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The Florida recount

Election suspense continues through the end of the week as the candidates and Florida leaders battle the fairness of the recount in court.

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Hunger Banquet encourages awareness during national week

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Notre Dame leprechaun, Mike Brown, co-hosted "a meal with a message" Wednesday night in South Dining Hall.

The Notre Dame Hunger Banquet marks one of the many projects scheduled during the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

The event was an attempt to bring awareness about impoverishment and hunger. Students who chose to participate were arbitrarily given tickets that were either green, blue or red.

Students who received green cards represented 55 percent of the world's low-income population and their meal was restricted to rice and water. Sophomore Katie Hinley was one of the many students who received the deplorable green card.

"I think it makes it more real what we experience on a day to day basis," said Hinley. "It just makes you recognize and realize the blessing we have."

The green card students had to sit on the floor and eat without utensils in efforts to bring to light the destitute conditions of over half of the world's population.

"I came here to educate myself. I really had no clue about the amount of hunger in the world and how many people are afflicted by it," said senior Matthew Quinn. "I wanted to come here and learn more and appreciate the struggles people go through."

Students who received blue cards

represented the "middle-class" 30 percent of the world's population and were allowed rice and beans and either water or coffee.

The remaining 15 percent, comprised of students who were given a red card, represented the upper-class and were allowed to choose the food and drink of their choice. These select few were even seated in the front of the

dining hall in a separate, exclusive area, imitating the restrictive of privileged upper-class society.

"I guess

more or less I'm always cheering for sporting events, and there are other things that are important to me, and it's kind of nice to express this in a different way, to express this enthusiasm and this energy to a different cause versus back-to-school rallies," said Brown. "It's an opportunity for me to express myself or my feelings on another issue besides sporting events."

Oxfam America's "Fast for a World Harvest" is a nationwide campaign led by students, teachers and other members of the community

joined together in hopes of educating and bringing awareness to the world at large.

A portion of the meals from the bene-

fit will be donated the East Timor Action Network, The Center for the Homeless and the HOPE Rescue Mission and Life Treatment Center.



ANGELA STONER/The Observer

Students at the Notre Dame Hunger Banquet in South Dining Hall Wednesday night were given green, red or blue cards representing their place in society and determining what they were to eat and where they were to sit for their meal. The meal was just one event happening this week to celebrate the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

ND survivors share rape stories

By LAURA UBERTI
News Writer

Raising rape awareness by sharing their stories was the goal of two Notre Dame sexual assault survivors, during Wednesday's Survivor Panel Discussion arranged by Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE).

Lindsay, a junior, and Kori, a senior, both presented the stories of their rapes and the effects on their lives. Emphasizing not only the horror of the incident itself, but also how they dealt with it, both women said they hoped their talk would help others in similar situations.

"I'd like to be a survivor rather than a victim," said Lindsay, a victim of acquaintance rape.

"Today's discussion was good because it was a different point of view," said James Schuyler, president of CARE.

Referring to Sexual Assault Awareness Week's other talks, he

said, "Monday was education, Tuesday's perspective was more removed, but [Wednesday night] was about this campus. These are people you can see walking around here."

Lindsay chose to have sex with her boyfriend, Jason, eight months after they started going out during her junior year of high school. It was a decision she rationalized by telling herself she would later marry him. But as Jason grew depressed and suicidal, their relationship became rocky. She began to consent to have sex with him against her better judgement.

"I didn't see him as manipulative," she said. "I only saw myself as weak."

She decided to stop having sex with him. One night, at home for fall break, Lindsay said Jason raped her after she refused to have sex with him.

"He pinned my arms down and raped me. I tried to get up, but I couldn't. I was crying numb, scared tears. I didn't believe it was

real. I was frozen," said Lindsay.

Lindsay said Jason realized Lindsay was shuddering, and he stopped.

"I drove home in shock," she said.

Similarly, Kori said she was raped just before fall break of her freshman year. The man had been drinking, and was a friend of a friend, whom she walked home after going out. Despite her saying 'no,' he started kissing her, and then, she said, proceeded to rape her for five hours in his dorm room. He never looked at her face, she said.

Both women hesitated to confront what had happened to them, though they did realize it was rape.

"I refused to use the word [rape]," said Kori. "I realized it was, but I didn't want to admit that it would impact my life."

"I convinced myself it wasn't rape," said Lindsay. "Rape isn't

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Senate to request 4 study days for next fall

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night to request four consecutive study days prior to the Fall 2001 exam schedule.

McGlinn senator Melissa Rauch said the Academic Council first gave students four consecutive study days because other top-notch universities had week-long preparations before exams.

"Students argued that we needed four study days because we are Notre Dame and our exams here are just as hard as Northwestern, Harvard and Yale. Now they are saying we only need three, that exams aren't that big of a deal," Rauch said.

"They say it's only one year and we should deal with it, but it is a big deal. Exams are hard, and we need four days."

The resolution gave several reason for four consecutive study days. It said students use each of the four days to prepare for exams, the absence of a study day is not in the best interest of a students' ability to perform, the exam schedule should be consistent from year to year and removing one study day creates inequity between the Fall and Spring

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INSIDE COLUMN

B-I-N-G-Oval Office

Electoral College? Nope.
Popular Vote? Don't think so.
Bingo? Yes!
With the election deadlocked and the nation glued to their television sets, the best possible solution to the voting dilemma is a quick game of Bingo. And could there be a more perfect spot in the United States to hold the presidential playoff than in Florida, the state currently in voting results limbo?

Christine Kraly
Assistant Managing Editor

Few people realize the true skill it takes to be a Bingo champion. Dedication, intuition and fast reflexes all come into play. It takes a keen eye and patient demeanor to master the game.

Essentially, the same abilities we expect from a competent leader we expect from the first one to yell "Bingo!"

Choosing the perfect game card is just as difficult a decision as deploying troops in Kosovo. The concentrated player — i.e., leader of the free world — needs enough resourcefulness, knowledge of the game and little round chips to succeed.

The game could take place somewhere on a coast of Florida, where the beautiful backdrop of sun and sea would put the candidates in a serene Bingo mood. Ideally the event would occur on a beach nearest to a bipartisan retirement home, the haven for a truly constitutional Bingo session.

There would be no messy complications that the Florida Board of Elections couldn't handle, like counting or organizing. One would simply have to call out the numbers and wait for the new president to emerge victorious. The game would be moderated; this time not by a political commentator, but rather the retirement home president. (Only appropriate, after all, that one president should usher in another).

Much more fun than tallying votes and holding debates, potential voters could travel to the big event on the coast and cheer on their favorite player. Realizing, of course, the power of the media, the sponsored retirement home would invite television stations across the country to air the face-off.

This year's televised presidential debates were often dull and, as is the case with many political debates, ironically uninformative. Bingo would offer viewers the drama of every B-6 and N-22 and the chance to see their potential leaders making real decisions — all on the beauty of the Florida coast.

Every election season candidates spout off theories and proposals to reform campaign finance. The goal is to ultimately reduce the overall amount of money spent on campaigns, numbers that reach into the millions. A regular Bingo game costs little more than \$2 for each card. Only in the case of a tie or overtime match, both very unlikely situations — although this is Florida — would the cost of the Oval Office decider reach more than \$10.

Most people loathe political rhetoric, especially such staged commentary as campaign debates and town hall meetings. Who doesn't love Bingo? The two sweating candidates would relax and wipe their brows if they'd just realize that Bingo is the fastest route to the White House. The candidate with the best combination of good cards, sportsmanship and quickest response would obviously make the better president.

Only when we put Al Gore and George W. Bush to the true Bingo test will we learn the fate of the United States and the new president's name-o.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"When we look at ourselves, it's about the effort and it is about the accountability to each other."

Bob Davie
head football coach

"Wake up, this is your life and this is your country."

Tim Russert
moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press"

"The whole screen was red just like the Nebraska game."

Irene Onyeagbako
junior on Election Day television reports

"We're never going to be happy until we get to nationals, and until we're one of the best teams at nationals."

Jen Handley
sophomore cross country runner

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

GOP accuses Marquette students of voter fraud

AMES, Iowa
The nation's attention was diverted from Florida to a Wisconsin campus, where state Republican leaders have accused college students of voter fraud in the presidential election.

Unofficial Wisconsin results show Democratic candidate Al Gore with a 6,000-vote lead against Republican candidate George W. Bush, but GOP leaders in the state charged Marquette University students with voter fraud in a press conference Nov. 10. The charges are being investigated by Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann.

After the charges were made, the Marquette Tribune, the semiweekly student newspaper, conducted an informal canvass of Marquette students by telephone Sunday and



Monday, said Michael McGraw, who headed the canvass. Of the 1,000 students polled, the Tribune staff tallied 174 voters who cast more than one ballot in the Nov. 7 presidential election, he said.

"We had been hearing rumors from

students that it had happened, and the state Republican Party held a press conference Friday and accused students of (fraud)," said McGraw, metro news desk editor at the Tribune who headed the canvass. "So, we looked into it."

The results were amusing and alarming, said Tribune assistant news editor Brian Sharkey, who assisted in the coverage.

According to Tuesday's Tribune, 91 students had voted by absentee ballot in their home states and then again in Wisconsin. Within the state, 44 students voted twice, 26 students voted three times and 13 students cast four or more ballots. Students reported voting for cartoon characters, family members, friends and themselves after they cast their initial vote.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Court charges student in MP3 case

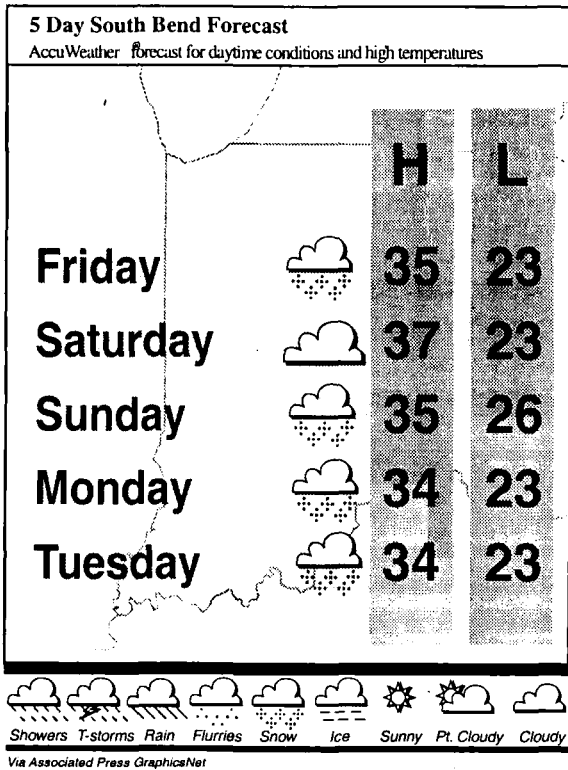
STILLWATER, Okla.
The Payne County District Attorney's office spared "downloadable music's first sacrificial lamb" from felony computer crime penalties Tuesday, charging the 19-year-old Oklahoma State University student with one misdemeanor count of unlawful advertisement or offering to distribute sound recordings. Scott Wickberg, graphics design freshman, was charged with using the OSU computer system to unlawfully distribute sound recordings — or MP3s — of Recording Industry Association of America member artists. An MP3, or MPEG layer 3 file format, allows a listener to take songs on compact disc and make near-perfect copies of the music to save in the form of a small computer file. Wickberg, according to the filed charge, had been operating a file-sharing Web site — called "Lucky's" — that allowed others to log onto it with a password and download any of the 10,167 MP3s in his collection. Wickberg, will appear in the District Court for Payne County on Wednesday, Nov. 22 to answer the charges.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

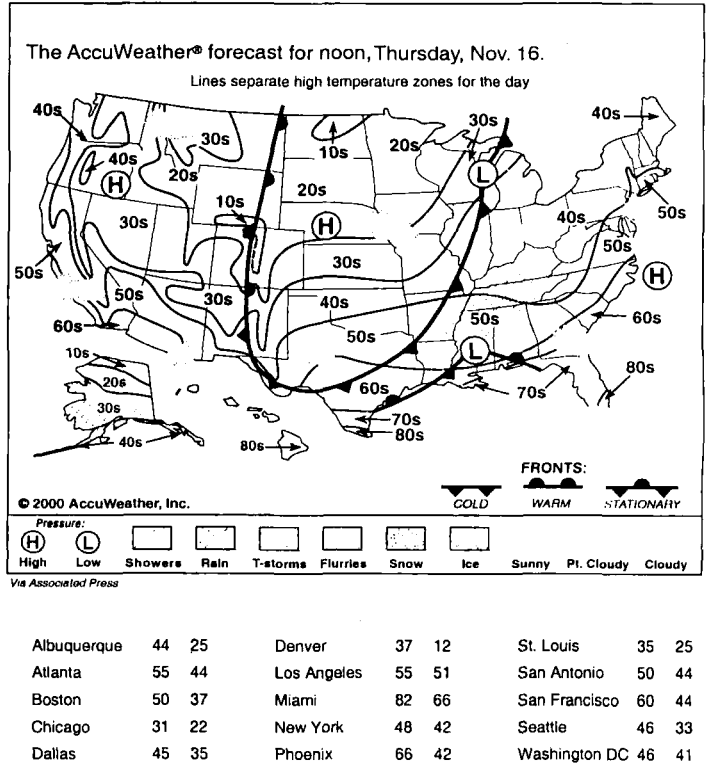
NYU to form first private GA union

NEW YORK
New York University and the United Auto Workers (UAW) Monday resolved their differences over the April election to establish the first-ever graduate assistant (GA) union at an American private university. Of the almost 300 ballots that were challenged elections, 156 will be counted in the final tally, NYU and UAW officials said. The inclusion of the ballots will not affect the outcome of the election, which the GA union won by 179 votes, 597-418. "Even if they're all 'no' votes, we're still going to win," said Lisa Jessup, an organizer for the UAW who has aided NYU GAs in their unionization drive. The two sides met for more than four hours to negotiate which challenged ballots would be counted. They agreed that the ballots of the 94 Stern students whom the UAW challenged and 62 of the 203 ballots challenged by the National Labor Relations Board should be counted. Jessup said the union allowed some of the challenged votes to count "to expedite things," not because the votes actually are legitimate.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Professors wonder whether technology helps or hinders

By NATE PHILLIPS
News Writer

Controversies have arisen over the use of computers in the classroom. Some professors at the University of Illinois claim that an overemphasis on technology in the classroom has harmed substance of the class.

This controversy can be seen on Notre Dame's campus as well, although departments suggest that professors use technology to make their own jobs easier.

"The administration does not force anyone to use technology here at Notre Dame," said Barbara Walvoord, director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning. "We suggest professors use technology only if it will help the class."

English professor Sandra Gustafson agreed with Walvoord. "There is no pressure from the departments for us to use technology," she said.

The Kaneb Center and the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) offer classes to all professors to help them learn how to use technology in their classes.

The Kaneb Center focuses primarily on teaching professors how to incorporate the technology into their class, while the OIT provides classes that actually instruct professors how to use different technological programs.

"Both the Kaneb center and the OIT stress not only how to use programs like Powerpoint, but also how to use that technology in the class," said Walvoord. "We emphasize how technology can really enhance communication between teachers and students. When professors use the listserv, e-mail and the Internet effectively, they can really improve communication in the classroom."

In today's fast-paced world, the use of the Internet and e-mail helps spread information and knowledge quicker and easier than ever.

"E-mail use greatly improves the way that I teach my class," said biology pro-

fessor Harvey Bender. "The students are comfortable communicating via e-mail, and it allows me to communicate with them outside of the classroom."

Theology professor Basil Davis sees the importance of technology.

"I use e-mail to send messages to my students," he said. "I also ask them to look up tests on the Internet."

Many teachers at Notre Dame have incorporated this use of the internet into their curriculum. Professors encourage e-mail communication between their students, and also offer review material and notes on the Internet.

"I put up study questions on the Internet for students to download," said Bender. "Technology personalizes the material to the students, and makes it far more accessible."

Bender, who has been teaching at the University since 1960, has completely embraced technology as a vital aspect of his classroom. He encourages the use of the Internet, and even places all of his notes for the class online for the students.

"All of my lectures are on the Internet," Bender said. "The students can download the material before class, and then fill in the blanks during my lecture in class."

Bender argues that this method allows students to spend less time scribbling down notes and more time actually listening to the material being presented. Like many other professors, Bender believes that technology helps facilitate his teaching.

"Technology not only helps me communicate information more effectively, but it also increases class participation," said Bender. "Students are more sophisticated these days. They expect more, and they want more out of their education. Technology makes all of the difference."

