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ND launches Euro conference

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

McKenna Hall this weekend will host the three-day "The Year of the Euro" conference sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and convened by sociology Professor Robert Fishman and political science Professor Anthony Messina.

A series of eight presentations ranging from 1 1/2 to two hours in length will occur today through Sunday and feature a collection of scholars from Europe and North America.

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Each session will feature discussion from four to five prominent scholars on topics ranging from the Euro's catalyzing effect on economic change to the currency's implications on politics and social policy. Notre Dame faculty members will participate in each presentation, as well as scholars from American universities such as Northwestern, Yale, Rice and Harvard and international universities such as the University of Montreal and Central European

University, among others.

"The conference is interdisciplinary," Messina said. "[It features] sociologists, political scientists, historians, and

economists. We wanted to focus on both the non-economic and the economic aspects of the Euro currency and involved the fertilization of North American and European scholars."

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Lafayette case unresolved

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

Debate in the lawsuit between the city of South Bend and Taripp Development Corp. may be over for now, but students who live in Lafayette Apartments remained confused about the situation and worried that the issue is not yet resolved.

Thomas Dixon, attorney for Taripp president and Lafayette landlord Chris Matteo, said the lawsuit has been stayed, meaning neither party is currently pursuing it.

Dixon said he and his client had clarified the misunderstandings that caused the problem and had worked to solve it without subjecting Lafayette tenants to fines or eviction.

South Bend filed the lawsuit against Taripp following repeated complaints of intoxication, consumption of alcohol by minors, loud noise, indecent exposure and trash and debris on the property. Specific concerns regarding a party on Sept. 6 were cited in the lawsuit, which was filed on Oct. 11.

Assistant City Attorney Ann-Carol Nash said the police had been addressing problems for the past three years at the apartment complex, leading the city to believe that the property constituted a public nuisance.

Concerns about possible trouble with the city prompted Tracy Clark of Real Estate Management,



Photo Submitted by SALLY HOSEY

Students play drinking games during Lafayette's Kickoff Classic on September 6, 2002. The party prompted the City of South Bend to file a lawsuit against the landlord of Lafayette.

property manager for Lafayette, and Capt. Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Department to meet with Lafayette residents on Sept. 4. Clark and Shock advised students of policies regarding gatherings.

Dixon said a key misunderstanding occurred at that meeting, leaving residents unclear as to the official rules.

"The police informed tenants that the City was concerned with parties spilling over into the front parking areas of the complex and adjoining streets, and that as long as parties were kept under reasonable control in the back area, there would be no problem," said Dixon.

But the tenants' lease states that outdoor parties

are not allowed without the landlord's permission.

"Quite reasonably, the tenants believed they had received that permission because a representative of the landlord was present when the police gave the OK for parties in the back area," said Dixon. "That understanding was bolstered at the next party when, throughout the evening, police on regular patrol told students to keep their party in the back."

When police issued citations to five guests at the party, which took place two days after the meeting with Shock and Clark, the city decided to take legal action to get its message across to students and landlord.

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ROASTING OVER AN OPEN FIRE



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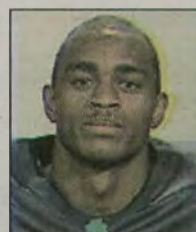
Students participate in the second annual Howard Hall Marshmallow Roast held on Thursday night. Despite low temperatures, many students turned out to roast marshmallows.

No-show delays Jefferson rape suit

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

A St. Joseph County Superior Court judge could forgo a jury trial and rule in favor of a former Saint Mary's student who alleged in a lawsuit that ex-Notre Dame football player Clifford Jefferson raped her last year.

Lawyers for the alleged victim this week asked Judge Jenny Pitts Manier to enter a default judgment for the woman, according to court



Jefferson

records. If Manier approves the motion, it would have the effect of finding Jefferson liable in the civil case and would likely negate the need for a trial.

In the meantime, the judge has postponed the trial to Jan. 21.

The trial was to begin Monday, but neither Jefferson nor an attorney for the former Notre Dame cornerback appeared in court. That's when attorneys for the plaintiff made a motion for default judgment, a tactic commonly used when the opposing party is unresponsive to court dates.

Counsel for the alleged victim first entered a motion for default judgment in September 2001 after

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INSIDE COLUMN

Words of advice

I thought I would take this opportunity to pass down a few words of advice to my junior counterparts.

Last year, my friends and I congratulated ourselves on being masters of the universe after conquering that most-difficult-of-all years, junior year. I had made it through what was supposedly the most difficult philosophy class, my roommate survived public policy and business law. We were, of course, amazing students to have survived such classes and planned to enjoy the fruits of our labor when we stepped onto campus as the ever-powerful, ever-unproductive senior.

We signed up for the mandatory but lazy 12 credits, planning on spending most of our numerous hours of free time planning what outfits we would wear to Heartland and coming up with new MP3 play lists.

We came onto campus basking in the sunlight of senior year.

Then the great shadow of the comp eclipsed our sunlight and made us the slaves we are today.

Hours and hours of free time spent watching ESPN, blending daiquiris and dancing turned into hours and hours in the library. Did anyone else know that place actually existed?

The piles of beer cans and clothes that were smoky from the bar were replaced with piles of books on subjects as fascinating as "Sartre and his existentialist drama," "the army of India and the development of frontier warfare" and "male domination in the image of athletes." And that was just the beginning.

We thought we spent a lot of time in front of our computers before. But time in front of computers junior year generally involved chatting on IM, playing Snood, and checking email to see if that guy you met last night actually emailed like he said he would.

This year, when I'm looking at my computer screen, Microsoft Word proclaims that I am revising page 10 of 25 pages of single-spaced paragraphs regarding what should help me with the rest of my life.

But let's think about this. I am a theatre and philosophy major. I'm going to law school next year. As much as I want to spend hours and hours writing a paper on Sartre's "No Exit" (don't get me wrong, I really do like the play), I have trouble seeing how the comprehensive requirement is going to better prepare me for law school.

Want a better example? How about spending weeks of your life chronicling the war in India and Pakistan, comparing it to the war in the Middle East and discussing what relevant lessons were learned in the first war that could help the conflict in the Middle East. Then, after writing that 30-page paper, try taking a two-day test on every period in human history.

Welcome to senior year.
Welcome to the comp.
Welcome to hell.

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Associate Sports Editor

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| Saint Mary's is getting ready for their annual Madrigal dinner. The event features food and entertainment. | Winter storms robbed over 1.6 million homes of electricity around the nation. | United Airlines scrambles to find a means of dealing with its financial crisis as investors predict a bankruptcy filing. | Miscommunication between South Bend and Lafayette is most damaging to the students involved. | Theatre critics reviewed "Hamlet," the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Co.'s latest work. | Human rights groups accused Iraq of torturing its athletes and encouraged their expulsion from the Olympics. |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Conference. "The Year of the Euro." McKenna Hall, all day.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Retreat. Fatima Retreat Center, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Las Posadas Procession and Celebration. Throughout campus, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Concert. "Handel's Messiah." Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ AA Meeting. Havanca Hall, room 20, 9:30 a.m. Confidential.
- ◆ Annual Madrigal Dinner and Entertainment. Regina North Lounge, 7 p.m.
- ◆ SAB Movie. Carroll Auditorium, 7 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Student vehicle sustains vandalism**
A student reported that his vehicle was vandalized while parked in the Library lot on Nov. 30.
 - Employee loses Kontrol Kard**
A University employee reported losing her Kontrol Kard at an unknown location on Tuesday.
 - Student suffers sports-related injury**
NDSP transported a student to University Health Services after he sustained a sports-related injury. The incident was reported at LaFortune Student Center on Wednesday.
 - NDSP recovers wallet**
NDSP found a wallet previously reported missing, stored it in the Security Building and returned it to its owner on Nov. 29.
- Compiled from NDSP Crime Blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

| North Dining Hall | South Dining Hall | Noble Family Dining Hall |
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| Today's Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four cheese pizza, southern fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, baked Cajun pollock, bratwurst on a hoagie, steakhouse fries, vegetable lo-mein and portobello fajita. Today's Dinner: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four cheese pizza, grilled pork chops, corn, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, butter-nut squash, breaded cheese sticks, sesame chicken breast and pork tamale. | Today's Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, supreme pizza, pasta primavera, chicken and dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, London broil teriyaki, garlic mashed potatoes, Philly steak sandwich, onion rings, sweet and sour chicken and Caribbean buffalo wings. Today's Dinner: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, supreme pizza, roast beef hash, pork loin with apples, sea nuggets, cantonese BBQ chicken and chicken and cheese chimichanga. | Today's Lunch: Garden vegetable soup, Canadian cheese soup, cheese, sausage and mushroom pizzas, cheese enchiladas, grilled salmon steaks, wild rice blend, roasted corn, chicken with rosemary garlic, dijon roasted potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, Tex Mex bean burger and baked teriyaki tofu. Today's Dinner: Garden vegetable soup, cheese, sausage and mushroom pizzas, California garden stromboli, hot beef sandwich, grilled turkey reuben, bean burger, french fries, rigatoni with Italian sausage, beef tacos, herbed pasta and chicken salad. |

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CORRECTIONS

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Jefferson

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Jefferson had missed filing deadlines and court dates related to the original April 3, 2001, suit against him. On the day of the hearing to consider the motion, Jefferson retained a new lawyer who asked for an extension to file a response to the original complaint.

Recent documents show that Jefferson, who graduated in 2001, is not currently represented by counsel in the pending lawsuit. His last lawyer withdrew in October because he was unable to communicate with his client after Jefferson returned to his native Texas over the summer.

The suit against Jefferson alleges that he raped then-19-year-old Saint Mary's freshman early March 22, 2001, after meeting her at a downtown South Bend bar. It claims Jefferson gave the woman a false name at the bar and later raped her in his car parked on Saint Mary's campus while she was passed

out from the effects of alcohol.

The woman went home to Pennsylvania a week after the alleged assault and has not returned to school. She filed suit after a state police investigation found no grounds to pursue criminal charges.

The suit seeks damages for medical bills incurred by the woman and for physical and emotional suffering. It also seeks damages to discourage the alleged assailant from future sexual assaults.

Jefferson has reportedly denied the rape allegation and claimed the sex was consensual.

Four other former Notre Dame football players are awaiting trial early next year on criminal charges that they sexually assaulted a then 20-year-old female University student in March. University officials expelled the men in April for sexual misconduct, and the St. Joseph County prosecutor brought charges against them last summer.

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SMC plans Madrigal dinner

By KATHLEEN MILLER
News Writer

For 30 years, the Madrigal Dinners have taken place at Saint Mary's, making it a long-standing tradition for the Saint Mary's College Music Department, as well as for the community.

From Friday to Sunday, the annual Madrigal Christmas Dinners take place in Regina North Lounge, where guests can celebrate the holidays, Renaissance-style.

Nancy Menk, production coordinator of the Madrigal Dinners, describes the production as being reminiscent of the 16th century.

"[The Madrigal Dinner] is a re-creation of an English Renaissance feast," Menk said. "During the course of the dinner, there is choral and instrumental music, along with entertainment

provided by jugglers, jesters, and various characters."

Throughout the dinner, there are five fanfares to begin each section of the evening's celebration, each fanfare being introduced by trumpets.

The First Fanfare welcomes the guests, while the Second Fanfare brings in the Wassail Bowl, or Christmas Punch. The Board's Head, along with

the rest of the feast, is brought in during the Third Fanfare. The Fourth Fanfare brings in the Figgy Pudding, actually a flaming cheesecake due to the negative reaction to real Figgy pudding tends to invoke. Finally, the Fifth Fanfare introduces the Entertainment.

"We have been practicing ever since fall break and we've put a lot of work into it."

Meghan Harrass
student

Participants in the Madrigal Christmas Dinners include the Madrigal singers and actors, all of whom are Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students. The jugglers are Notre Dame graduates. Also, the Andrews University Early

Music Ensemble participates as the instrumentalists in the production.

Meghan Harrass, a senior

at Saint Mary's and one of the Madrigal singers, looks forward to participating in her first Madrigal Dinner after many weeks of practicing for the performances.

"We have been practicing ever since Fall Break and we've put a lot of work into it. It's been nice, singing traditional songs, since I'm used to singing contemporary pieces. It's really put me in the Christmas mood and has been a lot of fun," Harrass said.

Although very few changes have taken place over the years, Menk looks forward to improvements in this year's dinners.

"Our costume designer, Maggie Baker, has designed new costumes for the food servers and actors. Also, Thomas Boelman, the Set Designer, has improved the set, making many physical changes to the performance," Menk said.

Since past reactions to the Madrigal Christmas Dinners have been highly favorable, Menk said she is confident in the success of this year's production.

"The Madrigal Dinner is a well-supported tradition in our community. We sell out every year, which is why we have added a fourth performance on Sunday afternoon."

The Madrigal Christmas Dinners takes place in Regina North Lounge, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Sunday afternoon matinee takes place at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$32.50 and are available only in advance at the Saint Mary's College Box Office, 284-4626. Tickets to attend Friday and Saturday's dinners are sold out; tickets are still available for Sunday.

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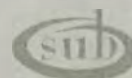
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Lafayette

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The lawsuit stated Lafayette posed a risk to the health and safety of the community and held Taripp responsible for permitting illegal activities on their property.

"We sued the owner of the property since the people creating problems varied from year to year, so we concluded the place wasn't managed well," said Nash.

An Oct. 30 letter from Dixon explained the lawsuit and its consequences to residents. "The lawsuit is the result of your 100 keg party at Lafayette Square Apartments the weekend of Sept. 6, 2002," the letter read. "In a nutshell, your parties have caused great concern from the leaders of this community. Quite simply, if you cannot control this problem, you will face eviction proceedings."

Dixon said the party violated the residents' lease because students attending the party broke the City's noise, trash and public indecency laws. The party exposed residents to potential eviction and fines from the City ranging from \$50 to \$2,500.

Some tenants criticized the letter as harsh and confusing, but Dixon said he just wanted to make sure students controlled their future parties since the City had its eye on them. To assuage students' fears, Dixon held a meeting that night to clarify the terms of the lawsuit and address other student concerns. In a letter he wrote the next day, Dixon acknowledged that students were confused about the policy on outdoor parties. Since Shock and other police officers had given students information that contradicted the terms of their leases, Dixon agreed that it would be unfair to assess them attorney's fees.

Dixon said the lawsuit did not apply directly to students, but he advised them to carefully study and abide by their lease, namely, the clause that forbids outdoor parties without prior approval. The lease, how-

ever, does not define what constitutes an outdoor party.

Dixon insisted he and Matteo were on the students' side.

"Some students were upset and didn't realize what we had to do to keep the city at bay, but we wanted to let them know that we hear them and understand where they are coming from," he said.

"Your landlord has been called to task by the city as a result of your party and parties that have gone on at the premises in the past. Your landlord holds you

accountable only for your violations of the lease," his Oct. 31 letter said. "The city wants to see evictions. Neither your land-

lord nor I wants to see that happen."

Senior Lafayette resident Albert Gembara said the apartments have been subdued in the months after the lawsuit was filed, although he thought it was too early to judge the whole situation.

"It has detracted from the whole atmosphere. There are still some random parties but not to the same extent," he said.

Gembara said he and other tenants still did not know what the status of the lawsuit was and what, if any, consequences it would have for them. Overall, he said his experience at Lafayette has not lived up to his expectations.

"We wouldn't have lived here had we known it was going to be like this," he said. "If we have problems, the landlord addresses them, but haphazardly and unwillingly."

Nash said she is pleased with the current situation at Lafayette and thinks the lawsuit will be resolved soon.

