker, who used this photo of tennis star Anna Kournikova to spread a computer virus, has been offered a job by a Netherlands mayor.

Kournikova hacker offered interview: A local mayor in Sneek, Netherlands, has offered a job interview to a 20-year-old hacker who confessed to spreading a computer virus purporting to offer a photo of tennis star Anna Kournikova that backed up e-mail systems worldwide. Mayor Siebold Hartkamp didn't specify what sort of post he might offer the man, who was arrested by police on Wednesday. But he suggested the hacker — known as "OnTheFly" — would be a good expert on computer security. "I've learned that former poachers make the best game wardens," Hartkamp told Dutch television this weekend. "We're looking for just these kinds of kids. He should come and have a chat with us." But he said "OnTheFly," whose identity has been withheld under privacy rules, "should finish school first," presumably referring to college studies.

Web weddings offered in California: Couples tying the knot in San Mateo County will soon have the option of inviting the world. After a few test runs on Valentine's Day, officials in the county clerk's office in Redwood City, Calif., are preparing to offer Internet broadcasts for all civil marriages. "This is the Silicon Valley," said county clerk Warren Slocum. "We're surrounded by technology, and I'm interested in how technology can better serve people." Couples will send e-mail invitations to guests, who can then enter a password and watch the ceremony live on their computer screens. Although the \$1,200 wedding Webcam isn't "like going to a movie theater," Slocum said the relatively low picture quality doesn't seem to bother the couples. So far the Webcasts have been free, but Slocum said future Internet weddings will likely run about \$10. A marriage license costs \$78, and a civil ceremony is an additional \$35. This isn't the first high-tech project Slocum's office has come up with. It already posts voter registration lists online and is experimenting with Internet voting. The county first offered Web weddings two years ago, and this year, five couples broadcast their Valentine's Day weddings online. "If you wanted to invite your family from Texas, they could join you in cyberspace," Slocum said.

New online imprint to feature E-books: Nobel Prize winner Gao Xingjian, Joyce Carol Oates and children's author R.L. Stine are among those who will have e-books published around the world under a new imprint announced Tuesday by HarperCollins in New York City. "We will publish each e-book with full editorial design, marketing and publicity support — we will not just digitize books and release them into cyberspace," Jane Friedman, HarperCollins' president and CEO, said in a statement. Starting Tuesday with Gao's novel "Soul Mountain," 15 titles will be published this month and in March and will be released in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. Many of the books will have features unavailable in print form. For instance, Oates' short story collection "Faithless" will include an interview with the author and "Soul Mountain" will come with Gao's Nobel acceptance speech.

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NBA

Marion scores 28; leads Suns to 110-104 victory

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

Shawn Marion scored 28 points and made a key late basket as the Phoenix Suns beat Orlando 110-104 Tuesday night, snapping the Magic's nine-game winning streak.

Jason Kidd added 15 points and 15 assists for the Suns, who have beaten the Magic six straight times. Tony Delk scored 22 points.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady had a career-high 44 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter. However, McGrady missed three of four foul shots in the final 55 seconds.

The Magic last won nine straight games early in the 1994-95 season.

Marion, who also had 11 rebounds, hit a 13-foot jumper from the left baseline with 1:06 remaining to give to Suns a 105-101 lead.

McGrady, who was perfect on four free-throw attempts up to that point, missed two free throws on Orlando's ensuing possession.

Marion finished 8-for-12 from the field and 11-of-13 from the line.

Phoenix had 55 free-throw attempts, a record for an Orlando opponent. The Suns sank 43 foul shots, while the Magic shot 16-for-23 from the line.

Kidd hit two free throws to put the Suns ahead 101-99 with 2:22 left. After Darrell Armstrong missed a 3-pointer, Rodney Rogers followed with a scoop layin as the Suns assumed a four-point lead. Rogers finished with 20 points.

McGrady, who shot 18-for-31 from the field, hit a fadeaway from the left baseline to bring Orlando within 103-101, but Marion responded with his last points of the game.

With 9:58 to play, Phoenix opened an 84-79 lead, its largest advantage since the first quarter, when Marion was flagrantly fouled by Monty Williams. Marion and Williams,

who was ejected, exchanged words, but the two were separated and Marion followed with two free throws.

The Suns eventually opened up a seven-point lead, but Orlando recovered to tie the game at 99 on Don Reid's thundering dunk off a McGrady pass with 3 minutes remaining. Reid had nine of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

The Suns capitalized on Orlando's poor shooting and broke out to an 11-point lead a little more than five minutes into the game. The Magic missed 10 of 12 shots at the start of the game, while Phoenix shot 4-for-6 from the field and was perfect on six free throws.

But Orlando came back with 13 unanswered points and went ahead 18-16 with 2:46 remaining in the quarter. McGrady had nine of his points in the run.

Knicks 76, Heat 74

Tim Hardaway threw up an airball and an off-target 3-pointer on Miami's final two possessions, and the New York Knicks held the Heat to 12 points in the fourth quarter of a 76-74 victory Tuesday night.

In a typical Heat-Knicks matchup highlighted mainly by defense, both teams struggled to score down the stretch. The Knicks had only two field goals over the final six minutes, while Miami had just three over the same span.

After Eddie Jones of the Heat stole the ball from Latrell Sprewell with 15 seconds left, Hardaway rushed a 3-point attempt that missed badly. Charlie Ward was fouled with 3.3 seconds left and made one of two from the line, giving the Heat another chance.

Hardaway attempted another 3-pointer just before the buzzer, and the shot bounced hard off the rim as time expired.

The victory moved the Knicks back into second place in the Atlantic Division, just a few percentage points ahead of Miami.

Sprewell led the Knicks with 17 points, while Larry Johnson

had 14, Marcus Camby 13 and Allan Houston 12.

Anthony Mason had 17 points for the Heat.

Neither team led by more than five points over the first three quarters, and Miami took a 62-60 lead into the fourth.

The Heat committed three turnovers and missed their first five shots of the fourth quarter before Mason made one of two from the line with 7:30 left to cut Miami's deficit to 64-63.

The Knicks stayed ahead until Hardaway drove around Sprewell for an uncontested layup that made it 70-69 with 3:54 left, but Miami's lead lasted just 14 seconds before Houston hit two foul shots.

A turnover by Jones was followed by a layup by Camby for a three-point lead with 2:33 left, and New York held the lead the rest of the way.

Ahead 75-74, Sprewell missed a 3-pointer as the 24-second clock was about to expire with 34 seconds left. Camby grabbed the offensive rebound, and the Knicks ran 19 seconds off the shot clock before Jones sneaked up behind Sprewell and stole the ball to set up the final sequence.

Grizzlies 116, Wizards 104

Michael Dickerson scored nine of his 23 points during a decisive third-quarter run as the Vancouver Grizzlies beat the Washington Wizards 116-104, extending their franchise-record winning streak to five games.

Vancouver, which had never won more than three straight games in its six-year history, won its third straight on the road after losing 15 straight road games.

The Grizzlies received double-figure scoring from six players.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half. Shareef Abdur-Rahim also scored 19 points. Grant Long, who had 14 rebounds, matched his season-high with 16 points.

Mike Bibby had 10 points and 13 assists, included 12 in the second half for Vancouver,

which received 40 points from its reserves.

Juwan Howard led Washington with 27 points. Chris Whitney hit a season-high six 3-pointers and finished with 24 points.

Washington scored the first four points of the second half and trimmed its deficit to five points, 59-54, 2 minutes into the third quarter.

But Dickerson seized control, hitting two 3-pointers and capping a 13-0 run with a three-point play, as the Grizzlies moved out to an insurmountable 72-54 lead.

Raptors 113, Warriors 102

Vince Carter scored 33 points and Mark Jackson moved passed Isiah Thomas into fourth place on the NBA career assist list as the Toronto Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors 113-102 Tuesday night.

Jackson had 12 assists, raising his career total to 9,065. After passing Thomas with his ninth assist, Jackson hugged his teammates and received a standing ovation. Jackson, a 14-year veteran, played for New York, the Los Angeles Clippers, Indiana and Denver before signing with Toronto as a free agent in Aug. 2000.

Mookie Blaylock's jumper cut Toronto's lead to two points with 3:22 remaining, but Jackson followed with a three-point play.

Toronto's Antonio Davis made one of two free throws, and Jackson followed with an assist on Alvin Williams' 3-pointer, which gave the Raptors a nine point lead with 1:56 left.

After a turnover by Antawn Jamison, Jackson sealed the win with a 3-pointer with 1:20 remaining.

Jamison had 31 points for the Warriors, who have lost five straight and 10 of their last 11.

Blaylock had four steals, raising his career total to 2001. Only seven other players have 2000 steals in NBA history.