Bender, who teaches large freshman biology lectures, also uses Powerpoint as an attempt to make his teaching more interesting to the students. The Powerpoint program helps him organize his notes, while at the same time he is



PETER RICHARDSON / The Observer

Students often flood computer labs to complete assignments for a variety of courses. As professors integrate technology further into their courses, students and faculty alike become dependent upon computers. Now many wonder if this trend is a benefit or detriment to the effective communication of course materials.

able to show movies and pictures during class.

"I really enjoy using Powerpoint," said Bender. "It helps make information readily available to large classes. You need to have good visualization in order to effectively convey the information."

This use of Powerpoint is a far cry from when Bender first began working at the University. When he first arrived in 1960, everything was taught on blackboards. Bender watched as technology increased, and says that he embraces the change.

"Technology offers much more good than bad," said Bender. "It personalizes teaching."

On the other hand, theology professor Basil Davis does not use as much technology as Bender does for his lectures. Davis communicates with e-mail and the Internet, but prefers to use the blackboard in his lectures.

"I don't use Powerpoint in my lectures," said Davis. "I find that there is a much closer interaction with students when a teacher is literally writing in front of them. The students

actually get to see the teacher moving and interacting. There is a constant movement of attention."

English professor Sandra Gustafson also appreciates the use of the blackboard in her lectures.

"I want to provide a dynamic interactive environment," said Gustafson. "Being able to use comments from my students to interpret literature seems to work well."

Davis, Gustafson and Bender all agree that the purpose of teaching is to effectively convey information to the students. The way that this is accomplished is a personal decision.

"It is so rewarding for a professor to see a student be intellectually stimulated," said Bender. "That's our job and that's our purpose as teachers. I think that technology really helps accomplish that goal."

Walvoord said the most important aspect of education for the professors is connecting with the students. She argues that the most effective way of accomplishing this goal is by incorporating whatever method the professor feels most comfortable using.

"The purpose of technology is to enhance communication between teachers and students, students and students, and students and the rest of the world," said Walvoord.

Salsa Night



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Two senators and Brooke Norton (right), student body vice president, discussed study days at Wednesday's meeting.

Senate

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semesters.

"If students have four days in the Spring to study it is unfair to students in the Fall who only had two," said Farley senator Kathleen Bufalino. "In order for most students to study, they have to spread out their work and they need to take breaks. Students need the four days so they can study intensely for their exams."

The senate unanimously passed the resolution and it will now be sent to the Academic Council who will make the final decision. If the council agrees with the senate and chooses to give four study

days, most likely classes will start a day earlier in August to ensure that students are dismissed in time for the Christmas holiday.

In other senate news:

♦ The senate passed a letter to be sent to Scott Kachmarick, director of Student Residences, asking for 24-hour space improvements in the residence halls. The letter stated specific dorms that need renovations or need more space to adequately serve the residences of the hall.

♦ Lewis senator Luciana Reali asked senators to help implement sexual assault programs in their residence halls as soon as possible. Senate passed a resolution earlier in the year to implement

such programs, but Reali said action needed to be taken before next Fall.

"Katie Koestner said last night that sexual assault is happening on this campus and students will be assaulted before the end of the semester. As student leaders it's our responsibility to act now and get the word out," Reali said.

Reali distributed letters the senators could give to their rec-tors and also several contact names so senators could plan the programs within their specific dorms.

♦ The senate received a letter of nomination for The Shirt Coordinator for this year. The final approval will be next week in senate.

Rape

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supposed to happen when you're not drinking, wearing jeans and a T-shirt, and with someone you love."

Lindsay and Kori were left in states of shock.

Kori didn't tell her family until two months after her alleged rape, and even then she had a friend call her parents to tell them, being too upset herself.

Lindsay had concerns about sharing her story with even her close friends.

"It seemed too long and difficult. I didn't want to be pitied, seem like I was looking for attention, or weak. I didn't want other guys to be scared of me," she said.

Kori took her case to Residence Life, where she said she was successful in getting the man who had raped her to leave school. Both women advised other victims to address the incident either through Residence Life or in counseling sessions.

"There is no standard," said Lindsay. "Even if your case doesn't fit the normal idea of what rape is, it is still valid and believable. It's harder to think of rape by someone you know, love, and trust than an assault by a stranger."

Lindsay advised rape victims first to believe that your rape is true and valid.

"Seek help; don't try to bear the burden yourself. If you're in an abusive relationship, get out. Don't try to change the person,"

she said. "If you know of others who have been raped, be supportive of them. Listen to them."

"It's been just over three years and it affects me today," said Kori. "I want to raise awareness about vulnerability. I thought that in the Notre Dame family no one would hurt me."

Despite the time that has passed since their alleged rapes, both women feel its effects in their lives.

"I feel intense nervousness when I'm alone in a room with a guy," said Lindsay, never knowing whether the situation will turn dangerous.

She also has difficulty establishing relationships with other guys.

"I equate my worth by how satisfied he is," said Lindsay. "I do what a guy wants more than what I want."

Their alleged rapes have also affected their roommates, friends and families who have supported them.

These secondary victims are often forgotten in survivor discussions.

In taking audience questions, Kori acknowledged that rape is a

bigger problem than prevention for women.

"It's [more deeply] rooted than that," said Julia Monczunski, junior. "The person who raped you saw only this body instead of a person."

They also raised the point that qualifying acquaintance rape or date rape, rather than simply acknowledging it as rape, may contribute to victims feeling reluctant to discuss it.

"By segregating it into two categories, saying date rape makes it seem less valid," said Lindsay.

By giving talks like these, for example at Freshman Orientation the past three years, Kori has found a way to deal with her rape.

"I felt I had to make something positive out of an awful situation," Kori said. "My knowledge is a resource, and I need to use it."

She also is working with Residence Life to change the policy on rape.

"By speaking you gain control of the situation," said Lindsay. "By saying how I felt, other people will be helped. And it helps the healing process."

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Senior Class Mass

Sunday, November
19th
9:00pm

LaFortune Ballroom

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh

Presiding

Please bring a can of food as a donation to the Center for the Homeless

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

WED, NOV. 15 Panel of Survivors at 7:00 pm in the Montgomery Theater

THURS, NOV. 16 Group Prayer at 7:30 pm at the Grotto

FRI, NOV. 17 Skit "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss" at 5:30 pm at the Library Auditorium

SAT, NOV. 18 Princes of Babylon Concert at Alumni-Senior Club at 10 pm
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

34 dead, 112 hospitalized after drinking home brew: An illegal, home brew popular among poor Kenyans is being blamed for at least 34 deaths in two Nairobi slums, police said Wednesday. Another 112 people have been hospitalized. "They started dying this morning, and it has risen ever since," said police spokesman Peter Kimanthi, adding the death toll would probably rise much higher.

Mad cow disease in France causes concern: Panic over mad cow disease swept Europe on Wednesday, with French chefs abandoning beef specialties, Italian schools cutting beef from menus and French leaders convening emergency meetings. The European Union even stepped in, warning European governments to intensify safety controls so infected beef does not make its way to stores, restaurants and kitchens.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Scooter company wins restraining order: A Los Angeles company that distributes some of the hottest-selling scooters has won a restraining order against rival companies that are accused of a patent violation. A federal judge issued the temporary restraining order Tuesday against 12 companies that make or sell aluminum scooters similar to ones distributed by Razor USA. The judge issued the order at the request of Razor, which sued 16 makers and distributors of rival scooters, claiming the companies violated a recently issued patent on a key design component.

Scaffold collapse dumps workers: A scaffold on the Ambassador Bridge between the United States and Canada collapsed in gusty wind Tuesday, throwing several workers into the Detroit River and leaving others dangling from safety harnesses, police said. One man was reported missing. Ten workers were on the scaffold when it collapsed.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Mom abandons baby girl on doorstep: A 21-year-old mother faces child neglect charges for allegedly abandoning her infant girl on a doorstep and leaving a note that said "congratulations." Candace Olden was arrested Tuesday. She was being held on \$10,000 bond. Olden is accused of leaving her 5-month-old girl on the doorstep of Sylvia Fuller's home. Fuller discovered the baby when she opened the door to let her dog out. With the child was a note from her mother saying she wanted to give the infant to Fuller's daughter.

PERU



AFP Photo

Demonstrators marched Wednesday in front of the Justice Palace in Lima. Thousands of protesters marched in the Peruvian capital demanding the removal of President Alberto Fujimori.

Fujimori's pre-vote power tenuous

Associated Press

LIMA
Two days after ousting a loyalist of Alberto Fujimori as head of Congress, opposition lawmakers named their candidate Wednesday to lead the legislature, threatening to further undermine the president's fading hold on power.

Also Wednesday, riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of leftist-led construction workers demonstrating outside the Government Palace.

The protesters carried an effigy with two heads — Fujimori's and former spy

chief Vladimiro Montesinos' — inside a cage. Tear gas canisters flew after some protesters — armed with wooden poles and shouting "There is no president!" — charged at police.

The demonstration came after opposition parties agreed to put forward Congressman Valentin Paniagua to replace Martha Hildebrandt, who was removed as Congress president Monday in a 64-51 vote.

Paniagua will face Congressman Ricardo Marcenaro, the candidate for Fujimori's Peru 2000

party, in a vote scheduled for Thursday.

If the opposition gains control of Congress, it will be the first time since 1992 that Fujimori does not dominate the body.

Meanwhile, a representative of a small opposition party charged that Fujimori had applied for political asylum in Malaysia after his arrival Wednesday in Brunei for a trade summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

Second Vice President Ricardo Marquez, who is in charge of the government in Fujimori's absence, quickly denied the uncon-

firmed charge, made by Jose Barba Caballero, a leader of the Avancemos party.

Agriculture Minister Jose Chlimper told radio station Radioprogramas that Fujimori planned to fly home early from Brunei to end the political uncertainty. He said he called Brunei and spoke to Fujimori's personal military attache, who said the president was resting, but gave specific instructions to deny the asylum rumor. Chlimper said Fujimori planned to return to Peru via Tokyo. His precise arrival time was not specified.

JAPAN

Veteran still haunted by warfare

Associated Press

TOKYO
Yoshio Shinozuka is still haunted by the ghoulish experiments he helped carry out on captured Chinese civilians and soldiers as part of Japan's top-secret biological warfare program during World War II.

The Japanese military performed vivisections without anesthesia in northern China, casually referring to the people as "logs," the veteran recalled Wednesday in Tokyo District Court.

"I remember using the word as we compared how many logs we cut that day with other unit members," he said.

Though Shinozuka, 77, has spoken out before about his role, his testimony makes him the first member of the

notorious Unit 731 to detail Japan's biological warfare activities for the legal record. He was called as a witness for nearly 180 Chinese suing the Japanese government for compensation and an apology for the deaths of family members allegedly killed by the unit.

Shinozuka testified about participating in the mass production of cholera, dysentery and typhoid germs at the unit's base in the city of Harbin in the early 1940s. He said he was often told to help out departments that needed to boost germ production for upcoming deployments, including the 1939 Nomonhan clash with Soviet troops near Mongolia and several other germ bombing attacks in southern China in the 1940s.

He said that just before the

Nomonhan attack, he was responsible for transferring dysentery and typhoid germs from test tubes to bigger jars, packing them into barrels, sealing them and taking them to a night train for the attack. Several unit members died after contracting typhoid.

Shinozuka said he is still bothered by the vivisections, or surgical experiments on living people.

"I committed all these war crimes because I was ordered to do so," he said. "The government should try to learn about the victims. I really think it's time for Japan to face this issue with humanitarian consideration."

Shinozuka said the unit members were prohibited from disclosing to outsiders what happened inside the unit. Notes and other written instructions were all collected afterward.

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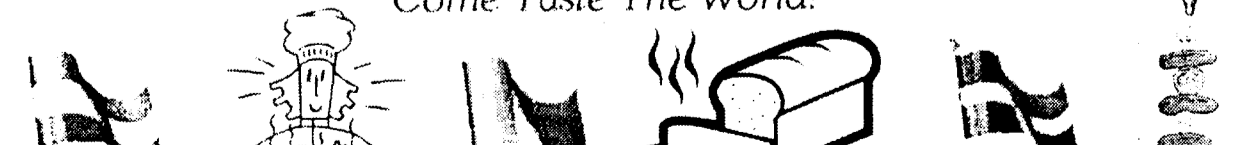
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SMC discusses Native American mascots

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

The use of Native American mascots in high schools and colleges across the country perpetuates a stereotype of Native Americans that keeps them marginalized within society, said Susan Alexander and Karen Ristau Wednesday.

Ristau, vice president and dean of faculty, spoke to the psychological effects the mascots have on Native Americans; Alexander, sociology professor, spoke about the need to change the structure that perpetuates the stereotypes.

"In Whose Honor?" a video featuring the story of Charlene Teters, a Native American attending graduate school at the University of Illinois where the mascot is Chief Illiniwek, was shown. Teters and her family came to the university from Sante Fe when she was offered a spot in the graduate art program.

Having lived close to an Indian reservation, Teters and her family were very involved in their Native American heritage.

One night in 1989 while at the University of Illinois, Teters took her children to a basketball game. Before

the game, the mascot Chief Illiniwek came out in a full eagle headdress and costume, wearing war paint; the whole stadium mimicked Native Americans as the mascot danced around to the cheers of the crowd. Teters and her children were shocked.

"If I had known ahead of time what I know today, I would not have come," said Teters. "As I watched my children sink in their seats, my sadness turned to anger."

The full eagle headdress is sacred as is war paint worn by Native American warriors, who are symbols of respect, not something used to excite a crowd for pep rallies Teters said.

"If you are not from the community, it would not bother you. But if you grow up with great respect for these things, it is hard to see them being mimicked," she said.

Teters began to stand alone outside of the basketball stadium with a sign protesting the use of Indians as mascots.

"I did it for my children," she said. "People would ridicule me and spit at me."

Chief Illiniwek is still the mascot at University of Illinois.

"From a psychological standpoint and speaking for friends, from the viewpoint of Native Americans that I

know and from my own opinion, using Indians as mascots is racist; it makes the world a smaller, darker place. These mascots make Indians seem like whooping, blood-thirsty savages," said Ristau.

Dressing in Halloween-type costumes to mimic a certain race says that one does not take social problems seriously said Ristau.

"Native American mascots strip respect. We have to respect what is sacred to one another. When we participate or tolerate Indian mascots, we contribute to mimicking a culture," she said.

Alexander gave a view from a sociologist standpoint.

"The images have an impact; they are there for a purpose. The reality is they are constructed in a particular way for a purpose by particular people," she said.

There is use of Indian mascots in our own community in South Bend said Alexander.

"Saint Joe's high school has an Indian mascot. Seeing Indians as primitive and beyond development is one stereotype. The other is the cartoonish character that needs someone to take care of them," she said. "Until we change the social structure, we will not get anywhere. When we objectify things, it is easy to see people as objects and not treat them like human beings."

It was easier for people to spit on Teters because they did not see her as a person according to Alexander.

"If you objectify and romanticize a group, you defect from what's going on," said Alexander.

"Great inequalities exist. According to data from the 1990 U.S. census, while 9.8 percent of whites fell below the poverty level, 36.1 percent of Native Americans are below the poverty level. And for every dollar made by whites, Native Americans make 65 cents," she said.

"If we don't think of Native Americans as real people, their problems are not real," said Alexander.

Professor named influential Hispanic

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Hispanic Business Magazine awarded director of the Institute for Latino Studies Gilberto Cardenas one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States for the third consecutive time in October.

"It's especially nice after my first year at Notre Dame," said Cardenas. "I was very pleased."

Cardenas, also a sociology professor and assistant provost for the University, described his first year at Notre Dame as challenging, busy and satisfying.

"I am very pleased with the response here," Cardenas said. "There's a great need to develop institutionalized programs to assist and address changing the needs of society," said Cardenas.

Cardenas said he is committed to working to meet the needs of the Hispanic and Latino communities in connection with his University programs and research. Recently, Cardenas has worked on a research project sponsored by a grant from the MacNeel Foundation in Chicago. The project involves researching the Berwyn-Cicero communities just outside of Chicago.

"We need to keep these issues as priorities," said Cardenas.

Cardenas said the research will reveal the social and economic needs of the people in these communities by surveys on residential life and demographics. He said the project will also include a needs assessment, case studies and a "protocol for replication model" so that future groups can follow the same research methods.

In addition to Cardenas' positions as a professor, assistant provost and with the Institute for Latino Studies, he is active as executive director of the Inter-University Program for Latino Research and as the Julian Samora chair in Latino Studies. He is also on the six-member advisory committee of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to minorities.

Cardenas received his master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1973 and 1977 and his bachelor's degree from California State University in 1969.



