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Victim lectures on date rape

♦ **Nationally-renowned speaker shares story**

By KATE RAND
News Writer

Katie Koestner was just like every other student in the room during her freshman orientation at the College of William and Mary. She had spent the last few days meeting new people and finding her way around campus, and was partially enjoying the movie "Monty Python and the Quest for the Holy Grail" when she spotted a guy who she now describes as "straight out of GQ magazine." The two became friends and saw each other for the next few weeks to study chemistry.

"We were not dating, not hooking up. We were hanging out. It's a very technical term," said Koestner, who gave a lecture entitled "No-Yes" at Saint Mary's Tuesday about her experience as a sexual assault victim.

The pair eventually decided to go on a real date to a French restaurant, but while the evening began like a dream, it ended like a nightmare. According to Koestner, her fancy evening out with "Prince Charming" ended when he raped her in her own bedroom.

The first thing Koestner realized was that her 'friend' was 60 or 70 pounds heavier than she was, and that she could not move her legs out from under him even if she tried. He began kissing her and with one hand pinned her arms above her head. She asked what he was doing, and he responded "nothing," and told her that everything would be fine if she would just relax and stop thinking so much.

According to Koestner, she eventually got him to stop, and he slept for five hours while she sat nervously in the corner pressed against the wall. When he awoke, he took advantage of her scared, sleep-deprived state and raped her. Koestner did not flail her arms around, but rather kept them, tight fist, crossed against her body. She pressed

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KRISTINE KAI/The Observer

Katie Koestner, a date-rape victim, presented a talk at Saint Mary's Tuesday night. Ten years since the incident, Koestner said that it is still very hard to publicly share her story.

DARTing becomes Web-based

By KEVIN SUHANIC
News Writer

In an effort to make DARTing more convenient, the Office of the Registrar implemented web-based class registration for the first time this semester.

Most students like the new system. Rather than dialing in to already congested phone lines or trudging over to the Main Building, senior Sean McCarthy was able to register as he ate lunch in his apartment.

"I don't know why we didn't have this before," he said.

University Registrar Harold Pace shared in students' enthusiasm.

"We have been really happy with Web registration, and we hope the students have too," he said.

He added that the best compliment his office could get was that "[students] just started using it."

Using the system without time-consuming training was a key element to implementing Web registration, and the Registrar's office feels they have accomplished this goal.

McCarthy agreed with the Registrar's Office.

"DARTing was pretty much the same as past years; but I didn't

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Welch: Values build a winning team

♦ **Former GE CEO says family, growth and winning form successful business philosophy**

By NORREN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Jack Welch knows the game.

During his tenure at General Electric as chairman and CEO, Welch set three priorities for himself and the corporation in the game of business: create a family atmosphere, make growth a priority, and always, always win.

His strategy was so successful that it catapulted General Electric — and Welch — to become one of the most respected business leaders in corporate America during his term from 1981 to 2001.

His philosophy was so well received among a standing-room-only crowd in Jordan Auditorium Tuesday night that Welch even received a job offer to work here in South Bend.

"Do you have any head football coaching

experience?" one MBA student asked Welch jokingly.

Welch suggested Jon Gruden as a better alternative, but turned the joke into an opportunity to tell the Mendoza College of Business that running a business isn't that much different from sports — it's a game. The teams with the best players and the most drive win, and winning is the objective, according to Welch.

"I think this whole game of business is no different of a game than the game you play across the street," Welch said.

Welch emphasized player development in business leadership. This is accomplished only by having a clear set of values and treating each person individually, he said.

"Every person should be treated fairly in an organization, but every person should be treated differently in an organization," Welch said.

Welch earned both praise and criticism during his term at General Electric. GE spent more than \$20 billion on new acquisitions, including the purchase of the National Broadcasting Company, RCA and the Kidder Peabody & Co brokerage firm. While he earned some enemies

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KRISTINE KAA/The Observer

Jack Welch, former chairman and CEO of General Electric, addressed the Mendoza College of Business Tuesday night at Jordan Auditorium.

INSIDE COLUMN

It is in giving

It's that time of the year again. Thanksgiving has come and gone. The Christmas lights are up. The shopping sprees have begun. Finals, papers and projects plague students as the winter holidays approach. In the midst of it all, we somehow have to make things work.

One thing that has helped me get through times like this is tradition. Before you think I'm going to go on and on about Notre Dame tradition, I'm not. Notre Dame's tradition is great. Although there are many wonderful activities at Notre Dame in the coming Christmas season, they are not tradition for me.



Angela Campos

Christmas time is when my brothers, my sister and I get together and practice our music for the prelude to the children's Mass. We sing Christmas carols and watch the Nativity pageant performance.

Lab Tech

For me, Christmas tradition is making cookies with my brothers, sister and my parents. We mix them from scratch and bake them until the house smells like a confectionary. Christmas means going out and picking a tree together, putting up lights around the house and putting up all the pieces of artwork that we've made dating back to preschool. We roll piecrusts for pumpkin, apple and cream pies. We sit together around the table spreading tamales.

Part of that tradition includes giving. My family makes tamales at Christmas. My mother and father have practiced this since before they were married. We've always left a glass of milk, a plate of cookies and a plate of tamales for Santa. And while we make some tamales for us to eat ourselves, we make most of them to give to friends of the family as Christmas gifts.

So this year, I wanted to bring some of my family tradition to Notre Dame, because it just didn't seem like the holidays until I got home and wanted to change that. So I made tamales for some of my friends. Not only has that helped me to get more into the spirit of the upcoming holidays, it also provided me with an outlet for all of the hustle and bustle of finals.

We are all busy at this time of the year. Time is of the essence. Find something to make it easier, to help you through it. Make the most of your time. Enjoy the rare, warm December days in South Bend.

Then give something to someone. Give a coat to St. Vincent de Paul, canned food to the Center for the Homeless or socks to the AED sock drive. Give gifts to your friends. Not all gifts come with a price tag.

I don't know what your family traditions are. I don't know how you celebrate the holidays. But however you do, in whatever way, share that spirit with your classmates, your roommates, your teachers and your friends.

I wish you the best of luck on your final exams, safe travel home and back again, and a fun, relaxing holiday.

Merry Christmas.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the Dec. 4 edition of The Observer, the headline on the sports story on page 13 read "Texas, USC going to Holiday Bowl." Washington, not USC, will be playing in the Holiday Bowl. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Wednesday
♦ **Concert:** ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra: Handel's "Messiah," Hesburgh Center Auditorium, 8 p.m. \$5

Thursday
♦ **Performance:** Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, "Othello," Hesburgh Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. \$5

Friday
♦ **Lecture:** Nancy Cartwright, (voice of Bart Simpson), Jordan Auditorium, 7 p.m. \$5

Saturday
♦ **Recital:** Glee Club Christmas Concert, Stepan Center, 6 and 8:30 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Brown grad investigated for having Anthrax

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Tomas Foral '99 did nothing out of the ordinary when he placed two vials of anthrax he found in a University of Connecticut laboratory in his personal freezer, said Kirklyn Kerr.

Kerr, the University of Connecticut Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said, "Graduate students, and faculty for that matter, put samples away in case they need them for future grants and that sort of thing."

But when federal and state investigators closed in on the Wilbur O. Atwater building on campus to test for anthrax exposure and question Foral, university officials were more than willing to accommodate them by canceling classes and halting



research in the pathobiology building.

Those who knew Foral as an undergraduate at Brown were surprised to hear he was under government scrutiny.

"I'm stunned," said Tad Heuer '99, who roomed with Foral for three

years at Brown and is now studying in England as a Marshall Scholar. "I believe that a lot of this is just the unfortunate coincidence of Tomas having kept a vial of something that happens to be the cause of a very large public scare at the moment."

Heuer described Foral as a "very studious person," methodical and conscientious in whatever he did. He said he saw Foral's storing the vials in line with his interest in animal diseases, including West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis, samples of which Foral also kept in his freezer.

"When he saw anthrax [about to be destroyed] he was thinking we need more scientists who know about anthrax, not fewer of them," Heuer said.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Mid East attacks polarize campus

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

— Palestinian suicide bombings in Israel over the weekend followed by retaliatory Israeli missile strikes on Gaza City Monday have once again polarized segments of the University of Michigan community over the latest bedlam in the 53-year conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. "Every time one of these things happens, it's supposed to remind us we're all on opposite sides. Instead, it distracts from how many Israelis and Palestinians love one another and are friends with one another," said Rackham student Greg Epstein, president of Humanistic Huvarah, a student organization dedicated to the values of Jewish culture. Americans, who now have more of an understanding about what it's like to experience such horrific devastation at home, are witnessing the biggest flare-up of violence in the Middle East since before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Some students said this could prompt more of a bias against Palestinians.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Police launch investigation late

Memphis, Tenn.,

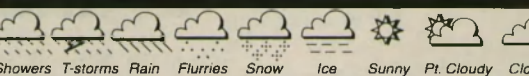
Police waited four days after Harvard University professor Don C. Wiley's disappearance to launch a full investigation into explanations other than suicide, possibly losing crucial evidence. Both Wiley's sister-in-law and a Memphis police officer familiar with the investigation said the preliminary police inquiry — handled by the police department's Missing Persons bureau — did not include the forensic tests and area canvassing conducted by Homicide bureau detectives when they took over the case four days later. Wiley, Harvard's Loeb professor of biophysics and biochemistry, was last seen after a banquet at the Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis on midnight Nov. 15. His rental car was found abandoned on a bridge over the Mississippi River four hours later. Susan Wiley, Wiley's sister-in-law, said Missing Persons investigators told her the day after the disappearance that they were only actively investigating suicide at that point.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

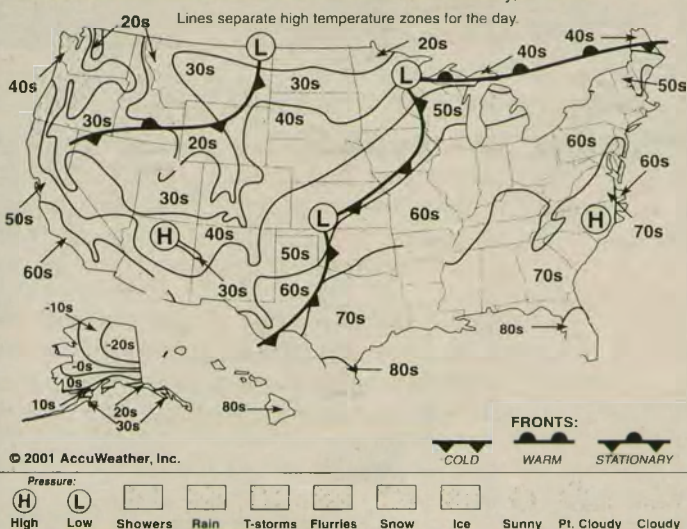
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Friday		50	32
Saturday		39	32
Sunday		46	28
Monday		48	31



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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 5.



Atlanta	71	53	Las Vegas	57	37	Portland	46	43
Baltimore	68	49	Memphis	70	51	Sacramento	56	43
Boston	62	50	Milwaukee	56	40	St. Louis	69	47
Chicago	64	42	New York	65	51	Tampa	83	61
Houston	76	63	Philadelphia	67	52	Washington DC	67	47

FACULTY SENATE

Group recommends more power

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Should a measure by the Faculty Senate win support of University officials, faculty who want to serve on Notre Dame's most powerful academic body may have to go through the senate first.

The senate on Tuesday took an ambitious step to give itself that authority, laying out a plan to align the group more closely with the Academic Council, the chief governing body of the University's educational affairs.

At a meeting that ran past two hours, senators passed along to a joint committee of the senate and Academic Council their recommendation to consider two actions that would shift power between the groups:

- ◆ The senate would elect the 20 elected faculty members of the Academic Council from among sitting senators.

- ◆ The senate's five executive officers would be Academic Council members, increasing by four the current number of faculty members of the council. The move would increase faculty composition of the council to 54 percent, with administrators holding the remainder of seats.

"We saw it as a significant detail in

increasing the power and importance of faculty in the governance of the University," said Michael Zuckert, vice chair of the senate.

The proposals were part of the senate's most aggressive strategy to date to restructure itself. The effort to gain more formal power has concerned the group since senators considered disbanding in May, citing disinterest among faculty and lack of respect from administrators as reasons for dissolving the group.

The senate lacked authority to vote itself out of existence eight months ago. Changes to the senate require approval of the Academic Council, University President Father Edward Malloy and the Board of Trustees.

Changes senators considered Tuesday would need approval of the very body that the senate would take power from — the Academic Council.

"This will have to be approved," said senate chair Jacqueline Brogan, "but that's been our agenda this fall ... to take it to the Academic Council to recommend that changes be made."

Before the full council votes on the proposals, however, the joint committee of five senators and four council members will examine the changes' potential for approval. The committee essentially

acts as a mediator between the two groups and serves as a gauge for the senate to measure how much support its efforts will find in the full council.

"I think it's a sensible way to proceed," said Valerie Sayers, an English professor. "We're operating with two bodies, one of which has no power and one of which has all the power."

In other senate news:

- ◆ Stuart Greene, of the University Writing Program, agreed to be the faculty representative to the Student Senate.

- ◆ Members approved the nomination of Lionel Jensen, chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, to be chair of the senate's Administration Committee.

- ◆ Senate officers agreed last week to begin meeting with deans of the University's colleges to discuss changes to the group, Brogan said. The officers expected to meet today with College of Arts & Letters Dean Mark Roche and College of Engineering Dean Frank Incropera. Meetings with other deans will take place in January, Brogan said.

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GSU lobbies for new handbook

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The Graduate Student Union plans to work with representatives from the MBA program and law school to draft a graduate student handbook, replacing the current graduate and undergraduate du Lac rulebook.