Carter, held to six points in his last game, had a season-high 13

rebounds for the Raptors, who ended a two-game losing streak.

Carter scored 13 points as the Raptors built a 56-55 halftime.

Bucks 101, Bulls 92

Glenn Robinson beat up on one of the Chicago Bulls, and Ray Allen took care of the rest of them.

Allen scored 17 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter in the Milwaukee Bucks' 101-92 victory over the Bulls. But the game was marred by an ugly scuffle between Robinson and Chicago forward Ron Artest in the third quarter.

"I think that was the turning point, because I got it going a little bit," Allen said.

With approximately 5:35 left in the third, Artest and Robinson were jockeying for position near the Bucks' basket when Robinson threw an elbow that hit Artest in the stomach. Artest wrapped his arms around Robinson's shoulders and pulled him to the floor from behind.

The two scuffled, trading punches and kicks before being separated after several minutes. Calm was finally restored after about five minutes.

Both players were given technical fouls and were ejected. Artest also received a flagrant foul.

Team officials accompanied both players to their locker room to make sure there wasn't another run-in. Robinson also was escorted out of the locker room after the game, and he refused to comment.

As for Artest, he was sorry the whole mess ever happened.

"We were just being aggressive all game, we were being competitive all game and I might have blown it out of proportion," Artest said. "I was just trying to play hard. I think I overreacted."

This is the second time the two players have clashed. Robinson was ejected during a game in Chicago last year for a hard foul on Artest.

But Artest said there's no problem between the two.

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NBA

Buffalo enters race for Grizzlies

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

While city officials admit it's a longshot, add Buffalo to the list of places seeking to lure the NBA's Vancouver Grizzlies.

City council on Tuesday unanimously approved inviting NBA commissioner David Stern and Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley to visit Buffalo to consider relocating the franchise.

"Any time we get an opportunity to promote Buffalo as a big-time city and a big-time regional sports city, we need to do that," Mayor Anthony M. Masiello said. "I think it's worth pursuing. Is it a longshot? Probably."

Last week, Heisley, who said the team is expected to lose at least \$40 million this year, was given permission to explore moving to another city next season. For that to happen, he has until March 1 to submit an application to the NBA outlining his intention to move.

Numerous cities have already lined up for the Grizzlies, with Anaheim considered the early front-runner despite the region already having two NBA franchises.

Other cities are regarded as question marks because they lack the facilities, such as Louisville, Kentucky, or lack the fan base to support another major pro sports team — Nashville, where the NHL's Predators are against sharing their arena with another sports franchise, St. Louis and New Orleans.

Then there's Las Vegas, which is regarded as taboo because it allows betting on NBA games.

Heisley met with St. Louis Blues owner Bill Laurie on Tuesday in St. Louis.

"Michael Heisley traveled to St. Louis today to meet with me for the first time," Laurie said in a statement. "There is nothing to report other than the meeting occurred and it was scheduled last Thursday."

Laurie declined further comment.

Laurie, who purchased the NHL's Blues and their Savvis Center home for \$100 million in Sept. 1999, has already bid once on the Grizzlies.

He pulled out of that \$200 million deal after commissioner David Stern and the NBA voiced objections to Laurie's intent to move the team to St. Louis.

Vancouver also has an outside shot of keeping the team after a group of business and community leaders announced they received four offers from prospective buyers willing to purchase all or part of the team and keep it in Vancouver.

Buffalo, according to city officials, has the fan base, the facility — the five-year-old HSBC Arena, which also serves home to the NHL's Sabres — and location.

"We have a great geography to attract fans from Erie, Pa. to Rochester, N.Y., to southern Ontario," Masiello said. "I'd love to invite them to Buffalo to look and see what we have here."

According to studies, there are more than 4 million people that live within 130 miles of Buffalo, and the city is considered the 26th largest market in the U.S., and one of the largest without an NBA franchise.

Buffalo lost its NBA franchise 23 years ago after Braves owner John Y. Brown Jr. swapped teams with the owner of the Boston Celtics, a deal that resulted in the Braves' being moved to San Diego and eventually becoming the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Grizzlies, who've struggled in their six years, denied comment on Buffalo's bid.

Heisley, who purchased the team last year on the premise of keeping it in Vancouver, does reportedly have a \$200 million offer to sell the team to an undisclosed person who would move the franchise to an undisclosed city.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Belle still bothered by hip

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

His limp was more telling than the physical he passed hours earlier.

Albert Belle worked out with the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday, but his arthritic right hip hindered his ability to run and forced him to perform at less than full speed.



Belle

Belle is coming off arguably the worst season of his career. Forced to miss 20 games in September with an inflamed bursa sac in the right hip pointer, the outfielder finished with a .281 batting average and only 23 homers, the first time since 1991 he failed to hit at least 30.

He worked during the off-season to rehabilitate the degenerative hip, but at this point he's striving primarily to prevent it from getting any worse. Belle also put on 15 pounds in his upper body during the winter — some in his

chest but a good portion in his belly.

After being examined by team physicians Tuesday morning, Belle was hindered by a restrictive limp as he participated in his first practice this spring. Right from the outset, as he hobbled in the outfield while jogging in line with his teammates, Belle showed that he is not nearly at 100 percent.

"Swinging the bat, he looked fine," manager Mike Hargrove said. "I thought he looked a little limited in his running, but it was only the first day."

Hargrove, who has projected Belle to be his starting right fielder, did not back off that assertion.

"If Albert either proves to himself, or to us, or breaks down or something happens that says he can't, obviously we will adjust," Hargrove said. "But until that happens, Albert is the right fielder."

Passing the physical was an important step for Belle, but it didn't provide any assurance that he will be able to play effectively, if at all, when the regular season gets underway in April.

"We just have to wait and see what he does and see how he reacts to baseball activities," said Syd Thrift, the

Orioles' vice president of baseball operations. "The first thing we're going to do is see if he can play the outfield. We have to see how he plays the outfield, how he runs, how he hits."

Belle did not talk to the media after practice. But he told reporters Sunday that he was healthy enough to man his usual spot in right field.

"I feel like right now I can play. How many games, I couldn't tell you," Belle said. "It'll just be day by day. But I'm pretty much on course."

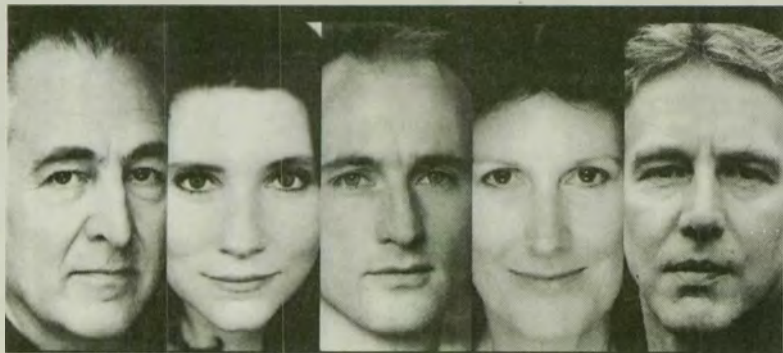
Belle has three years left on his \$65 million, five-year guaranteed contract. He will receive the remaining \$39 million even if his injury prevents him from playing for any or part of that time.

Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken, who once played in 2,632 straight games, missed dozens of games over the past two seasons with a back injury. He can sympathize with Belle, whose string of playing in 232 consecutive games ended on August 27. Belle never sat out more than 20 games in a full season before last year.

"I can relate," Ripken said. "I would imagine that there's a lot of frustration inside Albert."

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NBA

Nelson returns to Mavericks

Associated Press

DALLAS — Leave it to Don Nelson to turn his return from beating cancer into a laughing matter.

Seeking levity on what could have been an emotional night, the Dallas Mavericks' coach celebrated the end of his 52-day absence to treat prostate cancer by wearing a red foam ball on his nose and ending his pseudo-feud with Shaquille O'Neal.

Nelson, looking tan and about 10 pounds lighter, was beaming as he walked into Reunion Arena for his pregame introduction Tuesday night for the Mavs' game against the Los Angeles Lakers. He received a standing ovation as the public-address announcer said, "Welcome Back Nellie."

Once on the court and surrounded by players and cameras, Nelson pulled the 89-cent, racquetball-sized toy out of his jacket pocket and squeezed it onto his nose so he'd look more like "a clown," which is what O'Neal called him after the Mavericks abusively defended him the last time the Lakers played the Mavericks.



Nelson

Nelson's gesture wasn't meant to re-ignite O'Neal's fire. The hatchet had long been buried as O'Neal called Nelson during his recovery and has been saying "I love you, Don Nelson" since hitting town Monday.