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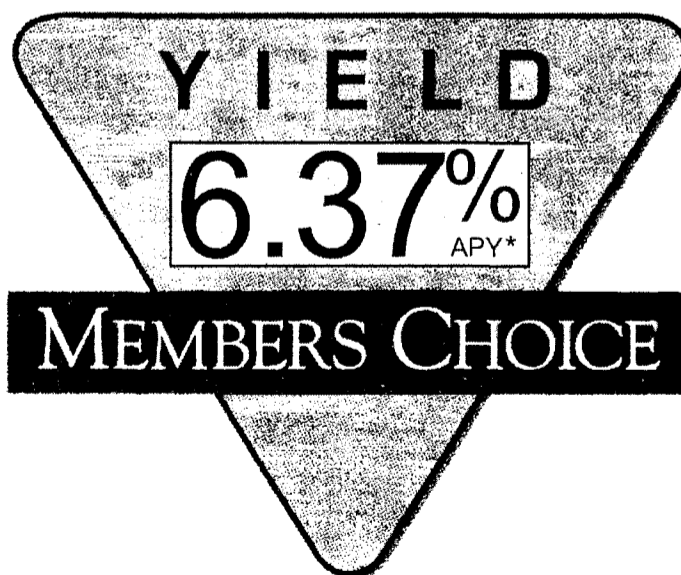
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VENEZUELA

Rains, mudslides cause emergency

Associated Press

CARACAS President Hugo Chavez late Wednesday declared a state of emergency in 10 states after days of incessant heavy rains left at least three people dead and 2,400 homeless in the northern coast.

The emergency forced Chavez to cancel a five-day tour of Central America that was to begin Wednesday. He said he may still attend the 10th Ibero-Americana Summit in Panama, scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The rains have raised fears of a recurrence of last year's massive floods and mudslides that killed at least 15,000 people, left tens of

thousands homeless and wiped out entire towns in the northern coastal state of Vargas.

The capital city of Caracas, Vargas and eight other states on the northern coast and to the west were declared in a state of emergency. Chavez said Vargas has received more than twice the amount of rain this month as it did in November of last year.

Still, the latest flooding has not reached nearly the same magni-

tude as last year's disaster, and Chavez declared the state of emergency as a precautionary measure.

"We urge people to be optimistic and calm," Chavez said. "There is no reason to panic. The situation is under control."

Two people died after mudslides buried their homes and one man drowned after he was swept away by an overflowing river.

Rivers swelled, streets became streams and mudslides buried hundreds of shanty homes.

"We urge people to be optimistic and calm."

Hugo Chavez
president of Venezuela

EGYPT

Ousted official will return from exile

Associated Press

CAIRO Former Sudanese Prime Minister Sadiq el-Mahdi announced Wednesday that he plans to return home next week, ending nearly four years of exile.

But el-Mahdi, whose elected government was ousted in a 1989 military coup led by President Omar el-Bashir, said he would boycott presidential and parlia-

mentary elections scheduled for next month.

After his overthrow, el-Mahdi was first jailed and then kept under virtual house arrest in Khartoum. In December 1996, he fled to neighboring Eritrea. He has since lived mainly in the Horn of Africa nation or in Egypt. He said he will return to Sudan Nov. 23.

"I think that the elections are really a non-event. Our first activity will be to prove through popu-

lar activity that these elections are a non-event. This is one of the challenges we face," el-Mahdi told foreign journalists in Cairo.

His Umma Party, like most other opposition groups, believes the December vote is illegitimate, but while other opposition groups are determined to overthrow el-Bashir's government by force, el-Mahdi maintains that he can work to promote democracy within the small margin of freedom available in Sudan.

CANADA

Largest gold-mining scandal trial begins

Associated Press

TORONTO

A trial involving one of the world's biggest gold-mining frauds started Wednesday despite claims the case against defendant John Felderhof was unconstitutional.

Felderhof, former vice-chairman and chief geologist of Bre-X Minerals Ltd., became a multimillionaire by buying and selling shares in the Calgary-based company before its collapse in 1997, when an Indonesian gold deposit turned out to be a hoax.

Felderhof was not in the courtroom and is believed to be at his home in the Cayman Islands. The charges against him involve Ontario securities rules, and Canada cannot seek his extradition on those charges.

Felderhof is charged with eight counts of violating the Ontario Securities Act, including the sale of \$55 million worth of his Bre-X shares while privy to insider information.

A lawyer for the Ontario Securities Commission

said in his opening statement that a paper trail from Calgary, where Bre-X was based, to Indonesia would link the absent Felderhof to the case.

"In effect, the prosecution's main witness in this case will be John Felderhof," lawyer Jay Naster said.

If found guilty, he could face two years in jail for every count and a fine of three times the \$55 million he is said to have gained by selling Bre-X shares in 1996 before it was publicly revealed the company was a fraud.

Before opening statements began Wednesday, Judge Peter Hryn concluded almost a month of arguments on the case by ruling the trial would proceed despite defense complaints that it never received all the information it needed. Hryn ordered all relevant documents be turned over to Felderhof's lawyers, and said he would decide on the constitutionality of the charges after the trial.

The charges were the first by Canadian regulators against Bre-X or any of its former executives.

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Bush calls Gore's proposed statewide hand recount 'arbitrary'

Associated Press

Al Gore made a surprise proposal for a statewide hand recount of Florida's 6 million ballots Wednesday night and George W. Bush swiftly rejected it, calling the effort under way in several Democratic-leaning counties an "arbitrary and chaotic" way to settle the

presidential race.

The two clashed long distance — and on national TV — after Florida's Republican secretary of state rejected requests from the counties to update presidential vote totals with the results of hand recounts underway at Gore's urging. The vice president is counting on the ballot reviews

to overtake Bush, who holds a 300-vote lead in the decisive state.

With their futures tied up in a knot of legal battles, Bush and Gore called for a quick end to the contested election but disagreed on how to do it.

"Our goal must be what is right for America," the vice president said at his official

mansion in Washington.

"This process must be fair, this process must be accurate, and this process must be final," Bush said from the governor's mansion in Austin.

Their evening addresses capped a whirlwind day of legal activity that gave both weary camps tastes of victory and defeat — but no clear road to completion.

The Florida Supreme Court, all Democratic appointees, rejected a request from Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris to block any manual recounts while the courts decide whether the process is legal.

The high court's ruling, though far from the final word, gave Democrats new vigor in their ballot-by-ballot bid to trim Bush's 300-vote lead in the state. Officials in Broward and Palm Beach counties hunkered down for an excruciating hand count of 1 million ballots.

But the secretary of state later announced she would not accept the hand-counted ballots, calling the counties' reasoning "insufficient." Harris vowed to certify the Florida election results Saturday without the hand recount totals. Gore's lawyers said they will challenge her decision Thursday.

In another front, Bush's lawyers filed a 182-page appeal in a federal appeals

court in Atlanta. The Texas governor lost a round Monday on his move to shut down the recounts in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia counties.

Legal matters aside, both presidents-in-waiting launched fierce public relations campaigns in the court of public opinion. They wanted to look prepared to serve, but not hungry for power.

"This is the time to respect every voter and every vote," Gore said from his official residence, framed by pictures of his family.

Gore pledged that, if Republicans allow manual recounts to continue in Florida's Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties, he would accept without challenge whatever tally those recounts should yield — added to certified results from 64 other counties and overseas absentee ballots due by midnight Friday.

"I will take no legal action to challenge the result, and I will not support any legal action to challenge the result," Gore said, offering to drop the threat of major Democratic litigation that has hung over the proceedings for days.

He suggested a meeting with Bush before state officials certify the results "not to negotiate, but to improve the tone of our dialogue in America."

And he said both candidates should meet again after a winner is declared "to close ranks as Americans."

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Fisher, Knott, Pangborn, Siegfried,
Stanford, and Welsh Family

Friday-Saturday, November 17-18

**Gay/Lesbian Undergrad and
Friends Retreat**

Friday-Saturday, November 17-18

Moreau Seminary

ROTC Freshman Retreat

Sunday, November 19, 1:30 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Spanish Mass

Presider: Rev. John A. Herman, csc

Monday-Tuesday, November 20-21,

11:30 pm-10:00 pm

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

Siegfried Hall Chapel

Confirmation-Session #5

Wednesday, November 22, 10:00 pm

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, November 18 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, c.s.c.

Sunday, November 19 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. John H. Pearson, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Timothy R. Scully, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings

for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Dt 12: 1 - 3

2nd Reading Heb 10: 11 - 14, 18

Gospel Mk 13: 24 - 32

What's on your Spiritual "To Do" List?

by Frank Santoni

- ☐ Go to college.
- ☐ Choose major.
- ☐ Work hard.
- ☐ Make great friends.
- ☐ Change major.
- ☐ Have time of life.
- ☐ Change major.
- ☐ Meet man/woman of dreams.
- ☐ Graduate.
- ☐ Get job in real world.

There you have it: the standard "Things To Do" list for the average turn-of-the-millennium college student. Sounds simple. Looks doable. With some room for originality and the occasional diversion, this is the general game plan for most of us once we get to Notre Dame. Right? Well, not quite.

So far what's been described above as the successful college career could be attained at almost any institution of higher learning. There is nothing unique about the "To Do" list above that distinguishes it as one belonging specifically to a Notre Dame student. How does being at Notre Dame, and not at any other university or college in the world, affect our personal hopes and goals? Where does the Catholic character of our university fit in to the mix?

I mean, isn't it safe to say that, come graduation day, each of us expects to leave here with a diploma in hand, a job offer lined up and a healthy relationship with strong fiancé potential? After all, if college is anything, it is a training ground for life after college. So if you can manage to graduate with a degree, a job, and a candidate for lifelong partner status, you can consider yourself successful and your mission accomplished. Right? Well, almost.

What about our faith lives? We are clear about what our goals ought to be in every other area of our life. But what do we hope to "accomplish" during our four years at Notre Dame when it comes to our lives of faith?

Ambition seems to have no place in a discussion about our spirituality. Setting goals and listing priorities sounds appropriate when we're referring to our academic and professional careers, but it sounds funny when applied to our faith. Funny-sounding or not, our spiritual lives demand the same kind of deliberateness from us that we invest in our other pursuits. Lest we meander about on our journeys of faith with no destination in mind, we must chart our own spiritual development just like we map out our semester class schedule: unsure of what we'll learn but certain of its importance.

Each of us must set about determining what it is we need to help us deepen our own relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. We must seek out the people and resources that can help us. We must set aside regular time to spend nourishing our faith and nurturing an intimacy with God. We must actively participate with others in prayer and worship. We must commit ourselves to living out the Gospels everyday, in small ways and in large.

Now would seem like the appropriate time to insert a pitch for a Campus Ministry program or a retreat designed to help you get these things done. The truth is no such program exists. The best retreat we could dream up would only get you started or help you along your way. The fact is that maturing as a Christian takes a very personal, lifelong commitment to cultivating an intimate relationship with God, just like it does with any meaningful relationship. Deepening our understanding of our faith takes dedication to studying and learning about the beliefs and traditions of the Church, just like it does in physics or literature.

But what better time than now to begin or to strengthen a commitment to live a life of holiness? Talk to a trusted friend, priest, rector, or Campus Minister if you need a jump start. Whatever you do, make it mean something that you graduated from Notre Dame. Take advantage of our rich Catholic tradition while you're still here. Do what it takes to leave here with a firm grounding in your faith and a closer relationship with God.

Simply put, we are each called to know God and make him known. Put *that* on your "To Do" list.

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Fla. official denies hand recounts, Bush holds 300 vote lead

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris rejected requests from Democratic-leaning counties Wednesday night to include the result of hand recounts in presidential vote totals. George W. Bush opposes the ballot reviews and Al Gore favors them in their battle for the White House.

The state's chief elections officer, sharply criticized by Democrats in recent days as a partisan Republican, declared it was "my duty under Florida law" to reject requests that four counties submitted earlier in the day.

Harris noted her decision was subject to an appeal in the courts — and minutes after her announcement Gore lawyers and spokesmen said the Democrat will be back in state court — probably Thursday — to challenge.

"It's an outrageous decision," Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said. "It's a rash decision and it won't stand."

If it does stand, additional vote recounting done Wednesday would not figure in the state totals — and Bush would have a 300-vote lead with an unknown number of absentee ballots to be counted by midnight Friday.

Democratic lawyer Dexter Douglass said the Gore camp will likely return to a state judge in Tallahassee who ruled in the case Tuesday. Circuit Court Judge Terry Lewis had put Harris on notice that she needed good reason to deny late vote filings.

Gore campaign chairman William Daley criticized Harris' decision as premature: "There

was an attempt to bring a curtain down," he said.

Harris' announcement capped a tumultuous day in which the state supreme court refused to stop hand recounts planned or underway in the three heavily Democratic counties.

At the same time, however, a federal appeals court in Atlanta agreed to consider the Bush campaign's attempt to halt the new canvasses.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' unusually rapid decision Wednesday to accept the case could launch the controversy firmly on its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bush, in an 182-page appeal filed in federal court in Atlanta late Wednesday, said that granting the injunction to stop the hand counting in Florida would "not substantially injure the rights of the defendants. ... and will clearly advance the public interest."

The appeal seeks to stop the hand counting in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia counties in Florida because, Bush argued, the action violated the constitutional rights of Florida voters by conducting a manual recount of ballots limited to four heavily Democratic counties.

There was no word from the court when it would hear the appeal. Earlier, the court said that all 12 of its judges would hear Bush's challenge. Bush lost a similar bid in federal

court in Miami earlier this week.

Broward County conducted hand counts Wednesday and was set to resume Thursday despite Harris' announcement and a GOP request to stop counting. Canvassing board Chairman Robert W. Lee said late Wednesday: "Well, then let her get a writ of mandamus [a court order] to make us stop."

Palm Beach County election officials were set to meet Thursday afternoon to decide how to proceed with county-wide hand counts.

A lawyer in Harris' office, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they expect a formal contest of the election — something that can only happen after

the vote certification Harris announced Wednesday night.

Florida's 25 electoral votes will settle the presidential election.

Harris stepped to the microphones to make her announcement seven hours after a 2 p.m. deadline she had set for counties to petition for the right to update their returns.

She said four counties had done so — Democratic-leaning Broward, Palm and Miami-Dade and GOP stronghold Collier — and she had reviewed their paperwork.

"The reasons given in the requests are insufficient to warrant waiver of the unambiguous filing deadline imposed by the Florida Legislature," she said, without further elaboration.

Earlier in the day, Harris led

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Katherine Harris
Florida Secretary of State

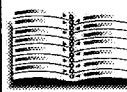
In the aftermath of the election

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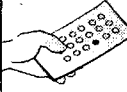
Nov. 7

After premature projections of a win for Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, a decision is stalled by a mandatory vote recount in Florida, triggered by a less than 0.5% margin



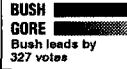
Nov. 8

Democratic voters in Palm Beach County, Fla., say confusing ballot caused them to vote for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. It is revealed that the ballot caused more than 19,000 votes to be disqualified



Nov. 9

Gore's team requests hand count of ballots in four Florida counties. Circuit judge issues an injunction barring Palm Beach county officials from certifying final recount



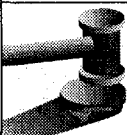
Nov. 10

Statewide recount ends with Bush leading Gore by 327 votes, according to an unofficial AP tally



Sunday

Palm Beach County board asks for hand recount. Bush's team goes to federal court to seek a halt to the manual counts. Volusia county begins hand count; local officials seek to extend deadline of 5 p.m. Nov. 14 for finishing the recount. Broward Co. decides against full hand count



Tuesday

Country circuit judge upholds deadline. Palm Beach county suspends hand count, then votes to resume counting Nov. 15. Palm Beach circuit court judge decides to hear challenge that poor ballot design led to misvotes after five other judges had recused themselves



Wednesday

Florida Supreme Court upholds hand counting of ballots, refuses to consolidate all lawsuits. Federal appeals court agrees to hear Bush arguments to stop recount, sets 7 a.m. Thursday deadline



Friday

Deadline for absentee ballots to be counted

human error, gives rise to the potential for great mischief."

Baker lamented the proliferation of lawsuits, saying the situation has "run amok now."

Warren Christopher, the former secretary of state chosen to lead Gore's recount, defended the legal strategy. "We simply must, in order to protect the rights of the vice president in this matter, enable us to take steps that seem warranted," Christopher said.

In rejecting Harris' suit, the justices, all chosen by Democratic governors, did not address the many other election-related legal challenges making their way through Florida

courts.

The Bush camp noted that the state high court's one-paragraph rejection slip did not address the substance of Harris' request. The court left open the option that Harris could sue in a lower state court, or make her arguments another way.

The state high court agreed to review complaints from two South Florida counties — Broward and Palm Beach — that say they are confused about how to proceed with recounts. Harris and state Democratic Attorney General Bob Butterworth have given the counties conflicting guidance. The counties are suing both.

