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E-mail reports mugging

Observer Staff Report

A Notre Dame student was mugged while walking home from Boat Club over the weekend, according to a Saturday e-mail sent to Keough Hall residents.

The 7:45 p.m. e-mail from Keough rector Father Peter Jarret said "there has been an incident this week that raises issues about safety off campus (a student walking home alone from the Boat Club was mugged and injured)." Jarret's message listed no other specifics about the assault.

Notre Dame Security/Police and South Bend police officials said they had no knowledge of a Notre Dame student being mugged. Student Affairs officials also denied knowledge of the alleged incident.

Jarret's e-mail cautioned students to be careful when off campus, in light of the alleged mugging and freshman Chad Sharon's disappearance. The e-mail recommended that Keough residents leave and return to Notre Dame with other students.

Jarret declined to comment on his hall-wide e-mail or the alleged assault. He could not confirm whether the mugging occurred but stated that all the information in his message was truthful and came from a source connected to the alleged victim.

Scully confronts TV reporter

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

A confrontation between WNDU-TV reporter Bonnie Druker and Notre Dame executive vice president Father Tim Scully occurred near the Fisher Hall parking lot shortly before the beginning of the 10 p.m. Mass celebrated Thursday for missing freshman Chad Sharon, University officials said.



Scully



Druker

Druker, a reporter for the University-owned television station, was on campus to cover the Fisher Hall Mass for Newscenter 16. She was unavailable for comment.

"Father Scully told the WNDU crew that they were parked in the wrong spots," said Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin.

A Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter report listed an incident at Fisher Hall under the offense category "other assault." The online blotter narrative said "a visitor reported a confrontation with a University employee



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The Incident between Notre Dame Executive Vice President Tim Scully and reporter Bonnie Druker occurred in this parking lot behind Fisher Hall and South Dining Hall.

regarding parking." The incident was reported at 1:14 a.m. Friday.

While police officials said they were unable to comment on any possible investigation into the report, the incident is listed as "active" on the blotter.

"If it says it's active then it's been assigned to a detective," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of NDSP.

Storin said he believes the dispute occurred over the location of WNDU vehicles parked in the

spaces between Fisher Hall and South Dining Hall.

"I saw the trucks in the parking area that I believe is probably part of the South Dining Hall parking," he said. Storin said the news vehicles may have been parked in spaces reserved for South Dining Hall parking and not Fisher Hall parking.

Scully apologized to Druker after the incident occurred, according to Storin. "It is my understanding that Father Scully

apologized to Ms. Druker the next day and that she accepted that apology," he said. "[Scully apologized] just for what he felt was a misunderstanding."

The confrontation occurred shortly before the Fisher Hall Mass was scheduled to begin, according to Storin. "It was five or 10 minutes before that," he said.

Scully also said he apologized to Druker for the incident. "It was a

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New student magazine debuts

By KIFLIN TURNER
Associate News Editor

Faced with questions about career paths and the personal interests that motivate those decisions, students frequently consider various post-graduation options throughout their college careers. But on the Notre Dame campus, there are few options for this type of career guidance, said Notre Dame senior John Cannon, president of the new student-run magazine, *Changing Times*, that aims to provide uncertain students with possible answers about their future plans.

"I think we realized that it's just not ourselves but all college students wanting an answer," said Cannon.

Planning began last October when two roommates brainstormed an idea that eventually became a reality in the form of a non-profit foundation. Like most other students, Cannon and John Mirshekari, found themselves puzzling over their futures and discussing their plans for after college.



Photo courtesy of John Cannon

John Mirshekari (l) and John Cannon recently started a student magazine, *Changing Times*, dealing with career guidance.

"Challenging students to think about these questions more and then reaching some answers and inspiring them to do those things with the broader society in mind is the goal of the magazine," said Cannon.

Cannon and Mirshekari said they wanted to help students face their own doubts about

how to focus on their interests and then use these as strengths to help the world in their own way.

"In terms of giving our readers a good perspective on careers that they could potentially explore, we feel it's important to have people

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ND cancels graduate insurance subsidy plans

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Budget cuts have forced University administrators to cancel previous plans to subsidize the cost of a larger, more comprehensive health insurance plan for graduate students, representatives from the Graduate Student Union and the Graduate School confirmed.

GSU plans to officially inform Notre Dame graduate students of the lack of subsidization later this week via e-mail.

"[University officials] had been saying all along that they didn't think it would fit into next year's budget," said Heather Edwards, GSU Healthcare Committee Chairperson.

Edwards said she and other GSU leaders were informed of the decision by administrators within the Graduate School early this semester. Administrators, however, also warned them last semester that lack of funds would likely make subsidization for the 2003-04 academic year unlikely, she said.

James Powell, associate dean of

the Graduate School, also confirmed that subsidized health insurance will be unavailable to graduate students next year. But he said the University will remain focused on the issue and commended GSU for its hard work on the issue.

"GSU has done everything it possibly can to achieve this goal," Powell said.

Despite these efforts, GSU President Tim Dale said he expects complaints from graduate students, some of whom have grievances with the current health insurance plan.

"I'm sure there's going to be outcry and outrage, but there's not much to do," he said. "Negotiating with an empty bank account doesn't really work. The main thing is to keep this on the agenda."

Subsidizing health insurance remains a priority among University administrators, the GSU president said.

"It is on the top of their list," he said. "It's on the top of everyone's list. It seems that at the earliest possible moment that funding

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INSIDE COLUMN

Days to remember

Last Sunday I walked back onto campus after a long vacation — for the last time. As I walked down the hall of my dorm and greeted my friends who I hadn't seen for the last three weeks it struck me that this was the last time this group of amazing women would be within yelling distance. It wasn't until that moment that the thought finally struck home. This is my last semester of college.



Katie McVoy

Associate Sports Editor

And as I thought about that, I made a pact with myself. I think it's a fact that all of us who will soon be saying goodbye should take a moment to consider and, perhaps, sign so that we remember to do what really matters now. Here it is.

I, Katie Marie McVoy, being a second-semester senior, have agreed to the following terms for spending my last four months at Saint Mary's.

I will not let the stress of school take away the enjoyment of my final semester of being a grown-up kid. I will not let books and homework take away from the things I will really learn in the classroom and out of it. I will not let trying to formulate theses get in the way of letting new ideas really grow.

I will not let the small annoyances of living with my friends keep me from appreciating how important they really are to me. I will remember to tell them, every time I can, how much I have learned from them since I set foot on campus three and a half years ago. I will remember to take advantage of their company because it will not be available come next fall. Most importantly, I will remember to keep my friendships strong now, so that they will be strong always.

I will not let the fact that I am leaving and going out "on my own" make me forget that I am never alone. I will still call home to talk to my mom when I am sad and I will still ask to be Daddy's girl when boys are not nice to me. I will not let the fact that some of the world will see me as an adult prevent me from acknowledging that, sometimes, I need someone to come scare away the monsters from under my bed.

I will not let growing older force me to grow up too soon. I will still keep a picture of my dog and a teddy bear sitting on my window sill. I will continue to allow the number of stuffed animals that I sleep with increase, and I will always, always remember to watch the Smurfs whenever they are on TV.

Most importantly, I will remember that these days happen only once and, each morning, I will remember to enjoy them. These are days I will remember.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie McVoy at mcvo5695@saintmarys.edu

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MLK week organizers have planned a full week of activities to help commemorate King's life and achievements.	Secretary of State Colin Powell said he agrees with the University of Michigan's policy and disagrees with President Bush's position.	Segway human transporters are prohibited by city officials because of safety concerns.	Student body president Trip Foley calls for a new 10-meal per week option for students.	Not satisfied with the dining hall offerings? Head for Carrabbas Italian Grill, Siam Restaurant, or Fiddler's Hearth.	The Irish gave up a 15-point halftime lead and eventually lost to Rutgers 64-61 on Saturday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Art Exhibit: Contemporary Impressions: Art by Native American Artists
All day at the Snite Museum of Art
- ◆ Womens Basketball vs. Connecticut
2 p.m. at the Joyce Center
- ◆ Art Exhibit: Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs
All day at the SNite Museum of Art

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Interfaith Prayer Service
4 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge
- ◆ Residence Hall Association Info Session
7 p.m. at Haggar Parlor
- ◆ Sister School Project Forum
12 p.m. at Haggar Parlor

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Two people apprehended near parking lot

NDSP apprehended two suspicious people near the C1 parking lot Thursday afternoon. One suspect was arrested for criminal trespass and the other individual was identified, issued a no trespass warning letter and released. The case is being investigated further.

Visitor reports argument

A visitor reported an argument with a student regarding parking near the Main Circle on Thursday around noon. The case is being referred for administrative review.

NDSP issues alcohol citation

Police issued a University citation to a student Thursday evening near the East Gate for a minor in possession of alcohol. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Student treated for sports injury

NDSP responded to a report of an injured student near the Stepan Center Friday afternoon. The student was treated at the scene for a sports-related injury.

compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Swiss steak, herb-garlic russet, potatoes, brown sauce chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, minted peas & carrots, haddock with herbs, curried vegetable rice pilaf, baked potato, sugar-snap peas.

Today's Dinner: Sherried chicken thighs with mushrooms & water chestnuts, long grain & wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, cut corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potato, cauliflower, fried cheese ravioli, three-pepper sauce, french dip sandwich

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Neapolitan spaghetti basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli italian sausage marinara, sausage pizza, cherry turnover, pretzel sticks, cheese & rice croquettes, broiled tomato halves, chicken jambalaya, beef & noodle casserole, rotisserie chicken, italian rice pilaf,

Today's Dinner: Neapolitan spaghetti, basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, breadsticks, broccoli-cheese-rice casserole, italian-blend vegetables, buffalo wings, rotisserie beef churrascarias, grilled pork chops, hot apple-sauce

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Stuffed egg plant, fireside risotto, grilled italian vegetables, light tomato sauce, herb pasta, fettuccine carbonara, broiled hamburger, south beach Panini, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, french fries, cilantro grilled chicken, coconut rice, cauliflower & broccoli, vegtable ranch pizza, cheese pizza

Today's Dinner: Pierogie bar, sweet corn tamale pie, pasta fantastica, leek & fennel tart, grilled chicken breast, cherry muffins, sweet & sour pork with sticky rice, vegetable ranch pizza, pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, hungarian pork

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	19	9	18	15	14	20
LOW	9	8	8	8	5	12

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Students celebrate MLK week

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

Beginning today, Notre Dame students prepare to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students must attend classes today, several groups and individuals hope to help students celebrate King's achievements through events with the overall theme, "Making Your Mark: A Journey Through Leadership." The weeklong program will feature a dinner titled "Food for a Journey" and a Mass, "Light for the Journey," said Ken Seifert, the student coordinator of the series of events and a member of the MLK committee.

Seifert said that Wednesday's dinner is not open to the public but that invitations were distributed to students who expressed an interest in King and in multiculturalism.

"We're looking for people who can contribute to the discussion and learn from each other," said Seifert. Some of the issues that will be discussed at the dinner include racism, equality, war, gender relations, economic status and diversity.

The Mass, which will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m., will be open to all students and staff, said Seifert.

Melody Gonzalez and Andy Gomez, who will be singing in

the combined choir at the MLK Mass on Thursday night, will play a pivotal role to the success of events this week. As director of Coro Primavera, Gonzalez was encouraged to perform with the Celebration Choir and Voices of Faith by Iris Outlaw.

"When Iris mentioned the possibility of Coro Primavera participating, I was thrilled and accepted immediately," she said. "Coro has always wanted to sing with other choirs on campus."

Gonzalez also cited the importance of the event and her admiration for the person being celebrated as reasons why she was honored to be a part of the choir. "For me, Martin Luther King Jr. is a remarkable role model and a true inspiration," she said.

Gonzalez said she hopes that people will gain more from this week's events than simply learning about King.

"I hope that students can be able to take his message to others and practice it in their own lives," she said. "This is a very strong message, especially in our current times as we think about all the injustices around the world, from war to sweatshops and other human rights abuses."

Although Gonzalez believes the planned events will help educate students, she said more could be done on by the University to give the holiday the attention she thinks it deserves.

"In my opinion, holidays like Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Cesar Chavez Day are more important than some of the other holidays we celebrate," she said.

Gonzalez said she does not believe that classes should be cancelled because that would make students appreciate the significance of the holiday. "It would be nice to hear more about it in the classrooms or see more advertisement for the events" Gonzalez said.

Gomez said he also hopes that the celebration will make people more aware of King.

"I think it is somewhat overlooked on campus because it is a national holiday, but here at [Notre Dame] we still have to go to class and go on with other activities," he said. "A wider recognition of MLK is certainly a worthy cause, and I just think that we just want more of an awareness of why there is a MLK celebration," he said.

Gomez said students and administrators in particular should be responsible for promoting awareness of the holiday.

"I think the University should make more of an effort to try to promote awareness of [King] to give him the proper credit due even if we are still in attendance in class," he said.

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Activists remember abortion anniversary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Abortion activists marking this week's 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision say they have their first chance in years to put a dent in abortion rights now that Republicans control the House, Senate and the White House.