O'Neal was even in on the prank as he came over to Nelson, took the ball off the coach and wore it himself. The pair hugged then Dallas assistant coach Del Harris, formerly O'Neal's coach in Los Angeles, put on another foam ball.

"I am a bit of a clown," the 60-year-old Nelson said before the stunt.

Nelson, a master prankster and former advocate of the fish tie, was coaching for the first time since Dec. 30. On Jan. 4, his prostate was removed because the early stages of cancer had been detected.

The third-winningest coach in NBA history spent most of his recovery in Maui, where walking on the beaches led to his bronzed skin and the addition of several stray dogs into his household.

His son, Donnie, coached the team in his absence and kept the Mavericks solidly in the chase for their first playoff berth in 11 years. Dallas went 13-8 (.619) under Donnie compared to 20-12 (.625) under his dad.

Nelson admitted that he plotted for his return to be against O'Neal and the Lakers.

"I didn't even think about it

until a couple of weeks ago, then I kind of circled it," Nelson said. "I wouldn't call it a big splash. I had to come back against somebody. I thought this was a logical one."

While he was gone, Nelson watched about half the games and talked to Donnie roughly every other day. He returned to Dallas on Saturday, met with coaches Sunday and led the team through a workout Monday. The practice included plenty of hugs.

"I needed that from them more than they needed it from me," Nelson said.

Nelson, who also is the Mavs' general manager, said he never considered returning only to the front-office post.

"I wouldn't change this particular job for any job in the NBA," said Nelson, who has two seasons of coaching left on an 11-year deal that will wean him into retirement. "I'm enjoying coaching and I'm enjoying working with Mark."

That would be owner Mark Cuban, who missed this game while serving the second of a two-game suspension for racing on court last week to break up a fight.

Although Cuban wasn't present, he said via e-mail that he supported the foam noses.

"I'm for anything that is fun," he said. "After all, this is a game and games are supposed to be fun."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

El Sid, Sanders report to spring training

Associated Press

Sid Fernandez was so eager to begin his comeback, he caught a redeye flight to Florida and walked right into the New York Yankees' camp Tuesday morning.

An unexpected face at spring training, for sure. At 38, the former Mets left-hander has been out of baseball since 1997.

Fernandez showed up at spring training at Tampa, Fla., went through a 15-minute, 48-pitch audition and wound up signing a minor league contract.

"It's win-win for me," Fernandez said. "It's exciting to come here. It's not a guarantee. At least I got a shot."

Said Yankees general manager Brian Cashman: "We saw enough where we're intrigued."

Deion Sanders, also out of the majors since 1997, reported to Cincinnati's camp at Sarasota, Fla.

"What we're asking him to do for a normal human being is fairly impossible," Reds manager Bob Boone said. "He's probably the one guy on the planet who could do what he needs to do to get back to world-class status in baseball."

Barry Bonds is wondering about his future.

The three-time MVP opened spring training by asking the San Francisco Giants either to begin negotiations on a contract extension or to consider a trade.

Bonds will make \$10.3 million this season and is eligible for free agency after the season. He wants to stay in San Francisco and would like an answer from the Giants before the regular season begins.

"If there's dead silence, then I've got an answer," the 36-year-old outfielder said in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"At this point in my career, after all I've done for this organization, I should just be told whether I'm going to be back here or not. If I am going to be here, then let's talk about it and let's get it done."

GM Brian Sabean said the Giants "unequivocally" want to keep Bonds, and wouldn't consider trading him during the season unless they were hopelessly out of the pennant race.

Devon White, meanwhile, joined fellow Los Angeles outfielder Gary Sheffield in asking to be traded.

White, 38, is unhappy that the Dodgers plan to use him as a fourth outfielder.

"I said to the group today it's very, very important that we go west with a group of



Sanders

people who really want to be Dodgers," new manager Jim Tracy said in Vero Beach, Fla.

Kerry Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year winner, agreed Monday with the Chicago Cubs on a \$1.94 million, one-year contract.

The 23-year-old right-hander, who made \$690,000 last year, was 8-7 with a 4.03 ERA after missing the entire 1999 season while recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery.

He has a 21-13 record and 4.03 ERA in 49 major league starts, striking out 365 in 303 2-3 innings.

In other medical news, Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown returned to training camp, one day after having an irregular heartbeat checked out at a hospital.

"It's really not a big deal," Dodgers team physician Frank Jobe said. "He came in saying he had a lot of Cokes and had an arrhythmia of the heart. I have it myself, and a lot of people have it."

Fernandez was 114-96 with a 3.36 ERA in 15 seasons with the Mets, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Houston.

He retired because of what was thought to be an elbow problem, though the pain turned out to be related to a nerve in his neck.

Fernandez threw for scouts in Arizona last Thursday.

"I just don't want to look down the road two years, or 20 years, and say 'What if I tried, I should have tried,'" Fernandez said. "So at least

now I can say I tried."

Fernandez pitched for the Mets from 1984-93 and was part of the team that won the 1986 World Series. Current Yankees pitching

coach Mel Stottlemyre held the same job for that championship team.

"The ball is flying out of his hand pretty good," Stottlemyre said. "The motion looked good. We'll see what's left and go from there."

Sanders signed a minor league contract Monday after none of the other 29 big league teams objected. The commissioner's office had voided a contract he signed last month because the deal was reached after a Dec. 7 deadline for Sanders to resign with Cincinnati.

Sanders, 33, started last season at Triple-A and hit .200 and 25 games, then got permission to return home. When the Reds tried to call him up, he refused because he said he wanted to concentrate on his NFL career.

The Washington Redskins defensive back wants to be the Reds' leadoff hitter and right fielder on opening day.

"His speed, compared to baseball speed, is still going to be at the top," Boone said. "That's something you can't teach and something you're always looking for."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Jones wins record arbitration case

Associated Press

Andruw Jones became the first player in nine years to set a salary arbitration record with a win when a panel selected his \$8.2 million request Tuesday over Atlanta's \$6.4 million offer.

"We felt like we had a strong case,"

Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "I'm surprised a little bit, but not entirely. That's the nature of this process."

Jones' salary eclipsed the previous arbitration high of \$7.25 million set last year by New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera — who had requested \$9.25 million but lost his hearing.

Texas outfielder Ruben Sierra had been the last player to set a record with a win, getting \$5 million in 1992. That mark was broken two years later by Chicago White Sox pitcher Jack McDowell, who lost his case but got \$5.3 million. No one topped that figure until Rivera last year.

Jones, who made \$3.7 million last season, had his best year in 2000, hitting .303 with 36 homers, 104 RBIs and 21 steals. The center fielder also won his third straight Gold Glove.

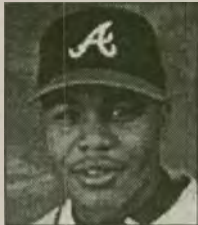
Arbitrators Howard Block, Roger Kaplan and Elisabeth Neumeier made the decision a day after hearing the case in Phoenix.

"It's probably a surprise to some people, but not to me," Braves catcher Eddie Perez said. "He's the best player we've got and the best center fielder I've ever seen."

Jones' agent, Scott Boras, stopped a seven-case losing streak.

"We would have settled at the midpoint in this case but they chose not to accept it," Boras said.

During the hearing, Boras compared his client to Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, who agreed this month to a \$189 mil-



Jones

lion, 10-year deal.

"We had videos of Andruw's throwing, his speed, his power, his ability to hit for average, showing he's a five-tool player," Boras said.

Jones, who turns 24 in April, is eligible for free agency after the 2002 season. Boras said the Braves have talked about the possibility of a multiyear contract but that talks have not gotten very detailed. He compared Jones with another of his clients, shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who in December agreed to a \$252 million, 10-year deal with Texas.

"It's always difficult when you have young players like Andruw and Alex," Boras said. "You're going to have to have a contract to allow adjustments within the contract. So while it's open for us, it's going to take special considerations on the part of the club and it's usually something they don't want to do until a player's a free agent."

Players and owners have split the 12 cases decided so far.

There was no decision in the case of Baltimore right-hander Jose Mercedes, who also went to a hearing Monday. He asked to be awarded \$3.8 million instead of the team's \$2.75 million offer.