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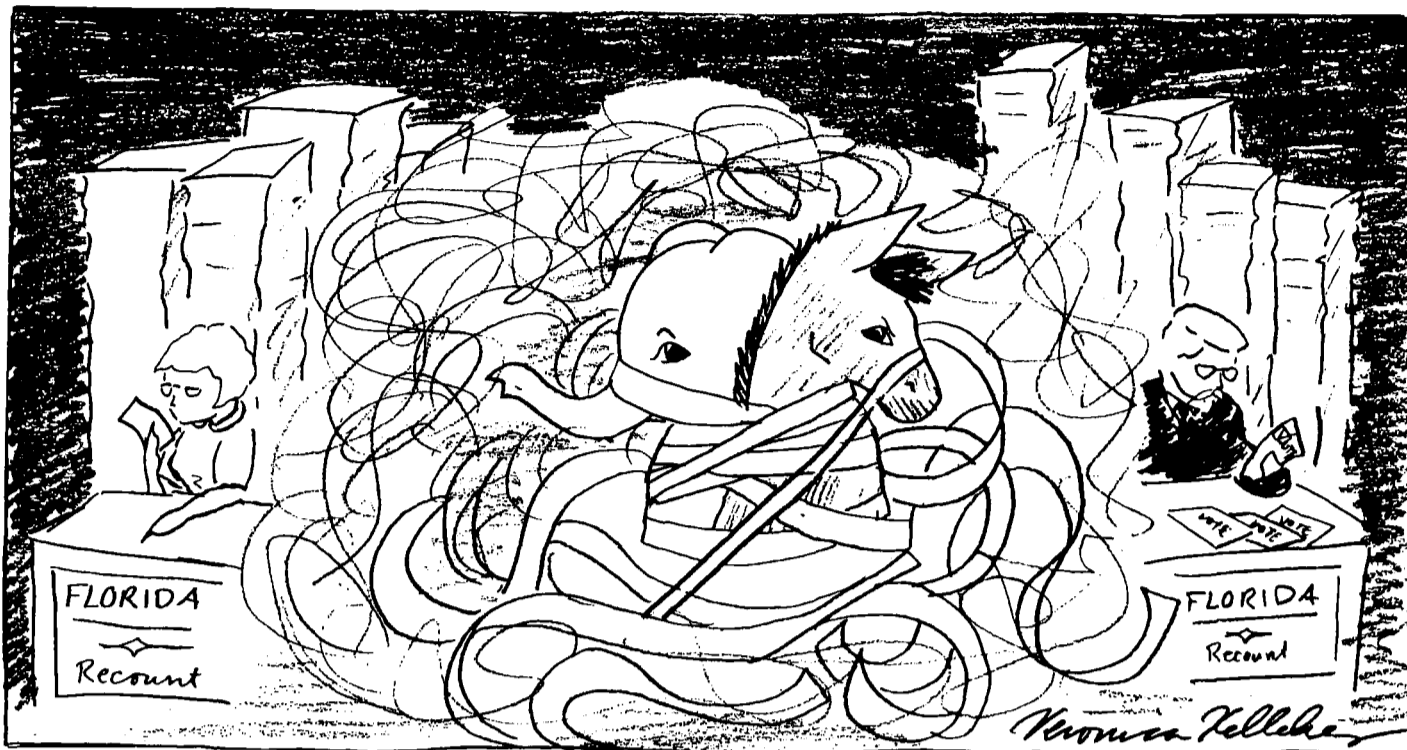
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Untangling the political mess

What an election! What an exciting time to be a part of democracy! Thank God that modern technology has saved us from the uncertainty and nail-biting that marked the elections of 1876 and 1960. As a registered Florida voter who never made it to the polls last Tuesday, this election has left me with several thoughts.

Joshua Kirley

Swift's
Confederate

1. Don't tell me every vote counts, then not count every vote.

It seems vote counting is a refined, well-regulated process of estimating, approximating and sorta kinda rounded guesswork. Of the 67 Florida counties, 55 received a drastically different total after recounting. In all, they forgot to count over 3,700 votes. When the other 12 counties were pressed for an explanation, they could only mutter something about "coincidence." Some counties counted ballots that did not exist. These county election commissioners produce commercials and mass-mailings, saying, "Every vote counts," then they don't count every vote. Results are given based on an estimate of the miscounted non-absentee ballots. A new president is declared eight days before all the votes arrive (and that's a day after the networks.)

2. My friends matter.

I know about 300 people that voted for the same person. So, in essence, my buddies picked the leader of the free world. And, that's pretty cool.

3. Let's stop rocking the vote.

The problem with democracy is that it's too democratic. Millions of dollars are spent trying to increase voter registration and participation. We don't need more voters. We need more-informed voters. Don't go to heavy metal concerts, NASCAR events and Ultimate Fighting championships to

register voters. If people are too lazy or uninformed to make a qualified decision, stop guilting and pestering them into voting. It is not in the country's best interest to have one of these "eeny meeny miney mo" voters (who only registered to get a free "Eat my shorts man" T-shirt) dilute the decision of an informed citizenship who would speed-walk three miles past free cheesecake just to pull that lever.

4. The notion of a voting age is silly.

I remember waking up on my 18th birthday. I didn't know any more about political issues or parties than when I lay my spinning head down to sleep the night before.

5. Bring back the literacy tests.

If age can't determine suffrage, then use knowledge. This country is full of idiots. I have no problem with them reproducing and playing lawn darts, but don't let them vote. Originally, literacy tests were intended to disenfranchise blacks. The modern version will be objective, universal in application and succeed in disenfranchising only the most accomplished and demonstrative of morons.

Perhaps, have them spell or identify the name of their favorite candidate. Color? Number? Some people simply should not be allowed to vote. I am not speaking in generalities. I can provide names. These are good friends. Several of my students voted in this past election. On the surface, this is a good thing. But, I teach freshman in high school. Now, I love every one of these kids, but I wouldn't want them choosing my breakfast cereal, let alone my next president.

6. It seems one county in south Florida has developed a ballot to weed out these people.

No matter how technologically advanced this process becomes, we will never vote psychically. Therefore, votes must be counted according to the name on the voter's ballot, not the name in

the voter's otherwise absent mind.

7. Don't ever concede victory.

A football coach once told me this. Obviously, Gore never participated in football or any other coordination-dependent activity (such as combat). Conceding doesn't make you a better loser or a better winner, no matter how many times you do it or undo it. Just scrap the whole stupid formality.

8. Stop the polling.

I remember roaming the halls of the Manor at 2 in the morning, trying to scare up enough guys to play snow football. Twenty guys would give me the same response, "If you can get enough people out there, I'll play." If 20 guys are waiting around for those first 19, nobody moves. This same unfortunate phenomenon plagued Nader's Green party. No person wants to be irrelevant. Because polls portrayed Nader voters in this light (not a totally unfair characterization), we will never realize the magnitude of his impact on the American voter.

9. The reason I can't make sense of the Electoral College is because it makes no sense.

Finally, I know that I am a terrible person for not voting and therefore have no right to an opinion or oxygen supply. But, I have never voted in my life and haven't been burned yet. I didn't even vote for myself when I ran for class treasurer back in 10th grade. And it didn't matter then either. I was defeated by more votes than Gore needs in Florida. Unless the difference in the final, final recount is one or zero, I wisely saved on gas again this year.

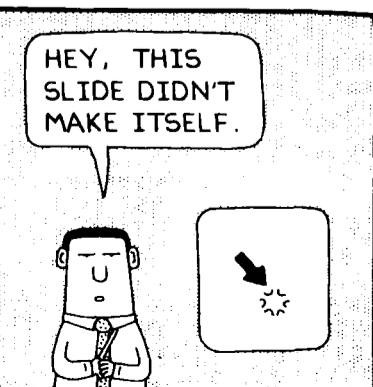
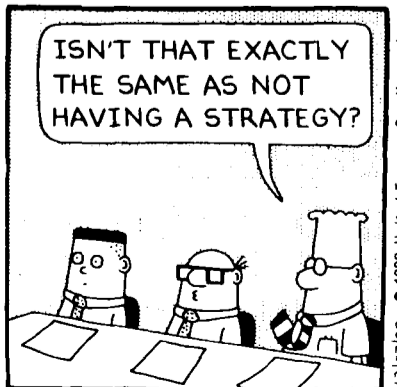
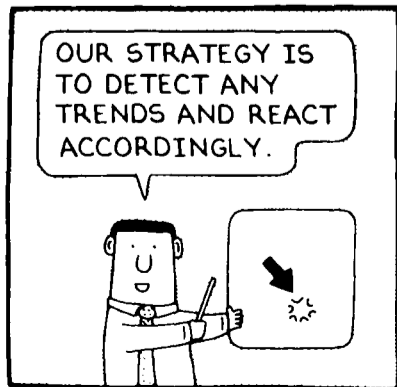
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Our great democracies still tend to think that a stupid man is more likely to be honest than a clever man, and our politicians take advantage of this prejudice by pretending to be even more stupid than nature made them."

Bertrand Russell
writer

Feeding our faces with greed

At many monasteries the monks take their meals in silence. They are served from a common bowl and they eat every last morsel. Such eating is a form of meditation and a form of praise. The idea in practice is mindfulness and it shapes their very days.

At meals in the dining hall, we throw away entire muffins, untouched bowls of cereal, tall glasses of orange juice and slices of pepperoni pizza — finishing your plate is the exception not the rule. We think we own our food and we think that there is an endless supply of it. We have been trained, above all, to be good consumers, confusing who we are with what we own. But “the day is coming,” Paul Cezanne writes, “when a carrot freshly observed will spark a revolution.”

What would happen if we paid the awe-filled heed of a bald-headed monk when sitting down to sup? To begin, we would save food. This week the students working for hunger and homelessness awareness tell of our waste. They tell us that every day Notre Dame throws away the equivalent of 10 to 12 dumpsters of food from the refuse of the tray lines. During an average night's eating, students throw away about 1,300 cups of rice. We are but a part of the whole. Americans are wasteful. We drive SUVs with World Wildlife Federation bumper stickers. We leave the lights on and the water running. We are a part of that wealthy 15 percent of the world that uses 75 percent of the world's bounty. And we use with fervor and conviction.

At the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore we shop to a soundtrack of muted hymns, confusing the pilgrim and the shopper. In LaFortune, we learn from our fast-food culture that good meals are like Whoppers — fast, processed, individual and wrapped in trash. We learn that there is always something further, something finer, something faster, something new. It is not enough to be present to a meal, or to a place — the goal is to go and to get. The slow-jawed monks remind themselves with each deliberate bite and journey into taste and texture that everything they have is a gift and a beauty and rare indeed.

Eating, that most quotidian act, is a good beginning for mindfulness. A few years ago some friends of mine staged a protest at Saint Olaf College. They stood in the dining hall by the trash and ate the unfinished food off of their classmates' plates. They ate sandwich crusts and apple halves. They finished bowls of chili and ice cream cones. The protest, one student relates, was humbling and powerful. The students eating were forced to put their ideals into the most earthly action. The students throwing away their food were forced to see their friends eat their trash. It was terribly awkward. No one could look the other way. We can.

The technology which affords us such sweet comforts as kiwis in the middle of November is also comforting. It is comforting not to plant or pick or plow the land to grow an ear of corn. It is comforting not to know the callous-handed men and women who do. It is comforting to eat what you want, when you want, with whom you want — no awkward lulls in conversation, no time lost stirring a pot of stew or scrubbing a pan clean when you could be “doing” something. It is comforting to never know the sensation of hunger. It is comforting to place your dining hall tray on

the line, turn heel and walk away. What happens to that uneaten eggroll? Is it composted? Are there Dickensian beggars in the basement who will — please sir — finish it? What happens to the pizza slice I took, and, then, recalculating the caloric extravagance, left on my plate untouched? Do the size of my thighs justify such waste? Should I have simply reconsidered (a difficult thing to do with aisles and islands, bins and buckets of so many kingly choices) and left the pizza slice on the pan? Of course I should have.

The food that is left in the dining halls at the end of the day is taken to local community pantries and soup kitchens. The food that we take onto our plates and do not eat is thrown away. It is thrown away like so many Grab ‘N Go bags, like so many polystyrene ND cups with “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” imprinted on them. It is thrown away without thought. But the economy of things demands more of us.

We do not have to see the families who swallow our waste, but we ought to remember them. The huddled masses are worlds (two, by most people's count) away. They rummage for fruit rinds in the trash bins of Tijuana and Delhi, not North Dining Hall. Oh, but we are close. In our lifetime 95 percent of the world's population growth will be in developing countries. What will we do if they all follow our lead and gobble up every tree, chunk of coal and chocolate chip muffin in their way? It's hard to believe while wearing Nike light-as-a-feather Air shoes, but the numbers remain: An average American child walks on the earth 23 times heavier than an African child, uses that many more resources.

But finishing the muffin you take is not only a matter of economic consciousness. The saint's admonition — that the shoes in your closet that you do not wear be taken to the poor — is only true to a point. You don't have to be an ascetic or a monk or a bore, be mindful as an artist (of this muffin you are eating, this day you are living, this cigar you are smoking, this Charlie Parker playing). Cezanne painted still lifes and imagined carrots sparking revolutions. He watched the world in wonder.

We are not ready to stop, to keep watch. We move at a dizzying pace through a world that is, as Hopkins writes, “seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil.” Perhaps we are being poor lovers, then. Satisfying our hunger with greedy anonymity — not being present to the sun, the light, the growth, the death, the travel and the toil that is heaped on our blue and gold rimmed plates. It is no small coincidence that eating and the erotic are so often linked in literature. Would you marry a man who only ate turkey on white, who couldn't handle spice? Would you want to kiss a woman who gobbled her meal up mindlessly, unable to linger or savor? Where is the love in this daily ritual that connects us to the land, in our breakfast, lunch and dinner?

We are fleshly, bodily beings, shaped by our actions. So we must act rightly and well in the most ordinary bits of the most ordinary days if we are to become grand lovers or poets or saints in the end.

We will finish our muffin, then, in honor of its beauty, in honor of the hands that made it and in honor of the fact that most of the world doesn't have the luxury to be picky eaters let alone throw their food away. We will practice mindfulness. We will say with Wendell Berry, the poet and farmer, “I have taken in the light that quickened eye and leaf, in the brief blaze of motion and of thought, may I be worthy of my meat.”

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Mary Margaret
Nussbaum

We learned
more from a
three minute
record, baby

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dating happens under the Dome

Troubles with dating? Maybe I'm in the minority that was spoken of in yesterday's “Inside Column,” but I am in a long-term, long-distance relationship and trouble is not a word that comes to mind in describing it.

Challenging — yes, hard — sometimes fun — definitely rewarding and worthwhile — without a doubt.

I see college as the most opportune time to build lasting friendships and romantic relationships. When else in your life will you be surrounded by people with whom you share so many similarities?

Yes, we are all changing, but this will not end when we graduate from Notre Dame. We change throughout our lives and it is the people we love that help us when we need it and love us through good times and bad.

Anything we do could be viewed as a waste of time, depending on who you ask. If you ask me, dating

and finding that one special person is anything but. By sharing in a loving relationship, you are allowing yourself to be vulnerable, trusting, faithful but most of all, happy.

I realize not everyone is looking to fall in love during their four years at Notre Dame, but don't shy away from it or deliberately close a door in your heart.

Instead, smile on your way to class, be friendly, and oh yeah, get your work done. But amidst it all, cultivate relationships with God, family, friends and that special someone.

I promise, after your four years here, it will be these relationships that have the greatest and most last affect on your life.

Angela Chiappetta

sophomore

Lewis Hall

Nov. 14, 2000



Go Palestine!

A group of Alumni Hall residents hung a cleverly designed banner from their window during last Saturday's Boston College game, but hall administrators demanded the banner be removed, saying it was “offensive.”

The banner simply stated, “Go Palestine!” and included a rough depiction of a football game. Football oriented banners draw attention on game weekends. It was a clever way of drawing attention to an important and timely issue for all Catholics concerned with international justice.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops is scheduled to discuss justice for Palestine this Thursday, Nov. 16, in Washington, D.C. The bishops' discussion will focus around a proposal from Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, who chairs the Conference's international policy committee.

Cardinal Law's proposal states that “a just peace demands ... the establishment of an internationally recognized Palestinian state.” The proposal is significant because it is the first time the bishops have used the word “state” instead of the more frequently used and ambiguous term, “homeland.” Go Palestine!

Like Cardinal Law, the Alumni Hall residents who posted the banner displayed courage in making a statement on a controversial issue. Alumni Hall administrators displayed cowardice in caving to a complaint that the banner was “offensive.”

Shouldn't Notre Dame be leading Catholic discussion on Palestinian justice, not censoring it?

Joe Markey

class of '89

Charlton, MA

Nov. 15, 2000

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

Will Smith, now starring in "The Legend of Bagger Vance," lost \$60,000 at a Las Vegas casino.

Smith loses money gambling in Vegas

LOS ANGELES

While in Las Vegas preparing for "The Legend of Bagger Vance," actor Will Smith mastered the greens — but he lost a lot of green, too.