"We will pass the first significant pro-life legislation actually limiting abortions in 30 years," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan. and a leading abortion foe. He predicted Congress will move quickly to pass a measure banning a late-term abortion procedure called partial birth abortion by opponents.

Congress passed a measure twice, in 1996 and 1997, banning the procedure, in which the fetus is partially delivered before its skull is punctured. President Clinton vetoed it each time. The House passed the measure again last year, but the then-Democratic-controlled Senate never took up the measure.

"We will pass a partial birth abortion ban," Brownback said. "That's going to hearten people. It's been a long fight. We're finally turning some of the battle."

President Bush has said he

would sign the bill, one of several abortion-related measures Republicans will push this legislative session. Their optimism is expected to be apparent Wednesday when thousands of marchers converge on Washington to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision three decades ago legalizing abortion.

"I think we'll hear a great deal of hyperbole about Roe being at risk from the abortion side. I hope they're right," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "From our side, we're going to assert even more, with compassion but with earnestness, that the Holocaust of the unborn has to stop."

But Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said passing anti-abortion bills will continue to be difficult in the 100-member Senate, where 60 votes are needed to overcome parliamentary tactics for blocking action on most bills. The Senate has 51 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one independent.

"This is not a Senate that's going to be approving sweeping legislation to challenge Roe," Johnson said. "It is a Congress now in which we have a chance for a fair debate on these sorts of reforms that are supported by most Americans."

Abortion-rights supporters, who also have a series of events planned for the anniversary, acknowledge that the advantage in Congress has switched to abortion foes. "The Republicans are controlling every branch of government, and we have now entered the anti-choice trifecta," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

Maloney and others pointed to a series of actions Bush has taken administratively, including an executive order that bars U.S. aid to international groups that support abortion and withholding \$34 million from international family planning programs overseas.

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Magazine

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from particular fields provide ideas on careers to pursue post-graduation" said sophomore J.B. Long, editor in chief of the magazine. "To complement those, we want students to be able to read articles from their peers to find out about other student initiatives."

Changing Times aims to provide this guidance by including stories of successful CEOs, professionals, professors and other students who pursued careers based on their interests with a focus on social responsibility.

Though the Career Center offers resumé publishing and interviewing courses for those who are confused about what direction they might begin to take in life, Cannon believes there are few resources available for students who need general guidance.

"They don't help you with the stage of critical analysis or introspection," said Cannon.

Students who are constantly faced with the pressure of defining success in terms of financial gain will now have the opportunity to read and find inspiration from the stories of professionals and other students who have impacted the world around them, according to Cannon.

"Sometimes people feel like they're being thrust in a particular major but at the same time aren't being given any direction with where they want to be after their four years in school," said public relations manager Edward Faustin, a senior. "We intend for our magazine to help eliminate [doubts in] the minds of students who are still searching for what to do with their lives."

As a publication that will eventually take a slant toward becoming a career magazine,

editor in chief Long points out that while the first issue outlines the general focus of the organization, the second issue will concentrate more specifically on the theme of human rights fields and careers. With current talks under way with groups such as Peace Corps and Amnesty International, Changing Times hopes to present more information on these and other non-profit, social-action organizations.

Marketing the magazine as easily accessible, free, energetic and with an appealing style was the best way to get the message out on college campuses nationwide, said Cannon. Operating as a non-profit organization through the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame, the Changing Times Foundation has at the forefront of its mission to make the magazine available for as many students as possible.

"To achieve our goals of distributing the magazine across the country we believed the best way would be to set up a non-profit organization," said Cannon. "It's also a great way for Notre Dame students to link to other students across the country that is in itself a very quintessential path for yourself and for your path in society."

The magazine has been featured in Business Today Magazine, another student-run publication operating at Princeton University. That magazine has served as an inspiration for shaping Mirshekari's goals for Changing Times.

"The model is that it's supported by advertising revenue from corporations as well as from sponsorships and donations, mainly from corporations and individuals, but the revenue side comes from advertisements in the magazine," said Mirshekari, Changing Times director of external contacts.

Faustin also said maintaining close relationships with other universities as to the mission and distribution of Changing Times is essential to gaining widespread appeal and an eventual strong following among college student readers.

"We're really hoping for a lot of positive reaction from this first issue; it's been a long time in the making," said Mirshekari.

The first issue will reach 10 schools with 10,000 issues that in subsequent issues will further expand in terms of numbers.

"We hope to grow as aggressively as our funds will permit," said Mirshekari.

Faustin also points out that the students working to build a self-sustaining foundation and magazine over the years volunteer their time and efforts to the project. In addition, Faustin hopes that the foundation will provide future generations of college students the inspiration and direction necessary for achieving substantial meaning in their own lives and in the lives of those around them.

"We want it to be a Notre Dame student organization now and five years later and then 10 years down the line," said Cannon.

Cannon also points to the potential positive aspects that the magazine will provide for its own student organizers in gaining more experience in various aspects of running a publication, such as administrative, financial and media responsibilities.

Cannon asks for any students, regardless of major, interested in becoming a part of the magazine to visit the Web site, www.changingtimes.org, or contact kcannon@nd.edu.

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Scully

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misunderstanding between Bonnie Druker and myself prior to the Mass," Scully said. "I apologized to Ms. Druker after the event for anything I might have done that may have contributed to the misunderstanding. Ms. Druker accepted my apology."

Scully has served as Notre Dame's executive vice president since July 2000 and as a vice president and senior associate provost since 1994.

Scully is the founder of the

Alliance for Catholic Education, a postgraduate service opportunity that allows recent college graduates to serve for two years by teaching in underfunded Catholic schools across the nation. Scully is also the founder of Holy Cross Associates, another postgraduate service opportunity that allows college graduates to serve for one year in poor communities in the United States and throughout the world in conjunction with the Holy Cross ministry.

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Budget

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becomes available, it will be done."

In addition to continuing to work with University administrators to fit health insurance subsidies into future budgets, the healthcare committee is also working on a temporary solution.

The ideal, subsidized plan includes four additional areas of coverage to the existing plan, including eye care, yearly off-campus physicals, mental healthcare at an off-campus center and coverage of certain types of allergy medication.

The healthcare committee is

working to renegotiate the existing plan to include one of these additional benefits while maintaining approximately the same cost structure, said Edwards, the committee's chair. The committee plans to send out either an electronic or mail survey to graduate students, allowing them to prioritize the benefits.

Graduate student healthcare has been a major issue at Notre Dame and around the country for the past several years. Most top national graduate schools offer some type of subsidized health insurance plan to their students.

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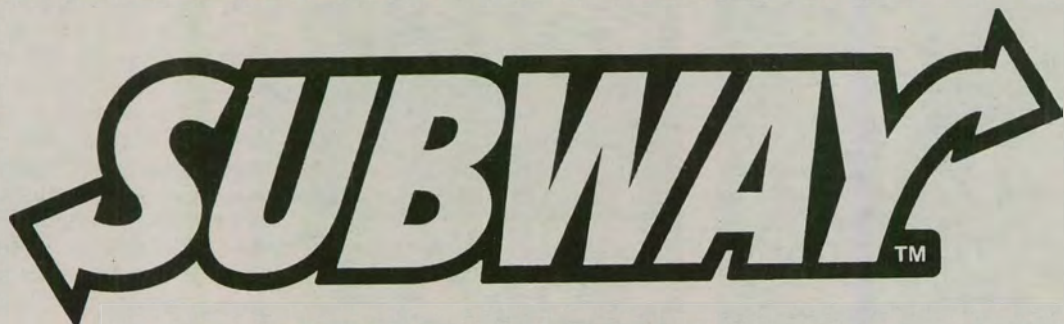
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Powell supports U. of M. affirmative action

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he disagrees with President Bush's position on an affirmative action case before the Supreme Court, as the White House called for more money for historically black colleges.

Powell, one of two black members of Bush's Cabinet, said he supports methods the University of Michigan uses to bolster minority enrollments in its undergraduate and law school programs. The policies offer points to minority applicants and set goals for minority admissions.

"Whereas I have expressed my support for the policies used by the University of Michigan, the president, in looking at it, came to the conclusion that it was constitutionally flawed based on the legal advice he received," Powell said on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

It was a rare public acknowledgment of dissent with the president and with other top White House aides.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said she backed Bush's decision to step into the case before the Supreme Court and to argue that the University of Michigan's methods were unconstitutional. She said on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday that there are "problems" with the university's

selection policies, and cited the points system.

But she also said race can be a factor in colleges' selection process. The brief the Bush administration filed with the Supreme Court was silent on that issue of whether race can be a factor under some circumstances.

"It is important to take race into consideration if you must, if race-neutral means do not work," she said.

Rice said she had benefited from affirmative action during her career at Stanford University.

"I think they saw a person that they thought had potential, and yes, I think they were looking to diversify the faculty," she said.

"I think there's nothing wrong with that in the United States," Rice said. "It does not mean that one has to go to people of lower quality. Race is a factor in our society."

In a speech to the Republican National Convention in 2000, Powell sharply criticized GOP attacks on affirmative action.

"We must understand the cynicism that exists in the black community," he said. "The kind of cynicism that is created when, for example, some in our party miss no opportunity to roundly and loudly condemn affirmative action that helped a few thousand black kids get an education, but you hardly heard a whimper from them over affirmative action for lobbyists who load our federal tax codes with pre-

ferences for special interests."

Sunday on CNN, Powell said he remained "a strong proponent of affirmative action."

Education Secretary Rod Paige is the other black member of Bush's Cabinet.

Paige firmly agrees with Bush's stance, a spokesman said Sunday.

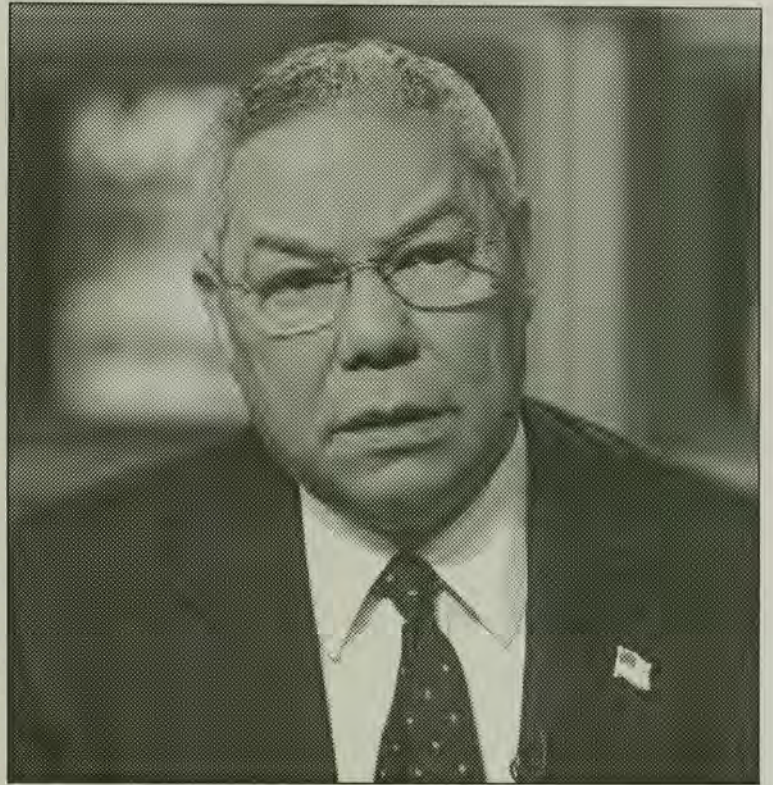
"Secretary Paige believes in equal opportunity for all students and he fully supports President Bush's position on the University of Michigan case," said spokesman Dan Langan. He wasn't sure whether Paige agreed with Rice that race can sometimes be a factor in university admissions.

In an unusual Sunday night announcement, the White House said Bush's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year would increase funding by 5 percent for grants to historically black colleges, universities, graduate programs and Hispanic education institutions.

The money affects three programs. The Historically Black Colleges and Universities program makes grants to 99 eligible institutions to help strengthen infrastructure and achieve greater financial stability.

The Historically Black Graduate Institutions program makes 5-year grants to 18 institutions to expand capacity for providing graduate-level education.

The Hispanic-Serving Institutions program makes grants of up to five years to eligible institutions, those



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U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke on the CBS program "Face the Nation" about how he supports University of Michigan's affirmative action policies.

with a full-time population of at least 25 percent Hispanic students, at least 50 percent of which are low-income.

In its brief to the Supreme Court, the administration argued that poli-

cies at the University of Michigan and its law school fail the constitutional test of equal protection for all under the law, and ignore race-neutral alternatives that could boost minority presence on campuses.

IRAQ

Baghdad officials disclose they have 4 more warheads

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Top U.N. officials said Baghdad disclosed it found four more empty chemical warheads like a dozen others discovered last week, and said there had been "some progress" Sunday in talks to win greater Iraqi cooperation with arms inspectors.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he supports giving Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders immunity from war crimes prosecution if they go into exile. Secretary of State Colin Powell warned that time was running out for the Iraqis.