"I think that the owner of the complex and the management have been working hard to help everyone understand what the rules should be, and I haven't heard any complaints from the police department," she said.

Dixon recently wrote a letter to the city asking officials to dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice.

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Albert Gembara
Lafayette resident

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Winter storm cuts power to 1.6 million homes

Associated Press

More than 1.6 million homes and businesses were without electricity Thursday from Oklahoma to the Carolinas as a deadly snow and ice storm snapped power lines, canceled airline flights and shut down schools and some government offices.

The storm spread freezing rain and up to a foot of snow from the Texas Panhandle to Virginia on Wednesday, then veered up the East Coast on Thursday. It was blamed for at least 17 deaths, mostly from traffic accidents: six in Kentucky, three each in North Carolina and Missouri, two in Arkansas and South Carolina, and one in Tennessee.

"We've got wrecks everywhere," Virginia State Police Sgt. D.A. Shaver said. "We're calling troopers in to handle the influx, but it will get worse before it gets better."

"It isn't fun driving sideways," commuter John Budnick of Massapequa Park, N.Y., said of morning conditions on Long Island. "It's getting worse, too."

Schools were closed Thursday in parts of the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee and Kentucky. A few schools closed in Connecticut and New York City's northern suburbs.

The Carolinas were the hard-

est hit as freezing rain coated trees and power lines.

Duke Power said about 1.2 million customers were blacked out Thursday in North and South Carolina, far surpassing the record number affected when Hurricane Hugo tore through the region in 1989. The utility said it could be days before electricity is restored.

Carolina Power & Light reported a peak of 466,000 customers without service. Its worst natural disaster was Hurricane Fran in 1996, which knocked out power 791,000 customers.

Other utilities in the Carolinas also had hundreds of thousands of customers without power.

South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges declared a state of emergency in the afternoon so the National Guard can be mobilized to help Upstate residents.

Some 3,000 stranded travelers spent the night at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas International Airport as the storm snarled air hubs in Charlotte, where many US Airways flights transfer and in Atlanta, Delta's primary hub.

The storm also played havoc with airline traffic in the Northeast. A Delta shuttle left New York's LaGuardia Airport for Washington on time at 7:30 a.m., but by the time it arrived Washington's Reagan National



AFF

George Savidis, aided by his dog Ajax, pulls his children Kirk and Sophia in a sled Thursday on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. A winter storm iced roadways, closed schools, left hundreds of thousands without power and dumped several inches of snow on cities along the East Coast.

Airport had shut down. The pilot announced he was returning to LaGuardia, but the flight was diverted again. The plane eventually landed at Hartford, Conn., shortly after 10 a.m.

LaGuardia reported delays of up to an hour at midmorning

and some flights were canceled at Newark Liberty International Airport. New York's Kennedy International reported no delays.

In Raleigh, N.C., the steady cracks of pines and oaks buckling under the weight of ice

sounded like gunshots during hunting season.

A 30-foot section of a pine tree crashed into Richard Wallace's roof, but he took the damage in stride. "You have to put some things in perspective," he said.

IRAQ

Hussein urges Iraqis to support U. N. inspectors

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

President Saddam Hussein urged the Iraqi people on Thursday to support the new U.N. arms inspections as a welcome opportunity to disprove American allegations that his government still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

The White House quickly rejected those claims, insisting they lack credibility. President Bush, asked on Thursday if the United States was headed toward war, replied: "That's a question you should ask to Saddam Hussein."

In a holiday greeting to Iraqi leaders,

Saddam said he agreed to the inspections, in which one of his own palaces was searched, "to keep our people out of harm's way" in the face of U.S. threats.

The Iraqi president's remarks contrasted sharply with a vice president's harsh words about the inspections late Wednesday. Taha Yassin Ramadan had accused the U.N. monitors of being U.S. and Israeli spies and of staging the presidential palace inspection as a provocation.

Saddam spoke at a gathering of the leadership of his Baath Party and the Iraqi military on the first morning of the three-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

He denounced an "unjust, arrogant,

debased American tyranny." Then, turning to U.S. allegations that Iraq retains chemical and biological weapons, he said Iraqis wanted to disprove those claims after a four-year absence of U.N. weapons inspectors from their country.

"Some might claim that we didn't give them a proper chance to resist, with tangible evidence, the American allegations," Saddam said.

"We shall provide them with such a chance," he said, referring to the round of U.N. weapons inspections that began last week.

Washington threatens to go to war against Iraq if, in the U.S. view, it does not

cooperate in the disarmament effort. Alluding to eventual war, Saddam declared: "We shall take the stand that befits our people, principles and mission. Victory will be yours."

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States will provide intelligence to U.N. inspectors to prove allegations that Iraq still holds banned weapons.

"The president of the United States and the secretary of Defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they have that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction if it was not true, and if they did not have a solid basis for saying it," Fleischer said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli tank shell hits building, kills 7:

Amid a battle with Palestinian gunmen, an Israeli army tank fired a shell into a two-story building in Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, killing seven people and wounding at least seven, witnesses and hospital officials said Friday. Israeli troops moved into the camp early Friday with tanks backed by helicopters. The army said it was conducting a targeted operation.

Australia wildfire destroys homes, cars:

The worst bush fires in a generation raged out of control around Sydney on Friday, forcing hundreds of people to flee their homes as firefighters struggled to contain the towering flames. Overnight, strong, hot winds fanned more than 60 fires around Australia's largest city, including one in a park just six miles from downtown. Overnight rain in some areas and a change in wind direction failed to extinguish the flames.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush to argue Iraq violating U.N. pact:

The Bush administration set the stage Thursday for making its case for U.N. Security Council action against Saddam Hussein, contending it has solid evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. The White House would not say what its evidence might be. Saddam said in Baghdad that Iraq wants to disprove the U.S. allegations, though he did not explicitly deny having chemical, biological and nuclear weapons or a program to develop long-range missiles.

Aircraft hits Miami Federal Reserve Bank:

A small plane crashed into the Federal Reserve Bank Building and one body was recovered from the wreckage Thursday night, the branch manager said. About 90 people were evacuated from the one-story building, and no one inside was injured. The aircraft slammed into the northeast side of the bank about 8:45 p.m., exploded and burst into flames.

Court weighs campaign finance arguments:

A federal court Thursday heard challenges to the new campaign finance law's limits on the ads that political parties and interest groups run on behalf of candidates, even as the Federal Election Commission spelled out how it will enforce the limits. Lawyers opposing the limits told a three-judge panel the law will chill political speech by corporations, labor unions, and political parties. They were among several groups challenging the law in a hearing that began Wednesday.

Ore. child welfare workers fired by state:

Two child welfare agency workers were fired Thursday for how the agency handled reports that a girl was being sexually abused by a man who now is charged with killing her and a friend. The two employees met with department officials on Tuesday to present their side of the story and received notice of dismissal Thursday.

Asylum denied for Chinese couple

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

A couple who claimed they fled China to escape threats of forced sterilization and abortion were denied asylum by a federal appeals panel Thursday.

An immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals had earlier said Xu Ming Li and Xin Kui Yu were not eligible for asylum. In an opinion filed Thursday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

The couple's attorney, Michael Karr, said he would advise them to ask the full court to review the decision by the three-judge panel. Karr declined to comment further on the opinion.

Li and Yu, an unmarried couple, fled China in 1998 after officials gave Li a forced pregnancy exam. At the exam, she was held down while a doctor examined her "private parts," Li, then 19, said according to court records.

Li said she was told she would receive similar tests in the future, and if found pregnant, would be subject to an abortion. She said officials told her her boyfriend, Yu, then 21, could also be sterilized.

"I was so scared. I was yelling. I was making noises," Li said, according to court documents, adding that officials threatened her, "For the rest of your life you cannot have child."

Her exam came after the two were observed spending time together until early hours of the morning, and a man in their village told Li her relationship with Yu was "shameful," she said. Li told him to stop interfering, and that she planned to have many babies with her boyfriend.

After the exam, the couple applied for a marriage certificate, but were told they did not meet the minimum marriage age requirements — 20 for females, 22 for males.

A few months later Li and Yu heard there was an order for their arrest. They fled to San Francisco, where they claimed they were United States citizens. They later admitted they were citizens of China.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service sought to send them back to China, but Li and Yu applied for asy-

lum. Karr said Li was persecuted because she resisted a "coercive population control program" by the Chinese government.

Li was turned down by an immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals because she failed to demonstrate she had been persecuted in China, or that she had a well-founded fear of persecution, according to court documents. Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez declined to comment on the case.

In its opinion, the federal panel agreed with the immigration board in denying Yu's asylum petition.

"While one may condemn the way Xu was treated as inconsistent with human rights, we cannot say that the record compels us to conclude that her treatment was an 'extreme form of cruel and inhuman treatment,' or that she would likely face such treatment on her return," Judge J. Clifford Wallace wrote.

Philip Hwang, staff attorney at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, which helps low-income refugees seeking asylum, said the decision could make it more difficult for others. Hwang read the decision, but was not involved in the case.

"The danger is that the court has somehow raised the bar on what you need to show," Hwang said. "If a woman who has gone through an invasive physical examination of her private parts by strangers can't meet the standard for persecution, what is that going to mean for the next refugee?"

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overlooked. The implications of the Euro on society, identity and transnational relationships will also be addressed in the discussions.

"We are interested in highlighting that the introduction of the Euro is not simply an economic event," Messina said. "That is something that to some extent is underemphasized. We are going to learn as a result of the papers and presentations from our colleagues what they think the ultimate significance of the Euro will be. We don't have a preconceived idea about this."

The group of panelists includes both Euro-enthusiasts and Euro-skeptics who will cover the range of opinions regarding the Euro currency and its future implications.

Two guest speakers, Philippe Schmitter of the European University Institute in Florence and Hervé Carré, minister of Financial Affairs for the Delegation of the European Commission, will address pan-

elists during dinners today and Saturday.

The conference was co-sponsored by the European Union, the Graduate School's Office of Research, the Henkels Lecture Series, The Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Keough Institute and the Political Science and Sociology departments. Student interns also assisted with the preparation and organization of the event.

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| NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ) | -1.39 | -0.37 | 26.20 |
| UAL CORP (UAL) | -67.95 | -2.12 | 1.00 |
| SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW) | -3.99 | -0.15 | 3.61 |
| ORACLE CORP (ORCL) | -3.26 | -0.36 | 10.69 |

IN BRIEF

Mattel agrees to pay \$477,000 fines

Mattel Inc., maker of Barbie dolls and other famous toys, agreed along with two of its former employees to pay \$477,000 in fines for making political donations in the names of other people, the third-largest fine ever imposed by the Federal Election Commission.

The fines, announced Thursday, stem from \$120,714 in donations that came out of Mattel funds from 1996 to 2000. The money went to 23 Democrats and Republicans, two party committees and five political action committees.

Among the recipients: the Democratic National Committee, the Gore 2000 presidential campaign; committees for California's Democratic senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

GM, Chrysler offer holiday incentives

Two of the three major U.S. automakers have sweetened their incentive packages for the holidays, a move predicted by some analysts as the companies try to meet year-end sales goals.

General Motors Corp. on Thursday announced a holiday financing package for several 2003 sport utility vehicles. Earlier this week, DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group improved financing terms on most Dodge and Chrysler minivans for the coming month.

GM, already offering no downpayments or finance charges on many models, has enhanced its "Zero, Zero, Zero" program by offering no-interest financing for up to 60 months on 13 SUVs.

Simon properties bids for Taubman

Mall operator Simon Property Group took its latest \$1.5 billion takeover bid for smaller rival Taubman Centers directly to shareholders on Thursday, heating up its battle with the Taubman family.

Taubman said Thursday that its board will evaluate the \$18 per share bid, a 50-cent-per-share increase over Simon's previous offer, which Taubman rejected.

United scrambles to chart plan

◆ UAL stock falls in anticipation of bankruptcy filing

Associated Press

CHICAGO

United Airlines scrambled to chart a course through its financial emergency Thursday as its stock went into a free-fall on expectations of a bankruptcy filing, an action its CEO insisted is not a foregone conclusion.

A day after losing its bid for government assistance, United executives met with union leaders, consulted with a key airline ally overseas and tried to shore-up the financing it would need to keep flying in bankruptcy.

Shares in parent UAL Corp. lost two-thirds of their value in response to the Air Transportation Stabilization Board's decision late Wednesday not to provide an \$1.8 billion loan guarantee.

Trading in the stock was halted for the session's first four hours Thursday, while the New York Stock Exchange reviewed UAL's qualifications to continue being listed. In heavy afternoon trading, shares plunged \$2.12, or 68 percent, to \$1 — the lowest level in decades.

Standard & Poor's further downgraded United's corporate credit ratings following the "disappearance of any realistic possibility" of paying off deferred debt and avoiding bankruptcy.

United, which has about \$1 billion in cash, has \$920 million in overdue debt obligations.

"The ATSB's decision will almost certainly lead to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by UAL and United as soon as United has completed arrangements" to fund operations while in bankruptcy, S&P credit analyst Philip Baggeley said — an opinion echoed by many others.



AFP

United Airline passengers check in at the ticket counter at San Francisco International Airport Thursday. The federal government rejected a 1.8 billion USD loan to help the struggling airline.

Chief executive Glenn Tilton, following a meeting with leaders of the pilots' union that holds the largest single stake in the airline, declined to say whether United will file for bankruptcy but said it is not inevitable.

"What we have said is we're going to consider all of our options and nothing really is a foregone conclusion," he told Chicago's WLS-TV.

He also tried to calm passenger worries, saying the company is "going to be much better for this experience — absolutely no doubt about it."

The carrier continued negotiations Thursday to secure a \$1.5 billion loan in the event that it files for bankruptcy, sources familiar with the matter said.

The so-called debtor-in-possession financing would allow United to continue operations while restructuring under bank-

ruptcy-court protection.

The lead lenders involved in the negotiations are J.P. Morgan, Citigroup, Bank One and GE Capital, a unit of General Electric, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ATSB ruling left open the possibility United could seek loan assistance later by presenting an improved business plan.

Industry experts said there's seemingly no chance anything could be secured immediately, which United needs to avert bankruptcy.

"I can't imagine them avoiding it unless someone writes them a check for \$2 billion," said analyst Ray Neidl of Blaylock and Partners.

Germany's Lufthansa, which along with United belongs to the 14-member Star Alliance of airlines, said it was in talks about

offering assistance to its embattled partner. But it's improbable that Europe's No. 2 carrier could pitch in enough to help United dodge bankruptcy.

If United does file for Chapter 11, its shares would become almost worthless and a bankruptcy court judge overseeing its overhaul could order far steeper cuts than the carrier has proposed.

Analysts say United's planned 6 percent reduction in capacity next year may be doubled and thousands of additional layoffs are likely from United's work force of 83,000, already down from around 100,000 since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Because of the stock plunge, Dow Jones & Co. removed UAL from the Dow Jones Transportation Average and replaced it with United Parcel Service Inc.

Penthouse opens first nightclub

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Penthouse Magazine plans to license a chain of upscale strip clubs around the country, hoping to cash in on its well-known name and expand its franchise as magazine sales have ebbed.

The first Penthouse Key Club was filled with customers on its grand opening Wednesday in Cleveland, and the second will open Friday in Dallas. Penthouse consultant David "Slim" Baucom said the magazine expects to sign up about two dozen strip clubs nationwide over the next two years.

Tim Spencer, owner of the Cleveland club, said his club had gotten stale and

partnering with Penthouse brings a new mystique.

"You have an internationally known name," Spencer said. "It's known for sex and it's known for quality and we want to carry that same theme."