In the December-January issue of Maximum Golf, golf coach Ron Del Barrio said he and Smith spent a week in Las Vegas, hitting both the links and the gaming tables. While the trip did good things for Smith's swing, the tables were another story, Del Barrio said.

After Smith lost \$60,000 in about 20 minutes, Del Barrio said Smith vowed it would never happen again.

"Ron," he said, "I guarantee you this — you will never see me gamble again."

For the rest of that trip and during several subsequent visits to this gambling Mecca, Smith apparently held to his word.

Del Barrio said he asked Smith how he resisted temptation. Smith's response: "That's how I am, I learn a lesson and I don't forget it."

Dinosaur named after 'Jurassic Park' author

RALEIGH, N.C.

Michael Crichton, who brought dinosaurs to life in his best-selling novels, now has a species of the real thing named after him.

Dinosaur specialist Dong Zhiming, lead researcher at Beijing's Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, said he chose to honor the author of "Jurassic Park" and "The Lost World" because of the popularity of Crichton's works in China.

Dong presented casts of skull bones from the newly identified dinosaur to Crichton during a ceremony Tuesday at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

"Crichton's ankylosaur" is a small, armored plant-eating dinosaur that dates to the early Jurassic Period, about 180 million years ago. Dong, who identified the species with fossils discovered 62 years ago in southern China, believes it walked on two legs.

"For a person like me, this is much better than an Academy Award," Crichton said at the ceremony. "I'm honored that he's named a new species for me."

Davis and wife receive Screen Actor's Guild award

LOS ANGELES

Husband and wife Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, who have often collaborated on screen, will be honored next year with the Screen Actor's Guild lifetime achievement award.

Davis and Dee, married for 52 years, will receive the honor at the acting union's awards show March 11.

"For more than half a century, together and individually, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee have enriched and transformed American life as brilliant actors, writers, directors, producers and passionate advocates for social justice, human dignity and creative excellence," said the union's president, William Daniels.

Davis and Dee met during a Broadway production in 1946 and married two years later. They made their film debuts in "No Way Out" in 1950 and costarred on Broadway in "A Raisin in the Sun." Their other collaborations include "Roots: The Next Generation," the PBS series "With Ossie & Ruby" and Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "Jungle Fever."

They have been active in social causes including black voting rights and sickle-cell disease research, and they participated in the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington.

MOVIE REVIEW



Photo courtesy of USA Films

In the English film "Billy Elliot," a young boxer, played by Jamie Bell, turns to dancing as a means of expression.

Newcomer shines in 'Elliot'

By MEG RYAN
Scene Movie Critic

Thirteen-year-old Jamie Bell makes his movie debut as Billy Elliot, the youngest son of a widower in a small mining town in northeast England.

One day while at weekly boxing practice, he sees the girls' ballet class and is drawn towards the music and dancing. Mrs. Wilkinson (Julie Waters), the ballet teacher, sees Billy's potential as he steps up to the bar between the girls in their tutus. Billy doubts whether or not to keep skipping boxing and attending ballet class for fear that the other boys and his family will find out about his new hobby.

Despite his father and brother's disapproval, and with the help of Mrs. Wilkinson, Billy continues to dance. Billy becomes very close with his dance teacher, who becomes a mother figure to him. She adds pressure to Billy's life, but does so because she sees an opportunity for Billy to escape the seeming destiny of all the men in the town: working down in the pits.

Set during the miners strikes of 1984, Billy lives in the midst of a chaotic world. Both his father and brother are part of this effort, but they are constantly disagreeing over the ultimate goal of the strike. The police swarm the town daily. Billy has also just lost his mother and must assume responsibility of taking care of his

grandmother. When he can't handle all of the pressure, he lets loose and dances, as if he were flying.

Jamie Bell brilliantly captures the role of Billy. He puts so much emotion not only into the dancing but also into the character of this confused, young boy. It is amazing to see so much depth in such a young character. One can't help but be caught by his irresistible smile and open outlook on the world around him.

The film features well-shot scenes that range from strike riots to Billy's dance numbers. The scenes in the town show nothing but brick walls and streets, adding a constrictive feeling to the town and the lives of those who reside there. In contrast, the scenes of Billy dancing create an openness that expresses Billy's escape into a moment of complete freedom that finally belongs to him.

One of the strongest aspects of the movie is its depth of character. Billy's father (Gary Lewis) tries to do the best for his family but struggles to find what exactly that is. With his job on the line and with no money, he searches to support both of his sons, who have very different goals, and goes as far as to compromise his own

beliefs.

Billy's brother (Jamie Draven) commits his full heart to the miners strike. Draven portrays the role of the young revolutionary with passion and intensity.

Mrs. Wilkinson's motives, however, don't always seem as clear. She is a dark, unhappy woman, and she is unsatisfied with her life. Her desire to help a young boy that she doesn't know seems peculiar. Billy even goes as far as to ask if the

reason she devotes her time to him is because she fancies him. As her character comes to light, she develops into a woman that, although unhappy, has not given up on the opportunities the world has to offer. She still finds beauty in her dark life.

The supporting characters add to the film's chaotic environment and also lend a bit of humor. Billy's best friend explores the world of cross-dressing and proves to be one of the few people supportive of Billy's dancing.

Set amidst a serious set of circumstances, "Billy Elliot" has a rare mix of comedy and drama. The balance of the two extremes creates a movie that touches every emotion.

"Billy Elliot"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Stephen Daldry
Starring: Jamie Bell, Julie Waters, Gary Lewis and Jamie Draven

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sci-fi flick 'Red Planet' isn't very deep in space

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Editor

"Red Planet" takes itself pretty seriously for a movie that asks the viewer to stow all notions of science and logic.

In the year 2057, mankind has overpopulated and pretty much trashed the Earth, so the government wants to move everybody to Mars (never mind that Mars is only half the size of our home planet). So for the past decade, unmanned probes containing oxygen-producing algae have been rocketed to the red planet to help create a breathable atmosphere.

But satellite observations show the algae has somehow disappeared, so the first manned mission to Mars is on its way to figure out what went wrong.

Led by Commander Kate Bowman ("The Matrix's" Carrie-Anne Moss), the astronauts on board include mechanical engineer Gallagher (Val Kilmer), old and wise Chantillas (Terrence Stamp, "Star Wars: Episode I"), egomaniacal biologist Tom Sizemore ("Saving Private Ryan"), hot-headed pilot Benjamin Bratt ("The Next Best Thing") and civilian Simon Baker ("L.A. Confidential").

After a few shabby getting-to-know-you scenes to pass the six-month rocket journey, Moss and crew arrive in orbit just in time to be smacked with an inexplicably random and contrived "burst of gamma radiation," which knocks out most of the ship's systems. Forced to launch their lander early, the five-man crew leaves Moss behind to affect repairs while they crash-land on Mars.

In one of the movie's many superb special effects sequences, Bowman has to put out a fire on the mother ship while the five guys crash-land on the surface and then bounce off a mighty precipice in what looks like a giant beach ball.

So all but Bowman end up on the plan-

et's surface, which means Moss spends much of the movie looking worried in a tank top.

The stranded astronauts try to spark up some group dynamics, and after briefly threatening to sound like grown-ups, they resort to the usual behavior of action-movie characters: bullying and mouthing off at each other like teenagers in a delinquent movie.

Everything starts going wrong. The habitat that was supposed to be waiting for them has been destroyed, two of them are dead within five minutes of screen time, and the three remaining are being hunted by AMEE, a robot that the crew brought with them from Earth.

For the record, AMEE looks too much like a stop-motion piece of computer animation; but the bigger problem is that she seems to go nuts for no reason other than that she sensed a void in the narrative. So AMEE turns into a cunning terminator with a taste for swooping down on crew members and

mangling them.

First time director Antony Hoffman's movie — which seems to borrow from not only "2001: A Space Odyssey" but also every sci-fi expedition movie ever made — is passable enough. Hoffman skillfully balances the movie's sometimes hackneyed absurdities with a convincingly other-worldly and semi-futuristic visual milieu, some genuine tension and awesome effects sequences. But while he's tops in those regards, he can't seem to shoot a simple conversation, and his editing is abrupt.

As far as acting goes, only Moss and Kilmer escape with their credibility intact.

As the lone female, Moss is of course called upon to do the obligatory nude scene (PG-13 nudity, mind you), but she turns in a performance very reminiscent of Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in the "Alien" series. She spends the whole picture on the ship, but this sharp and darkly

self-contained actress is more fun to watch than anything on the red planet.

And the occasionally arrogant Kilmer is surprisingly subdued as the humble hero willing to sacrifice all to save his fellow Americans.

Overall, "Red Planet" thinks it's both more intelligent and more exciting than it really is. But taken as a popcorn-munching Saturday matinee, it's pleasantly entertaining — and much better than "Mission to Mars," a similar big-budget

sci-fi spectacular that stunk up theaters in March.

Burdened a little by its high suspension-of-disbelief factor and masquerading science, not to mention its poor pacing and protracted plot line (the presence of the lame killer robot is not a bonus, either), "Red Planet" at least keeps the audience enveloped in its story. So while a few of the scenes provide real tension and some dynamic action, "Red Planet" is hardly the stuff of sci-fi dreams.

"Red Planet"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Antony Hoffman

Starring: Val Kilmer,

Carrie-Anne Moss, Tom

Sizemore and Terrence Stamp

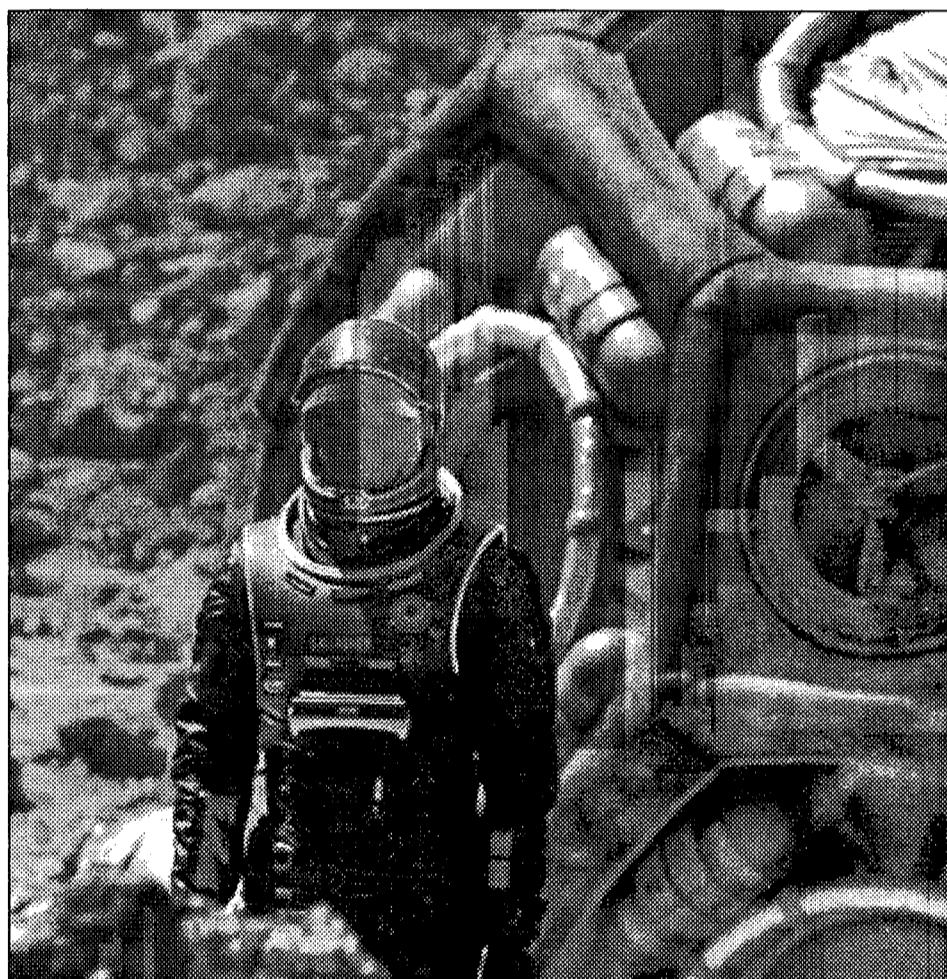


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Val Kilmer stars in "Red Planet," a science fiction thriller about a group of astronauts stranded on Mars.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

'Falcon' showcases a classic Bogart performance

By MARIO BIRD
Scene Movie Critic

There is a superlative group of film characters that are emblazoned upon the public's perception of an actor's image. Such is the case with Humphrey Bogart's Sam Spade, the sly, quick-witted protagonist of "The Maltese Falcon" (1941). "Falcon," directed by acclaimed auteur John Huston, not only marked the emergence of Bogart as a box-office attraction, but also the establishment of the detective film in the early 1940s.

Staying true to its label as the definitive film noir, "Falcon" implicates most of the motifs associated with the genre: dark

alleys, illicit money, dangerous women and hard liquor. Mary Astor plays Brigid O'Shaughnessy, the prototypical femme fatale, beguiling Spade with her seemingly helpless circumstance as well as her knock-out physicality. When Spade's partner is shot and killed

by O'Shaughnessy's former cohort Floyd Thursby, who suffers a subsequent death, Spade must find the culprit to both murders to prove his own innocence.

Inevitably, it is O'Shaughnessy who implicates Spade in the nefarious plot involving former partners-in-crime Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre) and Kasper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet). The four are after the legendary Maltese Falcon, a gem-encrusted 15th Century relic of inestimable value.

Huston's primary theme is the greed involving the Falcon's pricelessness, and its permeating effect on the shady persons involved. O'Shaughnessy, Cairo

and Gutman are all revealed to have this trait as their singular purpose, while Spade's morals are in question throughout the movie.

While "Falcon" has a few noticeable blunders within its 100-minute screen duration, such as sloppy editing and unclear motives early on, they are forgivable with respect to the acting the movie high-

lights. Huston's screenplay maximizes the talent of the supporting cast: Lorre is at his scum-of-the-earth best as the both pitiable and violent Cairo;

Greenstreet's calculating Gutman resounds as the consummate criminal intellectual; and O'Shaughnessy's shallow character is blatant through Astor's performance.

Bogart, however, steals the show — and rightly so. With the possible exception of his roles as the scarred Rick in "Casablanca," and later the down-to-earth Mr. Olnott in

"The African Queen," Spade is the fedora-laden, trench-coated Bogart that most cinema aficionados remember. From his witty, manipulative banter with his three co-stars, to his brazen treatment of the police, Bogart creates the hard-bitten private investigator about whom Tom Selleck could only dream.

The later scenes of "Falcon," which involve a struggle for command between Greenstreet and Bogart, are a delight to watch. Greenstreet and Bogart's contradictory physiques nicely complement both the balance of power and the underdog gambles Bogart takes as the suddenly potent outsider.

Because Spade immediately pigeonholes O'Shaughnessy as a deceitful, desirous female, Bogart's role as the ladies' man appears a bit flat and underdeveloped at times. However, it hardly detracts from his performance. As Greenstreet himself says of Bogart, "By Gad, sir, you are a character."



Photo courtesy of MGM

"The Maltese Falcon" is available to rent on video.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. John's leaps into AP poll, Notre Dame remains No. 15

Associated Press

With three freshmen in the starting lineup, St. John's was supposed to take some time to rejoin the Top 25.

How about two games?

The Red Storm, which beat Kentucky in the opening round of the Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic and then lost 82-72 to Kansas in the championship game, jumped into The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday at No. 24.

Freshmen Omar Cook, Kyle Cuffe and Willie Shaw — all New York natives — started against Kansas along with Anthony Glover and Reggie Jessie, the only starters back from the team that was ranked No. 9 in last season's final poll.

Cook lived up to his hype as one of the top recruits in the country, but Cuffe and Shaw were right with him in the title-game loss.

"They were probably thinking of themselves as freshmen, guys usually asked just to be spectators," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said. "It finally dawned on them that not only were they being asked to participate, they were capable of participating. Both of them are going to be excellent basketball players."

Jarvis has high expectations for the team.

"I see a group of guys who really, really compete," he said. "I see a team with unbelievable potential and I see the makings for a heck of a basketball team."

Arizona, Duke and Michigan State, the top three teams in the preseason poll, held those places in the first regular-season poll, while Kansas moved from seventh to fourth.

The Jayhawks beat UCLA and St. John's in stretching their winning streak in November to 31 games, a run dating to a 1990 loss at Arizona State.

UCLA, which finished third in the Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic, moved from 17th to No. 14, while Kentucky, which lost to St. John's

and UCLA and started a season 0-2 for the first time since 1975-76, dropped from 12th to 20th.