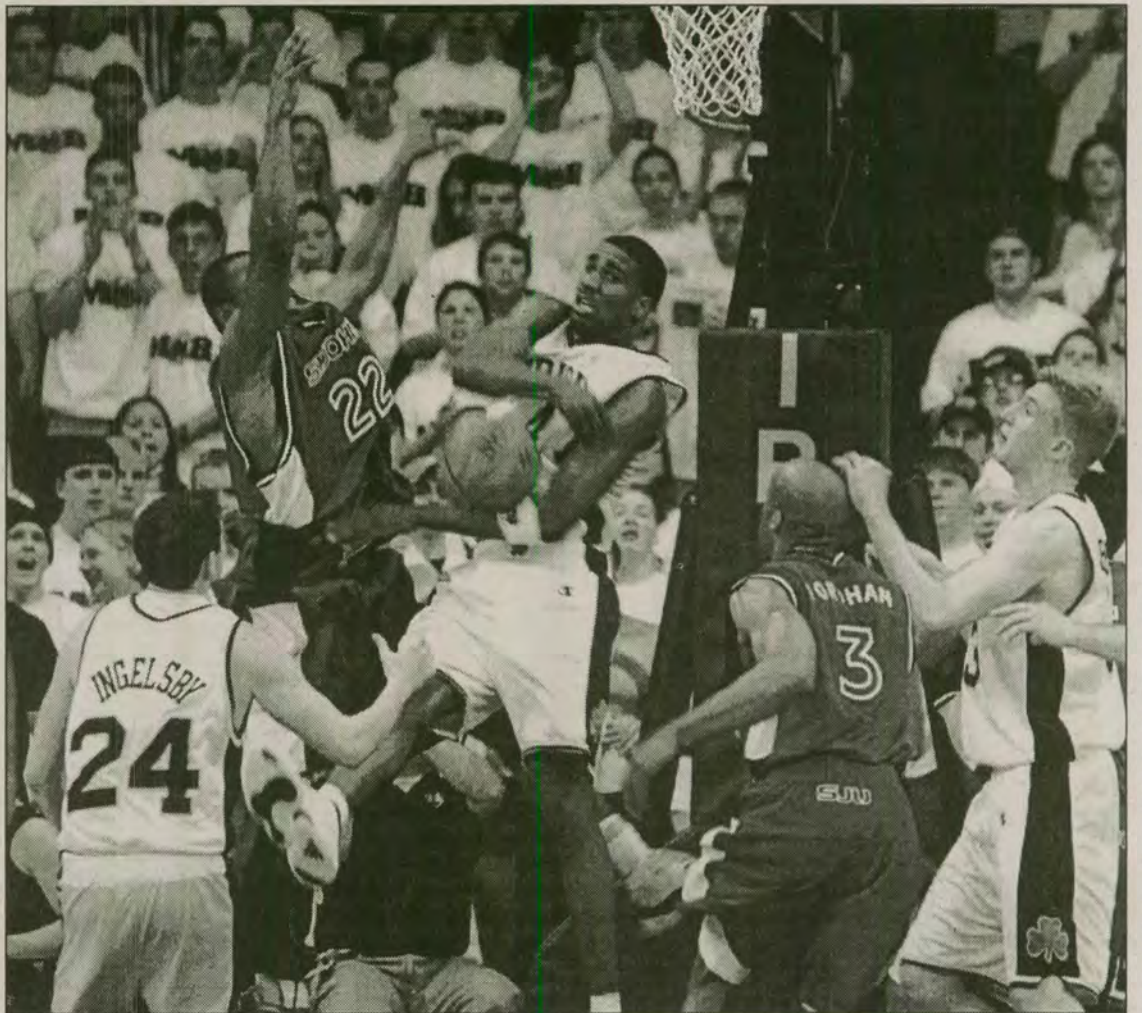
Mercedes made \$800,000 last year, going 14-7 with a 4.02 ERA in 20 starts and 16 relief appearances. His case will be decided by Block, Reginald Alleyne and Kenneth Perea.

Cincinnati pitcher Osvando Fernandez had his hearing Tuesday, asking Neumeier, Richard Bloch and Matthew Finken for \$1.2 million instead of the team's \$600,000 offer. Fernandez was 4-3 with a 3.62 ERA in 14 starts and one relief appearance last year.

Minnesota pitcher LaTroy Hawkins, who had been scheduled for a hearing Tuesday, instead agreed to a \$4 million, two-year contract.

Oakland pitcher Jim Mecir, whose case was scheduled for Wednesday, agreed to a \$6.95 million, three-year deal.

The last player remaining in arbitration was Boston pitcher Rich Garces, scheduled for a hearing Wednesday.



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Notre Dame junior forward Ryan Humphrey (center) battles for a rebound with St. John's forward Anthony Glover in a game earlier this season.

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the Eagles creep among the two lowest-rated teams in each category. Notre Dame's stature helps it smother its opponents into shooting a league-low 39 percent.

So while the Eagles can dart in and out of the pockets to defend their opponents,

Notre Dame can stand tall as the Irish Guard.

"We're still in first place," Murphy said Sunday of Notre Dame's lead in the Big East West Division. "We're still in the driver's seat."

The game tempo could be key, as the Eagles are 12-0 when they score more than 80 points. Another point to watch will be the shooting. The Irish, whose normally strong 3-point shooters

Martin Ingelsby, David Graves and Carroll were off against the Pirates, but won't be likely to stay that way for long.

The Eagles are confident, coming off a close home win over smooth-sailing Providence, but the Irish are hungry after a disappointing loss to the Pirates that ended an eight-game win streak.

"It's going to be a big win for us," said Carroll.

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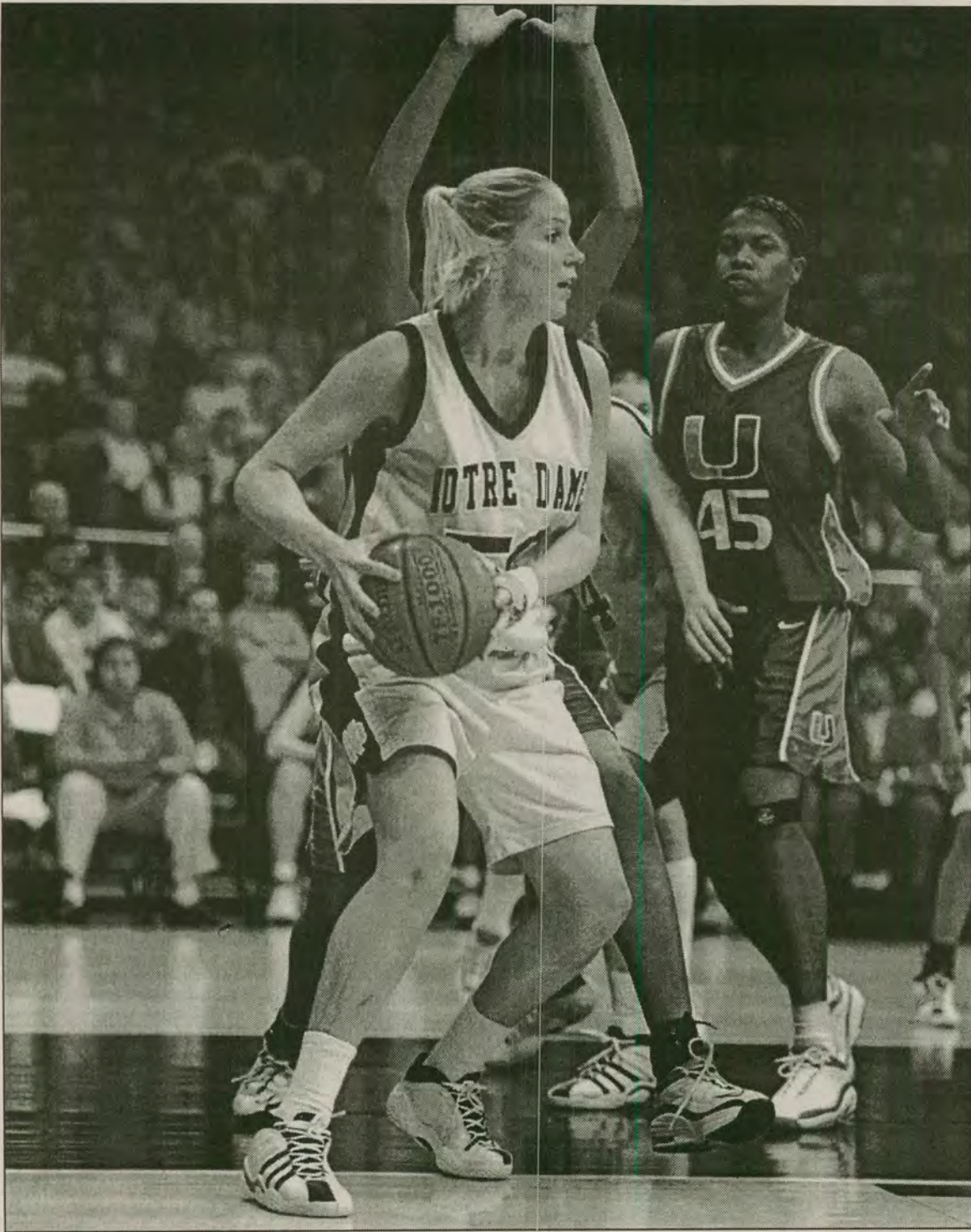


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Irish senior forward Kelley Siemon looks to kick the ball out in Tuesday's 81-43 victory over Miami at the Joyce Center.