Members of GSU, law and MBA programs met with Bill Kirk, director of Residence Life, Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing and James Powell, dean of the Graduate School to discuss the need for a handbook of rules applicable only to graduate students.

"We don't want to be treated as kids," Kishori Deshpande, GSU vice-president, said. "We're all adults and we know how to behave in situations."

The idea to create a separate graduate student handbook arose from GSU concerns over the tailgating policy, first brought up by Tracy Kijewski-Correa. Notre Dame Security/Police enforced du Lac's tailgating rule and some graduate, MBA and law students were cited although they were of legal

drinking age.

The committee's purpose is to evaluate what rules should refer to graduate students and place them in a separate handbook to avoid future confusion.

"There are many instances where du Lac doesn't apply to grad students," said Gabriela Burgos, GSU president.

GSU hopes to assist in forming the committee as soon as possible.

In other GSU news:

- ◆ The GSU Information Technology Committee has reached an agreement with OIT over paper allowances at University computer clusters. OIT initially allotted each graduate student 1000 sheets per year — identical to the undergraduate amount. OIT has now agreed to extend that allowance to a maximum of 3000 sheets for the remainder of the school year.

- ◆ Suzann Gallagher will not return to her position as GSU elections, credentials and procedures secretary. Gallagher has decided to take a leave of absence, citing personal and family reasons.

"I want to thank everyone for the help this semester," she said during the Tuesday night meeting.

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Who: Jeff Baltruzak

What: Wish him a happy birthday

Why: Because he turns 21 today!

Rape

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her legs together and bit a chunk of skin out of her cheek, which she later used as evidence in her trial. When it was all over her assailant walked out of the room and said "Thank you."

After the rape, Koestner told her R.A., who took her to health services 32 hours after it occurred. The nurse there did nothing but tell her to get some sleep, even though evidence can be collected up to 72 hours afterwards. She then went to the dean of students who told her to "think about it."

Finally campus police helped Koestner, leading to an eventual trial. Her assailant was found guilty after admitting that she had said no a dozen times.

"Some people don't understand the meaning of no, even when you've said it a dozen times," Koestner said. "I learned that the hard way."

Koestner has managed to turn the worst night of her life into a positive experience. Speaking at colleges, high schools, and military bases across the country in the years since the tragedy has helped strengthen Koestner as an individual and has also strengthened the huge audiences who attend each lecture.

After the attack, Koestner earned national recognition as the first victim to publicly speak about rape. She appeared on the June 3, 1991 cover of TIME Magazine and has appeared on Larry King Live, Oprah, NBC Nightly News, MTV and Good Morning America. In 1993, she worked with HBO to make the docu-drama "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." She has presented her program over 1,000 times to more than 700 institutions nationwide.

Koestner acknowledged that most women in the audi-

ence had probably been informed about date rape statistics at some point, but that they most likely did not know all the facts, and probably had a two dimensional idea of the situation.

While Koestner said that she "hates statistics," she shared a few with the group. According to Koestner, 84 percent of the time rape occurs, the victim knows the assailant.

"Nobody told me that when I was 18," Koestner said. "Date rape didn't exist then, not until my photo was on the cover of Time."

Koestner reported more statistics which revealed that 98 percent of the time drugs or alcohol are involved in sexual assaults. One out of four women and one out of eight men are raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Approximately every 20 minutes someone in the United States is raped.

"All I want is one day without rape," said Koestner.

Three main points Koestner stressed during the lecture were that rape is defined as sexual intercourse without effective consent, silence does not constitute effective consent, and a person incapacitated by alcohol cannot provide effective consent to have sex.

"Five years ago, the definition of rape was physical force," Koestner said. "In 2001 rape is sex without effective consent."

Koestner said that it is very hard to publicly share her story.

"I don't regret it, ever. I could have been a chemical



KRISTINE KAI/The Observer

Koestner acknowledged that most women in the audience (above) probably have been informed about date rape statistics at some point, but that they most likely did not know all the facts.

engineer, but I don't think I would have such a positive effect on people every day if that's what I was doing," Koestner said. "It's hard though; it's emotionally draining."

When asked how she draws strength from public speaking, Koestner told the audience that she is a very determined person, who is very single minded about achieving her goals.

"When you hit rock bottom, there is nowhere to go but up," she said.

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DART

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even have to leave my apartment," McCarthy said.

That is part of the flexibility of the new system; students can register from computer clusters, their dorm rooms or

even from their homes over winter break.

However, the new system has had a few quirks when students use a browser other than Netscape 4.75.

"One small issue was currently being resolved," said Pamela Johnson, Senior Assistant Registrar. "But it only affected a few people."

She also advised students to use

Netscape version 4.75 to avoid any potential problems.

"Internet Explorer with a security setting on high does not allow cookies," which leads to problems Johnson said.

The Registrar's office has had few problems with students not understanding the system. However, according to Pace, surprisingly there were no freshmen in the Registrar's office dur-

ing their first day of DARTing.

Overall, the new system has been getting almost exclusively positive reviews.

"It seems like DARTing this year was the best it has been so far. It was simple, easy and quick," McCarthy said.

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Welch

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for what were perceived as tough and ruthless business tactics, GE's market value increased from \$16 billion to more than \$280 billion under his leadership. He consolidated 150 business units into 12 basic businesses in what he called a "boundary-less" organization to create a corporation that had "a big company body and a small company soul."

It was the shared set of values and a family atmosphere that played the biggest role in the game of success, Welch said.

While Welch was bringing GE to the forefront of corporate culture, he was also careful to make sure the corporation was a player in the community. Welch was seeing the big picture when he instituted inner-city education programs and other community efforts nationwide.

"Do you think those dot-coms that didn't win were teaching in the inner-cities? Losers can't contribute to society ... they're too focused on their own jobs," Welch said.

An effective business leader makes it clear that company values are in place from the top-down, and institutes programs that adhere to those values, he said. If there are members of the team that don't believe in those values, they have to be let go, he said.

"One thing, you have to pray as you go out every night that [the values are] there," Welch said. "You worry most about somebody doing something stupid. We police it ... and when we find it, we don't let them go quietly. We don't say they left GE for personal reasons — we say they didn't agree with the values of the company."

While values allow an organization to win the game, it's also important to celebrate the little victories along the way to success. Allowing a team to celebrate its achievements motivates and builds a better team, according to Welch.

"Great teams are about working together, liking each other, wanting to win, and partying like hell when it's over," Welch said. "It's so critical to an institution — it brings it alive, gives it character. People feel guilty about stopping to celebrate a little victory ... but it lets people know they've won."

A Catholic himself, Welch also said that it is possible to combine Catholic ethics in business culture. It's business that is at the heart of everything — and there are good people running it.

"I have found more bad people in federal and state government than I have ever seen in business," he said. "Business is played by some of the best people in the world."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israel strikes Palestinian targets:

In the most wide-ranging military attack on Palestinian areas in 14 months of conflict, Israeli warplanes and helicopters today bombarded security offices in eight areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, killing at least two Palestinians and injuring scores.

Antimissile weapon test successful:

A prototype antimissile weapon demolished a mock warhead last night high above the Pacific Ocean in the second consecutive success for the Pentagon's costly missile defense program, military officials said. The administration has said it wants a rudimentary missile defense against long-range missiles available by 2004 to 2006.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Haitian boat beaches near Florida:

An overloaded sailboat carrying 185 Haitians ran aground in shallow water 10 miles off the Florida coast Monday after being at sea for 10 days. The Haitians were taken to a Coast Guard station in Miami, then were to be questioned by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at a nearby detention center to see if any will be allowed to enter the United States, said INS spokeswoman Patricia Mancha.

Judge denies plea reversal:

In angry and at times sarcastic terms, a California judge today rejected Sara Jane Olson's efforts to withdraw her guilty plea to charges that she participated in a plot to bomb two police cars here 26 years ago as a member of a self-styled revolutionary group, the Symbionese Liberation Army. Ms. Olson, who had fought this day of reckoning for decades, first as a fugitive for 24 years, then through numerous delays in her trial, is to be sentenced on Jan. 18.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Casino tax increase opposed:

City and county leaders are opposing Gov. Frank O'Bannon's proposal for a \$2 increase in riverboat casino admission fees to help solve the state's financial problems. Evansville City Council members agreed Monday to add their names to a letter by Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr., a Republican, that will be sent to the Democratic governor about his proposed \$2 increase. That tax is one of several proposals from O'Bannon to shore up a projected \$1.3 billion budget deficit. The increase from \$3 to \$5 per casino patron requires legislative approval.

AFGHANISTAN



AFP PHOTO

Moving into a security position, an infantry company with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, moves past their newly acquired forward-operating base on November 25, 2001 in Southern Afghanistan.

Marines probe more territory

Associated Press

Kandahar
Having established significant firepower on the ground here, American marines are now probing deeper toward the chaotic swaths of territory still under control of the Taliban, military spokesmen here said today.

The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Force Reconnaissance Platoon has begun widening its patrols across an arc of desolate territory that is essentially no-man's-land, focusing particularly on an area between here and Kandahar, the Taliban's

last bastion of control.

Those elite troops — the Marine Corps' closest equivalent to special operations forces — have joined light armored vehicles on closer-in patrols and Cobra helicopter gunships and Huey reconnaissance helicopters that depart just before dusk each evening from the burgeoning and increasingly multinational base here.

"We're more aggressively patrolling," Capt. David T. Romley, a Marine Corps spokesman, said.

Having encountered no significant Taliban forces since attacking a convoy of military vehicles on Nov.

26, these forays have steadily widened their search, expanding their operations significantly beyond simply securing the perimeter at this sprawling desert compound.

Marine commanders here have declined to discuss their future operational plans, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said the force here was intended to put pressure on the remaining Taliban forces, blocking escape routes and interdicting them if they move.

Under the ground rules imposed on journalists

accompanying the marines here, it is not permitted to disclose the exact size or location of the force. It continues to grow, however, as C-130 and C-17 cargo aircraft maintained a nightly air bridge. The C-130's alone are averaging 10 flights in and out a night.

Among the additional forces and equipment that arrived here early today was a significant contingent of Australian troops, said Capt. Stewart T. Upton, another spokesman. They joined liaison officers from Australia, Britain and Germany who have been here for several days.

Market Watch December 4

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NASDAQ-100 INDX (QQQ)	+4.77	+1.86	19.86
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+1.78	+0.24	13.50
MCLEODUSA INC-A (MCLD)	-21.15	-0.11	32.04

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Environmental Protection Agency reiterated today its order that the General Electric Company remove hundreds of tons of poisonous chemicals from the Hudson River in New York.

"We are going forward with this important cleanup," Christie Whitman, the agency's administrator, said this afternoon.

The announcement that the E.P.A. would not alter its original order of Aug. 1 was certain to

please environmentalists, who had expressed fears in recent weeks that the Bush administration might be too friendly to G.E. and might adjust the order to make it easier for G.E. to meet.

General Electric discharged many tons of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB's, from plants on the upper Hudson for more than 35 years, before the government banned the chemical in 1977. PCB's have been linked to cancer in animal tests, and a stretch of river nearly 200 miles long was placed on the federal Superfund

cleanup list in 1984.

For a quarter of a century, the river contamination has spawned lawsuits, disputes between G.E. and environmentalists and arguments over how best to proceed with a cleanup.

G.E. has long resisted dredging of tainted river bottom, contending that it would do more harm than good. The company says that it has spent some \$200 million in research and restoration efforts over the last two decades, and that in any event the river shows signs of rejuvenating itself.

G.E. ordered to clean up Hudson

BYU ministers face honor code ruling

By ANNIE VANCE
The Daily Universe

"It makes the Church look bad and we'd rather just drop it."

Charles Clawson
Brigham Young University student

PROVO, Utah
Brigham Young University students John Hash, Charles Clawson and Corbin Clawson and Utah Valley State College student Neil Walton will appear in court today to appeal a citation they received for holding a dance.

Under the city Dance Hall Ordinance, public parties are to uphold requirements such as providing surveillance cameras, metal detectors and state certified security.

Government, school and church dances are exempt from the law.

Hash and Clawson claimed they should be exempt from this law because of their online ordination as ministers in the Universal Life Church.

Hash said they became ministers not to associate themselves with another religion, but to make a statement about the unconstitutionality of the law.

The city citation isn't their biggest problem right now. According to Hash, they have been put on probation with BYU and are unsure if they will be able to register for classes next semester.

Charles Clawson said they already have met twice with the Honor Code office to discuss their status as students. He said BYU is not taking the matter lightly. Charles Clawson is worried they won't be able to register next semester.

"They are pretty serious about this," he said.

Hash said he was going to graduate in December, but his diploma was suspended.

BYU spokeswoman Carrie Jenkins said the recommendation was made to put the students on probation for violation of the honor code.

"The students do have an opportunity to appeal that recommendation," Jenkins said.

Charles Clawson said he has chosen not to appeal the recommendation for probation. Hash said he appealed the probation because he wants to be able to graduate in December.

Jenkins said the appeal process takes five school days from the time the recommendation is made. Jenkins declined to specify the nature of the violation, citing the

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which prevents such disclosures.

But Charles Clawson said they were told they were in viola-

tion of the honor code because they broke the law and were disrespectful of other people.

Charles Clawson said he didn't think they broke the law; it is still to be determined.

"It sounds like they are grasping at straws to me," Clawson said.

Charles Clawson said they have sought "friendly advice" from a lawyer. He said they wanted to know where they stood legally.

"He explained things to us so we wouldn't go into it blind," Charles Clawson said.

He said they plan to plead guilty in court because he doesn't want this to be bad publicity for the Church.

"It makes the Church look bad and we'd rather just drop it," Charles Clawson said.

"[University officials] are pretty serious about this."