The only other ranked team to play on the sport's opening weekend was North Carolina, which dropped one place to seventh despite winning the NABC Classic with victories over Winthrop and Tulsa. The home games were North Carolina's first under Matt Doherty, who replaced Bill Guthridge and became the Tar Heels' third coach in five seasons.

Arizona received 35 first-place votes and 1,538 points from the nationwide media panel, while Duke was No. 1 on 21 ballots and had 1,522 points.

Michigan State, which opens defense of its national championship next Sunday against Oakland, had five first-place votes, while Kansas had one.

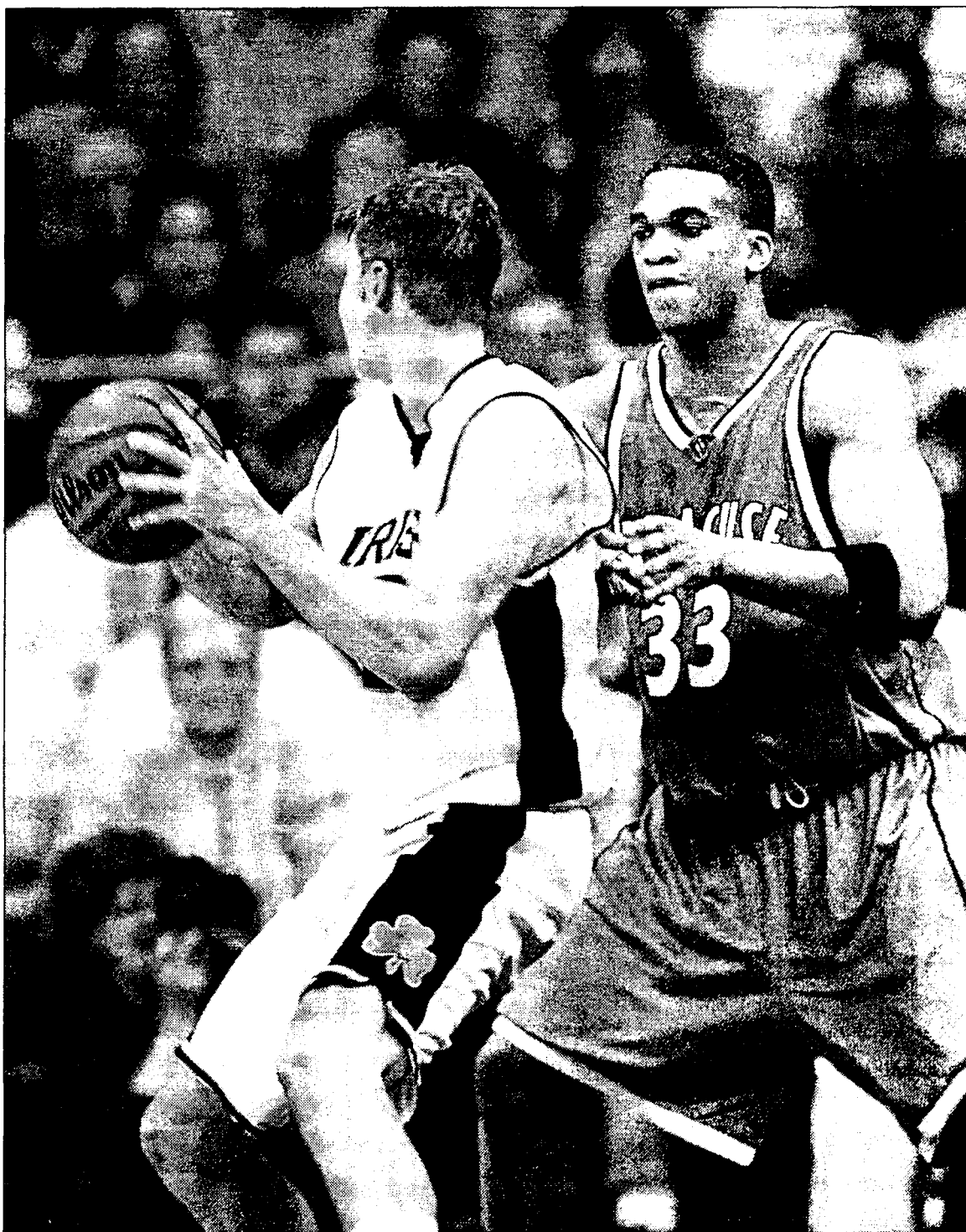
Stanford; Maryland, which had the only other first-place vote; and North Carolina all dropped one place from the preseason poll and were followed in the Top Ten by Illinois, Tennessee and Seton Hall.

Neither Arizona nor Maryland plays this week, but the other Top Ten teams will all get started. Duke plays Princeton on Tuesday night in the opening round of the Preseason NIT, while Stanford (San Francisco State), Illinois (Maine), Tennessee (Chattanooga) and Seton Hall (Rider) all open their seasons Friday night.

Florida again led the Second Ten, followed by Utah, Connecticut, UCLA, Arkansas, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Wake Forest, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

The final five ranked teams were Oklahoma, DePaul, Southern California, St. John's and Virginia.

Iowa State, which was 25th in the preseason poll, dropped out despite not playing a game. The same thing happened last year to Miami, and the Hurricanes returned to the rankings for the final two weeks of the regular season.



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Irish forward Troy Murphy moves around a Syracuse defender during a game last season. The Irish, who are ranked No. 15, begin regular season action on Saturday against Sacred Heart.

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NHL

May suspended for 20 games

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Phoenix Coyotes left wing Brad May was suspended for 20 games by the NHL on Wednesday for a slash to the head of Columbus forward Steve Heinze.

The suspension matches the fourth-longest in NHL history for an on-ice violation and will cost May a most \$120,000 in salary.

Heinze needed nine stitches on his nose but was not seriously hurt. May received a match penalty for attempt to injure in the Saturday night game and has sat out the two games since the infraction.

May met with Colin Campbell, the league's director of operations, in Toronto on Tuesday.

"I have to be held accountable," he said before his hearing with Campbell. "I've never gone after anybody like that before in my career."

"Honestly, I just wanted to tap him on the arm," May told the Arizona Republic.

He apologized to Heinze after the game. Heinze said he accepted the apology.

"I told the trainers, 'Stitch me up quickly, boys. I'm on a power play,'" he told the newspaper.

Campbell said that while May "has not previously been suspended by the league for a supplementary discipline incident, he must be held accountable for the

reckless use of his stick in this instance.

"It is fortunate Mr. Heinze did not suffer a more serious injury. The message to all players in the NHL should be clear: the act of a player striking an opponent in the head with his stick will carry severe consequences."

"I have to be held accountable."

Brad May
Coyotes' left wing

was a very harsh suspension. We're going to miss him terribly over the next 18 games," said Coyotes general manager Bobby Smith, adding that the team made its case to the NHL on Tuesday and has no avenue for an appeal.

"I certainly hope the [Marty] McSorley incident had nothing to do with this," Smith said. "I think it had to do with the fact that the league decided this year to lower the bar on this type of incident."

Blue Jackets general manager Doug MacLean told The Fan, an all-sports radio station in Toronto, that the

stiff penalty was necessary.

"Careless with the stick is a problem, there's no doubt about that," MacLean said. "Steve Heinze only got nine stitches on the end of the nose, but it very well could have been an eye or it could have been a broken jaw or it could have been something more serious."

"I guess it comes to a point that it's unfortunate for Brad May, but maybe it's good for everybody to see how severely this is going to be treated."

Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, May will forfeit \$117,647 of his salary. The money goes to the Players Emergency Assistance Fund.

McSorley is currently sitting out one year for hitting Donald Brashear in the head with his stick Feb. 21. Gordie Dwyer of Tampa Bay

was suspended for 23 games for abusing officials and coming out of the penalty box to fight in an exhibition game against the Washington Capitals this past Sept. 19.

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Colin Campbell
NHL Director of Operations

Dale Hunter of the Capitals sat out 21 games for hitting Pierre Turgeon, who was celebrating a goal, during the 1993 playoffs. Tom Lysiak of the Chicago Blackhawks was suspended for 20 games for tripping an official in 1983.

NFL

Leaf might start Sunday in place of Harbaugh

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Ryan Leaf could play Sunday when the San Diego Chargers go to Denver looking for their first win.

Coach Mike Riley implied Monday that Jim Harbaugh would start against the Broncos because he was the Chargers' healthiest quarterback despite having a mild hernia. But Leaf popped back into the picture on Wednesday despite his slightly strained left hamstring, and now there's a chance he could end up starting.

Leaf and Harbaugh took the same number of snaps in practice and Riley will wait until later in the week to announce the starter.

"I don't want to make a final decision right now because Ryan has obviously entered into this thing healthier than we anticipated," Riley said.

Leaf was listed as questionable on the injury report but said the

hamstring felt pretty good.

"The way it felt today, by the time Sunday comes, with the adrenaline and being hyped up for the game, I don't think it will be a problem," said Leaf, who's had a turbulent season filled with injuries and poor play.

Leaf was hurt sliding at the end of a scramble late in last Sunday's 17-7 loss to the Miami Dolphins, which dropped the Chargers to 0-10. Leaf was booed both when he replaced injured starter Moses Moreno (sprained knee) and when he limped off the field.

Harbaugh played the final 1:12 and served up the last of four Chargers interceptions. Moreno was picked off twice, Leaf once.

Riley has said that quarterback is the most pressing question for the Chargers' future, and that they need to see as much of the embattled Leaf as possible.

"I want him to play some, yeah," Riley said. "But I don't want to hurry it. I want to make sure before we do anything."

Soldier Field to receive \$587 million renovation

Associated Press

CHICAGO

After nearly 30 years of negotiations, threats and foot-dragging, the Chicago Bears and city officials agreed on a \$587 million renovation of Soldier Field that will add 17 acres of parkland and facilities to complement three nearby museums.

The Bears will pay \$200 million and the remainder of the project's costs will be covered by bonds that would be retired by the city hotel tax.

"After years of false starts, we finally have a plan that works for

Chicago taxpayers, children and families, the museum, the Park District, the Bears and their fans," Mayor Richard M. Daley said Wednesday at a news conference to unveil the plan. "And it won't cost the people of Chicago a penny."

People using Chicago motels and hotels will pay for most of the renovations if the Illinois Legislature approves a bond revenue plan to be presented during its present veto session. The Illinois Sports Facilities Authority needs legislative approval to increase its bonding authority.

The Bears, who have a \$100 million loan from the NFL for stadium improvements, plan to recoup their expenses with a still undetermined personal seat license fee and the possibility of adding a corporate name to Soldier Field, Bears president Ted Phillips said.

"The Soldier Field name will remain, that was part of the deal," he said.

Outside the stadium, there will be a 250-foot-long granite water wall to honor military veterans, a wintertime sledding hill, a 2,500-space underground parking garage and a visitor center for the nearby Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium.

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WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

American men escape elimination after routing Barbados

Associated Press

WATERFORD, Barbados Everything was going wrong for the United States. World Cup elimination was 27 minutes away and the opponent in the yellow uniforms played more like mighty Brazil than lowly Barbados.

Enter Joe-Max Moore — and just in time — creating an easy goal for Clint Mathis in the 63rd minute that started the belated American rout.

Earnie Stewart, Cobi Jones and Ante Razov added goals, and the Americans beat Barbados 4-0 Wednesday to advance to next year's regional finals of World Cup qualifying.

"We had to win," Mathis said. "I think the guys did a great job with the pressure."

Now the United States advances to a final group that includes Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and either Costa Rica or Guatemala. The top three will advance to the 2002 tournament in Japan and South Korea.

"I know we're good enough to qualify, and we will do that," Moore boldly predicted.

It was the first time in 11 years the United States faced an elimination game in World Cup qualifying, since the Americans won at Trinidad and Tobago to qualify for their first World Cup in 40 years.

Playing in the Caribbean or Central America, on bumpy fields, with blustery winds and often-hostile crowds, is far different from stadiums in the United States. Barbados National Stadium didn't even have a scoreboard.

A rainbow appeared 10 minutes before gametime on a humid, overcast afternoon that had intermittent light rain. Fans were singing to calypso music, hoping the Bajan Rockets, ranked just 102nd in the world, could upset the United States, ranked 18th.

And after a first half that saw Mathis hit a post in the 36th

minute and get stopped by goalkeeper Horace Stoute on a point-blank shot in the 39th, the Americans had grim, tight faces when they walked off at half-time.

"Today seemed harder," said U.S. goalkeeper Tony Meola, playing a World Cup qualifier for the first time since that 1989 game at Trinidad. "For a while, it seemed like we couldn't get a goal."

Guatemala was at home against Costa Rica in a game played simultaneously. If the United States failed to win and Guatemala won, the Americans would have been eliminated.

Because Guatemala won 2-1, the United States came uncomfortably close to elimination.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy," Meola said.

Both games were scoreless at halftime. The crowd of about 4,000 kept getting louder.

Five minutes into the second half, Barbados nearly went ahead.

Llewellyn Riley took a hard shot and Meola just managed to deflect it. The rebound hit the knee of defender Carlos Llamasa, ricocheted off the crossbar and only then bounced away.

"Maybe the play of the game is Meola's save," Arena said.

In August, the United States routed Barbados 7-0 at Foxboro, Mass. But the Americans had a two-man advantage in the final 49 minutes of that game. This was a far more confident Barbados team.

"I always said we match up with their players very well, especially at home," Barbados midfielder Augustus Hurdle said.

Chris Klein appeared to put the Americans in front in the 58th minute when he put in a rebound of a Moore shot, but referee Noel Bynoe of Trinidad and Tobago called Moore off-sides. That was just about the time the U.S. bench learned Guatemala had taken a 1-0 lead.

"It could be one of those days," Arena said to himself.

Moore, who scored twice in the win at Foxboro, created the goal when he picked up a pass in the corner of the field a few minutes

later, ran down the end line, eluded Wayne Sobers and passed the ball back to Mathis, who was just about to be taken out of the

game in favor of Razov.

Mathis had a virtually open net and scored from about six yards out.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Florida focuses on BCS matchup, not presidential election

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

The sharp rhetoric has escalated and the indecision has become almost unbearable in Florida this week, as the nation waits for a winner.

Such is the state of politics. Such is the state of football.

One race, Gore vs. Bush, has no

definite end. The other, No. 4 Florida vs. No. 3 Florida State, will be decided late Saturday night.

The winner of one contest will wind up in the White House. The other will probably play for the Bowl Championship Series national title.

For the last century, sports and politics have happily coexisted in

America, often creating a blurry line between what people are passionate about and what really is important.

As the two obsessions collide this week in Tallahassee, there seems to be agreement on one thing: The election may decide the future of the country, but the football game may go further in determining who is happy for the

next 365 days.

"Around the nation, I don't know," Florida State receiver Snoop Minnis said. "But in Florida, I have the feeling more people are going to be concentrating on our game."

Is there any harm in that?

Florida State student Angie Cheatham doesn't think so. Like so many Americans over the last week, she has been monitoring the election on TV and in the newspapers.

She knows there are constitutional issues at stake, the psyche of a waiting nation in limbo. She also knows her moments as a college student are precious.

"I'm a political-science major, so the election is important to me," Cheatham said. "But it's my senior year, so the game is going to take up most of my attention this weekend."

The mixing of metaphors between sports and politics long has been a staple of American life. Tight political campaigns are called horse races; some football coaches are so beloved, "they oughta run for president."

Politics and sports mix in more tangible ways, as well.

In Nebraska, voters just elected former Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne to Congress. Steve Largent, J.C. Watts, Jack Kemp, Gerald Ford — all football players who became politicians.

In Florida, a state that takes its rich football and political traditions seriously, the ties are just as deeply entrenched.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, the politician making some of the most crucial deci-

sions regarding election recounts, is the granddaughter of Ben Hill Griffin, a cattle and citrus magnate. Florida plays football in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, aka "The Swamp."

Former state Attorney General Jimmy Kynes once played linebacker for Florida. Citizens in Gainesville just sent one-time receiver Perry McGriff, part of a long family line of successful Gator football players, to the Legislature.

Even the Florida-Florida State game is a product of politics. Then-Gov. Leroy Collins brought the schools athletic directors together in the mid-1950s and ordered them to schedule a football game as soon as possible. The first game was played Nov. 22, 1958. Florida won 21-7.

Suddenly, however, with a presidential election and a college football season on the line in one small Southern capitol, some Americans may wonder if they have their priorities straight.

One sociologist believes these conflicting priorities could actually be a sign of the strength of the country.

"The interest in who wins the football game and how the election turns out are intricately linked," said Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University. "People in this country are secure in knowing the nation will continue to be administered in an effective way, no matter how the election turns out. That's one of the things that makes it possible to be obsessed with things beyond politics."