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because they have the ability to rebound, the ability to penetrate," Labati said, explaining why her young team was out-rebounded 47-33.

"You get into the NCAA Tournament [other teams] will start shutting down your transition game," Labati continued, explaining how good teams can do what her 13-12 team cannot. "But they're going to have a hard time with Notre Dame if you give them 19 rebounds on the offensive glass and they really play well as a team in the full-court."

Quite simply, what Labati saw was the team that opened the season with a 23-game winning streak.

She saw a team that cuts through ranked opponents like an Oregon State running back cutting through the Notre Dame defense.

She saw the team that toppled powerhouse Connecticut.

This was not the team that suffered a humiliating 1-point loss to Rutgers only three nights earlier.

Against the Scarlet Knights, only five Irish players scored. Tuesday, all 12 players on the Irish roster put the ball in the basket.

To put this teamwork in perspective, never before in this "dream season" have as many as 11 players scored in a single game for Notre Dame. "They haven't been given a lot of opportunity in the last three games," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They were just ready to come out and they were ready to play."

Freshman Jeneka Joyce, often mistaken for a team manager as she sat out with a fractured foot in December and January, scored a career-high 13, ran the offense through most of the second half. She also hit two key 3-

pointers.

Center Amanda Barksdale, known more for her shot blocking than her offense hit a pretty turn-around jumper at the end of the game.

Even Karen Swanson, the only player on the Irish roster who has to worry about paying back loans following graduation, got into the act.

After a loyal fan contingent cheered her onto the court, the 5 foot-7 Swanson did her best Ruth Riley impersonation — heading full-speed into the lane to draw two fouls. She hit three of her four free-throw attempts.

These players have spent more time standing and listening to the national anthem than standing on the court with the clock ticking down lately.

But they will be essential in the Big East Tournament. With games on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the Irish cannot expect to compete with deeper teams such as Rutgers and Connecticut if each of their starters have to play 35 minutes in the first two games.

The bench will not be expected to extend a lead, but it needs to be able to maintain a large lead as the clock winds down. They could not do so against Pittsburgh or Providence. They extended the lead against the Hurricanes Tuesday.

The Irish also blew the Hurricanes over with another impressive crowd of 6,533 fans. Labati praised that, too.

"Look what Notre Dame has done this past year," Labati said. "They went out and hired a full-time marketing person. You guys pack the place now. It shows a tremendous effort from a media and a marketing standpoint."

Thanks Ferne, don't forget to kiss the pig on the way out.

The views expressed in this column are those of The Observer.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut crushes West Virginia, 97-34

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. Swin Cash had 20 points and a career-high 20 rebounds to lead an injury-riddled No. 3 Connecticut to an easy 97-34 win over West Virginia on Tuesday night.

With three key players — Svetlana Abrosimova, Tamika Williams and Diana Taurasi — in street clothes, the Huskies were still too much for the overmatched Mountaineers.

Abrosimova is out for the season with a foot injury; Williams is nursing a bruised rib and Taurasi has a mild ankle sprain. They average 33 points and 14 rebounds.

UConn (23-2, 13-1 Big East) got plenty of help from its remaining reserves. Freshman Maria Conlon had a career-high 16 points and was 4-of-6 from the 3-point line.

Starter Shea Ralph had 14 points and nine rebounds as

the Huskies dominated the glass 56-29.

Kennitra Johnson, who started in place of Taurasi, finished with 15 points, four assists and two steals.

The Mountaineers (5-20, 3-11) struggled against UConn's up-tempo game from the opening tip and were held scoreless for the first nine minutes. By the time Zsafia Horvath hit the first Mountaineers bucket, UConn was up 19-2 and the rout was on.

West Virginia shot just 15 percent in the half, and 19 percent for the game.

The Huskies got 31 points off 25 West Virginia turnovers and outscored the Mountaineers 42-10 in the lane.

Darya Kudryavtseva led West Virginia with 16 points. Kate Bulger, the leading scorer among Big East freshmen, was held to six points, eight below her team-leading average.



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Rutgers, the Irish rebounded with their usual domination of a second-tier Big East squad. All 12 players scored and the reserves, who failed to score against the Scarlet Knights and tallied just 20 in the previous four games, chipped in with 32 points last night.

Swanson's free throw with 1:04 remaining was her first point scored since Jan. 24. And sophomore center

Amanda Barksdale, who had made two field goals in the last 11 games, matched that total and scored 4 points.

"We're really proud of them to come in the game and not

lose the momentum," Ruth Riley said. "We're going to need that going into the stretch we have ahead of us. It's good they got time and played well."

Riley bounced back from a sub-par performance on Saturday to once again lead the Irish. She scored 20 points (on 8-of-11 shooting and 4-of-5 from the line) and grabbed five rebounds.

When she left the game with 11:25 remaining, Riley sat on the bench, a white towel wrapped over the back of her neck, and cheered on her teammates.

The biggest applause, other than when Swanson entered, was reserved for sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce. Joyce, who missed 11 games earlier in the year with an ankle injury, was the second-leading

scorer. Eleven of her 13 points came in the second half.

During a one-minute stretch in the second half, Joyce connected on a short jumper, knocked down a 3 from the left corner, intercepted a Miami pass and then came down and threw a bounce pass to forward Ericka Haney for an easy lay-up.

"Being out for seven or eight weeks, you really do get out of synch with playing ball," Joyce said. "But I think I'm starting to be the player that I was before I was injured."

As has been the case for the past few weeks, the Irish struggled at the beginning. They led 19-15 10 minutes into the game and 29-20 with two minutes left in the first half. The Irish missed all seven of their 3-point attempts and turned the ball over 12 times. After abandoning the full-court offense in the past few weeks, Notre

Dame attempted to return to a transition game, which caused problems.

"It was a track meet and it was ugly for a couple of minutes," McGraw said. "But I'll definitely tolerate the turnovers."

By midway through the second half, the lead expanded to 55-34 and Miami never got any closer. Sheila James led the Hurricanes with 11 points but shot just 3-of-9 from the field. Miami connected on 16-of-57 from the field and shot 4-of-18 on 3s.

"We did not come here and play to our capabilities," Miami coach Ferne Labati said. "But I really, truly believe that so much had to do with the way Notre Dame played. At this point Notre Dame is a Final Four team."

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Miami head coach



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Notre Dame head coach Muffett McGraw hugs her 10-year old son Murphy after recording her 400th victory as a head coach.

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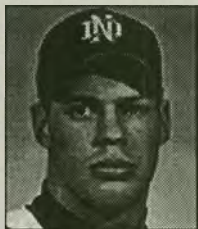
BASEBALL

Stavisky earns national honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore right-fielder Brian Stavisky lived up to his preseason billing as a first team All-American and Big East player of the year, earning national player-of-the-week honors after batting .692 (9-for-13) and reaching base on 10 consecutive plate appearances at last week's National Bank of Commerce Classic.

Stavisky was recognized by Collegiate Baseball magazine as the national player of the week



Stavisky

while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association tabbed Stavisky as its national "hitter of the week." The 6-3, 220-pound lefthander also earned the first Big East player-of-the-week award for the 2001 season.

Stavisky's rare 10 consecutive times on base included hits in his final two at-bats versus New Orleans on Feb. 17 and a 3-for-3 effort (with two walks) later that day versus host Mississippi State. In the final game of the NBC Classic, he then collected hits in his first three ABs versus MSU-yielding 10 straight times on base.

A strikeout to open the eighth inning halted Stavisky's streak (he had hits in eight of his first 10 ABs overall) and his final at-bat was a hard-hit lineout to

center field in the 11th inning of that 4-2 win.

In addition to the nine hits, Stavisky's weekend production from the cleanup spot included three walks, three RBI, three runs scored, two triples, two doubles, 15 total bases, a stolen base and two strikeouts.

His nine hits included a sixth-inning RBI triple in Sunday's game, plating Alec Porzel with the day's first run. In the first win over MSU, Stavisky doubled in the fifth inning and scored for a 6-5 lead (the Irish went on to win 7-5).

Stavisky's 10 straight times on base included a wide variety of at-bats, with three first-pitch hits (one RBI double, one RBI triple), four hits with two strikes (one RBI triple), two leadoff hits and a two-out RBI double.

NASCAR

Funeral service set for Earnhardt, Sr.

Associated Press

MOORESVILLE, N.C.