Neither Penthouse nor Spencer would discuss financial terms of their partnership, though Spencer said he spent \$1.5 million renovating the club, which now has a lavish mirrored entry hall with velvet upholstered stone benches and murals of Greek statues. The dining areas feature leather booths and wood paneling. Patrons can choose from some of the world's top champagnes and cognacs, though the primary drink is beer on tap and

the menu is mostly burgers and fries.

The Penthouse plan is to open luxurious clubs with food and drink that cater to women and couples as well as men and that add polish to the image of a seedy strip club with plastic seats and watered-down drinks.

"These will be places where you can go and have dinner," said Penthouse spokeswoman Dottie Meyer. "A higher caliber of girls will be dancing, and it will be a more living-room type atmosphere."

The clubs are an attempt by parent company General Media Communications Inc. to extend the Penthouse brand beyond the magazine.

Grand jury to hear N.H. church abuse case

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H.

A grand jury investigating how the Catholic church handled child sex abuse cases has been scheduled for a special meeting Dec. 13, The Associated Press has learned.

The grand jury has been hearing evidence against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester for several months. Sources familiar with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a decision on an

indictment could come as soon as the meeting next Friday.

While priests have been convicted on sex abuse charges, no diocese ever has been indicted in the United States.

Attorney General Philip McLaughlin would not comment Thursday on the investigation, but would not rule out a settlement.

The grand jury in Manchester is looking at cases dating to the 1960s which involve nearly 50 priests and more than 100 alleged victims, according

to Senior Assistant Attorney General Will Delker. He said the probe has focused on the church's actions, but individuals also could face charges.

Any indictments likely would be misdemeanors brought under the state's child endangerment statute. For an institution, a misdemeanor conviction carries fines of up to \$20,000 per offense.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the diocese, declined to comment. The diocese covers the state.

McLaughlin's office has

been investigating whether diocesan officials violated child endangerment laws by transferring from parish to parish priests suspected of molesting children. He has said he planned to finish the investigation before he leaves office on Dec. 18.

Patrick Schiltz, dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, said an indictment of a diocese would be unprecedented. Schiltz, who has represented the church in abuse cases, said he was skeptical about going after the church,

rather than individual wrongdoers.

"To go further and indict the Catholic Church in the clergy sex abuse scandal is pretty out there," he said.

Delker would not say whether Bishop John McCormack is a target of the investigation. McCormack, who became bishop of Manchester in 1998, has been accused of ignoring complaints about abusive priests in Massachusetts while he served as one of Cardinal Bernard Law's top deputies from 1984 to 1994.

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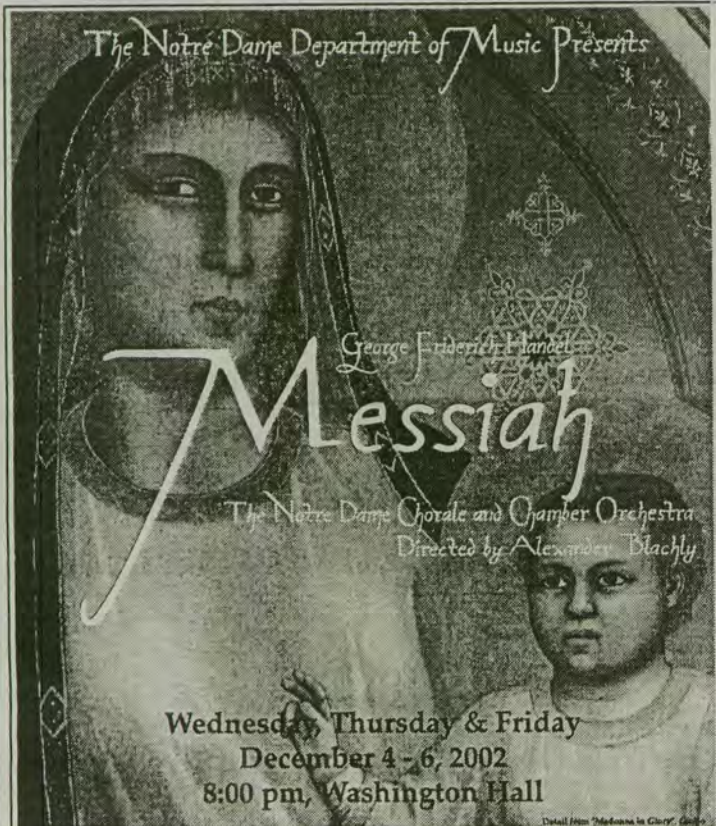
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117 cruise passengers fall ill

Associated Press

MIAMI Nearly 120 people have been sickened with symptoms consistent with a Norwalk-like virus on a fourth cruise ship to report an outbreak of a stomach ailment in recent weeks.

The Oceana, operated by P&O Cruises of Great Britain, reported that 114 passengers and three crew members have been treated for some sort of virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday.

More than 1,000 passengers have recently become sick on cruise ships, but cruise lines and travel agents said the problems have not significantly cut into business.

A CDC spokesman said the symptoms aboard the Oceana are consistent with the virus that have recently plagued Holland America's Amsterdam, Carnival Cruise Lines' Fascination and Disney Cruise Line's Magic. Federal health officials were expected to board the Oceana to investigate.

The Oceana, carrying 1,859 passengers on a 15-night trip, is on only its third sail since its inaugural voyage from Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades on Nov. 1.

The Norwalk and Norwalk-like viruses can cause diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting for 24 to 48 hours, according to the CDC. They are spread through food and water and close contact with infected people or things they have touched.

Health officials said the sickness is common, especially in colder months, and that it is unclear whether there have been more cases aboard cruise ships than usual, or if the latest cases have simply received more attention.

The cruise industry, still recovering from a slump attributed to the weak economy and Sept. 11, has been aggressive in trying to reassure the public. The cruise lines have been quick to note that they

have been taking ships out of service and scrubbing them from stem to stern.

Travel agents said they have fielded questions from people booked far in advance on cruises, but have not seen many customers back out.

"Our passengers are still cruising," said Jeanne T. Van Houten, owner of Isings Travel in Boca Raton, who said she had only one cancellation.

"Some of our passengers who are experienced cruisers do understand the real facts. Some of it has been totally overblown."

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Jeanne T. Van Houten
travel agent

frequently or using antibacterial lotion. Others are taking a pass at the self-serve buffets. One traveler even brought his own food, water and a pillow.

"I'm very impressed with the treatment and the cleaning," said Pat

"I feel pretty confident that I won't catch anything on this trip."

Pat Edwards
cruise passenger

Edwards, of Remington, Va. "I feel pretty confident that I won't catch anything on this trip."

Tom and Karen Holzwarth of Cleveland, a board

Carnival's Fascination, said they never considered canceling their vacation even after hearing about an outbreak that sickened about 200 people on the ship's previous voyage over the weekend.

"We have two kids at home and a baby sitter," Karen Holzwarth said.

Flight delays decrease 21 percent this year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Flight delays are down 21 percent this year and, notwithstanding Thursday's East Coast storm, good weather is the main reason.

The Federal Aviation Administration considers a flight delayed if it takes off or lands at least 15 minutes later than scheduled because of problems in the air traffic system — mostly weather and congestion. Through the first 11 months of the year, delays fell to 263,197 from 332,562 in 2001.

Weather is responsible for about two-thirds of all delays.

While the good weather was mainly responsible for the improvement, FAA officials also credited a project begun in the delay-ridden summer of 1999 to improve air traffic procedures and use new technology.

"We're getting more experienced," FAA spokesman William Shumann said. "The entire FAA air traffic system and the airlines and other users are doing a better job of managing delays due to weather."

A comparison for just the first eight months of each year shows that delays fell by 32 percent in 2002. That time frame does not include the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the congestion that followed as the aviation system struggled to return to capacity.

Helping ease air traffic this year was a 7.9 percent decline in scheduled flights through November 2002.

David Stempler, president of

the Air Travelers Association, said the decline in delays is good news but that air traffic control is just one part of an aviation system that needs to be improved. "More and better-utilized runways would go a long way in reducing delays," he said.

The FAA's survey includes all scheduled flights — from airliners to corporate jets — in the United States and Canada. The survey does not measure delays caused by an airline, such as engine trouble.

A separate survey by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shows that in the first eight months of this year, late arrivals fell by 24 percent and late departures by 28 percent, compared with January-October in 2001. These statistics measure 10 major airlines.

FAA Administrator Marion Blakey said this week that more improvements in the air traffic control system as well as four new runways opening next year in some of the nation's busiest airports — Denver, Houston, Miami and Orlando, Fla. — will further reduce delays.

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6 South American leaders hold trading bloc summit

Associated Press

BRASILIA

Six South American presidents convened a summit of the continent's largest trading bloc Thursday, aiming to work out a timetable for a free trade agreement covering most of the continent.

A key issue at the two-day summit — taking place amid political and economic turbulence in the region — was a schedule for eliminating tariff barriers between the six Mercosur countries and five other South American countries that belong to the Andean Community trading bloc.

Closer cooperation between the two blocs could give South America more muscle in U.S.-led negotiations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, which would create a free trade zone stretching from Alaska to Patagonia by 2005.

The Mercosur presidents, who met behind closed doors Thursday, were also expected to formalize a plan to allow people to work in member countries and more easily obtain citizenship.

But turmoil distracted from discussions. Financial chaos in Argentina and currency prob-

lems in Brazil have dragged the Mercosur region into crisis.

The trading bloc — Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay — has a combined gross product of almost \$1 trillion. Chile and Bolivia are associate members.

On Thursday, traders pushed the value of the Brazilian real down to a five-week low of 3.77 to the dollar.

Investors in South America's largest economy are nervous about inflation while firms are having to pay burgeoning debts in dollars. There are also concerns about President-elect

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's delay in appointing key economic officials.

News that Paraguayan president Luis Gonzalez Macchi faces impeachment on charges of corruption sent ripples of concern among delegates at the summit.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Lafer underlined that "there is a democratic clause characterizing Mercosur. That means full respect of the democratic rule."

Mercosur has used its power before to ensure that democracy prevailed in Paraguay.

Countries that do not comply with the organization's democracy rule face the threat of being expelled from the trade bloc.

Paraguayan President Luis Gonzalez Macchi, who was attending the summit, told reporters Thursday the allegations against him — that he once owned a stolen luxury automobile and mishandled millions of dollars in state funds — were politically motivated and he was ready to face Paraguay's parliament.

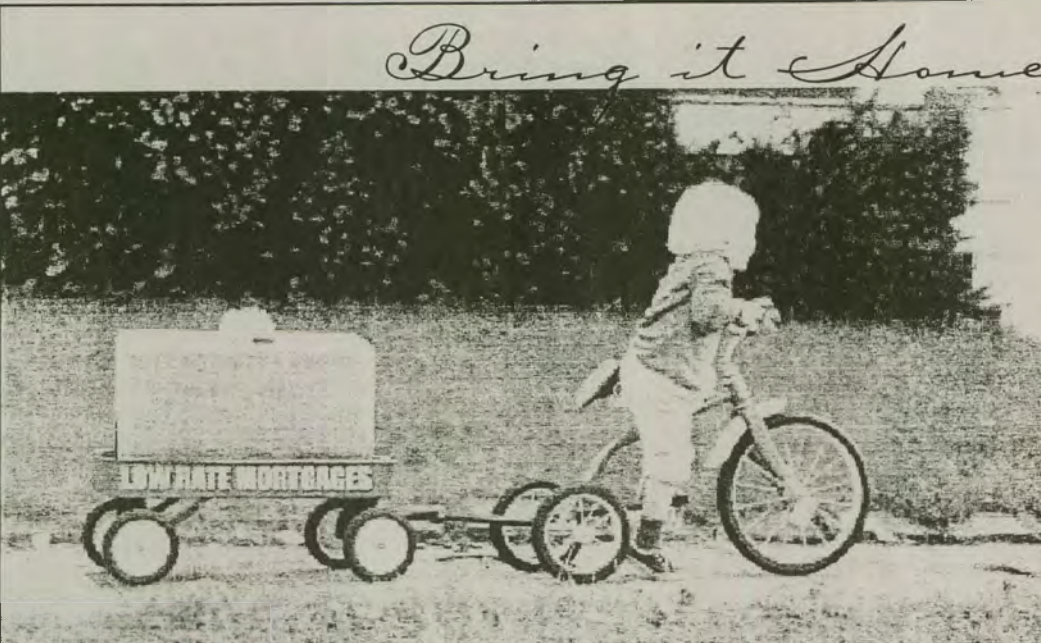
Gonzalez Macchi also said the summit's final declaration

Friday will address the political chaos in Venezuela and the crisis in Argentina. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had intended to sit in on the summit but was forced to cancel because of a general strike at home aimed at ousting him from power.

Venezuela, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru belong to the Andean Community.

Outgoing Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso hosted the summit, but visiting presidents also met with Silva, who takes office Jan. 1.

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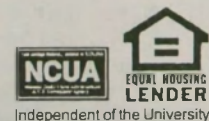
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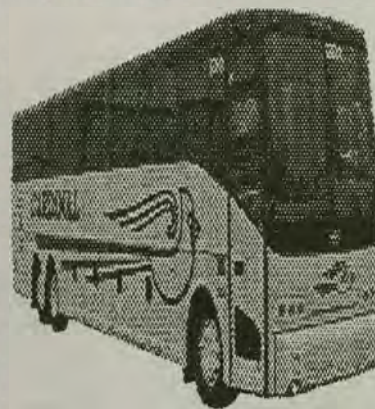
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Prosecutors seek reversal in New York jogger case

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Citing DNA on a sock, prosecutors asked a judge Thursday to throw out the convictions of five young men found guilty of beating and gang-raping a jogger during a 1989 "wilding" spree in Central Park that exposed the city's deep racial divide to the rest of the nation.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's recommendation came 11 months after a convicted rapist who had never before come under suspicion in the case confessed. Also, DNA tests confirmed that his semen was on one of the socks the victim was wearing 13 years ago.

Morgenthau stopped short of declaring the five innocent, but said the confession and the tests create "a probability that the verdicts would have been more favorable to the defendants." And he said no purpose would be served by retrying them.

The decision of whether to throw out the convictions rests with state Justice Charles Tejada, who is expected to rule by Feb. 6.

The attack on a white 28-year-old investment banker, allegedly by a gang of black and Hispanic boys from Harlem, became emblematic of New York City's struggles with crime and race relations in the late 1980s.

The five defendants, who were 14 to 16 at the time of the attack, are now mostly in their late 20s and have already completed prison terms ranging from six years to 11 1/2 years for

the crime.

But throwing out of their convictions could clear the way for them to sue the city and would free them from having to register as sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

Their families and lawyers called for an immediate ruling from the judge.

"We are truly moved by this decision," said Sharonne

Salaam, mother of one of the youths.

"But we also feel like we've been victimized, like the Central Park jogger. We all feel we were denied justice."

Through a spokeswoman, the victim declined comment. Despite remarkable recovery from severe brain injuries, she has said she remembers nothing of the attack and was unable to help police identify suspects.

The victim was left for dead in a pool of mud and blood on April 19, 1989, after dozens of teenagers descended on the park to mug runners and bicyclists in a crime spree dubbed "wilding." She was in a coma for 12 days.

The randomness of the spree terrified many New Yorkers. It was another blow to a city struggling with a soaring crime rate and it came during a string of high-profile racial incidents, including Bernhard Goetz's

shooting of black youths on the subway and attacks in the Howard Beach and Bensonhurst neighborhoods.

Some questioned whether the Central Park youths were rounded up because of their skin color and suggested police would not have pursued the case so aggressively had the victim been black or Hispanic.

Police said all five confessed — four of them on video — and that evidence proved devastating at trial.