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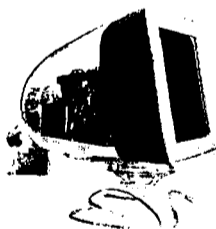
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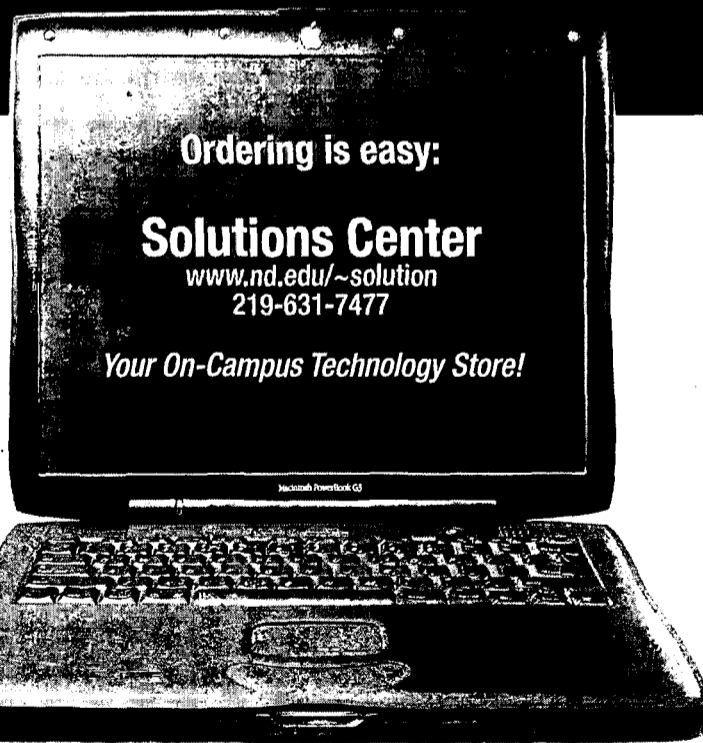
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Arizona State's Snyder fired, will coach through season

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State football coach Bruce Snyder was fired Wednesday with one game remaining in a third consecutive disappointing season.

Snyder, who just four years ago directed the Sun Devils to an 11-0 regular season, will coach through the remainder of this season.

Athletic director Gene Smith, a former Notre Dame football player who has been at Arizona State only since July, had said he would make a decision on Snyder's future after the season.

But he changed his mind following the Sun Devils' 29-7 loss at Stanford last Saturday.

"I came to the realization very recently that this is a decision that was best for our program for the future," Smith said during a news conference to announce the firing. "Once I make a decision, I'm the type of individual that likes to act."

Smith told Snyder his decision Wednesday morning, then the coach met with his players to tell them. The Sun Devils don't resume practice until Thursday, and Snyder told athletic department officials he wouldn't be available to comment until then.

Snyder will coach the Sun Devils (5-5) in their season finale at Arizona on Nov. 24. A win there would make Arizona State eligible for a bowl game. Snyder is 57-44 in nine sea-

sons at Arizona State, but just 16-17 in the last three years. He has a 125-105-5 record in 25 years as a head coach, including stints at Utah State and California.

Snyder had three years remaining on his contract. Smith said that the total buy-out for the coach and his staff would be "under \$2 million" and that most, if not all, of the money would come from boosters.

In 1996, Snyder won consensus national coach of the year honors after guiding Arizona State to an unbeaten regular season. The Sun Devils lost to Ohio State 20-17 in the Rose Bowl and finished

fourth in the national rankings.

Arizona State was 9-3 in 1997, including a Sun Bowl appearance, but the team went 5-6 in 1998, and 6-6

last season.

Smith praised Snyder's character.

"I want to make sure that we all understand as the Sun Devil family that Bruce Snyder has operated this program with class, dignity and integrity, and for that, we need to be thankful," he said.

Smith declined to talk about the specifics of why Snyder was fired, but said the win-loss record was important.

In Wednesday's Arizona Republic, former Sun Devils and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Danny White said he had talked to Smith about the job should Snyder be dismissed.

White, coach of the Arizona

Rattlers of the Arena Football League, said Smith told him that he would be on a short list of candidates if Snyder

were fired.

However, Smith said Wednesday that he had not talked with anyone about

becoming the new coach and that White would be considered the same as any other candidate.

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11/16	Thursday	CSC	4pm
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DILLON BASKETBALL PEP RALLY

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LOVE'S FIRE

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MLB

A's Giambi named AL MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK Jason Giambi still credits much of his success to Mark McGwire, even though they only played two years together in Oakland.

So it came as no surprise that one of Giambi's first calls after winning the American League Most Valuable Player Award went to Big Mac.

"I want to thank him first before anybody else because what he meant to me and my career," Giambi said Wednesday. "He was so excited for me. We have such a special friendship. He is everything from a mentor to a big brother and everything else."

Giambi got 14 of the 28 first-place votes and finished with 317 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America and edge out Chicago's Frank Thomas. Giambi also got 11 seconds, two thirds and one fifth.

Thomas, a two-time winner, rebounded from his worst season as a pro to finish second with 285 points and 10 first-place votes. Seattle's Alex Rodriguez got the other four first-place votes and finished third with 218 points.

"This is a boy's dream come true," Giambi said. "This has been nothing but a fairy tale for me this year with my brother (Jeremy) here and the A's winning the division."

Giambi came up to Oakland early in the 1995 season, when McGwire was entrenched at first base and served as a tutor for the young player.

Two years later, McGwire was traded to St. Louis as the A's began a rebuilding process that turned into this season's division title. Oakland also took the Yankees to a deciding fifth game in the division series before being eliminated.

"A couple of years ago we almost lost 100 games," Giambi said. "We've really turned the corner. (GM) Billy Beane did an unbelievable job putting together this machine we have going now. Hopefully we can take it to the next step."

Giambi is the biggest reason why. He spearheaded the team's run to the AL West title by hitting .396 with 13 homers and 32 RBIs in the final month.

"I knew when I came to the ballpark that it wasn't a question if I would get a hit — it was how many and if I'd have a home run," Giambi said. "I had never been so focused in my life. It is something you dream about to have that kind of September to get your team to the playoffs."

Not that he was shab-

by the rest of the season, either. He finished with a .333 average, 43 homers, 137 RBIs and 137 walks. He led the league with a .476 on-base percentage and was third with a .647 slugging percentage.

"This kid, if you look at him the last couple of years, he's gotten better each year," Oakland manager Art Howe said during the playoffs. "For me, he's the MVP of this league, hands down."

The next step for the A's will be how to keep Giambi in Oakland beyond next year. He is eligible for free agency following the 2001 season and it could be difficult for the low-budget A's to keep Giambi.

"We're trying to do this as soon as we can," Giambi said. "I'd like to end my career here in

Oakland."

Beane said his top priority is to keep Giambi.

"There's no getting around the question that Jason will be paid a lot, and he deserves to be paid a lot," Beane said.

Toronto's Carlos Delgado was fourth (206), followed by Boston's Pedro Martinez (103), Cleveland's Manny Ramirez and Seattle's Edgar Martinez (97 each), Anaheim's Darin Erstad (94), Boston's Nomar Garciaparra (66) and the Yankees' Derek Jeter (44).

Thomas, the winner in 1993-94, rebounded from career lows of 15 homers and 77 RBIs to lead the White Sox to the best record in the league. He hit .328 with career highs of 43 homers and 143 RBIs.

Yankees in hunt for Mussina

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After meeting with pitcher Mike Mussina's agent Wednesday, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman came away convinced the right-hander would be willing to play in New York.

"I think their interest is sincere," Cashman said. "What that will translate into is hard to say. But I think they're sincerely interested. We're not being jerked around."

Mussina, a free agent who has played his entire 10-year career in Baltimore, has indicated in the past that he would rather not play in New York. But agent Arn Tellem said recently that is no longer the case.

"I think I got a pretty

clear picture from them," Cashman said. "A pretty good and complete picture of their needs. It's up to Mussina. He's the only one who has all of the information in front of him. But again, I really believe he has a sincere interest in us."

Mussina, one of the top two free agent pitchers this offseason, is also being targeted by the Mets, Cleveland and Boston. Tellem met with Mets general manager Steve Phillips on Tuesday. ESPN's Peter Gammons reports Tellem is expected to meet with the Red Sox on Thursday.

Mussina went 11-15 this season, but his 3.79 ERA was third in the American League. He has a 147-81 career record.

It will probably take at

least \$14 million a year to sign Mussina, and the 31-year-old pitcher is looking for at least a six-year deal.

"It's an open discussion," Cashman said. "We have had a few already. But this is the first in person. We're both still in fact-finding missions. They're expressing an interest in us. So we're going to play that through."

The Yankees, who are also interested in outfielder Manny Ramirez, would like to put Mussina in a rotation that already includes Roger Clemens, Orlando Hernandez and Andy Pettitte.

Cuban defector Adrian Hernandez is under consideration for the fifth spot and the Yankees could decide to bring back David Cone.

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NFL

Broncos' Griese out 4 weeks

Associated Press

DENVER
Quarterback Brian Griese, who led the Denver Broncos to victory Monday night despite playing with a separated throwing shoulder, will be sidelined 3-to-4 weeks and possibly longer.

"I'm looking to come back in a month or so and see if I can throw the ball and help this team out because that's my responsibility," Griese said Wednesday.

He was injured in the first quarter when he was tackled and Oakland linebacker Elijah Alexander landed on him.

Informed by doctors that he could do no further damage to his shoulder, Griese took a painkilling injection and returned to the game, engineering a 27-24 victory.

His injury was officially listed as a third-degree separation of the AC joint, the most severe type.

"Optimistically, we're looking at 3-to-4 weeks," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

Griese, the AFC's top-rated passer, already was playing with torn cartilage in the same shoulder, which will require off-season surgery. The injuries are believed to be unrelated.

With Griese out of

action indefinitely, the Broncos, who got back into playoff contention with the win over Oakland, will turn to veteran Gus Frerotte. The Broncos (6-4) entertain winless San Diego (0-10) on Sunday.

Frerotte started once this season in Kansas City after Griese tore the cartilage in his shoulder. Frerotte was 18-of-31 for 208 yards and an interception in a 23-22 loss.

Last season, Frerotte stepped in for Detroit during a six-week stretch after starter Charlie Batch fractured his right thumb. Frerotte was 2-4, completing 134 of 226 passes for 1,588 yards with six touchdowns and six interceptions.

Dr. Richard Hawkins, an orthopedic surgeon and a Broncos' team physician, said Griese sustained an "accordion-type injury" of the shoulder where the ligaments are damaged and the outer end of his collarbone "sticks up in the air a little bit."

Given the extent of the injury, Hawkins termed Griese's play "amazing."

"That's sort of encouraging because if we took away his pain and he performed so well with this injury, then when his pain settles down maybe he can perform at that level again," Hawkins said. "So

we're optimistic that maybe in three or four weeks, he'll be able to throw again effectively.

"If he cannot and we judge over four to eight weeks that he's not recovering, then we might talk about doing something surgically. But most of these injuries are treated non-surgically. Most athletes do very well with this injury even without an operation."

The 25-year-old Griese also had torn cartilage in his shoulder in 1999, but he missed only two games.

"I don't feel snakebit," he said. "I've had some problems but it hasn't been something where I've missed a bunch of games. I've been able to play through it. Unfortunately this is a little bit worse than what I had before and I won't be able to play for a while. I've got to maintain a positive attitude about it."

Griese insisted he hasn't given up on this season.

"I want to play this year," he said. "I want to let the swelling go down, and see if I can throw effectively and contribute to this team. If we get into the playoffs, and hopefully I can get back for a couple games, I want to help us out. If I can't, then I'll have to weigh the other options."

Bengals turn to Mitchell to end passing problems

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

While Akili Smith stayed mum on his demotion, Scott Mitchell did a lot of talking Wednesday during his first practice as the Cincinnati Bengals' starting quarterback.

Mitchell went from teammate to teammate, asking whether they were comfortable with the plays chosen for a game Sunday at New England. If there was any doubt, he wanted the play thrown out.

"The big thing I want to make sure I do this week is just have a good understanding of my responsibilities and make sure everybody else does," Mitchell said. "If we're doing too much stuff, I think it's my job to cut some of that out and eliminate it."

At this point, the Bengals (2-8) are willing to try just about anything to get their offense going.

The worst passing attack in the NFL is so out of whack that coach Dick LeBeau decided to sit Smith for at least one game, giving Mitchell a chance to see what he can do.

Smith, the third overall draft pick last year, walked past reporters without comment shortly after the move was announced on Monday. He didn't want to discuss the demotion on Wednesday, either.

"Naw, man, I ain't talking," he said.

Smith, the lowest-ranked passer in the NFL, took it hard when LeBeau benched him during the

second half of a game in Pittsburgh a month ago. After a 23-6 loss in Dallas last Sunday, Smith again saw no reason for a quarterback change.

LeBeau decided that Smith was pressing and needed to watch from the sideline for a week. Smith, the least-accomplished member of the quarterback class of '99, is keeping his thoughts to himself.

"He's a high-round draft pick and there's a great expectation there," Mitchell said. "I'm sure at times he's felt a lot more pressure that maybe he's putting on himself and feeling like, 'I've got to do it. These other young quarterbacks are having success and why am I not?'"

"I'm sure there are a lot of things weighing on his mind. Sometimes when that happens, you tend to lose your focus and I think at times he's maybe let things other than football kind of bother him."

Inexperience is bothering the offense, which features rookie receivers Peter Warrick and Ron Dugans and second-year receiver Craig Yeast. They've frequently run wrong routes or sloppy routes.

Mitchell, in his 11th NFL season, talked to his receivers about their responsibilities Wednesday.

"He knows how to handle himself under pressure," Warrick said. "Not taking anything away from Akili. We're just trying to change it up and get something established. Mitch is a veteran. He knows what's going on at all times."

ND AFTER FIVE

Thurs., November 16

6:00 p.m. Junior Class Dinner - Center for the Homeless, Meet - Main Circle
7:00 p.m. Acoustic O'Neill, O'Neill Hall
7:30 p.m. Play: "Loves Fire", Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. Sexual Assault Awareness Week: Group Prayer at the Grotto
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:30 p.m. Movie, "Scary Movie", DeBartolo 101* and "East is East", DeBartolo 155*

Friday, November 17

5:30 p.m. Skit: "When A Kiss is Not Just A Kiss" - Library Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Morrissey Unplugged, Morrissey Hall
7:00 p.m. Taste of Nations, Center for Social Concerns
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
7:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Harvard* (NCAA 3rd round), Alumni Field
7:30 p.m. Play: "Loves Fire", Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "East is East", Snite Museum*
8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. "Salsa Night" - Dance and also Lessons from 8-8:30p.m., Stepan Center
8:00 p.m. Movie, "Scary Movie", DeBartolo 101* and "East is East", DeBartolo 155*
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "East is East", Snite Museum*
10:30 p.m. Movie, "Scary Movie", DeBartolo 101* and "East is East", DeBartolo 155*

Sat., November 18

7:30 p.m. Play: "Loves Fire", Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. "Mikey Likes It", Assorted Skits by ND Humor Artists, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "East is East", Snite Museum*
8:00 p.m. Movie, "Scary Movie", DeBartolo 101* and "East is East", DeBartolo 155*
8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball Game vs. Sacred Heart* - Joyce Arena
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
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Recruits

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Baseball Recruits

"This class ranks up there with the finest in Notre Dame baseball history," said Mainieri.

"We've filled all our needs with players who have outstanding ability and who will contribute a great deal."

The centerpiece of the class of 2005 is shortstop/right-handed pitcher Matt Macri.

Macri is one of America's highest rated players, named the No. 18 prospect in the country by Baseball America and No. 21 by Team One Baseball. He is also the starting quarterback for Dowling High School in Clive, Iowa, where he has led his team to the state championship game this weekend against Bettendorf High.

Macri also brings international experience to the Irish, having hit .353 on the USA Baseball team that won the bronze medal at the 2000 Junior Pan-Am games. As a pitcher, Macri has hit 94 miles per hour with his fastball while also showing promise with a solid breaking ball.

Jeff Spelman, a scout for Team One Baseball, said that the Irish were fortunate to sign a player of Macri's abilities.

"I think he's the type of player who's going to be a first-round draft pick either out of high school or after a career at Notre Dame," said Spelman. "He's kind of a centerpiece to any program, and he might be the best all-around player that they've ever signed."

Macri originally looked at Southern schools, but the three-time Academic All-Conference pick was impressed both by the academics and the atmosphere at Notre Dame.

"When I came on my visit, I realized that Notre Dame was everything I wanted," said Macri. "One big thing for me was how the coaches and got along and I liked them a lot and could tell the players

love playing for them."

The No. 2 player in the Irish class was Grant Johnson, a 6-foot-6, 205-pound pitcher from Burr Ridge, Ill. Johnson, a National Honor Society member carrying a 4.34 GPA, has a fastball in the low 90's and, because of his height, a very high ceiling in terms of his development as a player.