Dale Earnhardt's funeral will be held Thursday in Charlotte's largest church, closed to the public but televised live nationwide to allow his fans to mourn with his family.

Thousands of those fans continued to stream to Earnhardt's team headquarters, leaving a 150-foot-long trail of mementos and tributes to the fallen racing champion.

State police estimated 10,000 stopped by on Monday and the turnout was just as steady on Tuesday — even as the weather turned dark and windy.

Employees were all back at work at Dale Earnhardt Inc., and his three drivers were inside the shop somberly preparing for this weekend's race, the Dura-Lube 400 at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham. Daytona winner Michael Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Steve Park, who all drive DEI cars, will take part.

Earnhardt's family was at the Mooresville complex, too, planning the funeral.

Services for the 49-year-old Earnhardt will be held at Calvary Church, which seats 5,800 on three levels and features huge video screens inside.

"Because it is impossible to accommodate the tremendous outpouring of support from those who followed Dale, we are unable to open the service to the public," NASCAR said in a statement.

"With that in mind the family has chosen to broadcast the service live on television, enabling fans across the country to share in this service for Dale."

The service will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net.

Earnhardt was killed on the last turn of the last lap Sunday in the Daytona 500, slamming into the concrete wall after making contact with Sterling Marlin at the head of a tight pack of five cars fighting for position.

Driver Rusty Wallace described how difficult it has been to come to grips with Earnhardt's death.

"He and I were about as close of friends as you can get in our sport, with the competition and all that goes along with it," Wallace said in a statement. "I just keep on running that last lap in my mind and keep saying to myself, 'Man, if I'd just been able to give him a little tap from the rear ... that could have meant all the difference in the world.' It's just a helpless feeling I have."

At Earnhardt's headquarters, a 27-foot long banner was propped up for fans to write their thoughts. When it

was full, a security officer brought it inside the DEI complex and replaced it with a clean one.

When the weather turned threatening, four DEI employees emerged from Earnhardt's garage carrying clear plastic cartons, walking slowly along the makeshift memorial to the seven-time Winston Cup champion and removing items. Flowers, T-shirts, letters and hats all went into the boxes.

One employee went to a clear spot along the fence and hung a sign: "Due to inclement weather and preservation of the memorials, they are being moved inside."

A man who called himself "Wild Bill" Byrd rode along the memorial on a motorized wheelchair, passing out fliers to the fans with a tribute to Earnhardt on them. On his lap was his 13-year-old German Dachshund, wearing a small black hard hat with a No. 3 painted on it and a replica pair of the sunglasses Earnhardt was famous for wearing.

"If we go anywhere, she wants to get the helmet and the sunglasses in case she spots Dale," said the 77-year-old Byrd.

Chris Browning, general manager of North Carolina Speedway, said track officials were consulting with NASCAR and Earnhardt's family on a possible tribute to Earnhardt at the track this weekend.

"We are in the discussion stage of trying to put something together as a tribute to Dale that is consistent with what his family would want," Browning said.

Other tracks around the country have gone ahead with tributes and memorials. Both Atlanta Motor Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway planned Tuesday services, and flags were at half-staff at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In Bloomington, Ind., a public memorial service for Earnhardt was planned for Wednesday night.

"We just felt strong we had to do something. We're real good NASCAR fans here, and we've lost a legend," said Kelly Cissell, manager of the Deremiah-Frye Mortuary.

Meanwhile, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame said Earnhardt won't be eligible for induction into the Talladega (Ala.) museum for five years, just like any other driver.

"He'll be eligible for induction in 2006, and he'll obviously get in on the first ballot," Hall of Fame executive director Jim Freeman said. "But our feeling was that to waive the five-year rule would, in a sense, downgrade all the other people we made wait five years. It's not something we wanted to do."

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Carroll carves own mark into family game

♦ Sophomore guard took great coaching, became great player

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Lots of sports figures say athletic talent runs in their families, but Irish basketball player Matt Carroll can one-up their claim. Basketball is not only in Carroll's bloodlines; it brought his family together.

The sophomore guard's parents, John and Maureen Carroll, met through basketball. He was a senior playing basketball at Pittsburgh's North Catholic High School. She was a freshman at Penn State, and the daughter of Donald Graham, John's coach at North Catholic. Their relationship grew, and John followed Maureen to Penn State the next year, where he played football for the Nittany Lions.

Decades later, basketball still winds through the Carroll family.

Graham retired in 1999 as the winningest high school coach in Pennsylvania history, following 51 years on the job. Two of Maureen's brothers played Division I basketball, Mike for American University and Don for St. Francis (Pa.). John Carroll was one of Pennsylvania's top basketball players as a senior, but opted for football instead.

Now the next generation is making its mark. Matt Carroll is a two-year starter for the Irish; his younger brother Pat is a signee with St. Joseph's in Philadelphia.

In a family filled with basketball talent, Matt Carroll may be the best of them all.

Halftime Show to Highlight Reel

Carroll got his start in organized basketball in second grade. It wasn't long before Carroll, who put on dribbling shows at half-time while a ball boy for Duquesne University, began dreaming of someday being in more than the halftime show.

Carroll used to drag his younger brother Pat to the backyard to practice. He stayed on the court after North Catholic games, impressing straggling fans with his play. By fifth grade, Maureen Carroll was used to people commenting on her son's talent.

Carroll's grandpa recognized his basketball potential by the time he hit sixth grade. He was already dominant, scoring 40-plus points in the grade school state championship.

Graham was looking forward to coaching his grandson, whom he expected to be his "best player in 25 years," but the family pairing never happened. The day Matt began high school, the Carrolls moved from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, robbing him of the chance to play for Graham's North Catholic team.

"That year [Matt's freshman year], we won 23 games. I'm sure with Matt, we would have won a state title," Graham said.

Instead of playing for his grandpa, however, Carroll became a starter for Walt "Ozzie" Ostrowski at Hatboro-Horsham High School outside Philadelphia. Rumors of Carroll's skills reached Ostrowski before the moving truck did, leading the Hatters coach to test the talk by giving his newest player an outrageous challenge — one the 14-year-old easily fulfilled.

"The first time I saw him ever walk in the gym at the end of eighth grade, I said, 'Go up and dunk,'" Ostrowski said. "The first shot I ever saw him take was a dunk. I knew he was something special."

Other people soon learned what Carroll's family and coach already knew — that he was a player. At Hatboro-Horsham, Carroll averaged 26.5 points, 7.3 rebounds and four assists per game as a senior shooting guard. He recorded even more rebounds and assists his first three seasons, when he started at point guard for the Hatters.

At the end of high school, Carroll ranked second in scoring in the history of southeastern Pennsylvania, trailing only current Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant. Carroll surpassed Bryant by becoming the only Pennsylvania player to be named Mr. Basketball twice.

Basketball gurus around the nation noticed, as they selected Carroll for the United States Junior National Team not once, but twice. That selection teamed Carroll up with players such as the Orlando Magic's Michael Miller, Stanford's Casey Jacobsen and Arizona's Michael Wright to compete in the Dominican Republic in 1998 and Portugal in 1999.

In addition to the U.S. Junior National Team, Carroll made it onto the roster for prep all-star games such as the Magic Johnson Roundball Classic, where he finally had the chance to play for his grandfather, and the Capital Classic in Washington, DC.

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All the acclaim, along with Ostrowski's description of Carroll as "coachable," "unselfish" and a "student of the game" made the 6-foot-6 guard a hot commodity among college coaches looking for new recruits. Notre Dame, Penn State, Wake Forest, N.C. State, Villanova and Syracuse were among the schools that came calling.

"When he first started playing basketball in an organized league, he would say, 'I don't know whether to go to Penn State or Notre Dame,'" Maureen Carroll said. "We would always tease him and say, 'If you're lucky enough to get a scholarship there, then you can make that choice.'"

Her off-handed remark came true, and the son of two Penn State alums picked Notre Dame.

Carroll's uncle Don had told him to pick a program based on the school he liked best, because the coach could change and the team could change, but the university



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Irish guard Matt Carroll is helping the Irish work towards goals of a Big East regular season title, Big East tournament title and NCAA Championship.

would stay the same. Uncle Don was good at reading tea leaves, as Carroll is already on his third Notre Dame coach. He was recruited by Coach John MacLeod, played for Matt Doherty as a freshman and now has Mike Brey at the helm, none of whom Carroll has a bad word for.

At Notre Dame, Carroll's role has evolved from the go-to offensive guy he was in high school.

High school opponents used to get so excited about taking on an All-American that they constantly seemed to put up career-best performances against Carroll.

That doesn't happen anymore. Brey often holds Carroll responsible for keeping opposing teams' top perimeter player in check. While Carroll can defend, Brey knows he can do more than that, too.