"We all took turns getting on top of her," Antron McCray, then 15, told police in one tape.

Defense attorneys said the youths were coerced into bogus confessions by police who kept questioning them for hours. But until January's confession, there seemed to be little chance of overturning the convictions against McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, Kharey Wise and Yusef Salaam.

The confession came from Matias Reyes, 31, who is serving a life sentence for raping three women near Central Park and raping and killing a pregnant woman. He said he broke his long silence after finding religion.

Reyes told investigators he raped the jogger, crushed her skull with a rock and left her for dead. He also said he followed his usual pattern of acting alone.

"I was a monster," Reyes said in a recent TV interview. "I did some real bad things to so many people and harmed them in so many ways."

DNA test results returned in May corroborated his story and Morgenthau said one of his pubic hairs was found at the scene. The same tests — more sophisticated than methods available a decade ago — failed

to link the five youths to the crime scene.

The former prosecutor in the case, Linda Fairstein, recently

said she has no doubts the five are guilty and that Reyes merely finished the assault.

At trial, the only physical evidence connecting the boys to the attack was blond hair found on one of the youths that prosecutors said matched that of the victim. But Morgenthau said new tests showed the hair was not hers after all.

Moreover, the district attorney said the boys' alleged confessions had "serious weaknesses." Their accounts "differed from one another on the specific details of virtually every major aspect of the crime — who initiated the attack, who knocked the victim down, who undressed her, who struck her, who held her, who raped her, what weapons

were used."

The prosecutor said "it is clear that Reyes is the person who tied the jogger with her own T-shirt ... strikingly similar to the way he tied another of his victims."

Defense attorneys said there was clear wrongdoing by police in the case, but nothing in the 58-page recommendation from prosecutors questioned the methods used by detectives in securing the confessions.

"This new evidence — all it does is implicate an additional perpetrator," said Michael Palladino of the Detectives' Endowment Association. "None of the evidence exonerates or eliminates the additional five."

The youths were also convicted of attacking several other people in the park that night, but Morgenthau said those should also be dropped.

The jogger, a former employee of Salomon Bros., is now 41. She lives in a Connecticut suburb and works for a nonprofit organization. She has been married for five years and is said to have a book due out in April.

Deloris Wise, the mother of Kharey Wise, said her son entered prison as a bewildered youth and left a bitter and broken man.

"He doesn't even realize what's going on today," a tearful Wise said. "He doesn't care. Why should he?"

"We all feel we were denied justice."

Sharonne Salaam
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending a BCS berth

First, I would like to thank Mr. Leach for his compliments to Notre Dame in his Dec. 5 letter. In the same spirit, I would like to applaud the University of Iowa for their terrific football season. I feel, however, that Mr. Leach has chosen the wrong target in his effort to ensure that Iowa plays in a major BCS bowl.

The first target that Mr. Leach misses is the Bowl Championship Series itself. The premise of Mr. Leach's article is that the best college football teams should play in the major BCS bowls. That is arguably a fine idea, but it is not the system that the conferences and Notre Dame established. The system could have sent the top eight ranked teams in the BCS standings to the major bowl games, but instead decided to have automatic bids for conference champs and at-large bids left largely to the discretion of the individual bowl games.

Perhaps Mr. Leach should be writing to the Florida State school paper, and imploring a four-loss Seminole team to decline their automatic bowl bid. No matter how the at-large bids are distributed, Florida State will be the least deserving team in a major BCS bowl.

The second target that Mr. Leach misses is the Big Ten. The Big Ten conference has an automatic berth in a major BCS bowl. Iowa

did not receive this berth for two reasons.

First of all, they lost to a 7-6 Iowa State team.

Second, and more importantly, the Big Ten schedule this year did not have Iowa play Ohio State. Had the two teams played, the whole situation would be averted. If Iowa had won, they would go to a major BCS bowl. If Ohio State won, Iowa would have two losses and would not go to a major BCS bowl.

Mr. Leach also fails to note that Notre Dame played one of the hardest schedules in the country, playing five teams ranked in the top 25, to Iowa's two. He also fails to mention that the Big Ten is currently trying to bribe the Orange Bowl into selecting Iowa. Were Notre Dame to engage in such behavior, I am sure Iowa fans would be the first to criticize.

Iowa had a very good football season. If they don't end up in a major BCS bowl, it will be because of the system their conference agreed to, and because of their conference's poor scheduling. Notre Dame is responsible for neither, and should accept an invitation to a major BCS bowl if it is offered.

Jason Thompson
Notre Dame Law School
off-campus
Dec. 5



Racism is a social problem

We wish to quickly respond to the Dec. 4 letters written by Barry Baumbaugh and Andrew Henrick. Both express typically closed-minded white responses to racism fostered within a culture still seething with an undercurrent of white supremacy.

As to Baumbaugh's argument that we should define racism strictly according to the dictionary, we ask if Baumbaugh (associated with the Physics Department) would accept that physics terms can adequately be defined by Webster's. If so, we do not need a physics department at all, we only need the good book of Webster's. Race and racism affect our daily lives just as does physics, and so the process of continual study and redefinition of the terms of racism is no less justified.

In Henrick's column, we see an appeal to a Webster's dictionary definition from 1936. Effectively, this is a definition of racism that was written by white men back when the denial of restaurant service to blacks was considered a white man's moral duty in parts of this country. We argue that such definitions are questionable based on the context in which they were developed.

Also, Henrick asks why we view only societies as racist. We do not; we also acknowledge that individuals functioning within and supporting the racist social structures are racists. Racism is defined as participation within that racist social structure, a structure designed to consolidate power for only one race. Therefore, while non-white people can discriminate based on race, when they do so, they do not participate in the racist social structure and are, therefore, not acting racist. This, however, is not to say that racial discrimination is ever permissible.

We thank both men for speaking up and presenting their feelings. Yet, we ask that they and other people (white and non-white) viewing race through archaic status quo analyses might take some time to think about these new, more complete definitions of racism.

Tona Boyd
McGlinn Hall
Shamus Rohn
off-campus
seniors
Dec. 4

Reconsidering issues about Church scandals

I agree with Robert Davidson's Dec. 2 letter that stated that homosexuals should not be blamed for the Church scandals. I also agree with him that our bishops have failed to act as true shepherds and have been complicit in grave evil.

That being said, I found his letter a bit troubling for a number of reasons. First, we can agree that homosexuals are not to blame for the current crisis in the Church, without disregarding the facts as they exist on the ground.

As a descriptive matter, the sexual abuse involved in the current scandals has been predominantly homosexual. The victims have been largely young teenage males. Whether this indicates that homosexuals are more apt to abuse is a different question. Nevertheless, we should not allow a false notion of tolerance to cloud our vision to the actual facts as they stand. The abuse involved in this crisis has been primarily homosexual.

Second, though his words indicate differently, to be charitable to a young man studying to serve our Church as a priest, I assume that Davidson takes seriously the Church's teaching on sexuality and homosexuality in particular. Those who experience same-sex attraction are experiencing desires which are objectively disordered. That is, they desire something which is by its very nature disintegrative. If the Church's teaching is true, which Davidson and I believe it to be, then such desires might make one more apt

to engage in disintegrative behavior including the abuse at issue in the current crisis.

Third, it is true that if the Church had been more faithful to her teachings, this scandal would not be gripping the Church. But Davidson's analysis seems to be way off the mark. He cites Vatican II's push for decentralization. Though such a push might be found in the pages of the National Catholic Reporter and the writings of Father McBrien, it is unclear where the impetus for such structural reform is in the actual documents of that Council.

Pope John Paul II, incidentally a father of the Council, has been offering an authoritative interpretation of Vatican II for these last 24 years. That interpretation is one that promotes a radical service to the truth and the laity on the part of the priesthood and the episcopacy, a flowering of lay movements, an understanding that every Catholic is

called to holiness, a realization that Christ reveals to us our true path which is radical service to God and others, and a deepening sense of

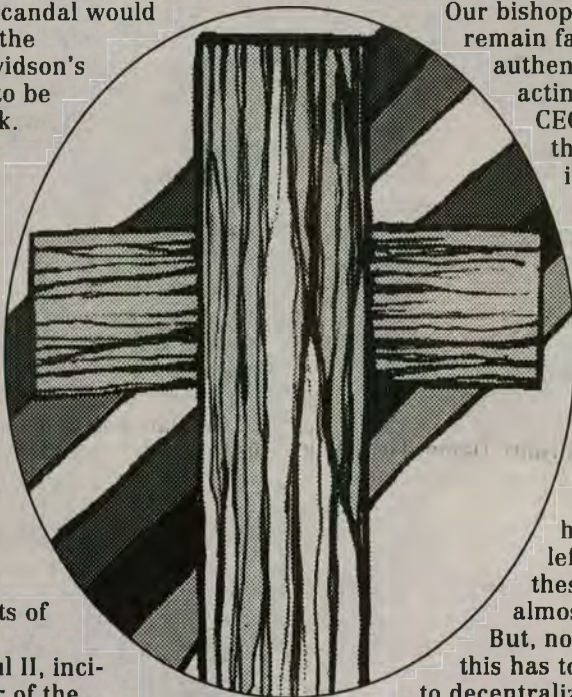
Christ's presence in everyday life.

Our bishops have failed to remain faithful to that authentic vision. By acting as corporate CEOs protecting their turf and failing to act as fathers, they have truly failed Christ and us all.

Our priests have committed grave sin and failed to live their sexuality as a positive gift to the Church. The human carnage left in the wake of these failings is almost unbearable.

But, note that none of this has to do with failing to decentralize or to give up "power." It has everything to do with a failure to realize that authority is not synonymous with authoritarian or power but rather with radical service.

Fourth, Davidson makes bald assertions with absolutely no backing. Banning homosexuals from the priest-



hood will lead to more repressive seminaries according to his argument. Repressive seminaries caused the present crisis. Here Davidson falls into the quick and pat assumptions for which he criticizes Mr. Sanchez. I have a feeling that the current roots of the scandal are much more complex than either of these quick answers.

Finally, it is a valid theological question, to ask whether self-identifying homosexuals can be priests. Here one must differentiate between those who identify as homosexual and those who experience same-sex attraction. If one cannot see oneself or understand oneself as spouse and father, it might well be impossible to be a priest. For that is truly what a priest is: a spouse to the Church and a father to his flock.

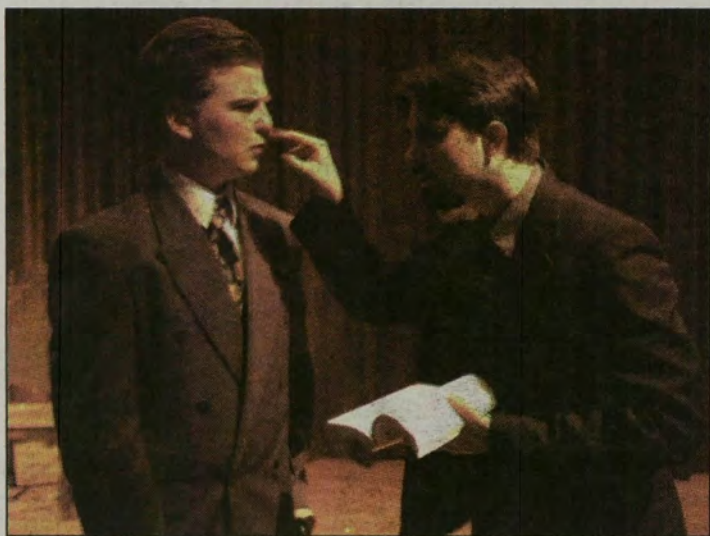
Can homosexuals see themselves as married to the Church and as fathers? I do not know. But we need to ask these and many more questions if we are to get the real roots of the crisis. The facile answers to which Mr. Davidson rushes certainly make for good, bombastic prose. They do not, however, lead us any further toward getting to the roots of the crisis and to finding a solution to it — a solution which will only come from being open to the truth and letting him lead us wherever he desires.

Conor Dugan
Notre Dame Law School
off-campus
Dec. 5

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Above, a sobbing Horatio (junior Tom Conner) holds a dying Hamlet (third-year law student Matt Holmes).

To the left, feigning insanity, Hamlet confounds Lord Polonius (senior Jeff Eyerman).

Below, Ophelia (junior Meg Ryan) loses her mind to a broken heart

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The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare
present

HAMLET

The Prince

By C. SPENCER BEGGS and CHRIS SANDROCK
Scene Editor and Scene Theatre Critic

Hidden deep within the bowels of DeBartolo Hall, the majesty of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" electrified the too often stagnant air of an often under-occupied classroom as the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company brought the 400 year-old text to life Thursday night. With a collection of some of the most talented actors the University has to offer, the NSRSC expertly tackled one of Shakespeare's most complicated plays.

When young Prince Hamlet (third-year law student Matt Holmes) returns home to Denmark upon news of his father's untimely death, he finds that his uncle, Claudius (senior Dan Fisher), has taken the throne and married his mother, Gertrude (junior Katy Kertez).

But it soon becomes clear that there is more than meets the eye to the king's death. Hamlet is visited by the ghost of his father (freshman Ceschino Brooks-DeVita) who reveals that his death was no accident and implores the prince to revenge his murder.

The disturbed prince feigns insanity to discover whether the specter's words are true. He convinces a traveling troupe of actors to perform a revised version of a play that suggests that Claudius murdered his brother. When the king becomes agitated, Hamlet and his best friend Horatio (junior Tom Conner) are convinced of his guilt and Hamlet vows to take down the king.

But Hamlet's single-minded vengeance costs the life of the woman he loves, Ophelia (junior Meg Ryan), whose brother, Laertes (Adel Hanash), vows to make Hamlet pay at any cost in turn. The situation quickly spirals out of control, fatalistically marching toward one of the bloodiest and tragic finales in Western literature.

"Hamlet" is considered by many to be Shakespeare's most difficult and most beautiful play. Some have contended that the show is, in fact, the single best play in the Western tradition. The Not-So-Royal cast and director senior JJ Marler immediately realized the enormity of producing the show.

"The expectations when people come to see 'Hamlet' are so high that you have to know that you are going to get a great cast and great group of people to work around you," Marler said.

And Marler got exactly what he wanted. About half of the cast members are long-time veterans of the NSRSC, all having worked on three or four of the Company's previous shows. The other half of the cast making their debuts with the NSRSC had a strong foundation to build on. The cast also had a protracted rehearsal period of three and a half months to prepare the show.

"[The cast] started to gel right away because they've been on stage many times together ... Some cast members started showing real chemistry on day one," Marler said.

The cast's hard work pays off in spades. Holmes captivates the audience with his portrayal of Hamlet, tapping into the deepest recesses of the character's turbulent thoughts to create one of the most amazing showcases of acting skill in a dramatic production at the University in recent memory.

He plays the role with passion and truth, embodying a Hamlet that is both tortured and pure. He dominates the

"Hamlet"



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show both physically and emotionally; the stillness in his death was only broken by the sobs of Conner's endearing and personable Horatio.

Ryan plays off of Holmes' powerful performance bringing to life a hauntingly real Ophelia who comes close to perfecting the lost love and sanity of the part.

"I think that putting on Hamlet at Notre Dame has raised the bar for things were trying tackle as far as subject matter," Ryan said. "I'm really proud of how it's turned out. I know I've learned a lot about myself as an actress playing this role, which is pretty much my dream role."

Fisher's turns in a chilling rendition of the fratricidal king sparing with Holmes through icy dialogues and fiery confrontations. Supported by Hanash's rapidly maturing Laertes, Kertez's Jackie Kennedy-esque Gertrude and senior Jeff Eyerman's Arthur Miller-like Polonius, the cast builds on each other's energy and abilities brilliantly.