Charles Clawson
Brigham Young University student

High-tech scooter unveiled

By ZACHARY NORMAN
Harvard Crimson

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Dean Kamen at last unveiled his latest invention — a high-tech scooter — on "Good Morning America" Monday after months of media speculation about the invention that some have said "will change the world."

Code-named Ginger, the Segway Human Transporter is the world's first self-balancing scooter and allows a person to travel about 12 miles per hour. The scooter can run up to 15 miles on a single electric charge; to steer a Segway, a rider simply needs to shift their body weight and the machine will sense the change and respond almost instantaneously.

The media frenzy surrounding Ginger has been building since last January when Harvard Business School Publishing [HBSP] revealed it paid a \$250,000 advance for a book about Ginger without even knowing what the invention was.

With Monday's official unveiling of Kamen's invention, HBSP representatives said they are excited about Segway's future.

"We think it is really intriguing," HBSP Corporate Communication Director Sarah McConville said.

The book about the scooter, to be written by Steve Kemper, will focus on the process of innovation in general and Segway's development specifically, McConville said, and will be released next year.

Ginger is just one in a long

line of Kamen inventions, including the first portable dialysis machine and the same type of heart stent implanted in Vice President Richard B. Cheney. The inventor also created a wheelchair that can climb stairs.

Kamen only revealed the nature of Ginger to a few investors and other high-tech luminaries, such as Apple cofounder Steve Jobs and Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos.

Last spring Jobs described Ginger as having the potential to be as big of a deal as the personal computer and said that "cities will be built around it."

Speculation about what Ginger would be ran rampant on many Web sites and discussion boards. Many thought Ginger might be a type of hovering scooter or run on a Sterling engine, a highly efficient engine that potentially could run on fuel such as hydrogen.

Because of gyroscopes and tilt sensors that monitor a rider's movements 100 times per minute, it is almost impossible to fall off the scooter. Segway is also designed so that when a rider steps off the scooter it immediately stops.

Although Segway is designed to be primarily used on pavement, the scooter also can travel through water and over

stones.

A rider also can turn around on an incline.

Because of its versatility in traveling short distances, many companies already have ordered units for their employees. The United States Postal Service plans on trying to use Segways for mail carriers, and Amazon.com will use Segways to allow workers to move around quickly in warehouses. Many large corporations were

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Oliver Soong
Harvard graduate

provided with early viewing of the invention, so that they could place orders in advance.

Currently only an industrial version of Segway will be mass produced; a consumer version, which will cost about \$3,000, will follow in late 2002.

Many proponents of Segway see it as potentially being useful in crowded urban areas, particularly in East Asia.

Despite predictions by some that Ginger would revolutionize personal transport, others are skeptical of such pronouncements.

"This is not new," said Jose A. Gomez-Ibanez, Bok professor of urban planning and public policy at Harvard University.

Some students also predicted the scooter would have a limited impact on city life.

"People have been getting along fine with bikes. I don't know what impact it might have," Oliver Soong '04 said.

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Injured servicemen discuss combat

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. Three servicemen injured in an explosion inside an ancient Afghan fortress said Tuesday they hope to return as soon as possible to the war on terrorism.

At a news conference, the men praised northern alliance fighters and said they trusted them to help after the explosion.

"They're our friends, and they're going to take care of us," said Paul, a 30-year-old Army captain from suburban Chicago who is a member of the 5th Special Forces Group.

Citing security concerns, military officials declined to give full names for the wounded servicemen.

Five servicemen were injured during an uprising by Taliban prisoners at the fortress outside the city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Two did not attend the news conference because of their injuries.

At first, northern alliance soldiers were curious about Americans, said Michael, a 27-year-old Air Force sergeant from Oxford, Conn., who is based at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The other four injured ser-

vicemen are based at Fort Campbell, on the Kentucky-Tennessee state line, 50 miles north of Nashville.

Eventually, the northern alliance soldiers began greeting them with what translated to "thank you" in English.

"It's hard to put into words the conditions that these soldiers are facing," Capt. Paul said of the northern alliance. "The lack of equipment. The lack of cold weather clothing. And the fact is they continue to fight."

The five men had spent days in the fortress before Taliban prisoners were placed there, said Sgt. 1st Class Paul, a 38-year-old from Rockport, Texas.

On Nov. 26, an 11-person team was sent into the fortress to look for two CIA agents, one of whom was later found dead, he said. The men never found the agents, but soon felt a massive explosion. Military officials have said the

servicemen were wounded by an errant U.S. missile.

"Everything went brown and we started flying through the air," Capt. Paul said.

Capt. Kevin, of Oakland, N.J., was hospitalized with a fractured pelvis and was expected to return home later this week; 1st Sgt. David, of Evansville, Ind., suffered eardrum damage.

The men's injuries ranged from broken bones to ruptured eardrums. All were expected to recover, with the possibility of some permanent hearing loss, Capt. Paul said.

All received the Purple Heart. The CIA agent, Johnny "Mike" Spann, was killed by rioting prisoners, becoming the first known U.S. combat casualty in Afghanistan.

Before the uprising, the men said they lived at times in caves, rarely bathed and sometimes went hungry. They said they believe in their cause, especially after witnessing the transformation of Mazar-e-Sharif once the Taliban fled.

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Paul
Captain

WEST BANK

Israeli forces strike Arafat compound

Associated Press

RAMALLAH

Bodyguards whisked Yasser Arafat into an underground bunker at the sight of Israeli attack helicopters approaching his compound Tuesday.

Seconds later when the missiles struck — a few dozen yards from where he had been sitting — the Palestinian leader was safely hidden away with advisers and bodyguards in a windowless underground office.

"You should not forget that Arafat is a fighter," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman, secretary general of the Palestinian Cabinet, who stayed in the shelter with him.

"He was very quiet. ... Although he was very surprised, he did not stop giving directions. ... We took all the natural measures that we used to take when we were in Lebanon."

Rahman said Arafat ordered employees of the compound to evacuate, keeping only his personal bodyguards.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government said it was not trying to harm Arafat personally, but wanted to send a stern warning to crack down on militants.

"The purpose was to send a clear military message ... 'Friends, we've had enough, take the responsibility that you have and stop the terrorism,'" said the Israeli army spokesman, Brig. Gen. Ron Kitrey.

Sharon did not comment Tuesday, but in a TV address Monday he blamed Arafat for

attacks on Israelis

Arafat is no less than "the main impediment to peace and stability in the Middle East. Arafat has chosen the path of terror (to) try to make diplomatic gains through murder," he said.

With troops sealing off the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinian leader has been left a virtual prisoner in Ramallah.

The tactic further complicates Arafat's daunting task — confronting and controlling increasingly popular Islamic militants when he has little to offer his people in return.

When he emerged from his shelter, Arafat angrily accused Israel of trying to sabotage his crackdown on Islamic militants, which Israel dismisses as a sham.

The Israelis "don't want me to succeed and for this (Prime Minister Ariel Sharon) is escalating his military activities against our people, against our towns, against our cities, against our establishments," Arafat said. "He doesn't want a peace process to start."

The Palestinian Authority has rounded up some 130 members of the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas groups in response to weekend suicide bombings and shootings in Israel that killed 26 people. Jibril Rajoub, Palestinian security chief in the West Bank, said arrests would continue, although none have been made since the Israeli airstrikes began Monday.

"How can we take measures in order to control the situation when all our institutions are being targeted?" asked Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. "The security offices and even our jails have been threatened. How can we control the situation?"

The attacks are the latest chapter of Israel's up-and-down relationship with Arafat, who was exiled from Palestinian territory in the late 1960s.

When Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, Sharon, then Israel's defense minister, repeatedly targeted Arafat, who was in Beirut with his PLO fighters. Arafat was once even in an Israeli sniper's crosshairs, according to reports, but the man hesitated to shoot.



Arafat

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Appreciate coaches' sacrifices

As Coach Davie and consequently the rest of the Notre Dame coaching staff is released from the University, let us please not forget to treat these men with the respect they deserve as not only people, but also as members of the Notre Dame family.

For the past year and a half, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with this outstanding group of men. They have through time become my surrogate fathers and big brothers, my mentors, and my inspiration. I have finally found a job that I love going to every day. This semester has been the hardest of my life as I have been confronted by many of the difficulties that life throws at us sometimes. No matter how bad my day was, going to work always put me in a great mood. It was there that I felt the sense of the Notre Dame spirit the strongest. I don't know how I ever could have gotten through the past few months without them. The coaches always took time out to talk to me could always make me laugh.

These are truly amazing men with incredible mentalities, wonderful families and genuine

hearts. They love Notre Dame and everything for which it stands. They have put in long hours, often arriving well before 8 a.m. and sometimes not leaving until midnight, just to try to develop the team to its full potential and give you the team that many of you claim you "deserve." They strive to balance their jobs and families, while never relinquishing their absolute passion and love for the game itself.

Please keep in mind the incredible sacrifices the entire coaching staff has made and the enormous pressure that has been placed upon them before laying harsh criticisms upon them. These amazing men have been such an inspiration to me and all who have been blessed to have worked with them.

To those men, thank you for everything you have taught me, good luck to you as you move on from Notre Dame, and may God bless you and your families.

Meghann E. Finerghy
sophomore
Pangborn Hall
Dec. 4, 2001

Davie did not have Irish attitude

While I believe that Bob Davie brought some positives to the Notre Dame football program, such as a high team GPA and graduation rate, we should applaud the message that Kevin White sent to the Notre Dame community by letting Davie go on Sunday. The problem was not Bob Davie's lack of knowledge for the game, or his effort. The problem was attitude, and I don't believe that Bob Davie has the type of attitude that has always propelled Notre Dame to success.

First, Davie's pessimistic attitude brings down our players. I am sick of hearing how our team isn't explosive so we can't throw the ball, or that teams like Navy and Boston College are college football powerhouses. As Davie states before playing winless Navy, "This game, because of who we are playing, is a game that every year is going to be a challenge." Is he talking about Navy, the team that we have beaten 38 years in a row? We are never going to defeat college football powerhouses like Nebraska and Tennessee if we have the attitude that a team like Navy is superior to us. Bob Davie seems scared to play even the worst teams — similar to how our offense is scared to throw the ball or be aggressive. Maybe that's why playing a winless Navy team becomes a showdown, instead of a joke.

Second, Davie's attitude on the field doesn't instill confidence in his players. I can recall the first game of the year when the hopes and dreams of a national championship were still high. Yes, Terrence Howard, the starter, fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, but is that a good reason to bench him for most of the game. How can players play with freedom and enthusiasm when they are constantly worried that one single mistake will get them benched? Players should feel like they are going on the field do something positive, not scared to play.

Finally, and worst of all, Bob Davie has accepted defeat. After the loss to Stanford, Davie reverted back to the high GPAs and graduation rate of Notre Dame football players, suggesting that this season wasn't a dismal failure. Well, I have news for you. Anytime Notre Dame loses more than they win, it is a failure. At a press conference, Davie stated that we have to look at the big picture and at our football team's true character. He says that the team succeeded because they are good people. He tells us that it is difficult to produce a national championship team with Notre Dame's high academic standards. On Sunday, Kevin White said that Bob Davie is wrong. The ability to achieve athletic success while maintaining academic excellence is the essence of Notre Dame. It's what makes us special. It's why we came to this University and it's why we are Notre Dame. On Sunday, Kevin White refused to let Bob Davie take that mentality away from us.

Michael Sweiker
junior
Alumni Hall
Dec. 4, 2001

Students fight battle between life, drudgery

It starts with the annoying pulse of my alarm clock. It's there on the mornings that I step into the frigid air when, just minutes before, I was wrapped in the warmth of my bed. I feel it as I trudge off heavily to an 8:30 a.m. class, with that almost embarrassed feeling of being up so early, to learn. I see it in my fellow class-goers from the groggy looks on their faces, which all but scream for more sleep (a rare commodity here). It seems to possess everyone around me; the aura of the room is death. It's there every early morning of classes and it's there every late night of studying; it is the drudgery of campus academic life.

On those surreal weekday mornings and those late late-night cram sessions, I inwardly marvel at the driving force that got me out of bed so early and tucked me into bed so late. After some pondering, I was soon able to narrow the possible forces down to a single suspect. This adversary, while influential, is the silent and intangible type. This driving force, this source of drudgery, is nothing more than grades.

For me, it is another late night and I am taking a study break or, as I so fondly refer to it, a "sanity break." I am in the process of cramming two weeks, three chapters and 100 pages of psychology for a test I am to take later on this very day. And no matter how I slice it, a feat of this magnitude has "all-nighter" written all over it. The drudgery continues and the influence of grades has claimed another victim (me).

On his first day of class, our psych professor underestimated education's greatest adversary and overestimated his grade-oriented students when he stated that we students should "study for knowledge, not grades." My first impression of this tired idea was undoubtedly the same as my classmates: easily said. You don't have to put up with my parents.

But as I was just plugging through my reading and the clock neared 3 a.m., I began to understand the relevance of his words.

The truth came to light as I was just learning about existentialism, an idea that claims "we are free to alter our course of action at any time."

It goes on to state that people often sacrifice their freedom in order to avoid the responsibility of free choice and the concerns that accompany such responsibility. People actually deceive themselves into believing their actions are determined in

order to escape the anxiety of freedom. After reading this, I simply stopped and closed my book. I stopped reading and instead of thinking about how this information was going to be tested, I simply applied the text to my current situation.

And it finally hit me. This test is about 1/10 of my psychology grade, which is 1/5 of all my first semester grades, which is 1/8 of my total grades here at Notre Dame. Even my total grades only possess a small fraction of meaning in the grand scheme of "me." I did the math and came up with a single certainty: grades do not matter. Learning and studying is fine. What is not fine, however, is the drudgery of learning and studying.