U.N. chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei were in

Baghdad Sunday for the first of two days of talks whose outcome could determine whether the United States, which disputes Iraq's claims that it has banned weapons, mounts a military attack to disarm Iraq by force.

After more than two hours of talks, ElBaradei said, "I think we are making some progress. It was a constructive meeting."

"We are saying in no uncertain terms that time is running out," ElBaradei told Associated Press Television News after the first round of talks. "We cannot, the international community cannot, just wait for things to happen in the pace it has been happening in the past few weeks since we started inspections. And I

think that message has been registered with the Iraqi authorities."

As a sign that Baghdad might be more forthcoming, Blix said that the Iraqis told them during the talks that they had found four more empty chemical weapons warheads similar to 12 others discovered by U.N. inspectors Thursday at an ammunition dump south of Baghdad.

Blix also said the Iraqis offered three or four of 11 documents requested by the United Nations.

Blix did not say when or where the additional warheads were found.

The Iraqi news agency also reported that the top U.N. inspectors met Sunday with Iraq's vice president, Taha Yassin

Ramadan, who urged them to devote their activities in Iraq to "finding the truth and being in good faith."

Ramadan has been openly critical of the weapons inspectors, frequently calling them spies.

Blix and ElBaradei meet again with Iraqi officials Monday before departing for Athens, Greece.

"We have to ask: is this one find or are there weapons hidden all over the country?" Blix asked.

The White House termed Thursday's discovery of the warheads "troubling and serious" because the Iraqis had not reported the munitions in their 12,000-page declaration to the United Nations last month.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Venezuela's Chavez threatens more raids:

President Hugo Chavez on Sunday threatened to order more raids on striking private food producers and warned the government may abandon negotiations with opponents trying to force him from office. Meanwhile, thousands of Venezuelans with roots in Italy, Spain, Mexico, Brazil, Portugal and other countries marched for peace, waving the flags of their homelands and Venezuela. Some carried signs that read "liberty" and "union" in six languages.

Cubans vote in parliamentary elections:

President Fidel Castro and millions of other Cubans voted Sunday in parliamentary elections where all 609 candidates ran uncontested. Many Cuban dissidents labeled the vote a farce and refused to participate. State television showed Castro voting in the eastern city of Santiago, where he traditionally casts his ballot. He later told reporters the island's dissident movement had been manufactured by the United States.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Demonstrators rally against Iraq war:

Dancing in a conga line and shouting calls for peace, demonstrators on Sunday pressed as close to the White House grounds as they could get to demand that President Bush back off Iraq. Police swiftly arrested those who breached barricades. A crowd of about 1,000 rallied in view of the Executive Mansion, capping a weekend of demonstrations that featured a huge and peaceful rally Saturday and protests around the world. At one point Sunday, protesters flooded into a street to block traffic; police pushed and dragged them back. Close to 500 protesters assembled first near the Justice Department and FBI headquarters to denounce "racist witch hunts" by U.S. authorities following the Sept. 11 attacks. During a mile-long march in the cold, that crowd met another of a similar size, waiting by Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. That set off a surge of enthusiasm and some began running toward, and over, chest-high barricades blocking the park boundaries.

Air Force hearing could end early:

The military hearing into the accidental bombing of Canadian troops could conclude two days earlier than expected because the Air Force has scaled back its witness list, said a lawyer for one of the pilots charged in the case. David Beck, Maj. William Umbach's lawyer, said Sunday that the Air Force has scratched several of its planned witnesses. The hearing could end Wednesday instead of Friday, Beck said. Schmidt and Umbach were charged with involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and dereliction of duty after an Air Force investigation found the pilots had disobeyed orders and acted recklessly in dropping a 500-pound guided bomb on Canadian troops near Kandahar, Afghanistan on April 17, 2002. Four Canadians were killed and eight were wounded. The hearing will determine whether the pilots should be court-martialed. If convicted of all charges in a court martial, they face a maximum of 64 years in military prison.

White House would welcome Saddam expulsion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Top Bush administration officials said Sunday they would welcome Saddam Hussein seeking exile outside Iraq, saying it could avert military action to topple the Iraqi president.

Also, Secretary of State Colin Powell went to the New York headquarters of the United Nations to meet with foreign ministers of Security Council members about Saddam and the Iraq problem.

His first two meetings were with the foreign ministers of China and France, two of the many countries who are not convinced the time is right to use force against Iraq.

North Korea's revived nuclear weapons program also was on the agenda for Powell's separate meetings with China's Tang Jiaxuan and France's Dominique de Villepin.

"To avoid a war, I would be personally would recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country and their families could be provided haven in some other country," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

White House Would Welcome Saddam Exile

"And I think that that would be a fair trade to avoid a war."

On "Fox News Sunday," Rumsfeld said Iraq's Arab neighbors are urging Saddam to step down and go into exile in a bid to prevent war. "It would be a good thing for the world if he left," Rumsfeld said. But Saddam and Iraqi Cabinet ministers have said they would fight to the end.

Powell said exile would bring about what the United States has sought since the Clinton administration: a change of leadership in Iraq.

"And the challenge before us then would be to see whether or not that new regime would commit itself to eliminating weapons of mass destruction, satisfying the international community that they are interested in the welfare of their people and not in threatening their own people or threatening

their neighbors," Powell said. "And we would have had an entirely new situation presented to the international community, and we might be able to avoid war."

Most of the 15 Security Council members remain opposed to using the military soon, regardless of the contents of a report to the council next Monday by weapons inspectors.

A senior official said Powell was to meet separately with seven ministers, including those of Germany, Mexico and the permanent members China, France and Russia. The official said Powell is trying to agree with his colleagues on a course of action after the Jan. 27 report is in hand.

Also Sunday, American and British planes bombed eight unmanned sites that are part of Iraq's military air defense command and control system, U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

The strikes at about 7:10 a.m. EST came after Iraqi air defense forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at coalition planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone over Iraq, according to the statement. The sites were between Al Kut, about 95 miles southeast of Baghdad, and An Nasiriyah, about 170 miles southeast of the capital.

Rumsfeld said he remained hopeful Saddam would consider living elsewhere, or that Iraqis would topple him.

"I think that the people in his country know what a vicious regime he runs, and they may decide to throw him out. He and his family may decide that they've run their string and that they'll leave," Rumsfeld said.

"War is your last choice," he said. "I would be delighted if Saddam Hussein threw in the towel, said, 'The game's up, the international community has caught me, and I'll just leave.'"

Some analysts say Saddam would have to be given guarantees he will not face a fate like that of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who is on trial on war crimes charges. Thousands of Iraqis have been killed since Saddam came to power in 1979, and the

Iraqi leader could face calls for retribution.

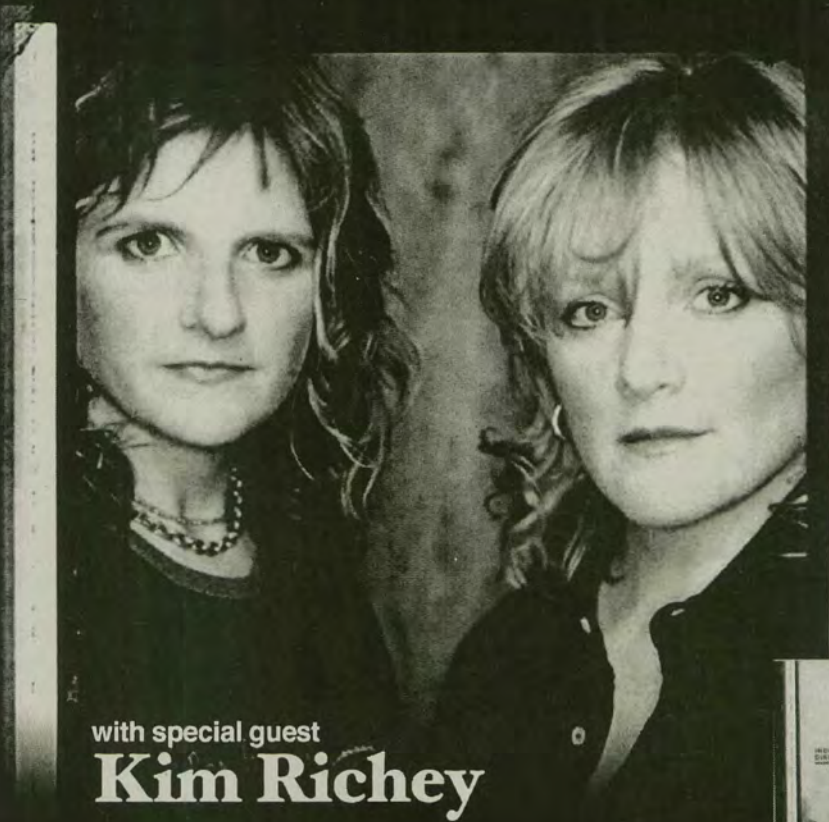
Rumsfeld, asked if the United

States would be willing to offer Saddam immunity from possible war crimes prosecution,

said that was a question for the White House or Justice Department.

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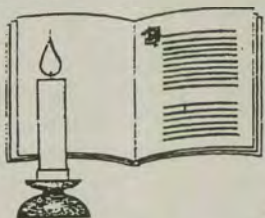
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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-7.03	-3.89	51.46
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-4.27	-1.13	25.31
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-5.00	-0.86	16.34

IN BRIEF

S.C. cable suit gets class-action status

A judge approved class-action status for a lawsuit accusing cable television company Charter Communications of requiring South Carolina customers to rent unnecessary equipment or pay a bogus wire maintenance fee.

Circuit Judge Don Beatty also placed no limit in his ruling Thursday on how much Charter's 250,000 customers in the state may recover. Lawyers for the original plaintiffs have said Charter could be ordered to pay tens of millions of dollars in a class-action suit.

Millionaire kidnapper suspect caught

The suspected ringleader behind the kidnapping of a Connecticut multimillionaire has been taken into custody in Canada, the FBI said Sunday.

Renaldo Rose, a 23-year-old former Marine, was arrested without incident Saturday night in Toronto on an immigration charge, said Lisa Bull, an FBI spokeswoman.

Authorities believe Rose led a group of four people who abducted Edward Lampert, the chairman of ESL Investments Inc., from a parking garage in Greenwich on Jan. 10. Lampert was released unharmed two days later. A source close to the case told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that Lampert was snatched from the parking garage at his office, blindfolded and taken to a Days Inn hotel in Hamden. Three people were arrested there Jan. 12.

Testimony to start in La. tobacco trial

After months of delays caused by appeals, a hurricane and the lack of a courtroom, opening arguments are scheduled Tuesday in a class-action lawsuit aimed at making the tobacco industry help Louisiana smokers kick the habit.

The lawsuit, filed in 1996, seeks funding for smoking cessation programs and medical monitoring for still-healthy smokers.

Segway hits legal pothole

◆ Sidewalk use of personal vehicle banned

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

With its love of geek chic and congested streets, San Francisco might have been expected to embrace Segway, the environmentally friendly, self-balancing personal vehicle that promises to entice people out of their smog-spewing cars.

Instead, the city on Monday becomes the first large municipality to outlaw the Segway Human Transporter on its sidewalks - more than a month before the chariot-like vehicles are made available to the public.

The Board of Supervisors acted last month following intense lobbying by Segway LLC in state capitols to change laws to permit the two-wheeled vehicles on sidewalks.

Thirty-three states, including California, approved Segway-enabling legislation. But that doesn't mean major cities will roundly embrace the scooters touted by inventor Dean Kamen, when he introduced them to great fanfare in December 2001, as apt to "change civilization." California's law allows cities to opt out.

The upright device is controlled by body movements with the help of tiny computers and balance-controlling gyroscopes and has been tested across the country by postal workers, police officers and meter readers. They're on sale to the public at Amazon.com for \$4,950 each and will begin shipping in March.

Critics say the Segway is a safety hazard on sidewalks because it weighs 69 pounds and travels at up to 12.5 mph, three times faster than the typical pedestrian. No state is requiring that its drivers be trained, although some have set minimum age and



AFP Photo

Claude Harvey and his wife Judy ride their Segway "human transporters" along the bike path on Santa Monica beach. San Francisco recently outlawed sidewalk use of the Segway.

helmet requirements.

"We don't want to say that it doesn't ever make sense. But in urban settings there isn't enough room for all the pedestrians," said Ellen Vanderslice, president of America WALKs, a pedestrian advocacy group based in Portland, Ore.

In hilly San Francisco, officials feared the battery-powered Segways would cause more problems than they would solve, particularly for the disabled and senior citizens.

"There were statistics submitted to us about injuries, and the Segways themselves did not have adequate safety features to alert people they might be behind them," said Tom Ammiano, a San Francisco supervisor who supported the ban.

Segway officials say the

scooters have been tested for 100,000 hours on city streets across the nation without injury.

Ammiano also said Segway's campaign rubbed officials the wrong way.

"Segway didn't help themselves by hiring very expensive lobbyists," he said. "I think that backfired on them, too."