In typical Not-So-Royal style, "Hamlet" is performed in a modern dress. That's not so say that the company has modernized the show itself.

"Shakespeare in his time would have performed his plays in modern dress. We're performing a play that is timeless and putting it in our own context, but we're not changing any of the themes," Marler said.

Overall, the performance of the cast and crew upon the horribly under-dramatic stage of 101 DeBartolo Hall is commendable. The many technical elements of the show involved in the numerous time consuming scene changes detracted greatly from this achievement. In a show that runs just over three hours, the use of an extended blackout and inconsistent, erratic and

sometimes irrelevant music to cover the shifting of the minimalist furniture on stage seemed to be a waste of time that could have been better filled with the Bard's words. Though the use of furniture to establish setting illustrated the club's ability to function within its limited budget, its overall effect upon the scene was far less noticeable than its effect upon the runtime.

Stage manager Dave Hartwig marveled at how the Company managed to preserve the show's production process and come out with such a high quality product.

"The magic of theatre is that 20 plus people can get along for three and a half months, not kill each other and still put on, perhaps, the world's greatest play," Hartwig said.

"Hamlet" opened Thursday evening. The show will run tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday. General admission is \$8, \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from the LaFortune Student Center box office. Call (574) 631-8128 for reservations.

Auditions for the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company's spring show "The Taming of the Shrew" will be held on Sunday and Monday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Callbacks will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. Callbacks and auditions will be held in 141 DeBartolo Hall. The audition will be cold readings from the script, but those auditioning may prepare a Shakespearian monologue if they care to. For more information visit www.nd.edu/~snelson3.

Contact C. Spencer Beggs at beggs.3@nd.edu and Chris Sandrock at sandrock.1@nd.edu



Above, Hamlet confronts his mother (junior Katy Kertez) about her role in his father's deceitful murder.

To the right, Hamlet parleys with the fratricidal king Claudius (senior Dan Fisher).

Below, the volatile Laertes (junior Adel Hanash) demands to know the circumstances of his sister's demise from Claudius.

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NHL

Thrashers' Dafoe loses 4-3 in return to Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON

Byron Dafoe's return to Boston wasn't any better than his departure.

Dafoe made 36 saves and held Boston scoreless for two periods but Glen Murray scored his 16th goal of the season at 1:53 of overtime to lift the Bruins to a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Dafoe (2-2-0) made his first start against the Bruins since signing with Atlanta on Nov. 20. It was his second career start against Boston.

"It was kind of weird, but it was good to get it over with," Dafoe said. "This was the one game I had to be leery of, I'm glad it's over."

The Bruins had their eight-game home-unbeaten streak snapped Monday in a 4-0 loss to St. Louis, but they returned to the win column when Murray scored his second goal of the game. The power-play tally came after a tripping penalty to Mike Weaver behind the Atlanta goal.

"This club is still learning how to play together," Murray said. "We have to learn more about playing with a lead."

Dafoe was 132-104-34 with a 2.29 goals-against-average and 25 shutouts in 283 games over five seasons with Boston. But, after going 35-26-3 with the Bruins last season, he became an unrestricted free agent and was not offered a contract by Boston.

"Byron looked good to me," Bruins coach Robbie Ftorek said. "I'm sure he will be back in form by Christmas."

Flyers 3, Rangers 2

Michal Handzus became the second player in NHL history to score an overtime goal on a penalty shot when he beat New York's Dan Blackburn with 36.7 seconds left in overtime in the Philadelphia Flyers' victory over the Rangers.

Handzus, who was taken down from behind by defenseman Tom Poti, faked a forehand shot, then went to his backhand before lifting a shot over Blackburn's left pad.

He joined Nashville's David Legwand as the only players to score with an overtime penalty shot. Legwand also beat the Rangers on Dec. 23, 2000, in New York. That goal was scored against backup goalie Kirk McLean.

Both Blackburn and McLean were filling in for regular Rangers goalie Mike Richter, who has only allowed one penalty-shot goal in 13 attempts. Blackburn, 19, also gave up a penalty-shot goal to San Jose's Patrick Marleau on Nov. 11.

Former Flyers captain Eric Lindros scored his fifth goal in six games late in the second period to pull the Rangers into a 2-2 tie.

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist and Jeremy Roenick scored the other goal for the Flyers, who snapped a six game home winless streak (0-3-3) and moved into a first place tie with New Jersey in the Atlantic Division.

Bobby Holik scored the other New York goal, and Matthew Barnaby had two assists for the Rangers, who had their three game unbeaten string (2-0-1) snapped.

Lightning 3, Oilers 2

The Tampa Bay Lightning have become comeback specialists.

Ruslan Fedotenko scored the tiebreaking goal with three minutes left in the third period as the Lightning beat the Edmonton Oilers.

Fedotenko scored on the rebound from the low slot after Edmonton's Tommy Salo stopped a wraparound shot by Tim Taylor.

The Lightning are 3-5-3-1 when trailing after two periods and have come-from-behind 12 times to earn points. Tampa Bay won just once (1-27-5-1) when behind after 40 minutes last season.

"This year, it's a different mentality ... win every game," Tampa Bay center Vincent Lecavalier said. "It's not trying to win. It's not let's go out there and work hard and compete. It's win."

The Lightning and Carolina



Atlanta goalie Byron Dafoe makes a stop in Thursday night's match against Boston. The Bruins won 4-3.

Hurricanes are tied for the Southeast Division lead with 31 points apiece. Tampa Bay has not made the playoffs since 1996.

Mike Comrie and Anson Carter scored for Edmonton, which had a seven-game unbeaten streak (6-0-1) end. It's the first time the Oilers have lost at Tampa Bay since Dec. 12, 1992 (6-0-2).

"We've had some good success down here," Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish said. "I knew we were in good shape going into the third period with a 2-1 lead. We let them take it to us. We were a little guilty of sitting on the lead."

Pavel Kubina's goal from the top of the right circle got the Lightning even 2-2 at 3:19 of the third period.

"It feels good," Fedotenko said. "We trailed by one. We just needed to come out strong and we did."

Tampa Bay was without captain Dave Andreychuk, who will miss four to six weeks with a hairline fracture of the big toe on his right foot. He was placed on injured reserve before the game.

It was announced after the game that Lightning defenseman Jassen Cullimore will have rotator cuff surgery on his left arm Monday and be sidelined four to six months.

Senators 2, Blues 2

Marian Hossa scored on his own rebound with 1:06 left in regulation as the Ottawa Senators, capitalizing on a late power play, tied the St. Louis Blues.

Hossa scored his 16th of the season after Fred Brathwaite stopped his shot from the point. The left side of the net was wide open for Hossa's backhand rebound.

The Senators got off 11 shots the first two periods combined,

and 15 in the third to force overtime, then outshot the Blues 6-5 in a wide-open extra period. They rallied one night after their 10-game unbeaten streak was ended in a 1-0 loss at Chicago and had the best chances in overtime as Brathwaite stopped breakaways by Martin Havlat, Magnus Arvedson and Todd White.

Ottawa capitalized on a double minor roughing call on Blues defenseman Bryce Salvador with 2:16 remaining in regulation. Salvador was whistled for pummeling Chris Neil.

Scott Mellanby's power-play goal had given the Blues, unbeaten at 2-0-2-1 in their last five games, a 2-1 lead.

Doug Weight also scored with the man advantage for the Blues, 6-0-1-1 against the Eastern Conference and 3-0-1 against the Northeast Division. Chris Phillips got the other goal for the Senators.

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OLYMPICS

Saddam's son torturing athletes

♦ **Group says Iraq's Olympic athletes are being tortured**

Associated Press

GENEVA

A human rights group formally demanded that the IOC expel Iraq's national Olympic committee claiming its chief — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday — tortured and jailed athletes who failed to please him.

Indict, based in London, said it had lodged a complaint against the Iraqi body with the Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee. It said it had included witness statements and United Nations reports.

"Iraq has violated every single provision of the IOC Code of Ethics," said Charles Forrest, chief executive of Indict. "The IOC should have investigated this on its own. Now I hope it will be forced to."

IOC officials said they were aware of the complaint but were unable immediately to comment because they had yet to receive the document.

Indict said Uday once made a group of track athletes crawl on newly poured asphalt while they were beaten, and ordered that some be thrown off a bridge. It also alleged he ran a special prison for sportsmen who offended him.

"The Iraqi committee is the only Olympic committee in the world with its own prison and torture chamber," said Ann Clwyd, a British lawmaker who is Indict's chairwoman. "To allow (it) to participate in the Olympic movement is to mock all of the Olympics' high principles."

The Iraqi committee also participated in the looting of Kuwait during Saddam's 1990-1991 occupation of that country and continues to run front companies that are used to duck U.N. sanctions, Indict claimed.

Indict was set up in 1997 to try to get Saddam and leading members of his regime brought before an international tribunal on charges of crimes against humanity.

Forrest said Indict had combined testimony from exiled former Iraqi sportsmen, evidence from United Nations human rights investigators and media reports to build its case to the IOC.

Indict had had difficulty collecting evidence from former athletes because they often were living as refugees in the West and wanted to avoid publicity because they were afraid family members who still live in Iraq would be harmed, Forrest said.

He said the IOC should look again at how it tackles violations of Olympic ethics by the national committees.

"The ethical standards the

code establishes are not equipped to deal with things like torture or running a prison," he said.

IOC officials noted the organization previously suspended Afghanistan's national committee because the country's former Taliban regime barred women from sports.

Iraq was investigated in 1997 by the international soccer governing body, FIFA, after allegations members of the Iraqi national squad were tortured because they lost a key match.

FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said two officials were sent to Iraq, where they interviewed members of the Iraqi Football Association. Twelve players also were interviewed and physically examined.

"They weren't able to find any evidence or any witness to confirm those allegations," Herren said.

But, he added, "We were quite conscious of the fact that our investigative resources were very limited. We are a non-governmental organization and there are limits to what we could achieve."

But Clwyd said the FIFA inquiry was a "disgraceful whitewash."

"You can't expect athletes interviewed in Iraq to commit suicide by telling the truth. The IOC must deal with these allegations of torture and corruption in a much more serious manner," she said.

NFL

Davis being phased out from Redskins

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va.

There's not much a player can say when it appears the team is phasing him out. Accepting it seems wrong. Complaining about it seems wrong.

So Stephen Davis shrugged. "What am I going to say? What can I say?" the Washington Redskins running back said Wednesday. He didn't speak in an impolite or angry manner. In fact, he looked at reporters and added: "Nothing against y'all. Trust me. Nothing against y'all."

Davis is Washington's No. 3 career rushing leader and the first player in franchise history to run for 1,000-plus yards three years in a row. He's not flashy, but he has excellent vision and the reputation for turning a 3-yard gain into a 6-yard gain.

But now he's playing for coach Steve Spurrier, who would rather pass the ball, even though the Redskins don't have the quarterbacks to run a pass-oriented offense.

Though he's tried to bolster his case with comments such as "this offense has to go through me," Davis has just 726 yards on 193 carries. He's on pace to get fewer than 1,300 yards and fewer than

290 carries for the first time since 1998.

Then, this week, Spurrier dropped the latest Davis bombshell: Second-round draft pick Ladell Betts will get plenty of playing time over the final four games as the Redskins (5-7) wind down the season.

"Stephen has carried it a whole bunch this year," Spurrier said. "And if we are going to look to these younger guys, maybe there is a time to do it in the next four games."

The Redskins will have to deal with Davis after the season because he is scheduled to count an unwieldy \$11.4 million against the salary cap in 2003. Either a new contract has to be negotiated, or Davis will have to be cut.

So far, there have been no negotiations.

The soft-spoken Davis isn't the transient type, and he's said he would like to remain in Washington. But he's taken shots at Spurrier's play-calling, including a not-so-subtle "their game plan was better than ours" after the Thanksgiving loss at Dallas.

Spurrier has waffled in response. He's said, at times, that he needs to run Davis more, and other times he's indicated he'll keep throwing because the run has been just as ineffective.

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Expos superstars might be on the trading block

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Bartolo Colon, Javier Vazquez and Vladimir Guerrero might be available for the right price.

The Montreal Expos have concluded they will have to shed some payroll in 2003 to keep to the budget given them by the commissioner's office.

Expos general manager Omar Minaya began calling other GMs, telling them to think about proposals to bring

to the winter meetings, which start Dec. 13 in Nashville, Tenn.

Montreal president Tony Tavares said the team had begun talking about possible trades and about extensions with the agents for Guerrero and Colon, both eligible for free agency after the 2003 season.

"Omar is looking at the landscape right now to see what's out there," Tavares said. "You have to look at what all the alternatives are."

Montreal, sold by Jeffrey Loria to the other 29 teams last winter, is operated by the commissioner's office, which is exploring a possible sale before the 2004 season. The Expos had a \$38 million payroll last season, and keeping the same group together probably would result in a \$50 million payroll next year, the team estimates.

"We probably can't take on 50," Tavares said, "but that doesn't mean we can't be creative about getting additional revenue and reducing expend-

es."

Guerrero's salary goes from \$8 million in 2002 to \$11.5 million next year, Colon's salary jumps from \$4.8 million to \$8.25 million and second baseman Jose Vidro's increases from \$4 million to \$5.5 million. Vazquez, who made \$4,775,000, is eligible for salary arbitration.

Montreal, whose attendance is among the lowest in the major leagues, figures it will increase revenue by shifting 22 home games from Olympic

Stadium to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"You've seen a lot of creative deals out there," Tavares said. "We're looking to do that out of necessity, not out of choice. This year we're revenue challenged, but we can take on more in the future."

Minaya declined comment, and commissioner Bud Selig didn't return a telephone call seeking comment.

"We don't know exactly which way this Rubik's cube is going to spin," Tavares said.

NFL

Supreme Court paves way for new Cardinals' stadium

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Arizona Supreme Court has cleared the way for construction work to begin in earnest on the Arizona Cardinals' new stadium.

Brad Parker, a spokesman for the Tourism and Sports Authority, said a decision announced also gives the go-ahead to Cactus League baseball projects in Phoenix and Surprise and construction of a new youth sports facility.

The Supreme Court without comment denied a petition for review of an Aug. 27 decision in which a Court of Appeals panel ruled that the law that created the TSA was constitutional. The decision upheld a lower court's ruling from November 2001.

A lawyer for west Phoenix developer John F. Long declined comment and a spokesman for Long did not immediately return a call for comment.

While rejecting most of the arguments in Long's challenge, the Court of Appeals did eliminate the TSA's ability to use

income taxes from Cardinals employees and their spouses that are not directly related to football to pay for the \$355 million stadium.

It also prohibited the authority from pledging state general fund money to secure bonds for the project.

Long sued after land he offered as a site for the stadium was rejected by the TSA board in favor of a location in Tempe. The Tempe site was pulled when the Federal Aviation Administration declared it a potential hazard for planes at Phoenix's nearby Sky

Harbor International Airport.

Three days after the Court of Appeals ruling, the TSA agreed to put the \$355 million, retractable-roofed building at a site in Glendale next to a new arena the Phoenix Coyotes are building.

With the Supreme Court's action, "we are all set to move forward," Parker said.

The Cardinals now must acquire the land, and that will be followed by completion of site engineering and design work which had been on hold because of the court case, Parker said.

Though work will begin sooner, "we're looking to a formal groundbreaking after the turn of the year," he said.

The Supreme Court's action was "a big, giant step forward in making the stadium a reality," said Michael Bidwill, Cardinals vice president and general counsel and son of team owner Bill Bidwill.

"Despite the pleas of a variety of community leaders who went in to visit with Mr. Long, he decided to take it to the Supreme Court, so it's taken four months to get the answer," Bidwill said.