Notre Dame is full of zealous students who will fight tooth and nail to receive the better grade. Put the best, brightest and hardest-working in the same classes to compete for the same prize and the overzealous will go to even greater lengths. They will live, eat and breathe drudge, if only for the day before a test, in order to outweigh another classmate on a scale that is imbalanced. At times, we all do things when our hearts are not in them; I see it every day. However, the choice to do or not do something truly exists.

The choices we make today must be made for today, and not for the sake of a happier future that is perpetually a day away. As tempting as it is to drudge today in order to provide for tomorrow, be it for a good test grade in the short run or a secure job in the long run, we must avoid such temptations based on the fact that today could be the day for which we have no tomorrow.

Engaging in drudgery is a decision that I see people here, including myself, making all the time. By all means, read, learn and improve your psyche, but do not drudge. Do only what you truly want to do; it is your choice to make. By drudging we will all lose touch with what we really feel in exchange for some letters closer to the top of the alphabet.

That is a frightening reality.

Now, if you will excuse me, I have some sleep to catch up on.

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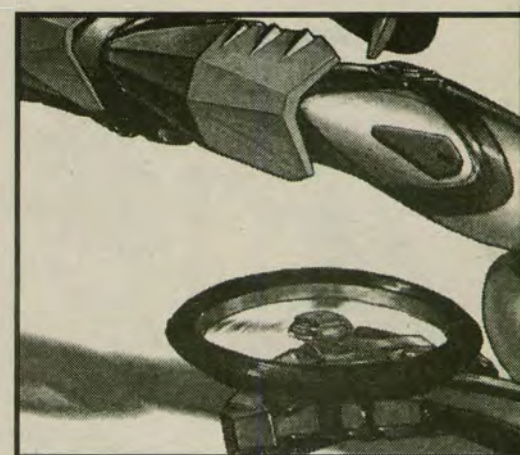
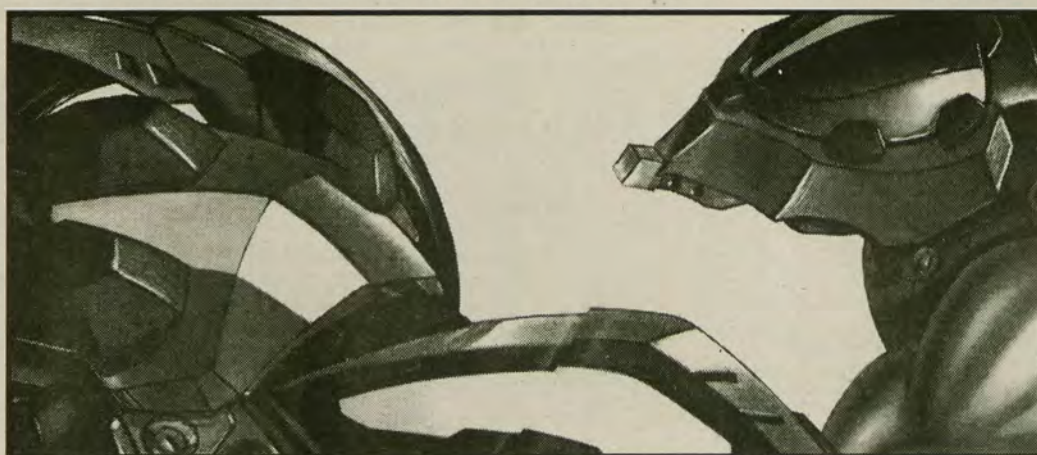
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Kinetica drives new f

By AMANDA GRECO
Associate Scene Editor

Here's an interesting twist on an old favorite. Racing games are perhaps the largest and best-loved genre of video games. In the past, gamers have been able to gain speed using conventional modes of transport such as cars, boats and motorcycles, and even more non-conventional machines such as gravity defying vehicles and hovercrafts.

SCEA Santa Monica's Kinetica is something quite different: Characters in this racing game have been melded to their "kinetic skin" allowing them to reach speeds in excess of 200 mph on their hands and knees. Wheels spring forth from hands and feet and sleek, aerodynamic suits barely cover the rest of the body.

Each character is rated on the abilities of his or her given suit. Acceleration, top speed, cornering, grip and mass all factor into each character's ability to dominate a given track.

The artistic talent used to create these characters is great enough to merit a separate booklet accompanying the game just for the artwork.

Kinetica

SCEA Santa Monica

★★★★ (out of five)

Graphically, this game is astonishing. Each track is highly detailed and almost confusingly intricate.

The tracks are comprised of so many different levels and shortcuts that it is hard to keep track of where a racer is located on the course. Racers can easily become disoriented on these tracks as angles change; there is no solid point of reference to use to determine if one is racing on the bottom or sides of the track.

Often times it is a guessing game when a racer careens off the edge of one track; sometimes what lies beneath is another section of track, other times you fall off into the great CGI beyond.

The trick to winning this game lies all in a character's Kinetic Suit boost meter and keeping it full.



Racers can access the energy in their boost meter to get an extra edge over competitors, utilize con-

Latest Metal Gear as 'Solid' as they come

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Metal Gear Solid 2: the Sons of Liberty isn't a videogame, it's a movie. Of course, that statement is only half true; players of Konami's follow-up to the 1998 Playstation hit Metal Gear Solid will spend about as much time watching the game as they do playing it.

Konami has pulled out all the stops with MGS2. In fact, the 3-D graphics are so good that cut-scene movies are almost indistinguishable from normal gameplay; they even have an imperceptible load time. The game is one of the first new-wave videogames emerging on the market that are beginning to take advantage of the Playstation 2's advanced graphic rendering abilities. MGS2 doesn't

Metal Gear Solid

Konami

★★★★★ (out of five)

just up the ante, it takes gaming to a whole new level.

MGS2 doesn't make many quantum leaps in format, however. Fans of MGS2's predecessor will recognize Konami's gameplay style with only a few minor tweaks and improvements. While some games require major format overhauls between sequels, Konami wisely decided to stick with one of MGS' strongest selling points: escape and evasion style espionage rather than double-barreled gun-blasting action (although MGS2 leaves plenty of room for that, too). In fact, MGS2 seems to be just an extension of the original title.

MGS2 does, however, change genre slightly in this new installment by adding a touch of the supernatural. The addition is modest and really adds an extra boost to the games.

Besides having graphics the quality of the latest CGI movies like "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," MGS2 has one of the most impressive soundtracks in gaming history. The professional tracks are laid down by some of Hollywood's best known sound editors like Harry Gregson-Williams. In surround sound, MGS2 can have the feeling of a blockbuster action flick.

The real improvements in MGS2 come from its beefed-up plot. While the Metal Gear series has always been known for its complex web of setups, double crosses and reversals, MGS2 takes the cake for having the most intricate and riveting storyline. Critics of MGS complained that the ending was unsatisfactory and rightfully so. MGS2's addictive plot will have gamers hooked for hour



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upon thumb-blistering hour. Scripted by video game veteran Hideo Kojima, this installment survives the trip from Japan linguistically intact. MGS2 lacks verbal gaffs like "the truck have started to move" all too familiar in previous games.

In all fairness, it wouldn't be prudent to reveal even a smidge of the plot to this cliff-hanger. But gamers will see both old and new faces as well as Metal Gear conventions such as hiding in a cardboard box, starting out with almost nothing but a pack of cigarettes and elaborate nicknames.

MGS2 is undoubtedly on the fast-track to becoming a videogame classic and obviously redefines the standards in action/adventure gameplay and cinematic effects. With more than 2,000,000 copies of the game shipped out already, MGS2 should be on every Playstation 2 gamer's wishlist this holiday season.

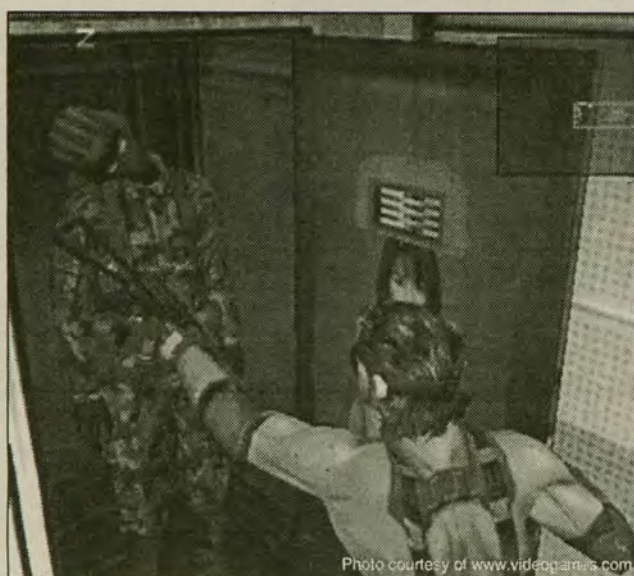
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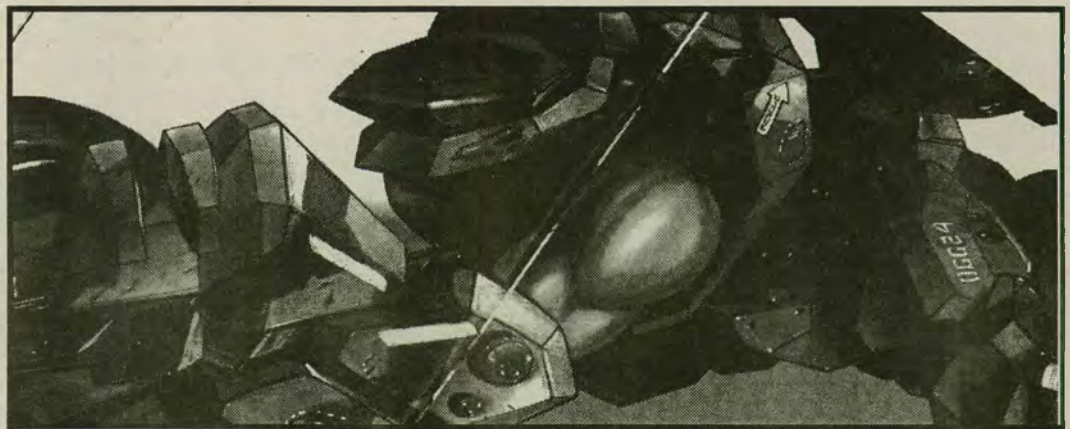
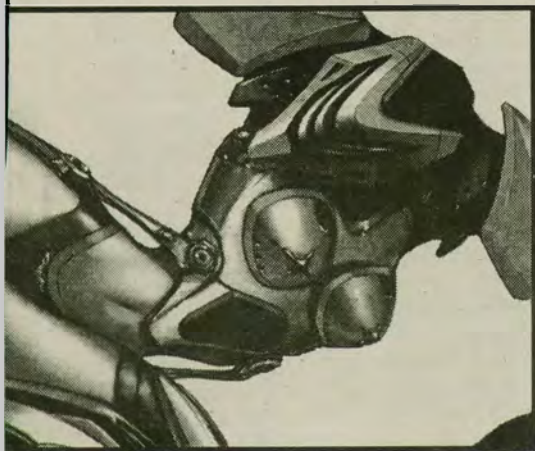
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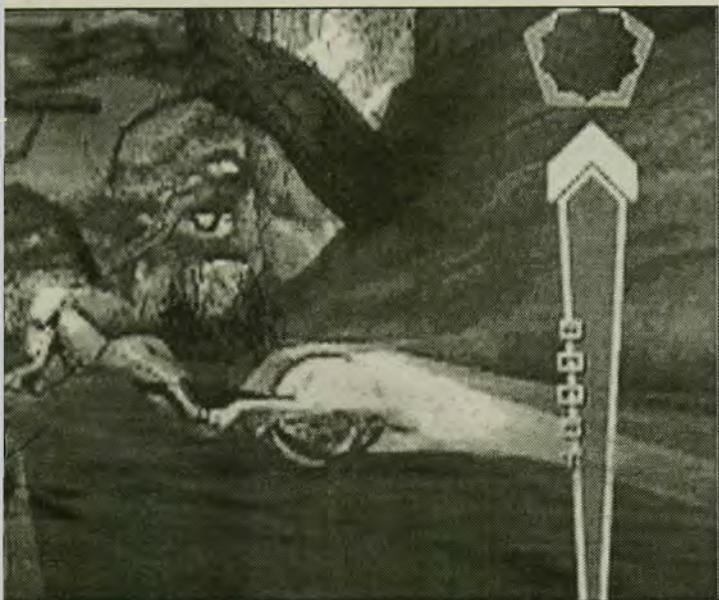
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format in racing genre



trolled skids while turning or gain more air when launching off ramps.

There are several ways to gain boost. A player can take advantage of the boost strips located along areas of track. When racing over one, a player receives the same acceleration as active boosting without depleting the meter.

To be able to actively boost, a player must have a significant level in their boost meter. Meters can be filled either by siphon boosting — sucking up the power from boost strips as you pass them — or by performing tricks to earn boost. This is the best way to gain boost, and it is doubtful that a player could win a game without performing any stunts. Performing several stunts in a row creates a combo, providing additional boost.

Power-ups can also be gathered throughout the game, comprised of either five yellow crystals or one red crystal. Power-ups are randomly assigned and can provide the option to deactivate the boost of players in your proximity, perform stunts at double the speed, steal other character's boost and more.

Single player options include the single race, a season and a practice race, while two player options include a practice race and a split screen option, as well as a competitive/best of series for

up to four players.

The single player season mode is the key to unlocking new tracks and characters then accessible in the single race, practice races and competitive races. The season consists of a series of races where a player must finish with a certain ranking to advance to the next race. There are three options to re-try games within a season. Each season becomes increasingly more difficult with more stringent requirements for qualifying.

Kinetica adds a new and interesting mode of racing to a genre full of creative transportation. Once the tracks are mastered, this game offers endless entertainment and extraordinary graphics.