New Hampshire-based Segway hired lobbying firms but has made no contributions to any public officials or candidates, said Matt Dailida, the company's director of state government affairs.

Along with California, about half the states that passed laws to allow the Segway also permit cities to opt out, but so far most major municipalities are taking a wait-and-see approach, Dailida said.

Dailida says Segway has worked with many state and local legislators to show that the scooters are safe alternatives to cars. Buyers also must attend a multi-hour training course before the scooter is shipped to them, he added.

"We understand that this is an entirely new technology that each city needs to regulate," he said. But "we think the action by San Francisco was premature."

Illinois passed a measure allowing Segways in towns that specifically pass ordinances permitting them. Most, including Chicago, have not done so.

Segway expects New York to allow the vehicle throughout the state except in New York City, where use in the first year would be limited to government and commercial users.

Court to hear drug discount law case

Associated Press

SACO, Maine

Carleen Simpson planned carefully for a retirement that would allow her to travel, including regular trips north of the border for cheaper prescription drugs.

On her first trip, she saved enough money to heat her house for a year.

"I used to worry about being a little old lady eating dog food so I could pay for my prescriptions," Simpson said. "That's a sad situation when you're living in a country that's so wealthy."

Maine legislators passed a groundbreaking law designed to lower drug prices for state residents without insur-

ance coverage, but a drug industry legal challenge has blocked it from going into effect. On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on an appeal.

The Maine Rx law, enacted in 2000, would let the state negotiate for lower prices on behalf of more than 300,000 residents who pay for prescription drugs. If prices didn't drop in three years, the state could impose price controls.

Twenty-eight states support Maine's position. And a dozen states are poised to act swiftly to adopt similar laws if the Supreme Court rules in Maine's favor, said Bernie Horn, policy director for the Center for Policy Alternatives in Washington.

For states, Maine Rx is attractive because it doesn't require federal approval and it costs taxpayers little.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which sued to overturn Maine Rx, contends the law is unconstitutional because it regulates interstate commerce and runs afoul of Medicaid law.

The Supreme Court will hear a three-sided argument Wednesday with lawyers for the state and the drug industry opposing each other, and the Bush administration staking out middle ground by arguing that Maine Rx would be legal if restricted to low-income Mainers instead of being made widely available.

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Create a 'Flex 10' student meal plan

The Student Senate Steering Committee believes that students deserve a new meal plan option, and we have decided to make this the focus of our meeting this week.

The current meal plan allows students to choose either 21 or 14 meals per week in the dining hall. Statistics show, however, that undergraduates on the 21 plan eat an average of 14.9 meals in the dining hall per week, while those choosing the Flex 14 option consume an average of 9.2 meals. Moreover, only 3 percent of students participate in the 21 meal plan.

We believe a new meal plan of approximately 10 meals per week and additional flex points would greatly benefit the student body. In light of this fact, we believe that more detailed information on current consumption would help formulate a meal plan that would appeal to the student body.

One reason that has been cited against a Flex 10 option is that it would conflict with the mission of the University. It has been argued that eating in the dining hall fosters a sense of community, and therefore a decrease in dining hall meals may hurt this community.

We believe, however, that the Notre Dame community

transcends the dining hall system. Students eating together at Burger King or Subway feel the same sense of community as do undergraduates in the dining hall. An additional meal plan would also benefit students who may have conflicts with class, work or meetings. Certainly we do not want to diminish the sense of community at Notre Dame. However, a Flex 10 meal plan would simply be a realistic response to the current fact that most students only consume an average of 9.2 meals a week in the dining hall.

Rules forcing students to choose a minimum of 14 meals per week compel a student to pay for meals which he or she may not eat. While we recognize that a new meal plan may have an effect on revenue, it is in the best interest of students that we work to overcome this problem.

We believe a Flex 10 meal option supports the mission and the reality of the University. We hope all parties involved will work with us to realize this goal.

Student Senate Steering Committee
Trip Foley, chairman
Jan. 19, 2003



Home for the holidays

Winter break is great. There's no homework, my dry skin heals, Jesus is born and there's pie. Christmas of course also means family get-togethers, and the holidays at the Schill house this year featured even more people celebrating the Lord's birth, getting ridiculously drunk, and passing out on the lawn in a pool of eggnog.

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

Normally, we have the immediate family plus my uncle and grandfather. This year gramps thought it would be great fun to invite my aunt and uncle from California and their two kids. Now when my mom first heard that we, the straight-laced conservative Texans who like our salsa mild and our dividends untaxed, would be hosting the kooky liberals from San Francisco ("Now Amy, you have to understand that both of your cousins are most likely gay"), she went into a semi-comatose state followed by an 8-month, hyper-active cleaning spree.

No one worries more than my mother. "Where will they stay? How long? Do Californians eat ham? Where are the avocados?" and so forth. I myself began to worry about how I would entertain my cousins, whom I hadn't seen in ten years. With one living in

New York working for MTV and the other pursuing a career in photography when not on tour with her band, I became resigned to the fact that my cousins were infinitely cooler than I and would be thoroughly unimpressed by my school. I began to think my mom had the right idea with the coma thing.

And then they came. This Christmas was an exercise in eating and awkward conversation. Since the relatives definitely didn't buy into the Notre Dame mystique, we lost about ten minutes of potential conversation, and the only interesting thing about me.

Luckily, my baby niece Autumn came to the rescue. In addition to receiving better gifts than Jesus (with the slow economy and funds being diverted to the baby, I got a ball of lint and a can of Diet Shasta), Autumn also served as a source of entertainment when we had exhausted all avenues of discussion. ("So, we share some genes, better not get married.") Who needs to talk when you can watch a 3-month-old roll around and poop?

Besides being entertaining, Autumn can also be used as a conduit of passive aggressive conversation between my mom and my sister, via baby talk.

Mom (with high-pitched voice): I'm Autumn, I can't wait 'till I have a baby brother or sister to play with me.

Sister (in slightly annoyed but equally high-pitched voice): What baby brother or sister?

Mom (still apparently channeling my baby niece's latent desire for companionship): The little brother or sister I'll have in a couple of years. I'll be lonely without one.

Sister (now also channeling Autumn): Don't you mean the baby cousin I'll have when my aunt Amy has kids soon?

Me: Hell no — coochie coo — hell no.

This concludes another example of how my family is completely insane. But hey, everyone's family is crazy, and honestly, isn't that what the holidays are really about?

In the end, the big family Christmas went better than expected. Though my cousins definitely found me about as exciting as the Gator Bowl (let's just pretend they would know what that was), at least there were no major injuries or cultural clashes. However, if they return next year, I refuse to eat another avocado cream pie.

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"A family is a unit composed not only of children, but of men, women, an occasional animal and the common cold."

Ogden Nash
American poet

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What would
King do?

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But 100 years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free.

"One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land."

The date was Aug. 28, 1963, and on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to an audience of more than 250,000 people. The speech and the march that followed commemorated the 100th anniversary of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Although King addressed the many men and women present at the memorial and the millions more on television his words were truly directed at the congress and the President of the United States. King spoke in favor of pending civil rights legislation. King and his Peaceful Warriors believed that the rising up of the "Negro" would not only benefit black Americans but Americans as a whole. In his speech, King, showed that the black man and the white man's fate are bound. King's words expressed the reality that if one race is oppressed then in fact all of society suffers.

"The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

Not speaking out of anger or with hatred for white Americans, King insured that the fight for freedom would become all inclusive. In a passive voice and a calm but strong demeanor Dr. King answered the critics of the civil rights movement. He did this by drawing a direct correlation between the American idea of freedom and justice with that of the movement's.

"There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

King had a dream, a vision for America. He knew in his heart as all of us do that all men are created equal. He knew that no matter how well off he ever became that if his fellow brothers and sisters suffered around him his appetite for achieving equality could never be satisfied.

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

What would King have said about the attacks upon our nation in September 2001? How would he feel about a possible war with Iraq? What insight would he give if he were alive today? Would Dr. King be satisfied with the state of the union? What actions would he take to improve the ghettos and schools of America?

King will not return to rescue our nation but his spirit, though dormant, still remains in all of us. I ask you, I challenge you what can we do to make things better? What will our generation be remembered for? The fight for freedom of all people still exists and in the words of King, I have a dream today that our generation will rise up and put aside out petty differences. I have a dream that we will work together for a common goal of freedom.

So I put it to you devoted Viewpoint readers and contributors in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let us not bicker but challenge each other. We should not hastily bad mouth political parties and leaders, but speak of issues that will force everyone to think. As students, as Americans, as humans we are called to be better than we are. We are meant to work together. We can, we must and we will do better.

"Some people see things as they are and ask why? I dream things that have never been before and say, 'Why not.'"

Elliott Magers
St. Joe's Hall
Jan. 19, 2003

Media bias still abounds

Several interesting articles have been printed in these pages recently concerning race, media bias and U.S. senators. I would like to add a few observations which have not yet been made by others.

As for Trent Lott and his foolish, hurtful remarks — saying America would be better off if a segregationist had been elected 55 years ago — comparing him to Robert Byrd is appropriate. But it would be even more illuminating to compare what he said to what was said by Senator Patty Murray, a Democrat from the the state of Washington, and notice the vastly different media reaction.

Within a day of the infamous Lott comments, Murray said that Osama bin Laden is popular in the Muslim world because of all the good he does for the people, and that we should do what he does for them — be more like him, so to speak.

Not only was it grossly insensitive of her to offer even a small measure of praise for someone whose acts are so odious, it was disturbing to see a senator so ignorant. She should realize that the schools Osama bin Laden is indoctrinating the young in his form of extremist fundamentalism, and that the other good works he performs are to recruit terrorists. She should also understand that America provides far more material support to countries like Egypt than do rich terror masters like bin Laden.

Was she raked over the coals like Trent Lott?

Of course not. It seems it is far graver a sin to offer ambigulous praise for a senile old man of formerly evil views at his birthday party than to do the same for a man responsible for mass murder.

Yet some people still believe media bias is a myth. I wonder, as I watch all the coverage of the anti-war protests going on today in Washington, whether the same attention will be given to even larger pro-life demonstrations on Wednesday. If there is even as much coverage, will it be nearly as sympathetic?

Likewise, one can watch hours of reporting about the controversial selection of Charles Pickering, without hearing once that he is endorsed by the Mississippi chapter of the NAACP, which knows first-hand the risks Pickering took to stand up for minorities' rights back in the dangerous days of the civil rights movement.

Media bias has already been mentioned numerous times in this paper this academic year, and that it is even discussed is a wonderful thing. That there are so many media outlets in America is one important safeguard of our freedom, yet it is also true that a few wieldordinate power, and we should always look in more than one place to separate fact from opinion, whether in the world at large or even right on campus.

Benjamin Thomas Remmert
class of '00



30 years of Roe v. Wade

Thirty years ago on Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States decided in Roe vs. Wade, that "legal personhood does not exist prenatally." In essence, the Court said that unborn children were not human, and therefore, could be dealt with much like property, to be retained or disposed of at will. The ruling was so broad that it enabled a woman to obtain an abortion at any juncture throughout her nine months of pregnancy, for any reason.

When the decision came down, I was 14 years old. I remember shuddering at the thought of any woman who would consider doing such a thing. [As a young adult, I was just beginning to understand the tragedies of Vietnam, its prisoners of war and the fallout from the rest of the unforgettably tumultuous events of the 1960's. Such things could not possibly be happening in this world in which I was growing up.] Little did I realize the far-reaching consequences that would follow from this judicial meeting of minds. Little did everyone else.

The last three decades have been more than enough time to evaluate the various effects that legalized abortion has had on today's social fabric. While some may say that causes are difficult to prove, I list a few of many unmistakable changes I have witnessed since women have been granted the "freedom of choice."

Between 1973 and 2000, an estimated 40 million abortions have been performed in this country. This number represents a substantial amount of human talent and potential, forever lost. For every American who perished in the Vietnam War, 700 people have lost their lives to abortion. The combined populations of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio amounts to 40 million residents. We are just beginning to learn of demographic projections that point to an unsettling economic picture for the large number of middle-aged individuals once they approach their "golden" years. The value of human life has decreased dramatically since abortion was legalized.

Once prenatal life became disposable, life at every stage has been in peril, regardless of mental or physical state. One's gender, handicap and socio-economic standing have all become easy and rationalized targets. Any

merit to what possible suffering may come is all but ignored. We now grapple with a host of ethical dilemmas such as the treatment of embryos and the cloning of them.

Legalized abortion has not proven to be the expected panacea for the women's liberation movement. Contrarily, the persona of woman has been reduced or blurred in many circles, to the point where instinct and modern societal expectations are at constant odds with each other.

Is a woman really better off when she has the "option" to end a natural, progressive, life-affirming event in her own life? Do we hold the father of this child responsible for keeping this family unit together? The supreme law of the land has denied all mothers and fathers in this country due recognition of their God-given instinct to contribute to the human race in the way it was intended.