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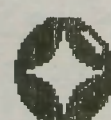
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NFL

Monday Night Football creator found dead

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Roone Arledge, a pioneering television executive at ABC News and Sports responsible for creating shows from Monday Night Football to Nightline, died Thursday. He was 71.

Arledge died at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said. The cause of death was complications from cancer, ABC News reported.

"Roone changed the face of television sports coverage with Wide World of Sports in the early 1960s and the production of the Olympic games," said longtime broadcaster Jim McKay.

Although he retired in 1998, Arledge's far-reaching influence can still be seen on TV: when a slow-motion replay is shown at a sporting event, when Peter Jennings reads the

news or when a sportscaster criticizes a player.

Arledge was single-handedly credited with bringing modern production techniques to sports coverage, then building ABC News into a power during the 1980s. For a decade, he was president of the sports and news divisions at ABC.

The 36-time Emmy winner was cited as one of the 100 most important Americans of the 20th century by Life magazine in 1990.

"Roone Arledge revolutionized television and with it the way people see and understand the world," ABC News President David Westin said in a statement. "He was our leader and our friend, and we will miss his passion and his will to make us all better than we were."

Roone Pinckney Arledge was born July 8, 1931, and reared on Long Island. The Columbia College graduate joined ABC Sports as a producer in 1960

after a five-year stint at NBC.

Appealing to his bosses to bring showbiz to sports, the 29-year-old was given control of ABC's NCAA football broadcasts. Through the 1960s, he introduced innovations taken for granted today: slow-motion and freeze-frame views, instant replays, hand-held cameras and the placement of microphones to bring the sound of the game into living rooms.

In addition to all the technical innovations, McKay said Arledge would also be remembered for "putting the focus on the human being involved in sports."

In 1961, Arledge created "ABC's Wide World of Sports," one of the most popular sports series ever, and coined its tag line — "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Arledge, who became president of ABC Sports in 1968, supervised coverage of 10 Olympics from 1964 to 1988,

including the memorable 1972 games in Munich disrupted by a terrorist attack in which a somber McKay delivered the news of the deaths of the Israeli athletes. Arledge expanded Olympics broadcasts beyond the competition by including personal profiles of athletes, a style echoed today since his protege, Dick Ebersol, runs NBC Sports.

He was the first to demand that networks, not sports leagues, approve announcers — a philosophy that led to his hiring of Howard Cosell, the abrasive New Yorker who was probably the most famous sportscaster ever.

"His intuitive genius, that sixth sense that told him what would or wouldn't play on television, was never more apparent than when we first worked together in the 1960s," Cosell wrote in his autobiography "I Never Played the Game."

Monday Night Football, still a staple on ABC's prime-time

schedule, was brought to the air by Arledge in 1970.

When Sports Illustrated in 1994 selected 40 individuals with the greatest impact on sports over the previous 40 years, Arledge was third behind Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan.

The reaction was harsh, though, when Arledge was selected in 1977 to resuscitate ABC's struggling news division — while still running sports.

"People in news were outraged that I hadn't been a reporter or worked my way up. The newspaper articles were brutal," he later recalled.

Critics thought he would turn the division into ABC's Wide World of News.

ABC created, after disastrous starts, the newsmagazines 20/20 and Prime Time Live under his watch. He lured David Brinkley to ABC and installed him on This Week, reviving the Sunday political talk genre.

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Nevin wouldn't waive clause for Griffey trade

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Cincinnati Reds and San Diego Padres agreed to trade Ken Griffey Jr. for Phil Nevin last weekend but the deal died when Nevin wouldn't waive his no-trade clause.

Nevin said that he told Padres general manager Kevin Towers that he wants to stay in San Diego, where he resurrected his career in 1999 after arriving as a backup catcher in a spring training trade with Anaheim.

"I let them know that's where I want to be," Nevin said by cell phone from Las Vegas, where he was golfing with Padres manager Bruce Bochy. "I just don't really want to talk about it, honestly. I'm staying in San Diego and we'll just take it from there. Those are things that are supposed to be left between the teams."

Towers said he had no comment.

A baseball source familiar with the proposed deal, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the teams agreed to the swap over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Griffey has been bothered by injuries the past two seasons after orchestrating a trade to Cincinnati in 2000.

He tore a tendon in his knee during the first week, setting up another season limited by

leg injuries. He also pulled a hamstring and strained hip muscles, limiting him to 70 games, a .264 average, eight homers and 23 RBIs.

Nevin's agent, Barry Axelrod, wondered why the Padres would even discuss a Nevin trade in the first place.

"There never could have been a deal, at least from our point of view," Axelrod said.

The Padres included a no-trade clause in the \$34.5 million, four-year contract extension Nevin signed in November 2001. That extension kicks in with the 2003 season.

But with Nevin again vacating third base in favor of Sean Burroughs, he's apparently become the target of trade talks. Nevin is expected to play right field.

Last spring, Nevin moved from third to first, and first baseman Ryan Klesko moved to right field so the rookie Burroughs could play third.

That experiment failed, though. Burroughs struggled because of a shoulder injury, was benched, went on the disabled list in late May and then spent 1 1/2 months at Class AAA Portland.

Nevin moved back to third base after Burroughs was benched, but broke his left arm diving for a ball two days later. He had a frustrating season, capped when he made an obscene gesture to a heckling fan late in late September,

angering Towers and Bochy.

Axelrod said Towers asked him before the recent general managers meetings whether Nevin, an All-Star in 2001, would ever waive the no-trade clause.

Nevin and his wife have a new home in the San Diego area and he has a daughter from a prior relationship who lives in the area, Axelrod said. The only way he would consider agreeing to a trade is if it were to a West Coast team that has spring training in Arizona and that he'd play third base.

"Clearly, Cincinnati would not be one of those," Axelrod said.

Nevin was the top pick overall in the June 1992 draft, by Houston, but developed a reputation as a hothead and bounced around the majors until settling in with the Padres. He became their starting third baseman in August 1999.



Cincinnati center fielder Ken Griffey, Jr. takes a swing in a game last season.

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Stoudamire pleads innocent

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore.

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damon Stoudamire has pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge related to a traffic stop in Washington state last month. Teammate Rasheed Wallace was expected to do the same.

Stoudamire entered his plea in documents filed in Lewis County District Court, according to his Portland-based

attorney, Steve Houze. He and Wallace had been scheduled to enter pleas Friday on the charges.

Wallace was not expected to appear in court but also plead innocent through documents, as is the custom in misdemeanor cases in Lewis County, Houze said.

County prosecuting attorney Jeremy Randolph did not immediately return phone messages from The Associated Press seeking comment. Wallace's Seattle-based attorney, David Bukey, also did not return messages.

After workouts Thursday morning at the Trail Blazers' practice facility, Stoudamire said he could not talk about the matter. Wallace did not comment.

Stoudamire already has legal troubles related to the Feb. 23 discovery of marijuana at his Lake Oswego home.

Stoudamire and his father were charged with felony possession of marijuana, but the charges against his father were dropped. In August, a judge declared the search illegal and rejected a prosecution request to use the marijuana as evidence. That ruling has been appealed.

Late last month Wallace, Stoudamire and driver Edward Smith of Portland were stopped on Interstate 5 north of Centralia, Wash., for

speeding. The group was returning after a Trail Blazers game against the Seattle SuperSonics.

A search of the vehicle turned up a small amount of marijuana, police said. Misdemeanor possession is punishable with a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to three months in jail.

Afterward, Stoudamire and Wallace appeared in a brief news conference, where they apologized for the incident.

Stoudamire's plea comes the same week that prosecutors in Oregon's Washington County decided not to pursue felony domestic abuse charges against Blazers' forward Ruben Patterson.

Patterson's wife Shannon called police to their home on Nov. 25 alleging she had been assaulted by her husband. Patterson was taken into custody and later released on bail posted by a teammate.

On Monday, Shannon Patterson went to Washington County prosecutors and said she did not wish the prosecution to proceed with the case. District Attorney Bob Hermann announced a day later that Patterson would not face formal charges because of a lack of evidence.

The Trail Blazers could take their own disciplinary action against Patterson.

"We're still gathering information, sorting through what the options are, and when we come to a decision, we'll certainly tell you," team general manager Bob Whitsitt said.

Patterson apologized to Blazers' fans in his first public comments, made before Portland was routed 103-88 by the Dallas Mavericks Wednesday night.

"It's a family matter, and I'm going to take care of it and move on," Patterson said. "Everybody knows I'm not a bad person."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Franchione accepts Texas A&M position

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Dennis Franchione left Alabama after only two seasons to take over as the new coach at Texas A&M.

Erle Nye, chairman of the Texas A&M board of regents, confirmed Franchione had agreed to a deal with the Aggies.

Franchione leaves Alabama less than a year after the school was hit this year with harsh NCAA sanctions. He replaces R.C. Slocum, who was fired Monday after the Aggies' 50-20 loss to Texas closed out a 6-6 season.

Texas A&M scheduled a news conference for 9:30 a.m. EST Friday to announce the hiring.

The 51-year-old Franchione and new Aggies athletic director Bill Byrne landed in a private jet at A&M on Thursday afternoon and strolled down a crimson carpet that had the Aggies' logo on it.

Franchione brushed past reporters, saying, "I'll talk to all of you tomorrow."

Byrne also declined to answer questions.

Franchione — 25-11 at TCU from 1998-2000 and 17-8 in two years at Alabama — had been noncommittal on his plans in recent weeks.

He dismissed reports in Texas newspapers that he would be the Aggies' new coach and called one "idiotic." He said he had "never wavered" on his intentions to return to Alabama next season but never promised he would stay.

"The first week they brought it up, he was just like, 'Don't worry about it. Just focus on

the game,'" Alabama center Alonzo Ephraim said. "That's just his personal life. I don't think it will hurt our program."

Mike McKenzie, who edits Franchione's Web site, said Thursday that Franchione told him he planned to have the position coaches notify the Crimson Tide players and he wouldn't return to meet the team.

Franchione's deal caps a tumultuous week at A&M, beginning with Slocum's firing and the hiring of Byrne on Tuesday.

Nye said the school and Franchione had agreed to many terms of a contract, including duration and salary.

The A&M board of regents has proposed a five-year contract for Franchione to take over the Aggies' football program, the Houston Chronicle reported. The offer to Franchione was believed to be worth \$10 million to \$11 million.

Despite a 10-3 record this season, Alabama isn't eligible for a bowl game because it is on NCAA probation due to recruiting violations that took place before Franchione was hired.

Franchione met for about three hours Wednesday with Alabama athletic director Mal Moore and members of the Alabama board of trustees, then left without commenting.

Franchione canceled speaking engagements Wednesday night in Columbus, Ga., and on Thursday in Montgomery, Ala.

Moore said he granted A&M officials permission to talk to Franchione but wanted the coach to stay with the Crimson Tide.

PGA TOUR

Furyk's 'boring' 64 takes lead

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Jim Furyk had a boring round compared to Tiger Woods and Davis Love III, which was fine by him in the Target World Challenge.

While both Woods and Love went eight consecutive holes without a par, Furyk picked his spots at Sherwood Country Club and avoided costly mistakes on his way to an 8-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead.

Nick Price and Padraig Harrington were at 65 after playing without a bogey, which was the best way to move up the leaderboard — and stay there — on a perfect day for scoring.

"You can make a bunch of birdies, but it's also a course where you can make a bunch of mistakes," Furyk said. "If you can eliminate those bad holes, which is difficult, you can shoot a really low round."

That's what stopped Woods (68) and Love (66).

Woods, the tournament host and defending champion of the \$3.8 million exhibition, reached the 15th hole and looked over at a large scoreboard.

"You have to shoot 10 under just to keep up," he said under his breath.

Instead, he was running in place, answering every birdie with a bogey, and vice versa.

After a par on the opening hole, Woods didn't make another par until he missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 10th.

He really got it going in the middle of his front nine with four straight birdies that pulled him within two strokes

of the lead, then hit into the hazard off the ninth tee and had to get up-and-down for a bogey.

"They were absolutely perfect conditions. Just look at the board," Woods said, noting that only four players in the 16-man field failed to shoot par or better. "You just knew you had to take it low today."

The good news? "I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament," he said.

Neither did Love, who had the most entertaining round of them all with nine birdies and an eagle. His problem was Love had only four pars.

Good day or bad day? "I like making that many birdies," Love said. "If you miss it any place on this golf course, you can make a big number."

His biggest came at the par-3 15th, when his ball came up just short in a mixture of grass and rocks. Love had a decent lie, but was worried about hitting the rocks with his club and wound up advancing the ball only a few inches. He wound up with a double bogey.

"I should have gotten it out," he said. "I just chickened out of the shot."

It's hard to blame a guy for not wanting to get injured, not in a tournament that pays \$1 million to the winner and \$130,000 for last place. And not with the start of the 2003 PGA Tour season — the money that counts — only a month away.

The other secret to low scoring was lack of sleep.

Furyk, Price and Harrington — the top three guys on the

leaderboard — were all in South Africa last week for the Nedbank Challenge.

"I knocked some of the rust off," Furyk said.

He played with Chris DiMarco, who knocked the ball all over Sherwood — eight birdies to go with a bogey and a double bogey that put him at 67 with David Toms and Retief Goosen.

Phil Mickelson played the par 5s even par — two bogeys and an eagle when he hit a 6-iron for his second shot on the 522-yard 11th hole. He was at 68, and gets to play with Woods on Friday.

After going 18 months without playing together, this will be the fifth time in their last eight rounds that Woods and Mickelson — Nos. 1 and 2 in the world — get to spend quality time inside the ropes.

That means more cameras, which isn't good news for Woods.

On Sunday in the Skins Game, a man without media credentials clicked a camera during Woods' swing out of a bunker on the final hole with \$200,000 on the line. Caddie Steve Williams removed the camera and dropped it into a lake.

On Thursday, a photographer clicked as Woods stood over a 6-foot eagle putt. He paused but didn't yell, and missed the putt.

"It was early enough that I was OK," he said. "I just misread it."

Williams didn't heave the camera into the Sherwood forest, he simply asked the photographer in a strong voice not to do it again.