"The first six weeks of the season, before our first exhibition game, no one was better than Matt Carroll, and that includes Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey. He was as consistent as anybody," Brey said of Carroll. "He's absolutely delivered. He had the mark, the reputation as a shooter. This young man is a basketball player."

The current Irish players are aware of Carroll's abilities as well.

"I think he will be one of the first people in Notre Dame history to record a triple-double, because he can do it all — score, pass, rebound," Humphrey said. "Plus, he's a defender."

Carroll is one of two Irish players, along with senior point guard Martin Ingelsby, to start every game this season. But despite logging 32 minutes of playing time per game, Carroll's not usually looked to for late-game heroics. Rather than leading Notre Dame in one category, Carroll checks in as solid, but not spectacular, in nearly every area.

Invisible Man

Notre Dame's leading 3-point shooter tallies 12.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and four assists per game. Rather than making SportsCenter, his balance shines like a candle in the wake of Murphy's spotlight. Even when Carroll posted a team-high 20 points Feb. 14 against Rutgers, Murphy cornered the headlines by putting up a poised 18 points before a hostile home-state crowd.

Not that Carroll minds being an invisible assassin for the 17-6 Irish.

"I came in here pretty much known as having a reputation for being a scorer and a shooter," Carroll said. "After my freshman season, I felt that I wanted to be known as a complete player. In the off-season, I worked hard at getting stronger and tried to become a defensive player. I think I'll always be able to score, but I want to be known as a defensive guy."

Carroll is content to fill any role necessary, be it scoring or dishing off the ball. According to Brey, he also leads the team in floor burns.

As long as it leads to wins.

"I write on my shoes, 'Play for one reason,' and that's to win," Carroll said. "No matter what it takes, I'll do whatever it takes to win."

Although still early in his Notre Dame career, the 20-year-old Carroll is already a floor leader for the Irish. When teammate Jere Macura became the victim of a foot in the face earlier this season, Carroll reined him in with a few calming words and two arms around the waist.

But the normally calm sophomore wasn't so composed against West Virginia on Feb. 11. He reacted to a hostile West Virginia crowd by flicking the fans off after the game, surprising Brey and Ostrowski, who called his former prodigy to give him an earful.

"I know about how classy Matt is," Ostrowski said. "For him to be provoked like that would be really unusual. It's really out of character."

Because the action was so unusual for Carroll, Brey didn't suspend the starter. Instead, he talked with Carroll about the problem and asked him to write a letter of apology to West Virginia's coach.

The incident is over and behind Carroll, who's focused on his future in basketball, not his past.

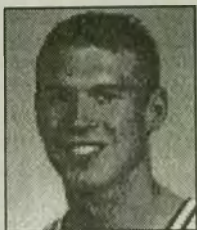
He's got short-term goals, which include a Big East regular season title, a Big East tournament title and an NCAA Championship.

Then there are long-term goals, including a career in the NBA. He hasn't discussed that possibility with Brey. He's leaving that for a future date when Brey doesn't have to deal with rumors of Murphy jumping to the NBA.

But Carroll's career prospects have already crossed Brey's mind.

"Absolutely, he is definitely an NBA prospect," Brey said. "The sky is the limit."

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Carroll

position: guard

year: sophomore

awards: two-time member of U.S.

Junior National Team, only Pennsylvania high school player to be named Mr. Basketball twice

notables: has one of the top assist-to-turnover ratios in the Big East, averages 12.4 points per game

birthdate: August 28, 1980

hometown: Horsham, Penn.

dorm: Dillon

major: marketing

dimensions: 6-foot-6, 210 lbs.

greatest personal athletic moment: beating Ohio State last year

best sports movie: Hoosiers

favorite movie: Road Trip

favorite book: Bill Bradley's Values of the Game

favorite TV show: Friends

favorite sports team: 76ers

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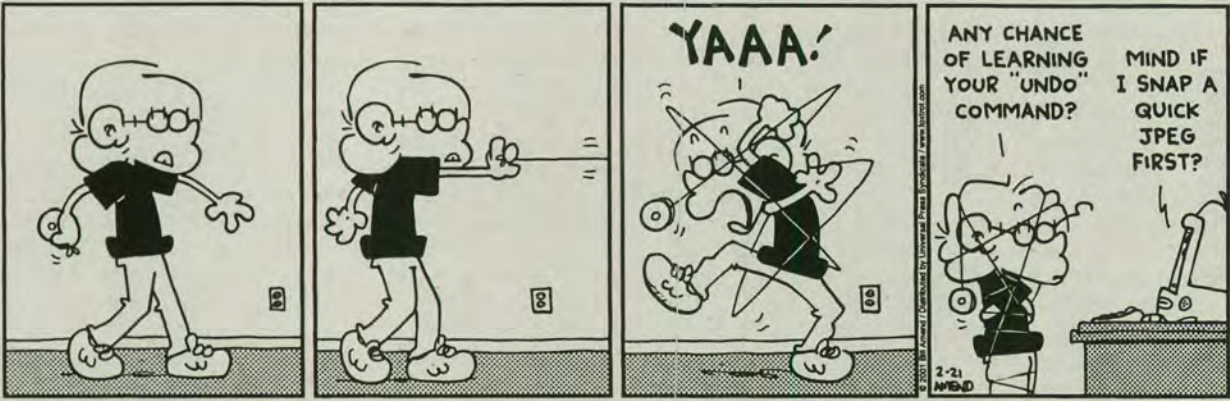
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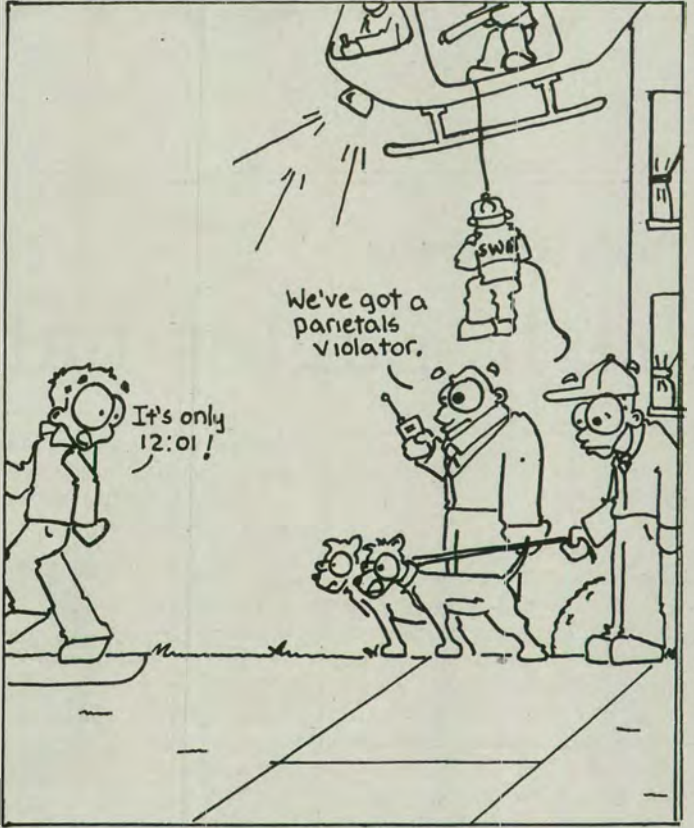
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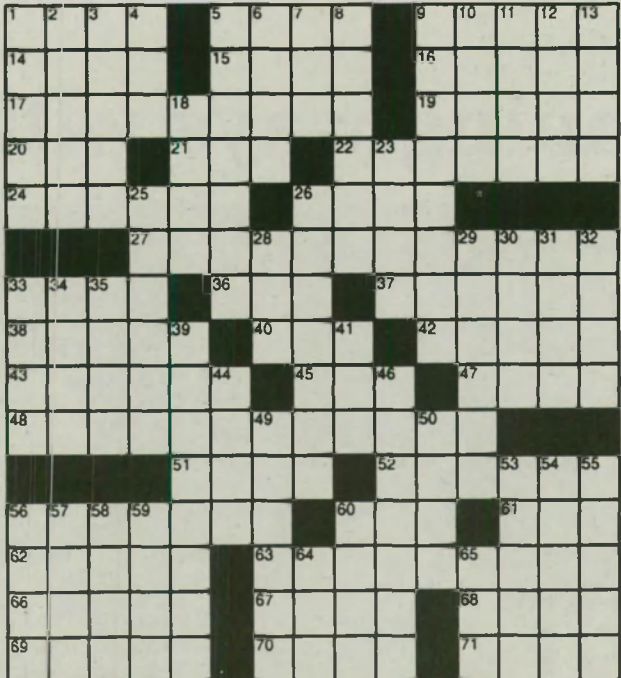