Women and their families continue to suffer physically, emotionally and psychologically from abortion. Sterility and infection from this surgical procedure are always a risk. Plentiful data reveals that Post-Abortion Syndrome begins to manifest itself anywhere from five to 10 years after the event. Low self-esteem, guilt and flashbacks may be evident. Drug abuse, depression, suicidal tendencies and hostility towards men have also been reported. Pro-life agencies nationwide are doing their best to meet the increasing demand for their support to those who are hurting after the abortive experience.

Why should we care about a 30-year anniversary? It gives us an opportunity to pause and realize that just because abortion is legal, it does not mean that it is right. Just ask the millions of our sisters, daughters, wives, aunts, mothers and cousins and their families who have never forgotten their unborn children. We must do everything we can to right this terrible wrong. The future cohesion of our civilization depends on it.

Kathleen J. Black
President, St. Joseph County Right to Life, Inc.
South Bend
Jan. 17, 2003

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Carrabbas Italian Grill: worth the wait?

*Carrabbas Italian Grill provides friendly services and a decent meal, but is it worth the time?*By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

One usually thinks that when there is a 2 1/2 hour wait at a restaurant, the meal will prove to be worthy of the wait. Carrabbas proved that theory wrong.

The meal was not bad, but after waiting for such a long time, not to mention, nowhere to sit while waiting, the meal did not meet the expectations that one builds up while they anxiously, and hungrily wait to eat.

After making a mistake in the order, which they readily corrected, the meal just wasn't all that amazing.

Many of the entrées come with a side choice of some form pasta. The chicken parmesan came with the side choice of either a fettuccini or garlic mashed potatoes. Perhaps the potatoes would have been a better choice than the fettuccini, for after about one bite and a wince, the side was left untouched.

The menu offers a variety of choices, and has a bit of depth within each

portion. The restaurant is not open for lunch because they prepare all of the meals fresh each day.

They offered steak, fish, pizza and many signature pasta meals. The steak proved to be a bit less than average, and the chicken parmesan was decent, but nothing too special. All entrées come with the choice of Caesar salad, Italian salad or the house salad. The Caesar was surprisingly good.

Carrabbas does have many things going for it, however. The prices were

quite reasonable and the employees were very friendly. They were anxious

to help you and generally created a happy atmosphere.

A manager wandered around to make sure that everyone was having a satisfactory time, and he, too made the evening more enjoyable.

There was a pasta bar that was right by the kitchen, and those seats were fair game to anyone who entered the restaurant at any time. Therefore, if one was willing to sit at a bar facing the kitchen, the waiting time diminished.

The cooks are also incredibly nice



Photo provided by www.carrabbas.com

Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola, founders of Carrabbas Italian Dining, smile together as they show their love from Italian food as well as cooking.

and they chat with the people seated at the bar.

Carrabbas was founded in Houston by Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola in December 1986.

Most of the recipes on the menu are those of Mandola's mother, Grace and his sister, Rose. Mandola also makes numerous trips around the world in search of unique Italian dishes to enhance the menu at Carrabbas.

Mandola attributes much of the restaurant's success to his family.

"To my Mamma, Grace, the greatest cook I ever knew, who not only taught me the basics of good cooking but also the importance of having family gather at the table often," Mandola said.

Carrabbas eventually caught the attention of the

Outback Steakhouse, Inc. owners, and a joint venture partnership was formed in 1993.

In January 1995 Outback Steakhouse, Inc. acquired the rights to develop Carrabbas nation wide.

There were currently over 100 Carrabbas Italian Grill locations, with plans to develop 25 more this year.

The Carrabbas near school is located just off of Grape Road. For more information or to see their menu, visit the Web site www.carrabbas.com.

All in all, Carrabbas is one of those restaurants that you walk away saying "eh, it could have been better, it could have been worse."

On a weekend night, the wait will be long, no question, but if you have nothing better to do with your time, why not? Just be ready to make an evening of the experience, and don't let the wait build up the meal, because you may be let down.

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Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola smile on the cover of Ciao Y'all as they show both their love for Italian foods and Texan meals.

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Something wonderful: getting to know Siam

By JACK WATKINS
Scene Writer

There is a certain rut that it is easy to get into in the South Bend restaurant scene — a rut that involves going to the same restaurants on Grape Road every weekend, eating the same burgers, the same buffalo wings, and yes, even the same Bloomin' Onions. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who are looking for a change of pace can hardly do better than Siam.

Located downtown, adjacent (and connected to) the Cheesecake Factory, Siam offers Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students superb Thai food and a quiet atmosphere, well-suited for dates and conversation.

A distinct aura of class hovers around the place. Service is quick and extremely polite, in a manner that is perhaps typically associated with restaurants featuring Asian food.

The small tables and low lights create an intimate feel. There's a large tea menu, which may be a little intimidating to those not accustomed to drinking tea, but it's fairly straightforward and customers should be able to find something they'd like with ease.

And of course, for those who like tea, it's an attraction certainly not rivaled at most other South Bend establishments. Wine and soda are also available, but it seems incongruous to order anything but tea and water.

A wide variety of appetizers is available, along with the standard Thai entrees, which are organized by type of meal (with categories such as "Favorites," "Curry," "Noodles" and "Vegetarian") and carefully described, ensuring that Thai food novices are comfortable ordering.

In addition, the food is rated for spiciness, on a scale of zero through three, although there appeared to be only one dish rating a three, meaning that the average dish is not too spicy for the American palate, although additional spice can be requested with anything. Favorites like Pad Prik Pao (a dish featuring chicken, onions, rice, and various vegetables) and Pad Thai noodles are excellent here, as is the curry.

Siam does not offer American appetizers or entrees. But, slyly, the dessert menu features cheesecake, some made in-house, some from the adjacent Cheesecake Factory, and all ridiculously good.

Coffee is also available with dessert, and is excellent, providing customers with an excuse to linger and enjoy themselves further into the evening.

Naturally, not everyone likes Thai food, and for those who don't, Siam will have little appeal. But there are a great many who enjoy Thai food, and others who have never had any, and for them Siam is a great opportunity. It is worth at least one trip for the experience, and many, many more for those who fall to its charms.

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This window seat at Siam is an example of the comfortable environment that is created at the restaurant. Photo provided by Siam.com

Fiddler's Hearth a new hit

The new Fiddler's Hearth mixes well with the Irish environment and gives the students a tasty and enjoyable place to escape

By JOSE CARLOS DE WIT
Scene Writer

"Aw, gimme some more of that juicy tang!" was the first thought that crossed my mind after I took my first bite of the Pork Tenderloin with Treacle and Mustard sauce at the Fiddler's Hearth, downtown South Bend's new Irish restaurant and pub.

The Fiddler's Hearth opened its doors this past October, establishing itself as South Bend's self-described "local public house: a gathering place for Celtic artists and the public at large."

Local artists take the stage on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Hearth to perform music and dance from the traditions of the Seven Celtic Nations, ranging from cheerful and fiery jigs to the most beautiful and poignant ballads.

The genuinely Celtic atmosphere and entertainment is complemented by an equally authentic food and drink menu, which offers an assortment of spirits, meals, and, of course, beers, that are as warm and friendly as the music and the fireplace. Which brings us back to the pork tenderloin.

Its soft, juicy medallions of tender pork are glazed in a tart, playful sauce of peppery hot mustard and sweet, thick molasses to create a startlingly exciting flavor combination.

All of the main dishes are served with a side dish and a choice of salad, or hot soup from a selection including bacon and tomato cream and their superb potato soup. Their side dishes are just as tasty.

I ordered the leek with mushrooms, which was excellent; the mushrooms were served in large and meaty slices, while the leeks were surprisingly crisp and flavorful. Other highlights in the menu include the fish and chips, which are superb, and are served with an excellent homemade tartar sauce; the cream cheese and smoked salmon dip, which is reputed to be very good; the Plowman's Plate appetizer; and the Irish Cream cheesecake.

The Plowman's Plate is an assortment of sharp, colorful imported cheeses, which are served with rustic bread, fresh fruits, and several sweet, pungent relishes that create an interesting, tangy contrast with the strong-flavored cheeses.

The Irish Cream cheesecake is a choice that should be approached with caution; it is as thick and sweet and gratifying as a cheesecake could conceivably be a temptation so hedonistic, pleasurable and lascivious that could be felt by some as bordering on

morally objectionable.

Readers beware: while the food at the Fiddler's Hearth is, for the most part, exceptional, diners are encouraged to exercise their best discretion in the choice of their meals in order to avoid disappointment.

"Aw, gimme some more of that juicy tang!"

Jose de Wit
Restaurant critic

While some of their plates are unimaginably exiting, others are more reflective of the more, um, bland character that we would tend to expect in food coming from anywhere close to England.

To be fair, their flavor does depend a lot on the diner's expectations. If you expect a burst of flavor from his Celtic meal, a dish like their Irish Stew, made with cabbage, lamb, and root vegetables, will seem as disappointing as a bowl of porridge.

On the other hand, an Irish Stew or a Shepherd Pie can be the perfect meal to eat beside the fireplace along with a large, frothy pint while tapping your left foot to a merry jig. And last, about the pints: the Hearth features a large selection of national and imported

brews, both draft and bottled -including a cream ale from Belhaven's, Scotland's oldest brewery; and Tennant's Lager, from a brewery established in 1556. There is also an ample selection of whiskey, scotch, and fine single malts.

The Fiddler's Hearth is a very authentic and traditional Celtic establishment, both in its food and in its atmosphere: the food and beverages are excellent in flavor, while not horribly expensive in price (the beers range from \$2.50 to \$4 - not exactly Boat Club prices, but then you aren't drinking Coors Lite either...); the atmosphere is warm, fun, and very genuine, very comfortable and cozy, and at the same time good fun.

Note: if you plan on going on a Friday or Saturday evening, be prepared for a crowd; there is also a \$10 cover after 8 on those nights, which isn't too steep if you consider that you can apply that sum toward the purchase of food and beverages that evening.

Finally, make sure you bring your ID; entrance is open to all ages, but your age will be verified at the entrance to determine whether you can purchase alcohol or not.

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NFL

Tampa Bay defense sends Buccaneers to first Super Bowl

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers forgot about the cold and their past. They simply rolled up their sleeves and let their league-leading defense go to work.

Now they're off to sunny San Diego for their first Super Bowl — a long, sad history behind them.

After being stunned by a Philadelphia touchdown in the first minute of the NFC Championship game, the Bucs shut down Donovan McNabb and company to beat the Eagles 27-10.

"Nobody really expected us to win this game," said Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, in his first year with the team. "That fueled our enthusiasm to play."

Gruden and the Bucs will play next Sunday against his old team, the Oakland Raiders, who beat the Tennessee Titans 41-24 in the AFC Championship game.

"One more to go," said Warren Sapp, the talkative Tampa Bay defensive tackle. "We ain't going for no vacation."

After the Eagles' early flurry, sparked by Brian Mitchell's 70-yard return of the opening kickoff, it was all Tampa Bay. The Bucs led 17-10 at halftime and stifled Philadelphia after intermission.

"They were the better team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

"They got after us. We didn't answer the bell on a few things."

"It's very disappointing. You come this far, 20-some odd weeks of football. You put yourself in position to strike for the Super Bowl and you lose."

Brad Johnson finished 20-of-33 for 259 yards against a Philadelphia secondary with three Pro Bowl selections, allowing the Bucs to control the ball and the clock, especially in the first half.

The defense, meanwhile, totally controlled McNabb, who finished 26-of-49 for 243 yards in just his second game back after missing six games with a broken right ankle. Simeon Rice and Barber had sacks that ended potential rallies.

"We didn't want to give up the big play," Sapp said. (They didn't — Mitchell's return was against the special teams.)

"If we could do that, we'd have a real good chance of winning."

The Bucs started playing in 1976, lost their first 26 games, then made a brief run at the playoffs. Then, from 1983-96, they did not have a winning season and lost 10 or more games in 13 of those 14 seasons.

And the past two years, they had been bounced from the playoffs in Philadelphia, where they also lost in October.

Mitchell's return of the opening kickoff and Duce Staley's 20-yard touchdown run two plays

later gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead 52 seconds into the game. But that was the high point for Philadelphia.

"We came out early and set the tempo, then we did absolutely nothing," Eagles receiver Antonio Freeman said.

David Akers' 30-yard field goal midway through the second quarter tied the game at 10.

But the Bucs took the ensuing kickoff and went 80 yards in 12 plays, scoring from 9 yards out when Johnson (Brad) found Johnson (Keyshawn) just over the goal line on a third-down play.

The Eagles reached the Tampa Bay 24 in the final minute of the half, but McNabb was sacked by his old high school teammate, Rice, who knocked the ball loose and recovered the fumble.