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AFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|-------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Miami | 7-5 | .583 | 23.9 | 19.0 |
| New England | 7-5 | .583 | 25.3 | 20.9 |
| NY Jets | 6-6 | .500 | 21.3 | 22.4 |
| Buffalo | 6-6 | .500 | 26.3 | 28.2 |

AFC North

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Pittsburgh | 7-4-1 | .625 | 25.3 | 22.4 |
| Baltimore | 6-6 | .500 | 18.7 | 20.8 |
| Cleveland | 6-6 | .500 | 21.8 | 20.3 |
| Cincinnati | 1-11 | .083 | 17.0 | 27.9 |

AFC South

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|--------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Indianapolis | 8-4 | .667 | 21.4 | 17.2 |
| Tennessee | 7-5 | .583 | 22.9 | 23.9 |
| Jacksonville | 5-7 | .417 | 21.3 | 19.3 |
| Houston | 3-9 | .250 | 13.1 | 24.0 |

AFC West

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|-------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| San Diego | 8-4 | .667 | 21.9 | 22.1 |
| Oakland | 8-4 | .667 | 29.5 | 21.5 |
| Denver | 7-5 | .583 | 24.6 | 22.2 |
| Kansas City | 6-6 | .500 | 30.8 | 26.0 |

NFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|--------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Philadelphia | 9-3 | .750 | 26.7 | 15.6 |
| NY Giants | 6-6 | .500 | 16.8 | 18.1 |
| Dallas | 5-7 | .417 | 13.8 | 17.8 |
| Washington | 5-7 | .417 | 18.3 | 23.3 |

NFC North

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|-----------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Green Bay | 9-3 | .750 | 27.1 | 20.8 |
| Detroit | 3-9 | .250 | 17.9 | 27.6 |
| Minnesota | 3-9 | .250 | 23.2 | 27.7 |
| Chicago | 3-9 | .250 | 19.8 | 25.0 |

NFC South

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|-------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Tampa Bay | 9-3 | .750 | 22.3 | 12.4 |
| Atlanta | 8-3-1 | .708 | 26.3 | 17.6 |
| New Orleans | 8-4 | .667 | 28.8 | 25.1 |
| Carolina | 4-8 | .333 | 13.2 | 18.4 |

NFC West

| team | record | perc. | PF/G | PA/G |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| San Francisco | 8-4 | .667 | 23.8 | 21.6 |
| St. Louis | 5-7 | .417 | 19.6 | 20.2 |
| Arizona | 4-8 | .333 | 15.8 | 26.1 |
| Seattle | 4-8 | .333 | 20.3 | 23.3 |

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| 1 | Miami | 11-0 | 3.53 |
| 2 | Ohio State | 13-0 | 4.01 |
| 3 | Georgia | 11-1 | 9.03 |
| 4 | USC | 10-2 | 9.84 |
| 5 | Iowa | 11-1 | 10.55 |
| 6 | Washington State | 9-2 | 17.67 |
| 7 | Oklahoma | 10-2 | 18.87 |
| 8 | Kansas State | 10-2 | 20.05 |
| 9 | Texas | 10-2 | 20.28 |
| 10 | NOTRE DAME | 10-2 | 20.73 |
| 11 | Michigan | 9-3 | 24.08 |
| 12 | Colorado | 9-3 | 25.97 |
| 13 | Penn State | 9-3 | 27.69 |
| 14 | Florida State | 9-4 | 36.12 |
| 15 | West Virginia | 9-3 | 38.43 |

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



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A two-time Cy Young Award-winner for the Atlanta Braves, free-agent lefthander Tom Glavine is going where the interest and the money are in the New York Mets. Glavine could sign a deal worth up to \$42.5 million.

New York Mets acquire Glavine

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For more than a decade, Tom Glavine helped put the Atlanta Braves on top.

Now, he'll try to topple them.

Glavine, the most sought-after pitcher on the open market, reached agreement with the New York Mets on a three-year contract, his agent said Thursday night.

The Associated Press reported that the deal includes a vesting option which could make the deal worth \$42.5 million.

"Unbelievable," Mets pitcher John Franco said.

"He's the first big free agent we've had in awhile."

Glavine was believed to have gotten a \$35 million contract with a vesting option for a fourth year that could make the deal worth \$42.5 million.

Glavine, 36, had spent his whole career with the Braves, winning two Cy Young Awards and posting five 20-win seasons.

But their NL East rivals, the Mets and Phillies, showed much more interest in the left-hander than his old team. So it came down to a choice between New York and Philadelphia.

"It was one of the toughest decisions he's ever had to make," said his agent, Gregg Clifton. "There wasn't really one thing that decided it. He just made a decision."

And the Mets couldn't be happier.

"It's a heck of a signing for us," gushed pitcher Al Leiter.

"He's a future Hall of Famer and he might be the last guy to win 300 games. I'm looking forward to learning a lot from him."

The Mets said the deal was subject to Glavine passing a physical next Monday. That shouldn't be a problem — he hasn't

been on the disabled list since making his major league debut with Atlanta in 1987.

Braves president Stan Kasten, who was attending an Atlanta Hawks game at Philips Arena, declined comment.

Glavine did not return a telephone message left at his home.

"Although we were disappointed to hear that he has opted to sign with the Mets, we appreciate the opportunity we had to try to sign him," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said in a statement.

Glavine was 18-11 with a 2.96 ERA this year.

IN BRIEF

Arizona tight end arrested for marijuana possession

A University of Arizona football player has been arrested on felony drug trafficking charges after he was stopped in Illinois with 87 pounds of marijuana.

Junior tight end Justin Levasseur was pulled over for speeding Tuesday morning by a state trooper near Geneseo, about 140 miles west of Chicago, police said. The trooper then found the marijuana and arrested Levasseur on drug possession and trafficking charges.

Levasseur was a part of a late-season controversy involving Arizona coach John Mackovic, who admitted to berating the player during a game against UCLA on Nov. 9.

Levasseur said Mackovic called him "a disgrace to his family" and "an embarrassment to the team."

Levasseur, a 22-year-old from Antioch, Calif., led all Arizona tight ends with 11 catches for 143 yards. He caught two touchdown passes in

Arizona's 52-41 victory over California this season, a week after Mackovic had criticized his play.

A passenger, Max Necochea, 22, of Mission Viejo, Calif., also was arrested on drug and unlawful use of weapons charges. Police said the marijuana has a street value of about \$150,000.

Hockey player's father will not pull lawsuit

The New Brunswick Amateur Hockey Association filed a statement in court Thursday calling a father's lawsuit against the league scandalous and frivolous.

Michel Croteau, the father of 16-year-old bantam hockey star Steven Croteau, is suing the NBAHA for \$300,000 in psychological and punitive damages because his son failed to win the league's most valuable player award.

The statement said Croteau's complaint about his son failing to win the MVP award, despite having the most

goals and assists in the league, is "scandalous, frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of judicial process."

The association said such awards are based on independent votes cast by a league committee of 10 coaches and team members. Steven Croteau received only one vote.

Despite the statement, Michel Croteau is not dropping his lawsuit.

"This is not about a trophy," Michel Croteau said. "This whole thing is about a big organization that just doesn't listen to people. They just do what they want and if you go against them, they're so strong they make you look like a fool."

Steven led the bantam league last season with 45 goals and 42 assists in 27 games. Lucas Martin, who won the MVP award, was fourth in the league with 21 goals and 39 assists.

Steven has been suspended from play because of the lawsuit.

Michel Croteau said the hockey association never had the courtesy to explain certain decisions.

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SATURDAY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Army vs. Navy 12 p.m., CBS

Virginia Tech at Miami 1 p.m., ABC

MAC Championship: Toledo at Marshall
2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Washington State at UCLA 4:30 p.m., ABC
SEC Championship: Georgia vs. Arkansas
6 p.m., CBS

Big 12 Championship: Colorado vs.
Oklahoma 8 p.m., ABC

ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Irish aim for repeat performance against Pitt

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Boasting senior leadership and quality individual efforts, the Notre Dame womens swimming and diving looks to build on its 3-1-1 start Saturday against Pittsburgh.

Last year, the Irish defeated the Panthers in the season's opening meet 223-27 by winning 14 of 16 events.

Graduated seniors Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking led the



Cavadini

team, taking four and three races, respectively. Still, it was the performance of underclassmen that caught not just Pittsburgh attention, but all opponents' eyes from that first meet onward.

Then-freshman Brooke Taylor won the 1,000-yard freestyle, then-sophomore Lisa Garcia won the 200 freestyle and then-junior Amy Deger won the 200 butterfly. Other team members won events impressively in a dominant performance.

Fast forward about one year.

In the womens' previous competition at the Minnesota Invitational two weeks ago, the Irish finished fourth with 500.50 points behind host Minnesota (696), Missouri (676) and Wisconsin (652). Junior Lisa

Garcia was the only member of the Irish team to win an event, capturing first place in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2 minutes, 1.53 seconds. Senior Katie Cavadini said Garcia has been one of the team's most reliable and consistent swimmers so far this season.

Tri-captains Cavadini, Amy Deger and Heidi Hendrick lead a squad with key contributors coming from every class and every team member, like Taylor, sophomore Kelli Barton and others.

Cavadini brings excellence in the distance freestyle races, Deger swims the butterfly and individual medley and Hendrick is the fastest the Irish have in the 100 and 200 freestyle. These three seniors, along with other experienced swimmers on the team, are leading the team this season.

"Upperclassman leadership in Danielle [Hulik] and Laurie [Musgrave] and others really helps with our success," said Cavadini.

The womens swimming and

diving team remembers the result of last year's meeting with Pittsburgh. The Irish are concentrating on not losing focus.

"Pitt has a new coach, and I know they have been swimming better than they did last year, but we should still win," Cavadini said.

The meet is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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NCAA

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ning streak is the second longest active streak in the country. The Cougars qualified for their first NCAA Tournament by winning the Southern Conference. Outside hitter Stephanie Ballard leads the Cougars averaging 3.91 kills per game.

If the Irish win, they will play the winner of the other first round contest between Michigan State and George Mason (22-7) at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Last year, the Spartans (19-11) eliminated the Irish in East Lansing, Mich. in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

With less than 24 hours between matches, Brown and her staff are ready to play either opponent should the Irish beat the Cougars.

"As a staff, we have looked ahead to George Mason and Michigan State. With the team, we are really focusing on Charleston," Brown said. "We have seen tape of both, and we are preparing to play again Sunday. We think Charleston will give us a good match, but we want to be prepared to play on Sunday."

Notre Dame hasn't played since defeating Miami 3-1 to win the Big East Championship on Nov. 24. When the Irish face the Cougars, 12 days will have passed since Notre Dame's last match, but Brown isn't concerned about the long lay-off.

"I think it is really good for us, both mentally and physically," she said. "It was good for us to have a couple of days off in between Thanksgiving. We aren't going into the Tournament fatigued."

In August, the Irish set a goal of moving past the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament. They are ready to take that step at home this weekend.

"It is definitely a big goal. It is something we have talked about since the team got together on the first day of practice," Brown said. "We have to be very careful to take it one step at a time. We are just looking at Charleston on Saturday and are hoping for the opportunity to play Sunday."

"We need to take each day and each match one at a time."

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Ice

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one of the worst records in CCHA play, have played extremely well as of late. In its last two games, Bowling Green got an overtime win against Michigan State and a tie with sixth-ranked Michigan.

The Falcons are led offensively by defenseman Kevin Bieksa, who has scored three goals and collected seven assists. Forward Mark Wires leads the team with five goals.

In goal, sophomore Jordan Sigalet has been the most impressive starter, with a goals against average of 2.74 and a .926 save percentage. He was also between the pipes for the Falcons' win over Michigan State and the tie with Michigan.

The Irish have been success-

ful against the Falcons lately with a record of 7-2-1 in the last ten meetings between the teams. Last season, the Irish went 3-1 against the Falcons, including winning both games at home.

After a 1-3 road trip, the Irish are excited to be returning home, where their last performance was a 2-1 win over Miami of Ohio back on Nov. 9.

"I think we're excited to play at home again," Cey said. "Our

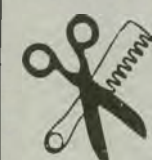
fans pack the rink for us and we can play with that extra effort to come out with the win."

The Irish will need to make the most of their home ice advantage. Following the Bowling Green series, the team's next seven games are on the road, with the next home matchup not until Jan. 17 against Yale.

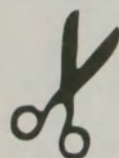
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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles have high hopes for home tourney

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

This weekend will be a true test for the Saint Mary's basketball team as the Belles host the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic.

Joining Saint Mary's in the tournament are the University of Chicago (1-3), 2002 Division III NCAA Tournament qualifier Savannah College of Art and Design and Rose-Hulman (1-

4).

The Belles started the season off strong, despite losing their first two games to Franklin College (63-86), and Hanover (67-81), at the Franklin College Tip Off Tourney.

The Belles picked up their first victory of the season at home on Nov. 26, with their 67-42 victory over Manchester College. They enter this weekend's tournament on a positive note, as they hope to expand on their first home win.

Despite the mixed results, athletic director Gregg Petcoff feels the team is meshing very well.

"This team is playing very well thus far, despite the two losses," Petcoff said. "When the subs go in, they don't miss a beat. Our expectations are rising, as we continue to win more games each year."

Looking to build on their upset of Kalamazoo in their final game last season, the team is still adjusting from the loss of last year's seniors as

well as one player studying abroad this semester.

With only ten girls on the team, coach Suzanne Bellina knows each player needs to play well for the Belles to be successful.

"We are an extremely balanced team. Top to bottom, we are very strong," Bellina said. "This year's seniors want to go out on a high note, and the young players want to turn the program around, beginning with this year."

Saint Mary's faces Rose-

Hulman at 8 p.m. Tonight's winners play Saturday at 3 p.m. Bellina is excited about the weekend's opportunities.

"We want to win the tournament. It is our home court, our tournament, and we always want to win it, but we never have," Bellina said. "I think we have a great chance to win this year. We will just have to give 100 percent effort."

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish forward Dan Miller passes the ball off in Notre Dame's 92-71 victory against Marquette Monday. Miller will compete against his former Maryland teammates Saturday.

Miller

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over two years ago, Miller remained in close contact with his former school. He still has old Maryland athletic gear boxed up in his house at home along with his Final Four ring. However, he is missing the national championship ring the Terrapins won last year without Miller's help.

Needless to say, Saturday is a game he's been waiting to play for a long time.

"It's a game I've had circled for a while," Miller said. "But I can't get too excited about it. I can't get too high about it. I have to go out and prepare for it like any other game."

Easy for him to say. Even without the emotional connection, the defending national champion poses a difficult challenge for the Irish. They're deep, talented and experienced.

But that was part of the reason Miller left in the first place.

A McDonald's All-American coming out of high school, Miller barely received the chance to star with the Terrapins. His best season came his sophomore year, when he earned the team's "Unsung Hero" award after starting all 34 games.

But the next year, he averaged 18 minutes a game and 4.8 points a game as Maryland's other stars led the team to its first-ever Final Four. Feeling uncomfortable, Miller decided to switch schools.

He didn't have to look very far. Greg Miller, Dan's older brother, played at Delaware under Brey, and Miller was well acquainted with Brey's coaching style. Plus, the chance to earn a Notre Dame degree helped convince the 6-foot-8 forward to don an Irish uniform.

"It was definitely difficult," Miller said. "I was leaving behind my teammates and friends to enter a new situation. But my teammates and coaches at Notre Dame helped me along, and it was a great transition for me."

Brey normally doesn't like accepting transfer players who can play for only one year. But the Irish coach looked down the road and saw the Irish would be both thin and inexperienced after David Graves, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan graduated.

Bringing Miller in, even if it was just for one year, would help give the youthful Irish stability and leadership.

"Chemistry wise, you have to make sure it's a fit," Brey said. "... But Dan has the respect of his teammates in practice, he earned it in practice last year, and he's a big asset with our young players."

Although the NCAA required him to sit out last season, Miller spent the season improving himself as a player and spending more time in the weight room. He challenged the rest of the players in practice even as he prepared himself to fill in for the Irish the next season.

Even though the season is seven games young, Miller is already well on his way to becoming the impact player the Irish hoped he would be.

His leadership has taken some of the burden off Brey and tri-captain Matt Carroll and his presence on the court gives

the Irish tremendous matchup advantages.

Come Saturday, the Irish will need Miller to continue his early-season play if they want to win. After playing Maryland on Saturday, the Irish will face either Texas or George Washington on Sunday.

But for now, Maryland is in the spotlight.

"The focus is on Notre Dame and Maryland, not Dan Miller and Maryland," Brey said. "But he understands that and I want him to keep playing the way he's playing."

Miller still keeps in contact with his former teammates. He speaks to guard Steve Blake, one of his best friends on the team, almost twice a week. In fact, Blake called Miller to congratulate him after the Irish knocked off No. 10 Marquette earlier this week.

But come Saturday, any friendly feelings Miller has toward his old teammates will disappear even before he takes the court wearing a different uniform and sits on a different bench.