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GTA 3: for mature audiences only

By BOB MASTERS

Scene Writer

When Pope John Paul II called 20th Century Western society a "culture of death," he may have anticipated a time when the average American could experience car-jacking, gang warfare, prostitution, drug use and homicide from the comfort of their own couch.

With Rock Star Games' holiday release of Grand Theft Auto 3 for Sony PlayStation 2, that time is now.

Following the same plot of Rock Star Games' previous Grand Theft offerings, Grand Theft Auto and Grand Theft Auto 2, players take on the role of a small-time crook in the corrupt metropolis of Liberty City. Set-up by his girlfriend during a heist, the player manages to escape from the police after a gang of thugs overtakes the police car he is traveling in.

Aided in his escape by a member of a local criminal outfit, the player begins doing odd jobs for Liberty City crimelords in his quest to become a "made-man." GTA3 carries a mature rating and it definitely earns it, with missions ranging from tailing suspected informants to gunning-down rival gang leaders.

Graphically, GTA3 is in a league of its own. The previous Grand Theft Auto games, GTA and GTA2, were two-dimensional cartoons. Updated for a more powerful system, GTA3 is a stunning visual extravaganza. The action takes place in three large playable environments, each with their own unique aspects including harbors, airports, major business centers, armories, red-light districts and residential areas. The visuals are incredibly crisp; buildings are three-dimensional and sleek, cars are detailed down to hood-ornaments and the player receives a makeover into a leather-jacket, cargo-pant clad hood.

Grand Theft Auto 3

Rock Star Games

★★★★★ (out of five)

The game is set in real time so the player will see the sun rise, watch thunder storms roll in, and experience the setting sun give way to the darkness of midnight.

If the player jumps into a car too fast, the door will remain open until he reaches out and close it. If a cop comes too close, the player will flip him the bird.

Bullet-wounds and beatings produce oozing blood, so stunningly realistic a mature rating may seem tame. All these graphical extras add up to make GTA3 a visual experience like no other game on the market.

Game time is divided spending half the time on foot and half the time inside a car. GTA3 offers both first and third-person character control and plays about as well as most next-generation role-playing games.

Once inside a car, however, GTA3 transforms itself from a RPG into a top of the line auto sim. Mini-vans and sedans handle just as awkwardly and slowly as their real-life counterparts. Sports cars and performance vehicles are a true pleasure to handle, offering a high speed getaway vehicle that includes a hand-

break for increased control.

GTA3 by Rock Star Games for PlayStation 2 is an incredibly entertaining game light-years away from any other competitors on the market. The intriguing story-line and easy to handle interface make it enjoyable to play and the graphics will leave the players jaw dropped in astonishment.

Its one detraction may be the mature rating, with GTA3 becoming at times little more than a blood-bath. If you're easily offended by mobster movies such as "Goodfellas" or "Casino," this may not be the game for you. But if you enjoy a little suspension of reality and a chance to express your violent side in a way that won't land you in jail, GTA3 is a must-own.

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NBA

Rose smells sweet with 25 points, 10 boards

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Jalen Rose had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Jermaine O'Neal added 23 points and 11 rebounds as the Indiana Pacers beat the Denver Nuggets 104-96 Tuesday night.

Al Harrington scored 18 for the Pacers, who were playing their first game at home following a five-game road trip that ended with a 31-point loss to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Nick Van Exel scored 30 and had 10 assists for the Nuggets and Raef LaFrentz had his fourth straight double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Voshon Lenard scored 13 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets trailed 85-70 at the end of the third quarter, but Lenard scored 10 points, including two 3-pointers, in the first six minutes of the fourth to make it 91-82.

Indiana pushed the lead back to 12, and the Nuggets got no closer than eight the rest of the way as they lost for the fifth time in six games.

The Pacers outrebounded Denver 52-39. The Nuggets only had 10 offensive rebounds, despite averaging nearly 15 a game.

The Pacers took a lead two minutes into the game and never trailed. They shot 62.5 percent in the second quarter, with Harrington making all six shots from the floor and Jamaal Tinsley shooting 3-for-4.

Harrington had seven points, two rebounds and a block during a 13-4 run that extended Indiana's lead to 53-39. Harrington, Rose and O'Neal combined for 44 first-half points and the Pacers led 63-51.

An 8-0 run near the end of the third gave the Pacers their largest lead of the game, 85-67. Tinsley, who had 10 rebounds and 16 assists, spent that run on the bench after picking up his fifth foul with 2:59 left. He fouled out with 1:32 left in the game.

Cavaliers 100, Pistons 88

Zydrunas Ilgauskas, playing for the first time in nearly a year, scored 11 points and Andre Miller had a career-high 34 points, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a win over the Detroit Pistons.

The 7-foot-3 Ilgauskas, limited to just 29 games the past three years because of foot injuries, hadn't played for the Cavs since last Dec. 22 when he hurt his left foot and underwent his fifth surgery.

But although he looked rusty in his 16 minutes, Ilgauskas sparked the Cavs as

Cleveland won for the fifth time in its last six home games.

Miller added 11 assists, including two on key baskets in the final 2:03 as the Cavs held off a rally. Miller went 12-of-16 from the field, added eight rebounds and scored Cleveland's final six points on free throws.

Lamond Murray had 19 points, Jumaane Jones added 14 rebounds and Chris Mihm had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavs, who for a change can finally see a glimmer of hope with Ilgauskas back.

Ilgauskas, who has missed 282 of a possible 396 games since being drafted in 1996, made 4 of 6 shots, blocked two and altered several others.

Corliss Williamson had 19 points for the Pistons, who came in leading the NBA's Central Division but played more like the squad which won just 32 games last season.

Clifford Robinson added 17 points and Jerry Stackhouse 14 — but none in the second half when he went 0-for-10 from the floor.

After scoring nine points in the first half, Ilgauskas came back with 5:31 left in the third quarter and the Cavs trailing 65-64. Moments later, Bimbo Coles and Wesley Person hit consecutive 3-pointers and the Cavs went on a 16-2 run to open a 7-point lead after three.

Williamson's basket gave the Pistons an 84-83 lead with 6:06 left, but Miller scored 10 points and the Cavs closed the game with a 17-4 spurt despite making seven turnovers in the final period.

Ilgauskas made his debut to chants of "Z" and a standing ovation with 1:53 left in the first quarter and scored his first basket just 30 seconds later.

Grabbing an entry pass near the baseline, Ilgauskas spun on the baseline, made a pump fake on Zeljko Rebraca and dropped in a short jumper.

The next time he touched the ball, Ilgauskas drew a shooting foul and split a pair of free throws. On the defensive end, he flattened Stackhouse on a drive to the basket.

He dunked, made a left-handed layup and hit a nice fadeaway jumper from 12 feet before being replaced. As he went to the bench, Cavs coach John Lucas, who had yet to coach his center in a regular-season game, slapped hands with Ilgauskas.

Supersonics 108, Timberwolves 83

Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists to help the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Seattle SuperSonics to end a three-game losing

skid.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 16 of his 20 points in the first half for the Timberwolves, who improved to 7-1 at home and are still off to the best start in franchise history at 11-5.

Rashard Lewis had 17 points for Seattle, which never led and dropped its third straight after a three-game winning streak.

Garnett — Minnesota's leading scorer and undisputed star — continued his shooting slump by going 7-for-20 from the field, but Szczerbiak again picked up the slack.

Guarded by defensive standout Gary Payton most of the game, Szczerbiak shot 6-for-7 in the first quarter and finished 9-for-18.

Rasho Nesterovic had 12 points, and Joe Smith and Gary Trent each had 11 for Minnesota.

Payton had 15 points, Vin Baker 13 and reserve Earl Watson 10 for Seattle.

The Timberwolves built a 19-point advantage on a tip-in by Nesterovic with 2:57 left in the first half. The Sonics quickly sliced that lead to 53-45 with 11 straight points — nine of them on 3-pointers by Lewis, Vladimir Radmanovic and Brent Barry.

Minnesota stretched the lead to 58-47 after Smith's three-point play just before halftime.

The Sonics came within nine when Szczerbiak was called for goaltending on Payton's driving layup late in the third, but Terrell Brandon's jumper beat the buzzer at the end of the quarter and bumped the lead up to 82-68.

Chauncey Billups, whose 3-pointer with 56 seconds gave Minnesota its biggest lead at 108-83, added 16 points.

Knicks 85, Bucks 71

Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points and the New York Knicks took advantage of a rare shooting slump by Ray Allen to defeat the slumping Milwaukee Bucks.

The Bucks (9-6), coming off an 0-4 Western road trip, have dropped five in a row for the first time since Feb. 17-25, 2000. This was their lowest scoring output since an 85-70 loss at Atlanta on April 25, 1999.

Allen, the Bucks' leading scorer (21.7 points), was held to 10 points on 4-of-20 shooting. Sam Cassell was just 4-for-16 for 12 points.

Allen had a single point in the first half, a free throw with 1:48 left in the second quarter. He missed 11 shots before making a bucket with 1:33 left in the third quarter.

Allan Houston added 22 points for the

Knicks (10-9), who outshot the Bucks 44 percent to 31 percent. Marcus Camby had eight points and 13 rebounds, 12 of them on the defensive glass.

Milwaukee, which had been 6-0 against the Eastern Conference, trailed 42-33 at halftime after getting outshot 47 percent to 29 percent.

Glenn Robinson, who didn't play Sunday night at Portland because of a sprained right wrist, scored 24 points. But he picked up his fifth foul with 11:43 remaining and sat out for six minutes.

The Bucks sorely missed him, watching a four-point deficit go back above double digits as Milwaukee never made a game of it after that.

The Bucks were lethargic from the start, but Camby picked up three fouls in just over a minute and took a seat with the Knicks ahead 48-36 with 8:13 left in the third quarter.

Othella Harrington replaced him but he, too, picked up quick fouls, including two offensive fouls and a technical in a 30-second span as the Bucks whittled away at the lead, pulling to 66-62 after three quarters.

But the Bucks went cold again, scoring just one basket in the first 5:35 of the fourth quarter.

Sprewell scored 14 points as the Knicks jumped out to a 32-22 lead.<

Kings 94, 76ers 84

Peja Stojakovic had 20 points and 12 rebounds, leading five Kings in double figures as Sacramento emerged from a shooting slump to beat the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Kings, who won for the eighth time in nine home games, were going nowhere midway through the third quarter — shooting 26 percent and trailing 57-48 — when Vlade Divac scored six quick points to key a prolonged run.

Sacramento outscored Philadelphia 32-11 over the next 12 minutes, eventually taking a 15-point lead. The 76ers pulled to 86-81 in the final minutes, but Mike Bibby and Bobby Jackson hit consecutive driving layups to seal it.

Allen Iverson, who scored 46 points in an overtime win at Arco Arena last season, played 47 minutes but went scoreless in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter. He finished with 24 points on 9-of-30 shooting.

Jackson, who started in place of injured Doug Christie, scored 16 points, while Bibby had 18 points and six assists. Hedo Turkoglu scored 15 points in a reserve role for Sacramento, and Scot Pollard added 13 rebounds and a career-best seven blocked shots.

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Surprising Maryland signs with Orange Bowl

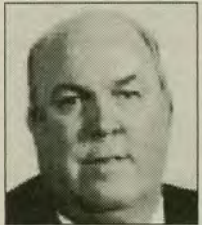
Associated Press

MIAMI

Maryland is returning to the Orange Bowl for the first time in 46 years, a fitting end for perhaps the most surprising team in college football this season.

The seventh-ranked Terrapins (10-1) accepted an invitation to play in the Jan. 2 game Tuesday. It will be the team's first bowl appearance since 1990 and first major bowl game since playing in the 1977 Cotton Bowl.

Maryland's opponent — probably No. 6 Florida, but possibly No. 2 Tennessee or Nebraska (No. 4 ESPN/USA Today, No. 5 AP) — will be announced Sunday following the



Friedgen

Southeastern Conference championship game between the Volunteers and LSU.

"It looks like we're going to get to play one of the great teams in the country," Terrapins rookie coach Ralph Friedgen said. "It's really an opportunity for us and an honor for us to be able to play with the caliber of teams mentioned as the other candidates for this game."

The Orange Bowl, by virtue of losing Big East champion Miami to the Rose Bowl, has the first pick in the Bowl Championship Series.

"If we were fortunate to win the [Orange Bowl] game, we'll definitely earn some respect," Friedgen said. "You're talking about three teams that are really one game away from playing for the national championship."

Maryland finished its regular season Nov. 19 with a 23-19 win over North Carolina State, a victory that locked up the

Terrapins' first conference title since 1985 and assured them a spot in a BCS game.

It was quite a turnaround from last season, when Maryland finished 5-6. As a result, Friedgen got every first-place vote in ACC Coach of the Year balloting.

"It's been a dream season in a number of ways," athletic director Debbie Yow said.

After a three-week layoff, the team will return to practice Saturday, hoping for better results from this trip to the Orange Bowl. The Terrapins lost to Oklahoma 7-0 in 1954 and again to the Sooners 20-6 two years later — their only appearances in the game.

Maryland is 6-9-2 all-time in bowl games.

Yow said the school already sold 3,000 tickets and hopes to sell 20,000 total, possibly erasing the notion that Maryland doesn't fill seats for bowl games.

"It's important that we travel

well," she said. "We have no recent bowl history. There was a very old and outdated paradigm that Maryland doesn't travel well to bowls. I think we're getting ready to prove once and for all that that's not true and is ancient history."

Sugar Bowl

The Big Ten champion accepted an invitation Tuesday to the Sugar Bowl, which will be played New Year's Day in New Orleans. It will be the Illini's first trip to the Sugar Bowl.