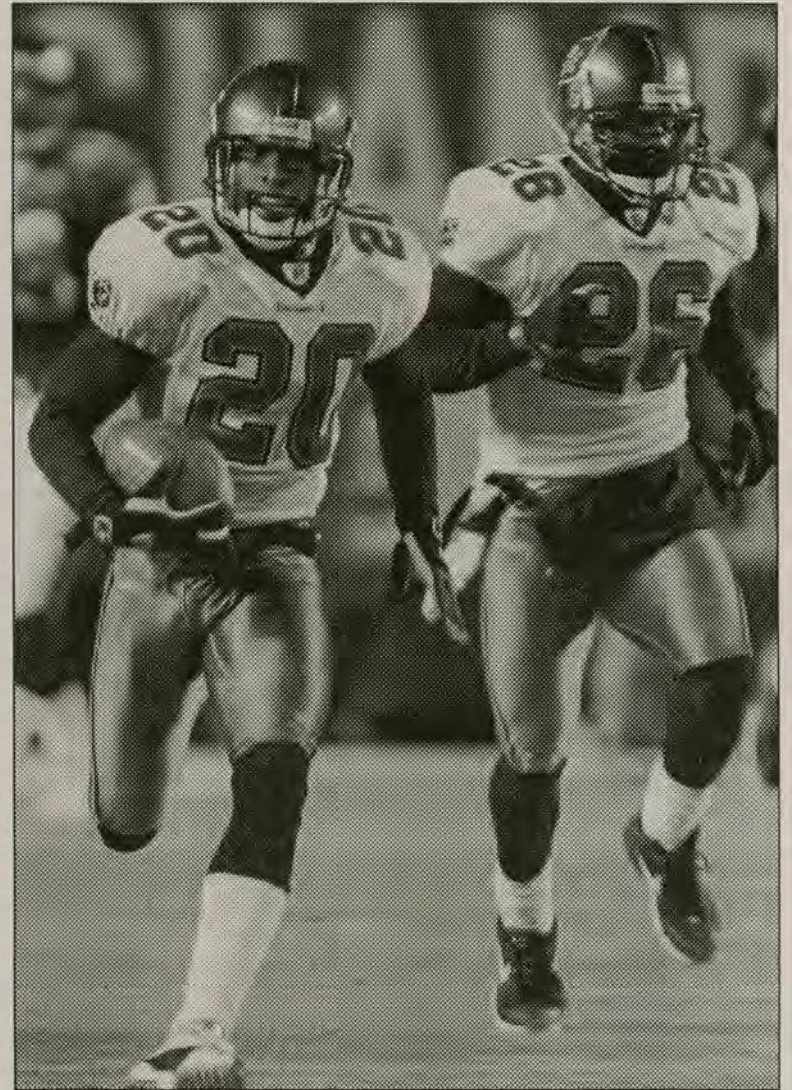
The same thing happened on the Eagles' first possession of the third quarter, Barber knocking the ball loose on a corner blitz and Ellis Wymys recovering at the Philadelphia 47.

Gramatica added a 27-yard field goal with 1:02 left in the third quarter to make it 20-10 as the Eagles continued to have trouble moving the ball.

Then Barber made his big play and it was all over.

"We won a cold game again. We won a road playoff game and we scored a touchdown here in the Vet," Gruden said.

Who could ask for more?



Tampa Bay cornerback Ronde Barber returns an interception for a touchdown in the Buccaneers 27-10 win over the Eagles.

Gannon's 3 TD passes leads Raiders to 41-24 win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

The Oakland Raiders did more than "Just win, baby!"

They won it their way, mixing that famous renegade style of their past with the pass-happy method of the present to defeat the Tennessee Titans 41-24 in the AFC Championship game.

Rich Gannon, the 37-year-old league MVP, led the way with three touchdown passes and another score he ran in himself.

His thirtysomething teammates — Jerry Rice, Bill Romanowski, Rod Woodson and, finally, Tim Brown — sent the Raiders and maverick owner Al Davis to the NFL title game for the first time since 1984.

"I've been looking at this game for 14 years and watching other people go," Brown said. "Now, I'm finally on my way. It's a great feeling."

It will be a Silver and Black championship game, tinged with more than just a touch of gray.

The veteran Raiders — the team built to win right now —

will go for their fourth Super Bowl title next Sunday in San Diego. They'll play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 in the NFC championship game earlier in the day.

On a clear, perfect day at a stadium known as the Black Hole, the Raiders looked as much like the old group of swashbuckling bad boys they used to be as the new team they have become.

The old: 14 penalties for 127 yards, a handful of cheap shots and a bevy of vicious hits on Steve McNair, who paid a huge price for his 194 yards passing and two rushing touchdowns.

The new: Unbelievably, Oakland called exactly one running play over the first three quarters, leaving the work to Gannon, who threw 41 times for 286 yards and scrambled for 41 more, including a fourth-quarter touchdown.

"We were making a lot of dumb mistakes out there," linebacker Eric Barton said. "Fortunately, we sucked it up and stopped it. That shows the character of this team."

The Raiders took the lead for

good late in the second quarter, when Barton stripped Tennessee's Robert Holcombe, giving Oakland the ball at the Tennessee 16. Two plays later, Gannon hit tight end Doug Jolly for a score and a 21-17 lead.

On the next play, special teams got into the act, forcing a fumble by John Simon and setting up a field goal for a seven-point lead at the half.

Oakland tackled punter Craig Hentrich to set up a field goal for a 10-point lead in the third.

McNair was then at his gutty, gritty best, leading the Titans on a 67-yard touchdown drive to make it 27-24.

Tennessee appeared to be stopped on that drive, but Terrance Shaw got called for a personal foul, Oakland's fourth of the game. On the next play, McNair ran in from 13 yards for his second score.

"McNair played like a true warrior today," said Oakland's first-year coach, Bill Callahan. "He had no quit in him, no die in him."

But the Raiders kept picking on Tennessee's pass defense, rated 25th in the regular season. Gannon led Oakland on a

66-yard drive and ran in for a 34-24 lead.

That drive, like this game, was nothing pretty, but then again, Davis has never demanded perfection.

The owner's unspoken message in "Just win, baby" has always been his desire to field a team that could pull out even the ugly games.

In that vein, he signed a group of veterans who had endured a lot in this league. Mere penalties and a hot quarterback weren't going to be enough to halt this Super Bowl run.

"We fought all year long," Rice said. "When we lost four straight games, this team stuck together and now we're going to the Super Bowl."

y for McNair to match by himself.

"No one gave us a chance when we were 1-4," tight end Frank Wycheck said. "We can hang our hat on the fact we were 30 minutes from getting to the Super Bowl."

For the Raiders, this trip is especially sweet considering their recent playoff past.

This time, there was no denying the team Davis built to win

— and win now.

Brown will go to the Super Bowl for the first time in his sterling career. He led the Raiders with nine catches for 73 yards.

Rice will go for his fourth title. He made five catches, including two that gave the Raiders first downs inside the 10, en route to touchdowns.

"This is, what, Jerry Rice's 75th Super Bowl?" Porter said. "It feels good to get Tim Brown to the Super Bowl. That was one of the team goals — to get him to the Super Bowl."

They wanted to get Davis back there, too.

The team's eccentric, 73-year-old architect will get a long-awaited trip to the game he, in part, created. He helped engineer the AFL-NFL merger and then became the thorn in the league's side, moving his team twice and suing the NFL while he was at it.

For all the trouble he's caused, many in football think the NFL is a better place when the Raiders are doing well. If that's the case, then the league is enjoying a mighty fine year.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Tar Heels upset Huskies

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

Many people wrote off North Carolina three weeks ago when the Tar Heels lost center Sean May with a broken foot.

It may be time to re-evaluate things around Chapel Hill.

Rashad McCants scored 27 points, including the clinching free throws with 3.3 seconds left, as the Tar Heels beat No. 6 Connecticut 68-65, becoming the second program in college basketball to win 1,800.

Kentucky, with 1,830 wins, is the other.

"I have a lot of respect for the way their kids played," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said of the young Tar Heels. "Their kids played hard. I watched a couple tapes of them and I don't think they stayed with it as long. They stayed with it tonight when we came back at them. That's a credit to them."

The Tar Heels are now 4-2 without May, winning three by four points or less.

"We are doing the little things, we're trying to work together to try to fill the void that Sean left," said Jawad Williams, who scored the go-ahead basket with less than a minute left.

"We certainly miss Sean, but when he comes back we're going to be that much better," added UNC coach Matt Doherty, whose club lost to the Huskies by 32 last season.

McCants, the ACC scoring leader, was 7-for-11 from the field and 9-of-10 at the foul line as the Tar Heels

improved to 11-5, beating their second top 10 team of the season a year after a program-worst 8-20 record.

The Huskies are 2-2 in their last four since starting 9-0 against some weak competition.

Connecticut trailed Massachusetts by 25 earlier in the season and came back to win, and the Huskies dug themselves a 19-point hole on the road less than 10 minutes into this one.

"It's nice to say, but somebody give me a diagram about how to jump on somebody," Calhoun said of his team's recent slow starts. "We couldn't make a basket so we couldn't even press."

"Maybe we have to look at our approach in the locker room or the night before," he added. "We can't afford to keep doing this. We pumped a lot of confidence into them."

However, a strong second half and a fast-break slam by Emeka Okafor gave Connecticut its first lead at 65-64 with 1:16 remaining.

Williams countered with the go-ahead basket on a 15-foot jumper 17 seconds later, and after a 3-point miss by Ben Gordon, the Huskies didn't foul until just seconds left as McCants and Raymond Felton dribbled through the defense.

After McCants nailed two free throws, Gordon's 25-footer at the buzzer that would have tied it hit off the rim and the crowd at the Smith Center stormed the floor.

"I'm very confident at the free-throw line even though my percentage right now it not too great," said McCants, who came in hitting 71 percent. "In the clutch, I'm trying to make big plays."

Terrapins hands No. 1 Blue Devils their first loss

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

Cole Field House and the Comcast Center are across campus from each other. Maryland found a bridge between its old and new buildings: beating No. 1 Duke.

The (No. 15 ESPN/USA Today, No. 17 AP) Terrapins beat the last undefeated team in the country, downing the top-ranked Blue Devils 87-72.

It was the second straight year Maryland prevailed at home when Duke was No. 1, and it came in the new arena that sounded a lot like the old one when the final buzzer sounded and the students rushed the floor.

"This crowd was as good as any crowd we've had since we've been here at Maryland," said Gary Williams, who has been coaching at his alma mater since 1989.

Cole, which opened in 1955 and had a capacity of 14,500, was the place where Maryland beat six No. 1 teams. The 17,950-seat Comcast Center, which opened in November, got its first taste of the Terrapins beating a top-ranked team.

Last year's 87-73 victory snapped Maryland's four-game home losing streak to Duke.

Drew Nicholas had 24 points for the Terrapins (10-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) and Ryan Randle had 15 points and a career-high 17 rebounds as Maryland finished with a 43-32 advantage on the boards.

"I took it personally. Today we came out and said don't worry about points, just get every rebound," Randle said. "Beating a Top 20 team is what we wanted and needed. Beating Duke is a big confidence builder."

The defending national champions also stood out at the free throw line,

finishing 29-for-31. Duke (12-1, 3-1) was 9-for-20, including 5-for-13 in the second half.

"Everybody stepped up," Williams said of the free throws. "We all know Duke can score in a hurry but once we got the lead we made our free throws."

Maryland was 0-4 against ranked teams this season, a far cry from last season's 9-2 mark against teams in the Top 25, including the win over No. 1 Duke.

The Blue Devils had won 14 of the last 17 games played at Maryland, but those were all in Cole Field House.

"Maryland played like a veteran team and we played like a young team," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They just played better than we did. They deserved to win. They played harder and better."

Maryland scored the first six points of the second half to tie the game at 43 and then turned up the defense.

Dahntay Jones, who had a career-high 26 points for Duke, hit a 3-pointer with 14:21 to play that tied it for the last time at 53.

The Terrapins went on a 10-0 run with all the points coming from newcomers John Gilchrist and Jamar Smith. The Blue Devils went 5:55 without a field goal, missing six shots and committing three turnovers in that span as Maryland went up 75-60.

Duke, which shot 33 percent (11-for-33) in the second half after shooting 51 percent in the opening half, never got back in it.

"The second-half defense was very good," Williams said. "We knew we could go inside but thinking that and doing it are two different things but we got some good second shots."

Tahj Holden added 10 points for the Terrapins, who took care of the ball in the second half, committing three turnovers for a total of 16.

Freshman J.J. Redick, Duke's leading scorer, had 13 points, two in the second half. The Blue Devils entered the game shooting 38.1 percent from 3-point range but was 7-for-22, 2-for-13 in the second half.

"They made a run to open the second half and we didn't respond," Redick said. "We knew if we made a little run we could blow them out of the water. It was them who made the run."

The win was Maryland's biggest in the series since a 77-60 victory at home on Feb. 6, 1982.

Krzyzewski took nothing away from Maryland but said his team may not have deserved the ranking it took into the game, especially since it has five freshmen in the 10-man rotation.

"I know I have a work in progress," he said. "Because we won all of our games up to now somebody voted us No. 1. I have coached No. 1 teams and I know that's not where we're at."