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 - 5 Little dent
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 - 14 1977 movie in which Bo Derek's leg is bitten off
 - 15 Snack item since 1912
 - 16 Rover
 - 17 Statement from actor Rob's debtors?
 - 19 Hot trend
 - 20 Rock's Brian
 - 21 Disney's Ludwig Drake
 - 22 Make more attractive
 - 24 Dr. Dre, for one
 - 26 Columbia Pictures co-founder
 - 27 Monochromatic rock?
 - 33 Up to snuff
 - 36 Junior, to Senior
 - 37 Holy
 - 38 Plunders
 - 40 Took in
 - 42 College bigwigs
 - 43 Water channel
 - 45 Slalom track
 - 47 Lotion ingredient
 - 48 Aged, unemotional shrew?
 - 51 Pointer's word
 - 52 "A Hard Day's Night" director
 - 56 Reports by phone
 - 60 Hail, to Caesar
 - 61 Stowe girl
 - 62 Self-evident truth
 - 63 Question from an uncertain Osiris?
 - 66 It may be about a yard
 - 67 Casing
 - 68 Prelude to a duel
 - 69 First name in rock since 1970
 - 70 Put up
 - 71 A zillion

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ARLO	CAWED	ONEI
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BASQUES	INTHESUN	
ANTI	AMOCO	RELY
NESS	TATER	AREA



Puzzle by Richard Silvestri

- DOWN**
- 1 Shady spot
 - 2 Kind of football
 - 3 Lois Lane exclusive
 - 4 Turn left
 - 5 Del Rio of film
 - 6 Tend to pressing business
 - 7 Just out
 - 8 Keeps at it
 - 9 Hopping mad
 - 10 "Encore!"
 - 11 Latin I word
 - 12 A crystal ball user has it
 - 13 Worry-free locale
 - 18 Roulette bet
 - 23 Put an edge on
 - 25 Like some justice
 - 26 Dispute
 - 28 Words in a dedication
 - 29 Radial surfaces
 - 30 Viva-voce
 - 31 Dessert, say, to a dieter
 - 32 Limerick language
 - 33 Besides
 - 34 Weevil's target
 - 35 Garish
 - 39 Followers of Robert Bruce
 - 41 PC key
 - 44 Like some schoolbook publishers
 - 46 What you're doing now
 - 49 Coffee accompaniment, maybe
 - 50 Wine sediment
 - 53 Colleague of Edison
 - 54 Perrier alternative
 - 55 Hoarse
 - 56 Soup and sandwich spot
 - 57 Jump on the ice
 - 58 Kind of trap
 - 59 Nuts
 - 60 Speller's phrase
 - 64 Reggae relative
 - 65 Doctrine

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Happy Birthday: This is a romantic and creative year for you. Enjoy the company of others. Your vision will enable you to add a unique quality to your work. Let your imagination flow and believe in your abilities. You know what you want to accomplish, so focus and don't stop until you reach your goals. Your numbers: 9, 12, 14, 30, 35, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Underhandedness with co-workers is apparent. Do not reveal secret information to those you feel may be untrustworthy. Your home environment will be erratic if precautions aren't taken. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone push you beyond your limit. Haste makes waste, whereas a steady pace will pay off. Don't let colleagues stand in the way of your progress. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to communicate eloquently will aid you in capturing the heart of someone you've been interested in. Don't be afraid to stand up and voice your opinions at group meetings. ○○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lovers are likely to cause some upset today. Do your best to please, but refuse to give in to a shouting match. If you can't avoid the debate, do something that will make you feel better. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make or break your personal relationship today. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. You may find

that someone at work hasn't been trustworthy. ○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't become involved with co-workers or clients unless you want to risk ruining your professional reputation. Channel your energy into your career, and you will get ahead. ○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to concentrate on yourself. Get busy making those changes you've been promising yourself. Quit any bad habits that you've picked up and start fine-tuning your body. ○○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Discord will surface on the home front if you have been secretive about your whereabouts. Residential changes will not run smoothly today. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel beckons you. Take off for a few days if you can afford the time. Try to find a remote place where you can do a bit of reflecting, and sort out any matters that may be confusing you. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is not the time to invest, especially with someone else. You may find that someone you love needs help with private affairs. Try to help judiciously. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't allow others to play with your emotions. Let them know now you feel, and what you expect out of partnerships. Take heed of the advice given by trusted friends. You will enjoy short trips to visit old friends. ○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Activities involving large institutions may be depressing. Try not to give in to the melodramas that surround you. Follow your intuition, which is strong. ○○○

Birthday Baby: You have an unusual style. You will always follow your heart and do things your own way. You are friendly, easygoing and a little dramatic.

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All in the Family

Sophomore guard Matt Carroll, who grew up in a basketball family, has become a complete player for the Irish this season.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish, Eagles battle for top spot in conference

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The possession arrow points toward Boston College.

Notre Dame's loss to Seton Hall Sunday gave the Eagles a one-game lead in the race for the Big East regular season title, but that just means the Irish need a steal. The Irish (17-6, 9-3 Big East) can swipe the advantage away from the Eagles (19-3, 10-2) by knocking off their cross-divisional rivals in a 7:30 p.m. Joyce Center clash tonight. A Notre

Dame win would leave both teams at 10-3 in the league.

"We still dream about maybe winning a regular season championship," Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday.

Notre Dame's schedule makes that a reasonable goal, since the one team higher than Notre Dame in the stand-



Brey

ings — Boston College — must beat the Irish tonight in order to stay there.

The Eagles and the Irish are both sharp shooting squads with Player of the Year candidates in BC sophomore Troy Bell and ND junior Troy Murphy but legions apart in most areas.

The Eagles are small and quick, with four players in their starting lineup who could be considered guards.

Having a court full of ball-handlers, with point guard Bell at the helm, helps the Eagles hold onto the ball, as

they boast the best turnover margin in the Big East. The squad coached by Al Skinner also tops the Big East in steals per game — Bell alone averages three per contest — and scoring.

Boston College's speed should concern Notre Dame, which was bothered by Seton Hall's pressure defense Sunday.

"They're No. 1 over in their division," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "They're probably going to be the favorite in this game."

Notre Dame's other downfall

Sunday was a shorter wingspan than Seton Hall, which won't come into play against a shorter Boston College team.

Height is where Notre Dame holds the advantage tonight.

All-American Murphy, at 6-foot-11, towers over all Boston College's players, and 6-8 Ryan Humphrey has a great vertical leap. Behind Murphy, Humphrey and junior Harold Swanagan, the Irish are second in the conference in both rebounding and blocks, while

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish return to winning ways with 81-43 victory

◆ McGraw records 400th career victory as Irish head coach

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

A large contingent of teenage and pre-teen girls, all season ticket holders, situated between sections 9 and 11 at the Joyce Center, normally chant "The Ruth, the Ruth, the Ruth is on fire" at least 10 times per game.

Last night in Notre Dame's 81-43 win against Miami, the group added another cheer to their growing repertoire. With 4:12 left and the Irish ahead by 35 points, the girls screamed, "We want Swanson, we want Swanson."

As in seldom-used sophomore walk-on guard Karen Swanson. Seconds later, coach Muffet McGraw looked down the bench, pointed at Swanson and signaled her to enter.

"That was coincidental," said McGraw, with a smile, "that I put her in at that exact moment."

McGraw could manage to be sarcastic after an 81-43 win over Miami, which was also her 400th career victory. Following the contest, athletic director Kevin White and her husband Matt presented McGraw with a brown and white basketball and a bouquet of flowers.

"It doesn't feel any different," McGraw said of her 400th win. "It's just a chance to look back and remember all the great people that have been in this program. I'm so happy to be where I am right now."

She should be.

Three nights after the loss to

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore guard Janeka Joyce wrestles with a Miami player for a loose ball. Joyce scored 13 points for the Irish.

◆ No. 2 Irish use total team effort to knock off the Hurricanes

At halftime Tuesday night, they brought out a 360-pound pig to help promote diabetes awareness. The promotion was called "Kiss the pig."

After the game, other things were being kissed — this time on the part of Miami head coach Ferne Labati.

Responding to her team's 81-43 loss to the now No. 2 Irish, Labati offered praise and even apologies.

"It was just an outstanding performance by Notre Dame and I apologize that we didn't have a better game to challenge them a little bit," Labati said.

The opposing coach's response sang a far cry from the view taken by other opponents lately.

In recent weeks, the Irish gave a glimmer of hope to such sub-par teams as Pittsburgh, Providence and Syracuse. Coaches reflected on how they nearly missed an opportunity to dethrone the then-No. 1 team in the country.

Tuesday, Miami's Labati had no such reflections and was ripe with praise.

"Notre Dame is a Final Four team

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