"We're excited," coach Ron Turner said. "It is one of the premier bowls in college football and has been for many, many years. I know our kids are very excited and anxious to get down there and get going and see what we can do."

No. 8 Illinois (10-1) will have to wait a few more days to see who its opponent is, though. The opponent will be announced Sunday after the Southeastern Conference championship game between No. 2 Tennessee and No. 21 LSU.

If LSU wins, the Tigers would go to the Sugar Bowl. If the Volunteers win, Nebraska (No. 4 ESPN/USA Today, No. 5 AP) could end up in New Orleans.

"We will wait until we see what happens this weekend — our focus is on ourselves," Turner said, adding that the

Illini will begin practice this week.

Illinois was the Big Ten's biggest surprise this year, rebounding from a 5-6 finish last season to win the conference championship. After losing to Michigan on Sept. 27, the Illini didn't lose another game.

They clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title by beating Northwestern in the season finale but had to wait for the Ohio State-Michigan game to see who would get the Big Ten's BCS bid. The Buckeyes upset Michigan, giving Illinois the conference championship outright.

"Coach Turner and the staff and the kids have done an exceptional job," athletic director Ron Guenther said. "I think it's one of the great stories in college football this year. We're extremely excited to be part of the BCS and to go to New Orleans."

This will be Illinois' 14th appearance in a bowl game. The Illini are 6-7, but they've won their last two bowls, including a 63-21 upset over Virginia in the 1999 Micronpc.com Bowl.

"One reason Illinois is appealing to us, besides the fact we've secured the Big Ten champion and an exciting team, is that they have a very enthusiastic group of supporters and they are eager to see them in a bowl," Sugar Bowl executive director Paul Hoolahan said.

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NEW YORK

Quarterbacks Ken Dorsey, Joey Harrington, Eric Crouch and Rex Grossman were picked Tuesday as finalists for the Heisman Trophy.

Dorsey threw for 2,652 yards and 23 touchdowns this season to lead No. 1 Miami (11-0) to the Rose Bowl.

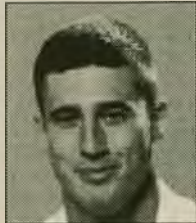
Harrington threw for 2,415 yards and 23 touchdowns help No. 3 Oregon (10-1) win the Pac-10 championship.

Crouch threw for 1,510 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for 1,115 yards and 19 scores for No. 5 Nebraska (11-1).

Grossman led the nation in passing efficiency, throwing for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns for No. 6 Florida (9-2).

"These players have had phenomenal seasons across the board and anyone of them would be deserving of college football's highest honor," said Rudy Riska, the executive director of the Heisman Memorial Trophy Trust.

Riska said a fifth player could be invited later this week to the ceremony in New York. The Heisman will be awarded Saturday night at the Marriott Marquis because of damage to the Downtown Athletic Club during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It will mark the first time in 67 years that the trophy will be presented somewhere other than the club.



Harrington

Superstitious Dorsey leads Miami

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla.

Ken Dorsey walks around the hotel ballroom in circles, passing his teammates again and again. The other players don't pay attention, knowing this is one of his many pregame rituals.



Dorsey

He continues around the room until it's time to leave for the stadium. His routine has just begun.

Dorsey is quite superstitious. Many athletes are, but the Miami Hurricanes' junior quarterback has some of the quirkiest habits in college football. They define Dorsey, one of the most consistent signal callers in the country and a Heisman Trophy contender.

"If something happens once and works, it's something that just latches on," Dorsey says.

Dorsey's superstitions mostly deal with his pregame routine and are usually related to appearance, music and travel.

He wears two rubber bands on his left wrist, a practice teammate Jarrett Payton talked him into as a freshman. Dorsey takes them off only when he sleeps.

"I just liked them because they're fun to play with," he says. "They're more stress releasers than anything else."

One of them broke the week Miami played Pittsburgh, and Dorsey was so worried about something bad happening, he taped it back together. He didn't even think about replacing it.

He only changes them when he gets a haircut. And he only gets haircuts before big games — and the Panthers didn't fall into that category this season. He had haircuts before Penn State, Florida State and Syracuse — the last one lasted him through two other big games, Washington and Virginia Tech.

He already has plans for a haircut before the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3, when No. 1 Miami (11-0) most likely will play Tennessee or Nebraska.

Dorsey certainly will go through his usual pregame routine before the Bowl Championship Series national title game.

It starts in the hotel, where Dorsey walks around his teammates in circles. "Everyone makes fun of me because they see me pass like 50 times," he says.

Then Dorsey gets on the bus and starts counting the rows to make sure he sits in the same seat every time. On the way to the stadium, he listens to the same two songs on his compact disc player — and always in the same order — although he won't divulge which songs.

He even tries to time the second song so it ends just as the bus is coming to a stop. This gets tricky on the road because he is never exactly sure how long the ride will be.

"Every time I've stopped it to restart the song, I've had a bad game," he says, explaining that it happened at Washington last season and at Boston College last month.

The routines aren't limited to games, either.

Each night after the drive home, Dorsey makes sure his car stereo is on the first preset. And he always listens to the same stations in order during his 6:15 a.m. trip to campus to study game tape for an hour before class.

The superstitions started in high school when Dorsey used to wear the same ragged T-shirt under his football jersey. But he thinks they may have

been ingrained even earlier, possibly when he played baseball as a youngster and saw all the superstitions on and around the diamond.

And Dorsey figures parts of them carried over to football, the sport he started playing as a receiver in middle school before switching to quarterback as a freshman at Miramonte High in Orinda, Calif.

"His sophomore year, he was something special," Miramonte coach Floyd Burnsed said. "The decisions he made, the competitive ability, the way he started throwing the ball, were big-time plays for a young kid."

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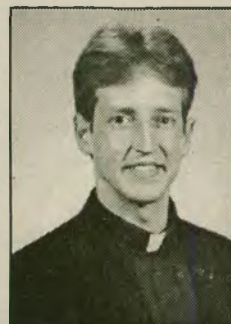
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tion at Ohio State last winter, reiterated his stance that he is happy at Oklahoma.

"I've got a great administration backing us up, so I believe Oklahoma is one of the best places in America to coach or play college football, and I feel fortunate that I have the job I have," Stoops said Monday.

In another development Monday, ESPN.com reported that Notre Dame officials have sought and been granted permission to meet with Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham about the job.

Willingham, who led the Cardinal past the Irish in a Nov. 24 game that guaranteed Notre Dame a losing season, has compiled a 44-35-1 overall record in seven seasons at Stanford. Stanford, 9-2 this season, meets Georgia in the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 27.

"We're still very early in the process, and I can't say yet where or when [an interview] might take place," Willingham's agent, Ray Anderson,

told ESPN. "Stanford is a very special place for Tyrone. But it behooves any coach, Tyrone or anyone else, to listen to Notre Dame if it calls, just given the status and tradition of the University."

In Jacksonville, Fla., Jaguars head coach Tom Coughlin lashed out at reporters during a press conference as he refused to address the Notre Dame coaching situation.

"I'm very happy in the job I have!" Coughlin yelled. But later in the conference, according to the Associated Press, Coughlin fell down to his knees after being asked if this season, in which the Jaguars are now 3-8, was as low as he's felt in his coaching career.

"It is. It is. Without a doubt it is," he said.

When asked whether he had heard his name mentioned as a possible replacement for Davie, Coughlin addressed the possible reasons why his name has come up.

"I wonder why. Why would that be?" he said. "Could it be that I'm Irish-Catholic, and having been at Boston College and beating Notre Dame? What more can I say about it? What more can I say?"

Another reporter asked if Notre Dame was Coughlin's dream job.

"The fact of the matter is, I have a job, it's a good job, I love the job. I came here for one purpose," he said. "I have not heard one word from Notre Dame, and I'm not going to talk about rumors. What more do you want me to say? What blackboard do you want me to write it on?"

On the Jon Gruden front, Sam Farmer of the L.A. Times reported that Gruden's contract as head coach with the Oakland Raiders does not allow him to get out of his contract regardless of what other coaching jobs — pro or college — are offered. Earlier the Times reported that Gruden could break his contract to accept a college position but Raiders executive Bruce Allen denied that claim.

"It doesn't take much to look to see who has the best record in the 21st century and say, 'Hey, we need to hire that guy,'" Allen told the Times on Monday. "I hope Notre Dame isn't paying its headhunting firm very much."

Across the bay, San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci joked with reporters on Monday who asked him about the possibility of changing jobs.

"You guys are nuts, you know?" the L.A. Times reported he told reporters. "It's like saying, 'Coach, I know you're happily married, but what if Heidi Klum called you?'"

Athletic director Kevin White was not available for comment. He left on a plane Monday to look for a new coach.

"He's going to find a coach," Notre Dame sports information director John Heisler told the Chicago Tribune. "He'll be back when he finds one."

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"We're still very early in the process, and I can't say yet where or when [an interview] might take place."

Ray Anderson
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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish cornerback Shane Walton answers reporters questions after Bob Davie's press conference Sunday. The annual football banquet, an important recruiting event, has been cancelled this year.

Banquet

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"I was planning on coming up [to Notre Dame for the banquet]," Carney told The Observer Monday. "But after talking to some of the coaches, they deferred my visit to Jan. 17-19."

After choosing to cancel the public event and issue refunds to those who purchased tickets, Davie, the assistant coaches and administrators discussed other possible options, specifically a private gathering either in the Joyce Center Monogram Room or the Stadium press box.

"They talked about if maybe the players would prefer just to have something on their own that would be strictly for players, the assistant coaches and their families," Heisler said. "There would be no general public or administration."

So when the players came together for a victory dinner on Monday night, they were given the option to vote on whether to have a banquet. The team voted not to do so.

"I wish we would have had the banquet, but with what's going on right now

— the whole situation with the coaches jobs, the coaches no longer being the coaches' here — I think it might be the best thing for the team," graduating flanker David Givens said.

Givens' fellow senior receiver, Javin Hunter, missed the dinner Monday night and did not find out that the banquet was cancelled until he saw it online Monday.

"It was unfortunate," Hunter said. "It's our last chance to be together as a team, so it's unfortunate. I think there will be something before we all get out of here for break."

Both seniors felt that the banquet's cancellation will not, however, affect Notre Dame's recruiting.

"I don't think the banquet presents problems, just because I think a lot of the recruits understand what's going on right now," Givens said. "Their parents understand what's going on right now with the whole transition."

"I think a lot of the recruits come here because of Notre Dame and the opportunity they have to play," Hunter added. "It can go both ways but I don't think [the cancellation] falters recruiting that much because athletes will come here just because of Notre Dame."

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BASEBALL

7-foot hurler towers over well-touted recruits

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Last season, the Notre Dame baseball team surprised much of the collegiate baseball world and proved itself a force to be reckoned with in the NCAA. Earning its first No. 1 ranking during the season and playing to a school best 49-13-1 record, Notre Dame broke into the ranks of the nation's elite in baseball, proving a Northern school could contend in the once-Southern dominated sport.

While this year's freshman recruiting class was honored as the best in the nation by Baseball America, the Irish have continued to demonstrate that they are a major force in baseball by recently signing another stellar recruiting class of high school seniors who have committed to attend Notre Dame in the Fall 2002.

"I think what has happened is that the right kind of players out there look at the success we've had on the field and the fact that we had a great recruiting class this year, and they look at that and say, 'Hey, I want to be a part of that too,'" said head coach Paul Mainieri. "The wrong kids look at it and say, 'There's too much competition at Notre Dame — I don't want to go there.'"

Last season's record of 49 wins was not only the best in school history, but it also extended Notre Dame's streak of seasons with 40 wins or more to 13, which includes all seven years under Mainieri.

The team's achievements have attracted a very high level of players

to the University, such a high level that some players may shy away because of the competition among recruits.

"In some senses [our success] makes it easier, but in some senses it becomes more difficult," Mainieri said. "The bottom line is, in the end I think we get the right kids that should be coming to Notre Dame."

The signing class includes five position players and only one pitcher, but could be very effective in fulfilling needs with the departure of several key players following the 2002 season. The players inked by the Irish are catcher Cody Rizzo from Tamecula, Calif.; shortstop Greg Lopez from Upper Arlington, Ohio; third baseman Matt Bransfield from Englewood, Colo.; pitcher Ryan Doherty from Toms River, N.J.; and outfielders Craig Cooper of Plainview, N. Y. and Brennan Grogan from Tequesta, Fla.

With current seniors — center-fielder Steve Stanley, third baseman Andrew Bushey and catcher Paul O'Toole leaving after this season — the young players could expect to see some playing time early.

In addition to Stanley, the Irish could lose junior right fielder Brian Stavisky to the Major League draft next summer.

"Our outfield situation, with Stanley being a senior and Stavisky being a junior who we think we could lose to the draft, is really a critical area for us," Mainieri stated. "We wanted to get a couple of guys that could really run, and I think Cooper and Grogan really fit that mold. They're both really good athletes — they can run and have strong arms. Once they get stronger

and work on their hitting, I think they have a chance to be really good hitters also."

With the departure of veterans O'Toole and Bushey, who are expected to split time between third base and catcher this year, the Irish will also be looking to fill spots in those roles. The signing of Rizzo and Bransfield should give Notre Dame some insurance in these positions.

The most intriguing recruit could be the only pitcher taken, 7-foot-1 right-hander Doherty, from Toms River N.J., a town best-known in the baseball world recently for its Little League team that won the Little League World Series a few years ago.

"I think he's tallest person I've ever spoken to in person," joked Mainieri. "But he's a legitimate, outstanding pitcher and a great person. He's, we think, the best pro prospect in New Jersey, so we may have to sweat out the draft a little with him. But, I just think the sky is literally the limit with him."

One aspect of baseball recruiting is that players that sign in the fall and spring can still be drafted in the summer by the professionals, so just because a player commits, does not mean he will necessarily enroll in the school.