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Womens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Duke (35)	14-0	993
2	Connecticut (4)	14-0	948
3	LSU (1)	14-0	914
4	Kansas State	15-1	879
5	Stanford	12-1	802
6	Tennessee	11-2	802
7	Texas Tech	13-1	716
8	Purdue	13-2	695
9	Arkansas	14-2	665
10	North Carolina	14-1	654
11	Minnesota	14-1	547
12	Louisiana Tech	10-2	507
13	South Carolina	13-2	473
14	Mississippi St.	12-3	472
15	Penn State	13-3	458
16	Vanderbilt	10-4	326
17	Wisc. Green Bay	13-2	301
18	Texas	9-4	253
19	Santa Barbara	10-2	245
20	NOTRE DAME	9-4	220
21	Arizona	10-4	185
22	Boston College	10-3	175
23	Oklahoma	10-4	168
24	DePaul	12-3	124
25	Villanova	12-1	104

Mens College Basketball ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Duke (30)	11-0	774
2	Arizona (1)	11-1	745
3	Pittsburgh	12-1	685
4	Texas	10-2	635
5	Oklahoma	10-2	612
6	Connecticut	10-1	610
7	Florida	13-2	552
8	Illinois	12-1	541
9	NOTRE DAME	13-2	540
10	Alabama	11-2	516
11	Missouri	10-1	478
12	Kansas	11-3	460
13	Mississippi St.	10-3	351
14	Croighton	13-1	331
15	Maryland	9-3	325
16	Kentucky	11-3	279
17	Indiana	11-3	238
18	Louisville	10-1	226
19	Oregon	10-4	201
20	Wake Forest	10-1	182
21	Marquette	10-3	160
22	Georgia	9-4	118
23	Xavier	10-4	98
24	Oklahoma State	12-1	82
25	Texas Tech	10-2	76

WOMENS FIGURE SKATING



Reuters Live Photos

After winning her seventh national title, Michelle Kwan poses with medal winners Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes after the Womens Championship awards ceremony. The three will skate at the World Championships.

Kwan shines at U.S. Championships

Associated Press

DALLAS
Her arms held wide, gathering in all the applause, the adoration — the love — Michelle Kwan was in the perfect place after the perfect performance.

Olympic disappointment was a forgotten memory. The "old lady" of skating erased all the skepticism about her decision to stick around.

And she did it as only Kwan can, winning her sixth straight national title and seventh overall Saturday night with the style and grace that has

defined her illustrious career.

"Besides my friends and my family, I think that is the next best thing, just being out there," the 22-year-old Kwan said. "It's just so intense, it's incredible. It's an incredible feeling. It's why it's hard for skaters to turn professional."

"It's just like the movies. It's your own movie."

Not all of her movies have had happy endings. Kwan does not own Olympic gold, but should that really matter, the way she keeps piling up U.S. Figure Skating Championships?

Only one of the sport's

legends, Maribel Vinson, has more U.S. championships, with nine. Kwan now has as many titles as any U.S. man, and she also owns four world crowns.

She will go after her fifth in Washington in March. So even with Olympic gold lacking — Kwan owns a silver and a bronze — there is no arguing her dominance on ice.

The 6.0 was her 28th perfect mark at nationals, and she had six 5.9s. Her program, to Aranjuez, was spotless, including six triple jumps that were so smooth they seemed automatic.

Just like the way she collects national titles.

Olympic champion Sarah Hughes and Sasha Cohen, the most successful skater on the Grand Prix circuit this season, were second and third, and made the U.S. team for the world championships. Hughes was the first American woman to win Olympic gold and then skate at the next national championships.

Kwan, who competed only at Skate America — naturally, she won — this season, won U.S. championships in 1996, and from '98 through Saturday. She was second to Tara Lipinski in 1997.

Yet here she is, still dominating the Americans.

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Connecticut at Miami 7 p.m., ESPN

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Blackhawks at Blue Jackets 7 p.m., FOX
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NBA BASKETBALL

Celtics at 76ers 7:30 p.m., TNT
Clippers at Lakers 10 p.m., TNT

TENNIS

Australian Open 10:30 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Rockies reach agreements with Hernandez, Reed

Infielder Jose Hernandez and reliever Steve Reed have reached agreements in principle with the Colorado Rockies on one-year contracts.

The deal with Hernandez is contingent on him passing a physical and management approval, Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said.

Hernandez, who also attracted interest from San Francisco and the New York Mets, was an All-Star shortstop last season with Milwaukee. He hit .288 with 24 home runs and 73 RBIs.

Hernandez could play shortstop or third base for the Rockies.

Reed was 2-5 with one save and a 2.01 ERA in 64 games for the Mets and San Diego. The Padres traded him to New York on July 31.

Reed, a right-hander, pitched for the Rockies from 1993-97. He was part of Colorado's original roster as an expansion team.

Hernandez and Reed both became free agents when they were not offered salary arbitration by their teams.

Venus, Hantuchova to meet after straight-set wins

Venus Williams had Nicole Pratt sprawling and sighing.

Justine Henin-Hardenne was in pain and fearing she was finished.

Both advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Sunday as Henin-Hardenne came back from 1-4 and a late painful cramp to beat Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 5-7, 9-7 in 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Williams stayed on course for a fourth straight Grand Slam final against sister Serena by beating Pratt 6-3, 6-2 in 1:17.

Henin-Hardenne, the fifth seed, went all out to win her battle with the American Davenport, who was seeded ninth.

Henin-Hardenne next plays Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual, a 6-3, 6-3

winner over Czech player Denisa Chladkova.

Venus Williams now faces a quarterfinal against No. 7 Daniela Hantuchova, who extended her to three sets in the third round last year, and a possible semifinal against Henin-Hardenne.

Serena, the world's top-ranked player and winner of the last three majors, plays her fourth-round match Monday against 18th-seeded Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

Hantuchova, who reached her third consecutive Grand Slam event quarterfinal, went all out in her match, spraying 39 errors while hitting 27 winners. She was helped by 27 misses by Schnyder, who had won three of their five previous meetings.

Noting that she nearly beat Williams last year, Hantuchova said, "Maybe I needed more experience at the time and that's something I feel I have now. That's why I feel ready and very optimistic about this match."

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles win last race on Senior Day to defeat Albion

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

It came down to the final race. Going into the 400-yard freestyle relay, Saint Mary's trailed Albion 110-107 and needed to win in order to pull off the upset. During the break before the final event, the Belles received not one but four pep talks.

"It was nice," junior Megan Ramsey said. "We had our [three] coaches and athletic director speak."

Drawing from their multiple

sources of inspiration, the Belles combined for a resounding victory. After Maureen Palchak staked the team to an early half-length lead, Lane Herrington and Kelly Nellis each added a full body length between Saint Mary's and the next closest swimmer. From the anchor position, Ramsey then coasted to a first-place finish, ensuring a 120-114 Belles victory.

"With the lineup the way we had it, this was kind of how we expected it to be," Ramsey said. "We had some good, surprising swims right from the start."

The Belles lost to Alma (1-4)

in the second half of the dual meet, 127-110. Saint Mary's trailed Alma and Albion (2-4) from the start, yet the squad refused to succumb to defeat. The Belles mounted a furious comeback, led by junior Megan Ramsey, who won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard butterfly. Like her teammates, Ramsey refused to panic and focused only on doing her best.

"[Being behind] was definitely inspirational to us. The two teams we were battling against were close to us. We knew it was going to be close," Ramsey

said. "Any time I swim, the biggest competition is myself."

Palchak had the Belles' other first-place finish, winning the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 1.68 seconds. Freshman Kelly Nellis continued her string of strong meets, finishing second in the 500-yard freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle.

"It was a good, positive meet. There were a lot of good swims by everybody," Ramsey said. "We've been getting technically better all season. It was mentally and physically good."

After a hectic schedule of three meets within three weeks,

the Belles now have three weeks to train for the MIAA conference championships. But the time won't be spent solely on rest and relaxation.

"There's always lots of hard work, weeks and months of hard work," Ramsey said. "This is kind of the fun part of the year. Most of the hard work is done, and it's time to focus on the smaller parts of swimming and get excited [for the conference meet]."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Auburn moves to 4-0 in SEC with 77-68 win over Alabama

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala.

Coach Cliff Ellis and the Auburn Tigers were glad to keep their streaks going, especially at the expense of (No. 10 ESPN/USA Today, No. 9 AP) Alabama.

Reserve Brandon Robinson had 13 points and seven rebounds to lead the surprising Tigers over struggling Alabama 77-68.

The victory was Auburn's sev-

enth in a row overall and seventh straight win at home against their cross-state rivals.

"This was just a wonderful win. We added a new dimension to this season and kept up what we have been doing the last several games," Ellis said. "We also continued our streak at home and we are continuing to build momentum."

The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, have lost three of their last five games after being ranked No. 1 earlier this season.

"We are just a little bit off and a little bit out of sync. We have to find a way to fix it," coach Mark Gottfried said.

Auburn (15-2, 4-0) had been predicted to finish near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference, but with the win over defending conference champion Alabama (12-3, 2-2) extended its lead to two games in the SEC West.

Playing before a loud, capacity crowd, Auburn jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead and dominated

the Crimson Tide most of the game.

"This is just a huge win for us. It gives us more confidence," Robinson said.

Robinson, who missed the first 13 games of the season because of eligibility questions, scored 11 points as Auburn took a 37-29 halftime lead.

"Auburn is a legitimately good team," Gottfried said. "I would say they are as good on defense as anyone that we have played."

Marquis Daniels, Marco

Killingsworth and Derrick Bird also scored 13 points each for the Tigers.

Daniels said Auburn's fast start gives the Tigers "a good feeling."

"We have to remain focused," Daniels said. "We can't get too up or down no matter what."

Alabama was led by Emmett Thomas, who hit 3-of-5 3-point shots and scored a career-high 20 points. But Thomas also fouled out of the game with 5:38 to play.



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HOCKEY

Freshman Yale goalie shuts down Notre Dame offense

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

After a 4-1 loss at home Friday, a change of goaltender and a change of venue didn't have the desired effect as Yale again defeated the Irish, this time by a score of 3-1, in Chicago on Saturday.

Yale freshman goaltender Josh Gartner, making only his third and fourth career starts, was sensational as he stopped 59 of 61 Irish shots on the weekend for a .967 save percentage.

Friday, Yale got on the board first about nine minutes into the first period when the Irish failed to clear the defensive zone and Bulldog defenseman Jeff Dwyer held the puck in at the blue line.

Dwyer then dished to center Chris Higgins, who whipped a shot through Irish goaltender Morgan Cey's legs from right in front of the goal.

Notre Dame had difficulty keeping the puck out of its defensive zone, and the result was Yale outshooting the Irish 10-7 in the first period. Several good saves by Cey kept the Irish down one going into the first intermission.

The Bulldogs struck again only 30 seconds into the second period, when Yale forward Nick Deschenes skated down the left side and beat Cey on the glove side with a high wrist shot.

Only two minutes later, Yale scored again when Dwyer launched a high slap shot from the blue line. Cey appeared to make the save, but he bobbled

it into the air and it trickled behind him, where forward Joe Zappala tapped it in to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead.

The Irish were able to gain some momentum five minutes into the third period when Irish senior captain and defenseman Evan Nielsen skated in on net and wristed a shot over Gartner's right shoulder.

A Yale power play goal later in the period put the Irish away.

"We got outplayed and out-hustled," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We started well but when they got the one goal early we deflated, and that shouldn't happen."

The Irish may have been due for a letdown after tying CCHA-leader Ferris State in their previous hockey game.

"It shouldn't matter who you play," Poulin said. "Yale is a very good team. You should play the same way every time."

The Irish traveled to Allstate Arena in Chicago the next day, hoping that a larger pro-Notre Dame crowd might enable the Irish to win its rematch against Yale.

One part was true, the announced attendance was 5,091, most of whom were Irish fans. The extra support made little difference though, as Gartner and the Bulldogs again stymied the Irish offense.

The Irish gave Darien, Ill., native Tony Zasowski the start in net and the senior matched Gartner save-for-save in a scoreless first period.

Yale struck first early in the second period when Zappala wristed a shot from the bottom left circle that struck the cross-

bar over Zasowski's right shoulder before bouncing into the goal.

The Bulldogs then opened the game wide open by scoring two goals in a 51-second span.

The Irish spoiled Gartner's shutout bid just 30 seconds into the third period, with forward Rob Globke deflecting a shot from defenseman Brett Lebda past a helpless Gartner. It was Globke's 18th goal of the season, a new career record for the junior.

That would be all the offense the Irish could muster.

"We needed to bury our chances," said Poulin. "(Gartner) did very well."

Zasowski finished the night with 32 saves.

"This was an exciting game," the senior goaltender said. "It was nice to have the (Notre Dame) band here. Besides a six-minute stretch there in the second, I thought I did all right."

The Irish will have to bounce back from the disappointing Yale series and look ahead to its difficult upcoming 12-game CCHA schedule, which includes a two-game series against perennial powerhouse Michigan State on Jan. 24 and 25 at the Joyce Center.

"You're really hoping to come into league play coming off a better outcome," Poulin said. "We have to have positives and the biggest positive is to win ... but we still played a very good game."