"We're still good friends, there's no hard feelings or anything like that," Miller said. "But once the game begins, once its out on the court, we know we're out there to win. We're going to go hard at each other."

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL



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Irish guard Alicia Ratay tries to get around a Valparaiso defender in Notre Dame's 74-68 victory Wednesday. The Irish play Arizona State Saturday at noon.

Irish need to turn up heat against Devils

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

It will have to be a new Notre Dame team that takes the floor on Saturday.

The unfocused Irish squad that was on thin ice against Valparaiso on Wednesday will certainly fall through if it can't focus and cool off the Sun Devils.

So what do they need to fix?

"Everything," coach Muffet McGraw said.

Arizona State is off to its best start in the last 10 years. The Sun Devils have been on fire, beginning with a 5-0 record, including an upset against No. 14 Georgia Monday. In addition, the Sun Devils are looking to add a 14th win to their record-setting home winning streak.

The Irish don't look as hot.

In its last two games, Notre Dame has not been executing effectively on offense. Although it's been shooting nearly 58 percent from the floor, the offense has not been as effective as McGraw would like.

"We haven't executed in the last two games," McGraw said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

Offensively, that work will have to focus around playing against a man-to-man defensive scheme. The Sun Devils defense, ranked first in the Pac-10 last season, has used its man-to-man scheme to shut down opposing offenses. The Sun Devils are giving up an average of 62 points per game, more than 13 points less than their scoring average of 75.8 points per game.

But the good defense isn't what is most surprising about this young Arizona State University team. The Sun Devils are playing without two of their best players. Junior two-year starter Betsy Boardman left Arizona State University and

sophomore forward Alexis Tate suffered a season-ending knee injury. Despite its losses, Arizona State is on fire offensively.

Led by freshmen standouts Jill Noe, Kristen Kovesdy and Amy Denson, the Sun Devils are shooting 45 percent from the floor and 42 percent from behind the arc. That's a change from the usually defensively focused team.

"I think what happened is they lost their best player and they've all

stepped up," McGraw said. "So they're all contributing a little bit more than they did before."

What may be more important is how the Sun Devils play offensively. Where the Irish have not executed as much as McGraw would like, the Sun Devils have run a patient, mistake-free offense.

"Offensively, they don't make mistakes," McGraw said. "They don't beat themselves. They just kind of take their time."

The Irish will have to focus to remove the mistakes from their game. Although they only had two days of practice to fix Wednesday's mistakes, McGraw is sure two days is enough.

"It's a lot of mental stuff," McGraw said. "They just need to focus and get in their heads that they're going to get on their game."

Tip-off is Saturday at noon.

Note:

Saturday's game is part of the AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II. Arizona State will be playing host to the second annual tournament that benefits breast cancer research, treatment and education with donations going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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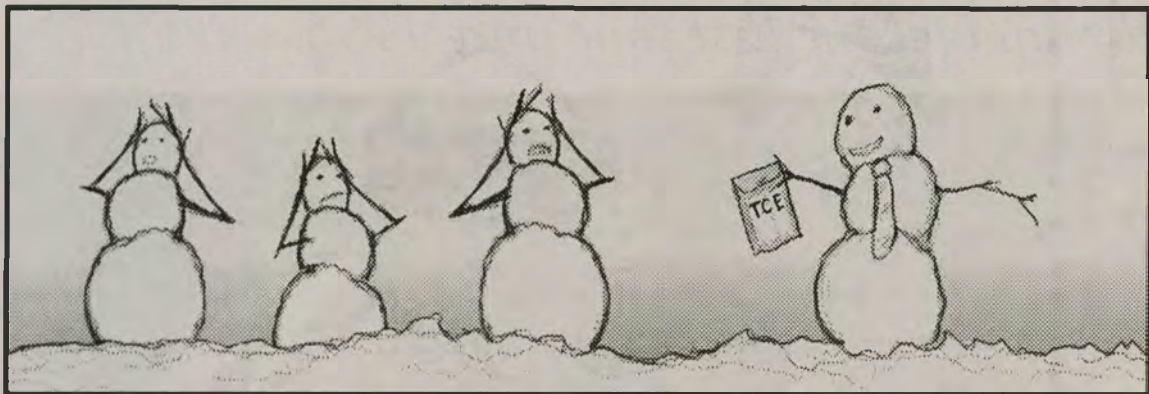
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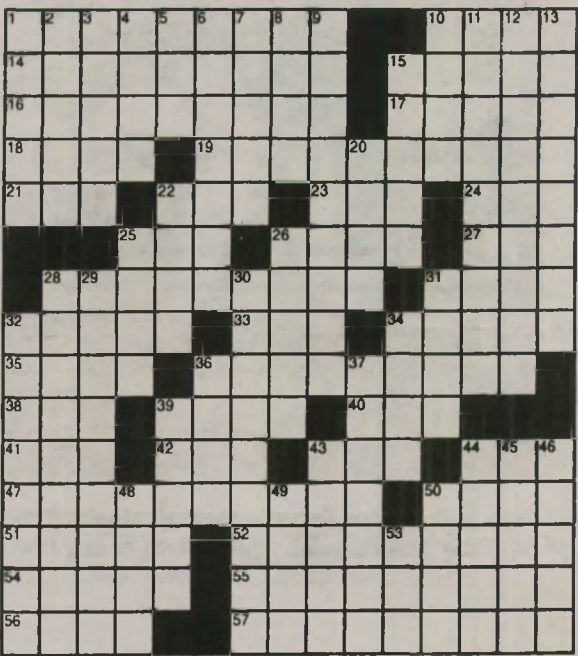


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29 Much the same
30 Butcher's offering
31 Rate ___ (be perfect)
32 Popular typeface
34 1970's hairdo
- 36 Cooking fat
37 Photo in an old album
39 Goes over
43 Robert Devereux's earldom
44 Something staked
- 45 Food chain?
46 Image maker
48 ___ War
49 Film role played by Skippy
50 It rises in the Ardennes
53 Stretch out, in Scotland

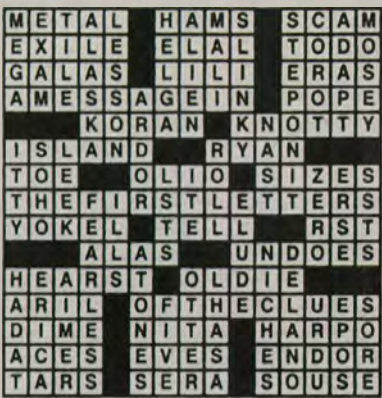
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Happy Birthday: Delegate the work this year. It may be hard to say no to others, but also necessary if you want to accomplish your own goals this year. Make concessions so that you can do the best job possible. Your numbers are 10, 14, 22, 31, 36, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Delays or problems are likely while in transit. Be prepared to compensate for these dilemmas. Don't even bother trying to get any last-minute tasks done today. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The paperwork you wanted to tie up will cause frustrations for you. Do what you can and don't stress yourself out. Be satisfied that you can complete some of the projects you are working on. Stay calm. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Business partnerships can be prosperous. Pamper yourself and don't be afraid to make some changes. Pick up last minute items that you've been meaning to purchase. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social activities that include co-workers will be informative. Be sure to participate. Make sure you talk to friends or relatives who have not been too well this past year. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can expect to face changes. You should get some recognition for all that you've done. Someone in your life may be putting some limitations on you. Look at your situation objectively. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't try to get someone you care about to do things your way. This person will resent it and you will make matters worse. You can make major accomplishments if you mingle with people who are in the same industry. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel will be in your best interests. You will find that getting together with friends or meeting new people will bring mental stimulation and inspiration. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look into the possibility of taking a trip for business or pleasure. Make arrangements to get together with people you don't get to see very often. Keep your eyes open for a moneymaking opportunity. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make sure you check business deals out thoroughly before signing anything. Don't forget about your obligations to family. Educational pursuits should be considered. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Present your ideas to someone who may give you financial support. This is an excellent time to see your plans finally come to fruition with the help of someone who believes in you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Difficulties with others may put you in an awkward situation. Keep to yourself and do what needs to be done. Your lowered vitality may push you to give up if the pressure is too great. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mingle with the movers and you will make major gains. You can charm established individuals into considering your ideas. Be attentive to your partner and the tables will turn. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will be the one to whom everyone turns for advice, direction and support. You will tell it like it is and your honesty will be appreciated. You will stand tall and make those who love you proud.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Looking to take the next step

Irish host first 2 rounds of the NCAA Tournament and look to get past the second round for the first time since 1995

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Since 1995, the Irish have won 150 matches, including an 87-4 regular season conference record. They have also won six Big East regular season titles and six Big East tournament titles.

With all those victories and championships, the Notre Dame volleyball team hasn't been able to do something that seems simple for a team experiencing so much success

— win two consecutive games in the NCAA Tournament.

But this year might be different.

After qualifying for their 11th straight NCAA Tournament by winning the Big East Tournament two weeks ago, the Irish were awarded the No. 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament. More importantly, the Irish were named a host for the first two

rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Instead of having to travel to an opponent's unwelcoming gymnasium, the Irish will be able to play in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center where they have won their past 35 matches.

"I think it is a great situation for us, and we are excited to be hosting," Irish coach

Debbie Brown said. "I think it is a big advantage psychologically because we feel more comfortable here. Academic pressures are lessened

since the team isn't missing classes for a day of travel. We probably sleep better in our own beds."

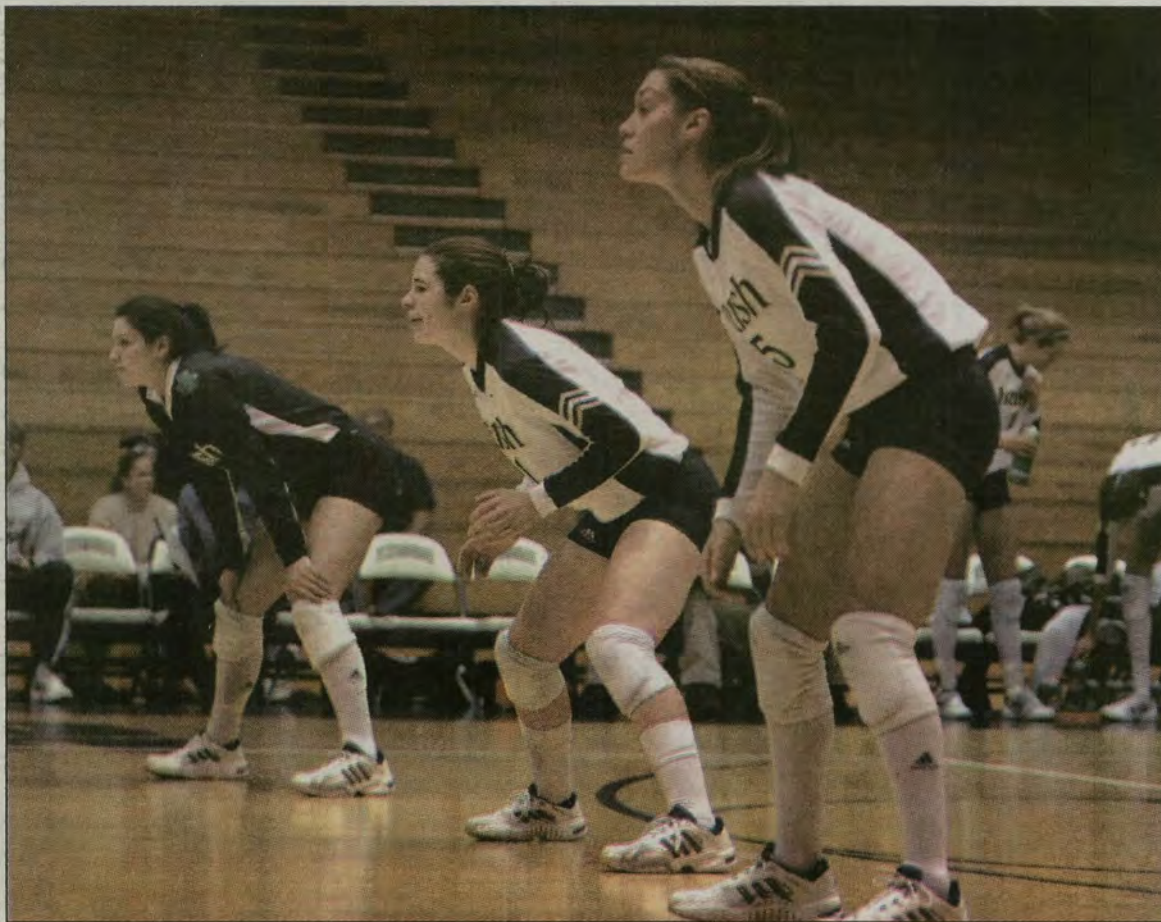
Notre Dame (23-7) hosts the College of Charleston (29-5) in a first round match at 6 p.m. Saturday. This will be first meeting between the Irish and the Cougars.

Charleston's 22-match win-

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From left, Notre Dame's Meg Henican, Keara Coughlin and Jessica Kinder await a serve in the Big East Tournament. The Irish host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

MENS BASKETBALL

Miller to face former Maryland teammates

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Had Mike Brey have known, he never would have agreed.

Had Brey known he was going to receive a senior transfer from Maryland, he never would have given a verbal commitment that pitted the Irish and the Terrapins against each other.

Had Brey known Dan Miller would step on the same court Saturday wearing a different uniform than the players, he never would have said the Irish would play in the BB&T Classic.

But Brey gave his word two

years ago he would play in the tournament this weekend, six months before Miller transferred from Maryland to Notre Dame. So Saturday at the MCI Center, Miller will be reunited with his former teammates on the court for the first time since he left the Terrapins.

"Quite frankly, if we knew we were getting Dan Miller, we would never schedule this game," Brey said. "I don't think overall it's a healthy situation, but he's a fifth-year senior, he's in his niche out there, and I think he's excited to go back."

Although he left Maryland

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HOCKEY

Irish play host to Falcons

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish hockey team hopes to give their fans an early Christmas present as Notre Dame takes on Bowling Green in a two-game series that will be the last home games for the Irish in 2002.

The Irish (5-6-2, 4-6-0 CCHA) will take on the Falcons (3-8-1, 1-7-1 CCHA) Saturday at 7:05 p.m., and again on Sunday, at the scheduled time of 5:05 p.m.

Notre Dame is coming off a heartbreaking trip to Alaska-Fairbanks, in which the Irish fell in both games by one-goal deficits.

Irish goaltender Morgan Cey

said that he believes the team is looking forward to the Bowling Green series as a way to regain a little respect among its CCHA peers.

"I think there's a little more motivation [for this series]," he said. "We know we're a top team in this league. It's hard to lose two games that we thought we should have won."

Special teams have been a recurring problem for the

Irish, and that weakness was exposed in the second game of the Alaska-Fairbanks series.

The Irish lost 5-4 and allowed four power play goals.

"Last time we had a bit of rough luck on special teams," Cey said. "We've been working on it in practice and are going to be ready for

Bowling Green, who despite their record are a good team. We're going to have to be on the top of our game for them."

The Falcons, despite having

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AT A GLANCE

ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at Arizona State

Saturday, noon

The Irish, coming off a narrow 74-68 victory over Valparaiso, take on the Sun Devils in the Hoops for the Cure Classic II. The ninth-ranked Irish look to remain undefeated on the season.

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ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Pittsburgh at Notre Dame

Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Irish, 3-1-1 on the season, look to continue their winning ways against the Panthers. Last season, the Irish came away with a solid victory from Pittsburgh.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's Roundball Classic

Friday-Saturday

Saint Mary's hosts the University of Chicago, Savannah College of Art and Design and Rose-Hulman College this weekend. The Belles are 1-2 on the season.

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