"I'm really excited about this whole group of guys joining our program," said Mainieri.

Barring any early departures to the pros, Notre Dame should expect to have another exceptionally talented freshman class of baseball players in the fall of 2002.

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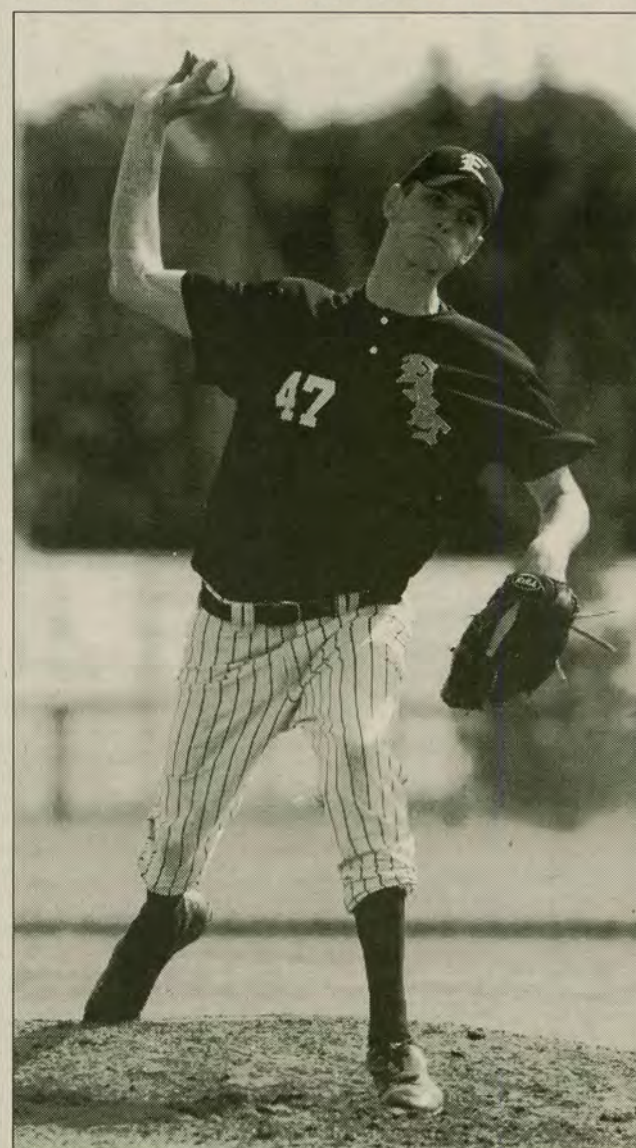


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7-foot-1 Ryan Doherty pitches in a high school game. The incoming freshman righthander will be the tallest athlete at Notre Dame.

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word.

"It's very tough, people don't understand," David Graves said after Notre Dame's one-point loss Tuesday. "It's 18,000 people on top of you and they're screaming at you. They know your name, everything about you, your family; it's different. It's a different venue from every place in the country."

Sure, Notre Dame has played before hostile crowds before. Sure, they've stepped on the court and been booed from the opening tip to the final horn.

Sure, they've beaten teams in front of the rowdiest of crowds.

As long as that crowd wasn't packed wall-to-wall inside Assembly Hall.

"They're right on top of you, only five feet, 10 feet from the court," Graves said. "And they say it loud enough to make sure you can hear them, too."

How daunting is it for opposing teams that, when a television timeout is called, the circus takes the court? Even before players give the ball to the ref, the band strikes up a peppy tune. Then two male cheerleaders unfurl a 15-foot square flag with "IU" on it. The dance team parades around the edge of the court. All this is going on while cheerleaders run around the floor with flags spelling out "Indiana Hoosiers". Oh, and the crowd is louder than a rock concert.

Indiana might be the only place where the fans actually get fired up during timeouts. Want to take the crowd out of the game in Bloomington? Take the ball up the court nice and slow.

"It was loud in here," Humphrey said. "You can't here yourself think, you can't hear your teammates. That's college basketball right there."

Any college basketball player worth his salt loves shutting up a crowd with a big play, as Chris Thomas and Humphrey both said after the game. They

thrive on pressure and noisy situations.

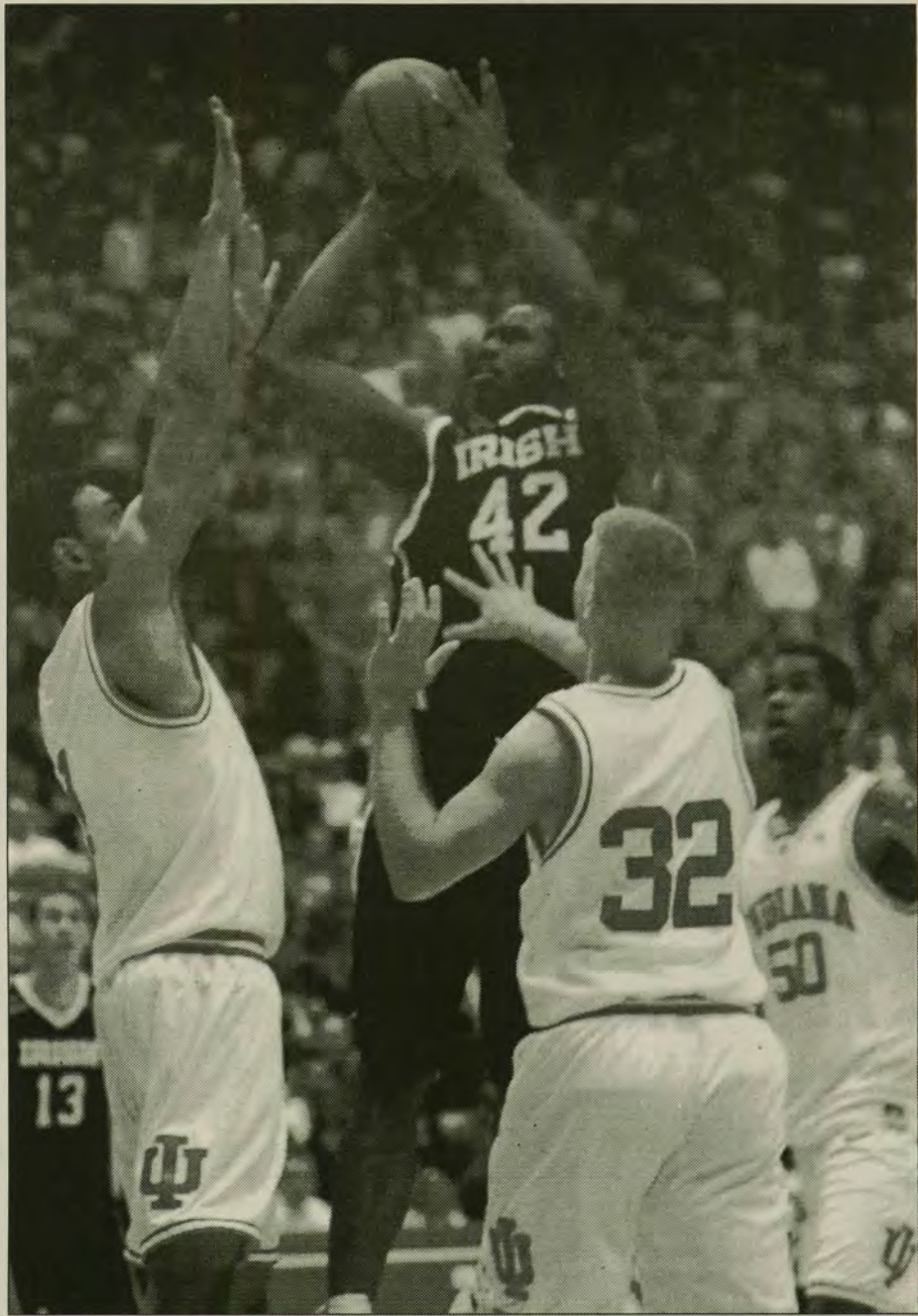
Thomas and Humphrey both had good games. They're also the only Irish players who hadn't played in Assembly Hall before Tuesday.

In Graves' second visit to Indiana's campus, he was heckled every time he blinked and finished with eight points before fouling out with 6:26 left in the game. In Carroll's second visit to Indiana's campus, he finished 0-for-7 from the field and 0-for-4 from three-point range for a grand total of zero points.

At the end of the game, Mike Brey took three steps toward Notre Dame's locker room N away from Indiana head coach Mike Davis N before remembering to turn around and shake Davis' hand.

You couldn't blame him if he wanted to get out of Bloomington as fast as he could.

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RICO CESARES/The Observer

Senior forward Harold Swanagan takes a jump shot over Indiana's Tom Coverdale. The Irish have not won at Indiana in 27 years, suffering 13 straight losses at Assembly Hall.

Hoops

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son.

"It's a tough place to play," said junior guard Matt Carroll. "You can't hear anything. It disrupts your timing on the offensive end because you can't call any plays."

The Irish found themselves in trouble early in the first half and allowed the Hoosiers to jump out to a quick 12-point lead only 10 minutes into the game.

Notre Dame looked nervous in the opening stages of the game, hurrying their shots on the offensive end while struggling to contain Jeffries on the defensive end.

"I thought we played a little fast in this atmosphere at the beginning of the game," said Brey. "Jeffries was fabulous the entire game. He's so tough to defend because he can step out and shoot the ball just beyond the post. Our big guys had a difficult time keeping up with his quickness."

After struggling early in the first half, the Irish regained their composure, refusing to allow the Hoosiers to completely take them out of the game in the first half. Notre Dame headed into halftime facing a 10-point deficit 40-30.

Indiana's intense defense prevented Notre Dame's perimeter shooting threats David Graves and Carroll from getting any clean looks at the basket in the first half. Brey made some key adjustments in the second half, fueling the comeback for the Irish. Brey decided to go inside, looking for Swanagan and Humphrey to take advantage of their bulk against the Hoosiers' lanky interior defenders, Jeffries, Jeffrey Newton and George Leach.

"We wanted to go inside against them," said Brey. "Our big guys played great, especially in the second half."

"I had a difficult time defending Humphrey and Swanagan," said Jeffries. "They are both two very phys-

ical players who have strong moves to the basket."

Despite not being able to create many open outside looks in the second half,

Notre Dame battled their way back into the game cutting Indiana's lead to only two points with one minute left to go in the game on a strong drive to the basket by Thomas. The Irish then proceeded to foul Coverdale, who promptly converted two free throw attempts, giving the Hoosiers a 74-70 lead with 30 seconds remaining. Thomas then nailed a three-pointer cutting the lead to only one.

"Chris Thomas is a really good basketball player. He has a really great future at Notre Dame," said Indiana head coach Mike Davis. "I just hate that I have to see him for the next three years."

On the ensuing inbounds play, the Irish were once again unsuccessful in keeping the ball out of Coverdale's hands. As soon as Coverdale received the inbounds pass, he was immediately fouled by Swanagan. With nerves of steel, Coverdale preceded to hit two more crucial free throws.

Trailing by three, Notre Dame's Carroll missed an off-balanced three point attempt, but Humphrey was there for the rebound tip-in making the score 76-75 in favor of the Hoosiers with two seconds remaining. The Irish had one final chance to try to get the ball back, by stealing the long inbounds pass from Jeffries, but Thomas was called for fouling Indiana's Donald Perry on a controversial call by the officials.

"We were both going for the ball," said Thomas. "We both fouled each other. I thought it was a good call by the referees."

Although Perry would miss his free throw attempt, Humphrey's last second full court heave bounced off the backboard giving the Hoosiers a hard fought 76-75 victory over the Irish.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look for improvement against Maple Leafs

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

After a solid weekend of basketball on its home court, the Saint Mary's basketball team will take the road again and face Goshen College on Wednesday night.

The Belles will be looking to knock off the Maple Leafs after playing fairly well in their own tournament last weekend.

"We were very excited to come out at home," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "The team really came ready to play Friday night. We made a few mental mistakes that if we would have cleared up, I think we could have won that game. Saturday was a real nice opportunity to play a lot of people and gain some game experience."

The Belles split the two games and now face a

Goshen team that took second place in its own tournament last weekend. According to Smith, the Belles must adjust to the high-pressure defense that the Maple Leafs will use.

"They really get after you defensively," said Smith. "We're going to have to be a lot stronger with the ball then we were last weekend. We need to clear our space and holding our ground and not being intimidated by that pressure."

Smith also believes that Saint Mary's can utilize their depth as an advantage.

"They don't have a lot of depth, so we're hoping to tire them down a little bit," said Smith.

Smith also said that many of her players are starting to really play well at this point in the season.

"Elizabeth Linkous has really stepped," said Smith. "She was all-tournament

team and hit some big shots and just brought a lot of intensity over the weekend. Kristen Matha was been playing real consistent too."

Senior Jamie Dineen said the Belles should be ready for Goshen's offense because they worked on numerous defenses last weekend.

"We did a lot of different things on defense," said Dineen. "We pressed, we worked on our zone and we played man-to-man. That was really good for us because we haven't really done all of those [defensive sets] in a game situation."

After Wednesday game, the Belles will travel to play in the Wheaton College Invitational tournament next weekend before heading to Hawaii for two more games on Dec. 17-18.

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LISA REITANO/The Observer

Freshman guard Emily Pernotto dribbles around the 3-point line in a recent game. The Belles face Goshen tonight, and will look to use their extra depth to overcome the Maple Leafs.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Louderback announces 3 signings for Class of 2006

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women's tennis coach Jay Louderback has announced the signing of three incoming freshmen for the 2002-03 school year.