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer

The Irish offense struggled against Yale this weekend in a 4-1 loss at home Friday and a 3-1 loss Saturday in Chicago.

TRACK AND FIELD

Irish start well at Central Michigan

Observer Staff Report

Three Irish male athletes won events and two female athletes set school records as the mens and womens track teams opened their seasons at the Central Michigan Opener Friday night.

Freshman Thomas Chamney won the 800 meters in his first collegiate race, finishing just ahead of Central Michigan's Ron Miller in 1 minute, 54.83 seconds.

Sophomore Chris Staron won the high jump, clearing 2.00 meters while classmate and reigning Big East hurdles champion Selim Nurudeen started his season well with a win in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.01.

The Irish also had two second-place finishers, with freshman Ryan Postel finishing second in the 400 meters (49.60) and Godwin Mbagwu in the triple jump (48 feet, 6 inches) and the long jump (22-11).

Two-time All-American senior Tameisha King set a NCAA Championship qualification mark with a long jump of 20-8. King broke her own school record by one inch.

On the track King finished second in the 60 meters with a time of 7.51. Kristen Dodd finished third in the 60-meter dash and later won the 200-meter race (25.09).

Senior Jaime Volkmer also broke her own school record in the triple jump with a mark of 40-2 1/4. Volkmer also won the pole vault, clearing 11-9.

In the 400-meter race, the Irish took the top two spots with Kymia Love in first (56.29) and Tiffany Gunn second (56.98). Gunn won her specialty race, the 60-meter hurdles, in a time of 8.85.

The Irish continue their season next weekend against Ball State at the Loftus Sports Center.

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Irish

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Irish were ranked in the top 10 at the beginning of the season and won seven of their first eight games, before losing four of seven, including Saturday's loss to the Scarlet Knights. Since its hot start, Notre Dame has struggled to play to its potential for 40 minutes.

And waiting to kick them when they're down is No. 3 Connecticut, a team that has won a Division I womens record 55 straight games and will visit the Joyce Center today for a 2 p.m. game.

Things couldn't get any worse for Notre Dame.

Or maybe, just maybe, Monday's matchup against 16-0 Connecticut could be just what Notre Dame needs.

It could be the rallying point that the Irish must have to gain some much-needed confidence. Or the beginning of a second-half surge for Notre Dame that helps the squad learn how to win again. It might be the game this team looks back on and says, "That

was the turning point of our season."

Don't get me wrong, beating Connecticut will be far from easy. It'll take an awesome effort and some definite luck. But the Irish do have history on their side. The last time the Huskies lost a basketball game was against Notre Dame by the score of 90-75 in the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

But Notre Dame doesn't even have to win this game for it to be the turning point in its season. Keeping up with the talented Huskies should still make the Irish feel better about their play of late and give them some momentum heading into the rest of their Big East schedule. They have a long road ahead of them, but this game can give them a good start.

Something positive just needs to happen for McGraw's squad. You can see her mounting frustration at practice. You could see it during the games the team has lost. And you could surely see it in her teary eyes after the Rutgers game.

The Irish have their backs against the wall and something must be done for them to salvage this season. Rutgers was

in much the same position a year ago. The Scarlet Knights had a talented squad that couldn't reach its potential for the entire season.

"Notre Dame is a very good team," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "They've got great size. They're just young, and as soon as they get out of that slump they'll be fine."

"They have great talent and they play hard and they're very good. Last year we were in the same position as they are this year, and it plagued us all season long."

The Irish don't want to let this plague affect them the rest of the season. They have to find a way to win again.

An easy foe won't help the Irish at this point. They don't need a pushover. They need to play a team that will push them to their limits and challenge their toughness. A team that no one thinks they can beat.

A team like Connecticut.

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respond.

"It's a move I've been working on in practice, it's a move I'm trying to own," Pondexter said. "It was a good look. She had me so I just stepped back and had a wide-open shot. So I took it."

And she nailed the lid on Notre Dame's coffin.

"We were winning and we should have won," McGraw said.

The Irish took an early lead and, despite a brief Scarlet Knights resurgence near the end of the first half, held a substantial score advantage most of the game. But with 11 minutes remaining, Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer called a timeout and told her team that it was time to play real basketball.

"We had called a timeout and Coach told us to act like there were five minutes left in the game, so just play as hard as you can," Rutgers guard Mauri Horton. "So that was my attitude, just to attack and play hard."

In the next 11 minutes, the Rutgers' attack started to wear on Notre Dame. The Scarlet Knights, who were smaller and faster than the Irish squad, began forcing turnovers. The Irish hit only four field goals in those final 11 minutes and turned the ball over five times.

Those turnovers were the first ingredient in the recipe for the Rutgers comeback. The second was rebounds. The Scarlet Knights outrebounded the Irish 14-7 in the final 11 minutes of play.

"We just really did some of the things that we've been plagued with all year long," McGraw said. "No. 1 —

turnovers. We have to take better care of the ball, and No. 2 — rebounds. We need to rebound better."

What was more, the Irish didn't have anyone step up for the team. When the Irish shut down Pondexter in the early stages of the game, the Scarlet Knights responded by sending Horton in. When Jacqueline Batteast sat down with foul trouble, no one stepped up for Notre Dame.

"You have to rely on someone to come out there and play their game," McGraw said. "We can't win with Jacqui sitting on the bench. We cannot win the way we're playing right now, obviously."

Freshman post player Courtney LaVere hit 23 points for the Irish, and Ratay scored 12, although she went 3-11 from the field. But the Irish could not hold the momentum together long enough. They headed into Saturday's game knowing they needed to play 40 minutes. They fell short again.

"It's incredibly frustrating," McGraw said.

Today the Irish will take that frustration into a game that could make history — if Notre Dame can play for 40 minutes. Notre Dame takes on No. 3 Connecticut today. If the Irish could manage an upset victory, they would end a Division I womens record 55-game Husky winning streak, making them the fourth Irish team in history to end such a streak. The Irish football team defeated Oklahoma in 1957, the men's basketball team defeated UCLA in 1974 and the women's soccer team defeated North Carolina in 1994.

Tip-off is at 2:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish win 1 of 3 meets out east

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team had a whirlwind weekend, competing in three dual meets in Philadelphia. After a 181-116 loss to the University of Pennsylvania Friday night, the Irish concluded with a split at Villanova.

The Irish fell 183-59 to Pittsburgh, but defeated Villanova 168-68.

The Irish (5-5) struggled at Penn, finishing second to the Quakers in 12 of 13 events to begin the competition. The first victory for Notre Dame came the eighth event, when Matt Obringer won the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 48.19 seconds.

The bright spot for the Irish was the performance of their divers, seniors Andy Maggio, Tong Xie and Joe Miller. Maggio finished first in the one- and three-meter events, while Xie was second in the one-

meter and third in the three-meter. The Irish divers contributed 30 points to the team's total score.

A host of Irish swimmers placed second — Obringer in the 200-meter freestyle, Doug Bauman in the 100-meter backstroke, Tim Randolph in the 100-meter breaststroke, Frank Krakowski in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly, Tyler Grenda in the 200-meter breaststroke, J.R. Teddy in the 500-meter freestyle and David Moisan in the 200 individual Medley.

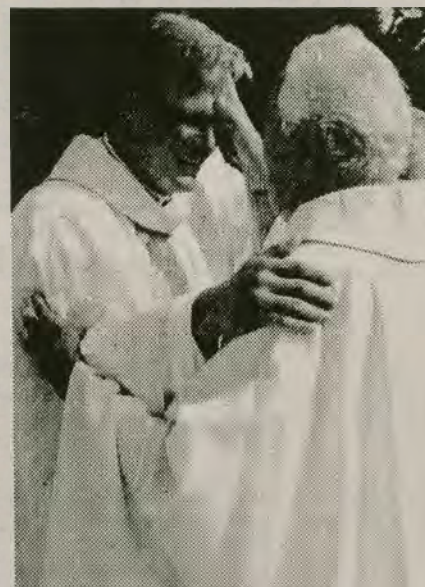
The next day at Villanova, Notre Dame easily outswam the host Wildcats but fell to Big East Championship favorite Pittsburgh. Pitt won all 13 meet events, but the Irish won 10 of 13 races against Villanova.

Obringer again shone for the Irish, winning both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Jamie Lutkus (200 IM), Teddy (200 butterfly), Bauman (200 backstroke) and Moisan (200 breaststroke) also won against Villanova.

The Irish wrapped up a busy three weeks that included training camp in Mexico and the three dual meets. The team will have a brief break before resuming competition against Northwestern Saturday.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

It doesn't get any easier

◆ Irish blow 15-point second-half lead to Rutgers

By KATIE McVOY
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Irish coach Muffet McGraw's reaction when she saw Saturday's game statistics tells the whole story. She crumpled them up.

Saturday's 64-61 loss to Rutgers iced the cake of Irish losses that have come at their own hands. This time, Notre Dame gave up a 15-point lead in the final 11 minutes of play and left the team with little to say about the game. The frustration on their faces was enough to explain.

"We just didn't do it," McGraw said.

Saturday's game had only a single lead change. Scarlet Knights guard Mauri Horton hit a trey with 1:41 remaining, putting Rutgers on top by two, 61-59. Two foul shots by Irish guard Alicia Ratay tied the score, but Rutgers guard Cappie Pondexter made sure her team's efforts gave them a 15-point come-from-behind win. Despite heavy coverage by the Irish, she nailed a jumper with 26 seconds left and the Irish couldn't

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Freshman Megan Duffy is tied up by a Rutgers defender in Notre Dame's 64-61 loss Saturday. The Irish play Connecticut today at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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◆ No. 3 Huskies give Irish a chance to turn their season around

A Big East opponent at home. A 15-point lead with fewer than 13 minutes to play. A game a struggling Notre Dame womens basketball team needed to win.

A game they somehow lost.

Letting an almost sure win slip away against Rutgers, 64-61 Saturday, was the lowest

point thus far in this up-and-down season for the Irish.

"I was very disappointed in the outcome of that game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought that was a game that we really needed to win, a game that we certainly could have won."

Notre Dame's woes started over Christmas break. The



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MENS BASKETBALL

Cold-shooting Irish turn blue in Kentucky

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It was a rough afternoon for the Irish shooters. With very little inside game to speak of, Notre Dame looked to its perimeter players such as guards Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll for help, but there was only a limited response as No. 10 Notre Dame fell to No. 16 Wildcats 88-73.

A tenacious Kentucky defense held the Irish squad to just 34 percent shooting from the floor. The Wildcat defenders contested nearly every Irish shot and rarely left a man open for a clean look at the basket.

"We had a hard time getting anything easy offensively," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "We rely on our offense to get going a lot of times, and we couldn't get

open looks, we couldn't get stuff around the bucket and nothing really in transition."

Again, Notre Dame's weakness in the paint showed as Kentucky center Marquis Estill pounded his way through Irish big men Tom Timmermans, Torin Francis and Jordan Cornette to net 18 points and grab eight rebounds.

"We felt coming into the game that Marquis [Estill] would be able to do well inside offensively," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We tried to isolate him on Torin Francis, the freshman, and give [Estill] an advantage. We looked for him early, got the ball to him often and he was able to make plays."

In addition, Wildcat forward Chuck Hayes dominated play in the middle, tallying his third double-double of the season with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

"I was worried about Estill the most, but the entire front line made inside stuff on us," Brey said. "You're always worried about playing a Kentucky team that has this number of big bodies wearing us down. They got to us that way."

Hayes set much of the momentum early for the Wildcats, pumping up the Kentucky Rupp Arena crowd with three big blocks on Francis and Cornette in the first 5 1/2 minutes of play.

"I was pleased with our effort, holding a great shooting team like Notre Dame to 34 percent from the field," Smith said. "We challenged most of their shots. Chuck [Hayes] set the tone early with his blocks right on the rim to save baskets."

After being down by as much as 15 with 7:04 remaining in the first half, the Irish crept back within eight points to 38-30 at

the end of the first half.

But the Irish would get no closer than six points in the second half, as the Wildcats outshot the Irish 52 to 35 percent and outscored them 50-43 in the period.

"They got a big advantage on the inside early," Thomas said. "They really banged us on the boards and controlled the glass. Once you get down to a good team like that, it's hard to come back."

The disappointing loss overshadowed one of the best scoring efforts by the hot-shooting Irish guard Carroll, who made 50 percent of his shots from the field and sank all 10 of his free throw attempts to net 29 points on the day.

Thomas was next in scoring for the Irish with 14 points, but the sophomore point guard was only 4-for-17 shooting, commit-

ted nine turnovers and had only six assists.

"[Thomas] was trying to make plays for his team, but we just kept the heat on him and took him out of his game," said Wildcat guard Cliff Hawkins, who — along with guard Gerald Fitch — had the chore of guarding Thomas for most of the game.

With the loss, the Irish fell to 14-3 on the season and must quickly rebound for their return to Big East play Tuesday against Providence.

"That's the best basketball team we've played this year, and we've played a heck of a schedule," Brey said. "We're going to jump on the bus and get ready for Providence and move on quickly."

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