Lauren Connelly (Oklahoma City, Okla.), Jennifer Smith (Charlotte, N.C.) and Kristina Stastny (St. Louis, Mo.) have signed national letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame next year and join the Irish tennis team in the fall. All three are ranked among the top 25 current high school seniors in the country and they have combined for seven state high school titles and four national doubles titles in junior competition.

"We're excited about this class," said Louderback. "It is a great class in both singles and doubles. I think all three are going to have a shot at playing immediately for us. This class is going to be crucial for us since we lose five seniors after this year. They are going to have an opportunity to come in and make a big impact on our program immediately."

Connelly will join the Irish after graduation from Bishop McGuinness High School. Currently she is ranked 58th nationally among players 18 and younger. She is the 25th-ranked high school senior in the United States and has a National Indoors doubles title to her credit. Connelly has won three Oklahoma state titles at No. 2

singles and has not lost a set in at the state tournament. In each of her first three seasons of prep tennis, she played behind her sister, Sarah Jane Connelly (Oklahoma City, Okla.), who recently completed her first semester of collegiate action by leading the Irish with eight singles victories and 14 combined wins.

"Lauren Connelly is a solid singles player and a great doubles player," said Louderback. "She is one of the top doubles players in the country. She makes very few errors and is a smart player. Her sister Sarah Jane, who is here now, also is a great doubles player. I don't know if it is something in the water or what, but they both play very good doubles."

Smith, who did not partic-

ipate in prep tennis at Charlotte Catholic High School, is ranked 26th in the country in the 18-and-under division and is 10th nationally among high school seniors. She also has a national doubles title to her credit, coming at the National Hardcourt Championships.

"Jennifer Smith brings a lot of athleticism," said Louderback. "She is a good athlete and has a very good all-around game. She volleys well, hits the ball well off the ground and has a good serve. Once she gets into college and plays a lot of college matches, she is going

to be good. She is going to have an opportunity to play high for us."

Stastny, a senior at St. Joseph's Academy, recently captured her fourth state singles title, becoming the first

player in history to win four Missouri state championships in singles. Stastny is ranked 21st in the 18s and is the eighth-ranked

brother Yan is one of the top freshmen on the Notre Dame hockey team and her father, Peter, is a member of the National Hockey League Hall of Fame.

"Stastny is a great competitor," said Louderback. "She comes from a great athletic family and competes maybe as well as any kid we've had here. We think she has the chance to develop into a great player and she's a very good player right now. She has strong groundstrokes, covers the court very well and plays smart tennis, while still being a bit of a retriever. She has started recently to become a little more aggressive and, in college, I think she will be able to be very aggressive."

player in the nation who will enroll in college next fall.

She has won doubles titles in the National Indoors and the National Clay Court championships. Stastny's

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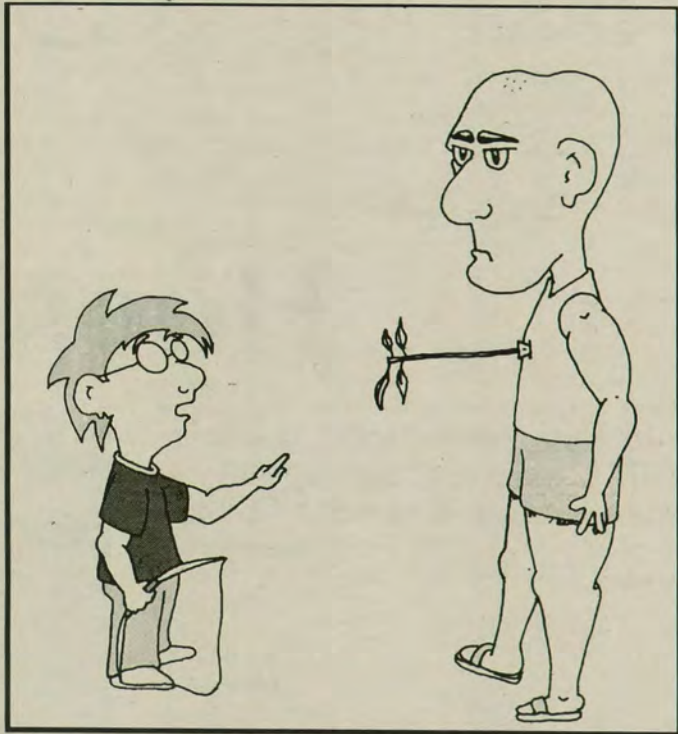
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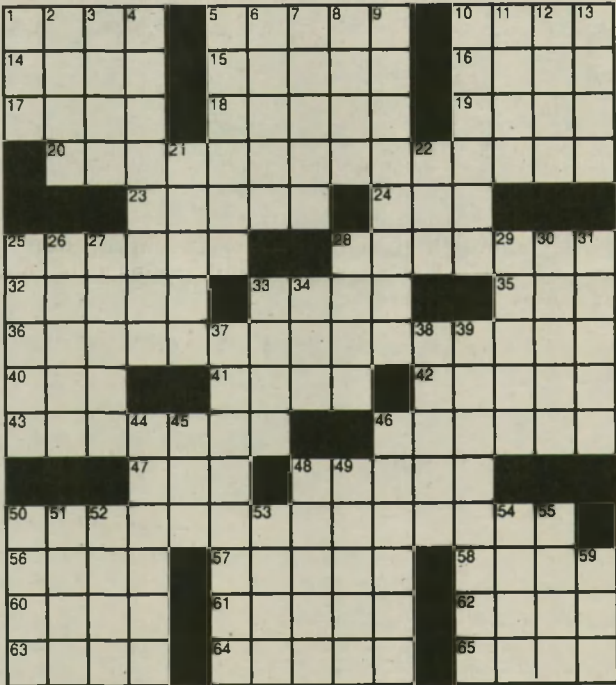
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 - 5 Overcharge, informally
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 - 14 Choir attire
 - 15 Gold medal, e.g.
 - 16 Satan's work
 - 17 Finished
 - 18 Friend to Franco
 - 19 Not bold
 - 20 Apology #1
 - 23 ___ nous
 - 24 Years and years
 - 25 Actress Tomei
 - 28 Manet and Monet
 - 32 Treasure chest
 - 33 Chutzpah
- DOWN**
- 35 "Yoo-__!"
 - 36 Apology #2
 - 40 Scooby-___ (cartoon dog)
 - 41 Online marketplace
 - 42 "Pagliacci," e.g.
 - 43 Handle
 - 46 Norwegians' neighbors
 - 47 My ___, Vietnam
 - 48 Whitish
 - 50 Apology #3
 - 56 Opposite of "for here"
 - 57 Response to a general
 - 58 Name of five Norwegian kings
 - 60 Old Russian autocrat
- DOWN**
- 1 To's partner
 - 2 It "makes the world go round"
 - 3 Nimble mountain animal
 - 4 See
 - 5 California peak
 - 6 Promising one
 - 7 Japanese cartoon art
 - 8 Theater box
 - 9 As Miss Manners would do it



Puzzle by Bernice Gordon

- ACROSS**
- 31 Some beans
 - 33 Scoff at
 - 34 Lawyers' org.
 - 37 Prefinal tournament
 - 38 Farmer in the spring
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 - 44 2000 candidate
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 - 46 Generous one
 - 48 Burning desire?
- DOWN**
- 49 Steeple
 - 50 What a wool shirt can do
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep busy and involved in energetic activities. A competitive outlet will boost your ego. Love connections can be made through the company you keep. ☺☺☺☺

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Find a way to turn those creative ideas into cash. Look for someone with deep pockets to help you get things off the ground. You can be successful. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Say what's on your mind, especially if someone is trying to coerce you to do something you'd rather not do. Join a group that will motivate you and raise your self-esteem. ☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Steer clear of people who get on your nerves and reduce the chance of conflict. Focus on yourself and do whatever makes you happy. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pace yourself carefully today to gain the competitive edge. Take the initiative and focus on those activities that will bring the greatest returns. ☺☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think before making a hasty decision or comment. You will learn more and appear to be in control if you are reticent and observant. Focus on what's important to you. ☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't take any chances, especially while driving. Don't be too free with your thoughts, or someone will be thrilled to pass your personal information along. ☺☺☺

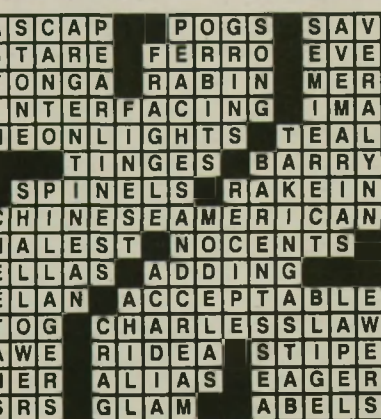
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look out for your own interests today. This is not the time to lend or borrow cash. You'll experience financial losses if you have trusted someone else with your money. Be careful not to give too generously to children or charity organizations. ☺☺☺

Birthdays: You were born with drive and determination, which should help you reach any goal. You will impress others with your stamina and ability to get things done. You are smart, sophisticated and suave.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoosier heartbreak

◆ Indiana beats Notre Dame 76-75 behind Coverdale's foul-shooting down the stretch

By JOE LICANDRO
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Last year, Tom Coverdale hurt Notre Dame by scoring 30 points, leading Indiana to an 86-78 victory. This year it was Coverdale's automatic free throw shooting at the end of the game along with sophomore teammate Jared Jeffries' game-high 28 points that enabled the Hoosiers to narrowly escape with a 76-75 victory over the Irish.

"I would describe this as the best game of my career," said Jeffries. "I really pulled it together offensively tonight. I think playing in front of a home crowd helped me a lot."

Despite great individual efforts from freshman Chris Thomas and seniors Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan, the Irish were unable to avenge last year's defeat to the Hoosiers. Thomas led the Irish with 24 points while Humphrey and Swanagan scored 23 and 17 respectively.

Thomas was poised through the entire game, not allowing the boisterous Assembly Hall crowd to affect his play, while Humphrey and Swanagan were critical to the second half Irish comeback.

"Chris Thomas didn't look like a freshman out there," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "Swanagan was amazingly efficient on the offensive end. Ryan Humphrey continued to play well. He's taking a lot of pride leading this team. We just came up a little short at the end of the game."

Playing in front of a packed house at Assembly Hall in front of 17,000 screaming Indiana fans created a very hostile environment that the Irish had not yet faced this sea-

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Freshman guard Chris Thomas goes up for a layup against Indiana. Thomas led the Irish with 24 points, but Notre Dame still suffered a razor-close one point loss.

RICO CESARES/The Observer

◆ Irish cannot master Assembly Hall, suffering 13 straight losses at Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.
1973.

Back then, Ara Parseghian was the football coach and Notre Dame had just admitted its second co-ed freshman class.

It was also the last time Notre Dame won in Assembly Hall.

Since then, the Irish have suffered 13 consecutive losses in Bloomington. You couldn't ask any current Irish players if they saw Notre Dame beat Indiana 28 years ago. That's because none of them were alive.

There's something about Assembly Hall that destroys opposing teams. Maybe it's the mystique created by Bobby Knight pacing up and down the sideline until he was fired two years ago. Maybe it's the ram-bunctious crowd that rises to its feet every time a Hoosier player so much as thinks about gesturing for the crowd to make some noise. Maybe it's the color red.

Whatever it is, Notre Dame hasn't won at Assembly Hall since Richard Nixon was president.

Indiana fans are in a class of their own. They boo every call that goes against Indiana. "Buy some glasses, ref!" one fan screamed after a ref called traveling on Tom Coverdale. It didn't matter to the fan that Coverdale made it from the three-point line to the basket without dribbling the ball once. Any call against Indiana is a bad call — an opinion shared by 17,456 people.

They heckle the players mercilessly. "Thomas, you're a bum!" "Give it to Graves, he can't hit nothing!" And in Assembly Hall, the players can hear every



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FOOTBALL

2001 banquet cancelled

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame Football Banquet, originally scheduled to take place on Friday, has been cancelled, the athletic department announced Monday.

When Athletic Director Kevin White announced the firing of head coach Bob Davie on Sunday, White told reporters that the banquet would still go on as scheduled.

But after speaking to Davie on Sunday night, the athletic administrators chose not to ask Davie to speak at the public forum as Notre Dame's former

head coach.

"Under the circumstances, he didn't really feel comfortable doing this," sports information director John Heisler said. "It's been something with the general public involved and with all the things with that, if he wasn't comfortable doing that, nobody was going to tell him that he had to."

The annual banquet had been used in previous years as a recruiting tool, with many potential players making their official visits over the weekend of the banquet. After Davie's firing was announced, the administration pushed to delay the players' visits.

"I talked with a number of the assistants about their recruits, and near as possible we are going to defer to a week in January, where that's possible," White said Sunday.

Associate athletic director Bernard Muir contacted each of the recruits who planned on attending, Heisler confirmed. Muir declined to be interviewed for this story.

Safety Jake Carney from Lexington, Ky., was originally planning on coming up to South Bend this weekend, but changed his plans after the recent developments.

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Stoops will remain at OU

◆ Stanford lets Willingham speak with Notre Dame

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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While all Notre Dame officials remain tight-lipped regarding the search for a new head football coach, the list of potential candidates began to come together Monday with Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops pulling himself out of consideration and Stanford giving Tyrone

Willingham permission to speak to Notre Dame.

In a conference call Tuesday Stoops, whose

No. 1 Sooners play in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1

said he has no interest in the vacancy created when Notre Dame fired Bob Davie on Sunday.

"I have no intention of speaking with or dealing with anybody else,"



Stoops

Stoops said, declining to comment on whether anybody from Notre Dame had contacted him about the position. Stoops withdrew his name one day after his indecisiveness indicated he may have had an interest in the job.

"When you answer your phone, somebody's always on the other line," Stoops said in another conference call Monday. "It's hard not to talk to them."

But Stoops, a Youngstown, Ohio, native who turned down the head coaching posi-

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