"A guy like Grant Johnson would be the No. 1 guy for a lot of other schools," said Spelman. "He's throwing 88 to 90 now, but you look at him and you can easily say he's a guy that's going to throw

in the 90s in a couple of years."

"Grant is an outstanding prospect who has the physical ability to be a dominant power pitcher," said Mainieri. "He has a great arm with a fastball that already can touch the low 90s. He has the perfect pitchers body at 6-6 and with additional strength should throw even harder."

"I'm looking forward to working with Coach [Brian] O'Connor on improving my off-speed pitches," said Johnson. "I've heard great things about him as a coach."

The Irish inked a third top pitching prospect in New Jersey native Martin Vergara. Vergara has a very live fastball with impressive movement on his off-speed pitches. He is also the starting quarterback on his high school football team, a trait that did not go unnoticed by Mainieri.

"It's always been our philosophy to recruit pitchers that are good athletes because athletic pitchers get better in our program," said Mainieri. "I've seen Martin play quarterback and he's a very special athlete. He'll be one of the top pitchers in the Big East."

The only position player other than Macri to sign with the Irish was shortstop Matt Edwards of Mechanicsville, Va. Mainieri plans on letting Macri and Edwards compete

for the starting shortstop vacated by current senior Alec Porzel in the fall, with the player not named starter at shortstop likely starting at another position.

The two remaining pitchers signed by the Irish were right-hander Chris Niesel of Plantation, Fla. and southpaw Scott Bickford of Owings, Md. Signing Niesel, a very mature pitcher with a variety of pitches, was a surprise, as he was the only player to sign who hails from a warm-weather climate.

"I'm not that concerned about the weather change and have talked to some of the other Notre Dame players who are from Florida," said Niesel. "The indoor facilities

at Notre Dame are very impressive."

Bickford, the only left-handed thrower of the group, is a project as he stand 6-foot-4 while weighing in at only 160 pounds. However, he has a very smooth delivery and has shown the ability to pitch, both attractive qualities in a left-handed pitcher.

"I think the important thing for Scott is that he needs to get stronger and gain weight," said Mainieri. "He's a 6-foot-4 left-handed pitcher with a very nice fluid delivery, and he knows how to pitch. What you hope with him is that he gets stronger and his velocity goes up four or five miles per hour."

As with every baseball

recruiting class, Mainieri runs the risk of losing a few of these players to the June draft, especially Macri, Johnson and Vergara. The Irish head coach remains confident that each of these players will suit up for the Irish to comprise a team that looks to have one of the best shots at going to the College World Series in recent memory.

"All of them have told me that their desire is to first go to Notre Dame and then go play professional baseball," said Mainieri. "In reality, when June rolls around with the major league draft, will they still feel that way? I certainly hope so, but there's a possibility they may not."

Jeff Spelman
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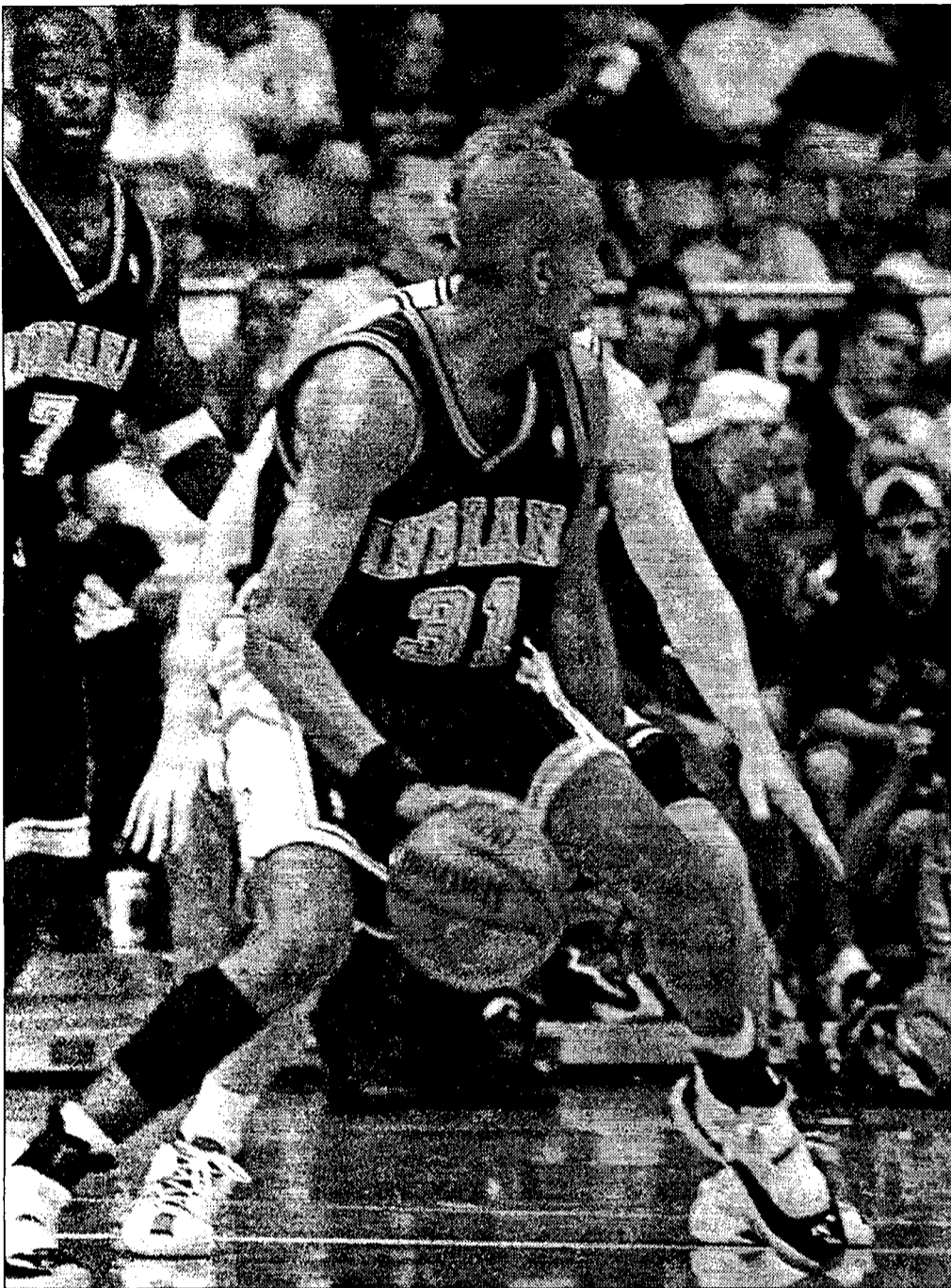
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NBA

Thomas makes triumphant return to Detroit in 92-88 victory



Pacers' guard Reggie Miller dribbles the ball during an exhibition game at the Joyce Center earlier this year. Miller led the Pacers with 30 points in Wednesday's victory.

LISA VELTE/The Observer

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas insisted that Wednesday's visit to the Palace of Auburn Hills was no big deal.

His players knew better.

Reggie Miller scored 30 points while Travis Best added 22 as the Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons 92-88 Wednesday night.

"Isiah coming back to Detroit was a lot like the last few years when Coach [Larry] Bird would go back to Boston," Miller said. "They would act like it was just another game, but you could see it in their eyes. Isiah has a lot of tradition in this town, and we wanted to win this for him."

Thomas, who spent his Hall of Fame playing career with the Pistons, was given a standing ovation by the sparse crowd during pregame introductions.

"I wouldn't trade the feeling I got when I walked back on that court for anything in the world," Thomas said. "It was great to realize that the fans here still appreciate what we did."

Jalen Rose's return to the Pacers lineup was delayed for at least one more game. The Detroit native, who has missed the entire season with a fractured wrist, had hoped to return against the Pistons but did not dress for the game.

"It's a boost that we have been able to get to 5-2 without Jalen," Best said. "We don't have one of our main players, and even the two games we lost, we had a great chance to win."

Austin Croshere had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Indiana.

Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 29 points, and Cedric Ceballos scored 19.

"We had opportunities to win this game, but that's not any consolation," Stackhouse said. "This was a game we should have won. We can't just let teams keep coming back on us like that."

The Pistons missed nine of their

first 10 shots in the fourth, but two baskets from Stackhouse put them ahead, 86-85.

Miller answered with a jumper and, after two Detroit misses and a turnover, hit a fast-break layup to make it 89-86 with 25.7 seconds left.

Stackhouse threw the ball away on the ensuing possession, and Miller made a free throw to put the Pacers up by four.

"I thought we played hard enough to win, and we held a good team to under 40 percent shooting," said Pistons coach George Irvine. "But in the second half, in crucial situations, we had too many turnovers."

After two free throws from Chucky Atkins, Miller hit another pair from the line to wrap up the victory.

76ers 107, Cavaliers 98

George Lynch figured it was his time to lead the Philadelphia 76ers, even if it meant not playing his normal game.

Lynch scored a season-high 23 points and Allen Iverson added 22 as the 76ers matched the best start in franchise history — 8-0 — with a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"My shot opportunities were there. I knew I had to come out of my shooting slump sometime," said Lynch, who averaged 7.3 points entering the game. "I always wanted to score, but my role is to be a defensive player. If you watched the way we played last year, other than Allen, someone else has to step up."

Philadelphia also opened the 1979-80 season with eight straight wins and went to the NBA Finals.

Iverson, playing with a sprained left ankle, overcame a slow start and sparked an 18-0 run in the third that gave the Sixers control of the game.

Clarence Weatherspoon scored 24 points and Robert Traylor added a career-high 17 for Cleveland, which began the night with the second-best record in the East.

Theo Ratliff had 15 points and six blocks for the Sixers.

"I was disappointed in my first half, and I wanted to come in and ignite the team," Ratliff said. "George kept us in the game with his scoring."

The Sixers erased a five-point deficit and took their first lead since the opening minute on a fast-break layup by Iverson that made it 59-57 with 9:42 left in the third.

Iverson had seven points during the run, including a layup and free throw for a three-point play as the Sixers built a 70-57 lead.

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wouldn't be doing it," Davie said. "I know how difficult head coaching jobs are to get, and I've been in the same position myself. When you have the opportunity to take the next step in anybody's career, I'm not going to stand in anybody's way."

Other colleges have contacted Rogers in the past about a head coaching position, but no Division I-A schools.

Another coach mentioned by the Newark Star-Ledger as a possible replacement for Shea is Gary Darnell, former Irish defensive coordinator and current Western Michigan head coach.

"They said I was a candidate," Rogers said. "I'm hoping that I'm not one of many."

"They said I was a candidate. I'm hoping that I'm not one of many."

Kevin Rogers
Irish offensive coordinator

I don't think I am, but I really don't know who else is involved or anything."

Following Saturday evening's meeting, Rogers plans to jet back to South Bend to help the Irish get ready for their final regular-season game.

"I'm flying back as soon as I possibly can to get ready for Southern Cal," Rogers said. "I know what I've got here, and we've got an opportunity to finish the season right and do something special."

That's what my focus is."

Rogers said the possible job change has not been taking his mind from the rest of

the Irish season.

"I'm in the bunker all day," Rogers said. "We're totally focused on the game plan and those kinds of things. I'm not making phone calls asking for recommendations. I'm not in there politicking for the job."

Borton

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"She's not the type of post player who's going to come away from the basket," said McGraw. "She can, but I think right now she's more comfortable on the block."

While no player — let

alone a freshman — can step in and fill the shoes of an All-American like Riley who has been named Big East Defensive Player of the Year, Borton should provide enough solid defense and rebounding to prevent the Irish from being dominated in the middle during the coming years.

On a team with talented perimeter shooters and

other talented post players, Notre Dame likely will remain competitive in the post-Riley era.

"Teresa is a post player with great mobility who can score around the basket," said McGraw. "She has a lot of offensive skills and is a good defender as well so I think she is going to fit in with our scheme of things."

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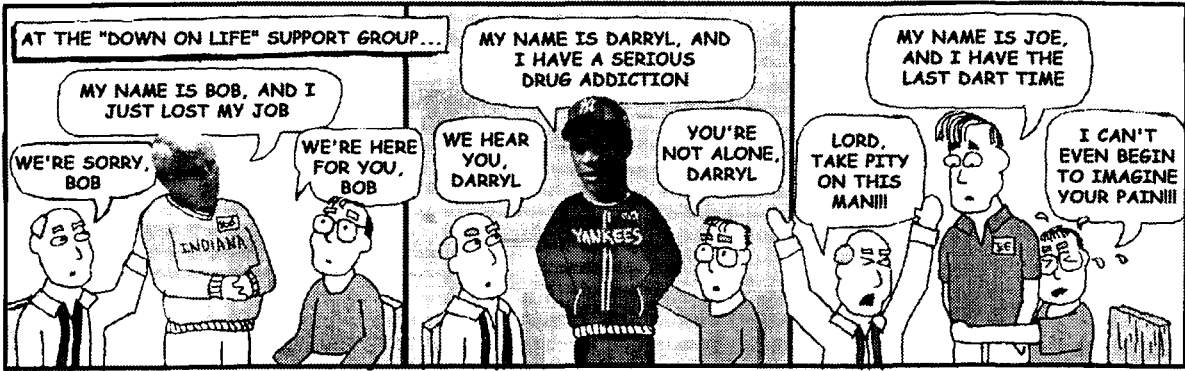
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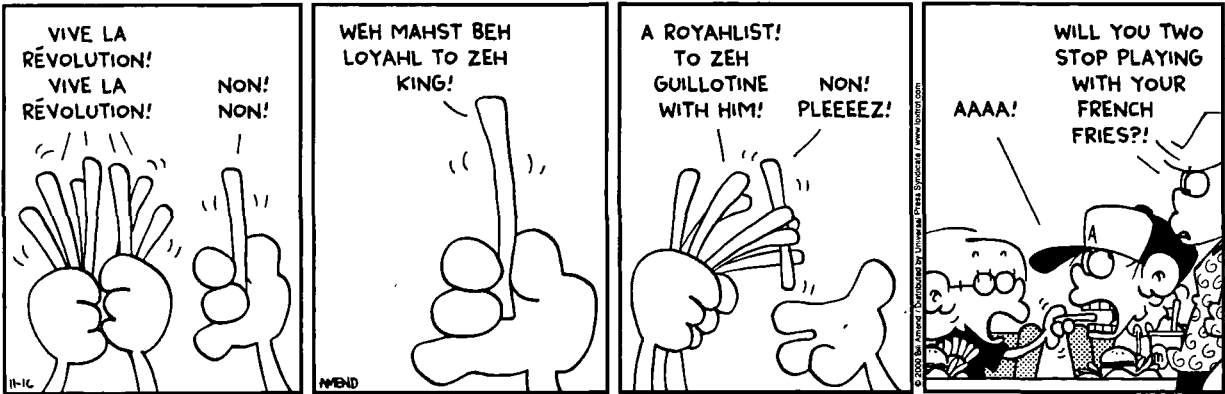
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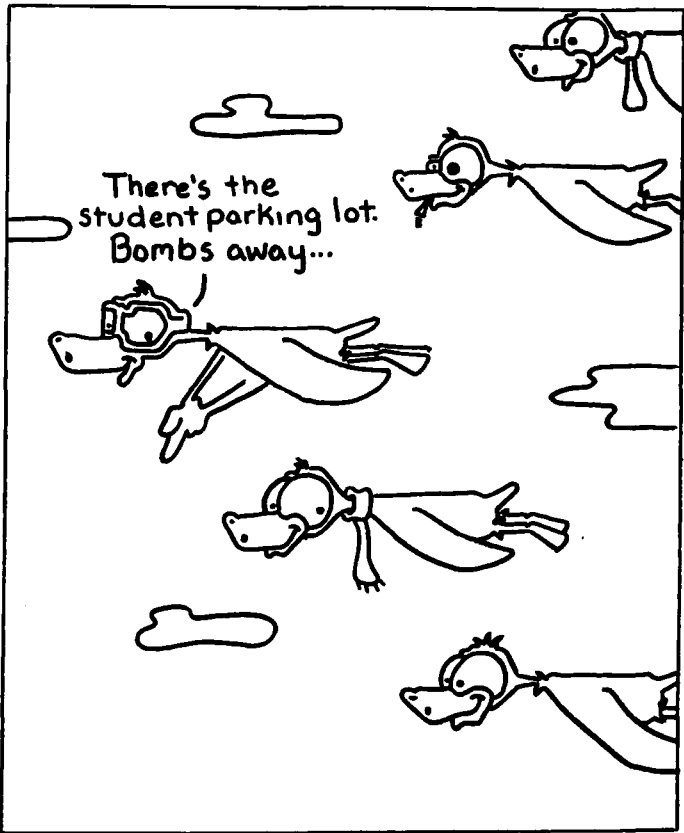
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27 Analyze

30 One who leaves people cold?

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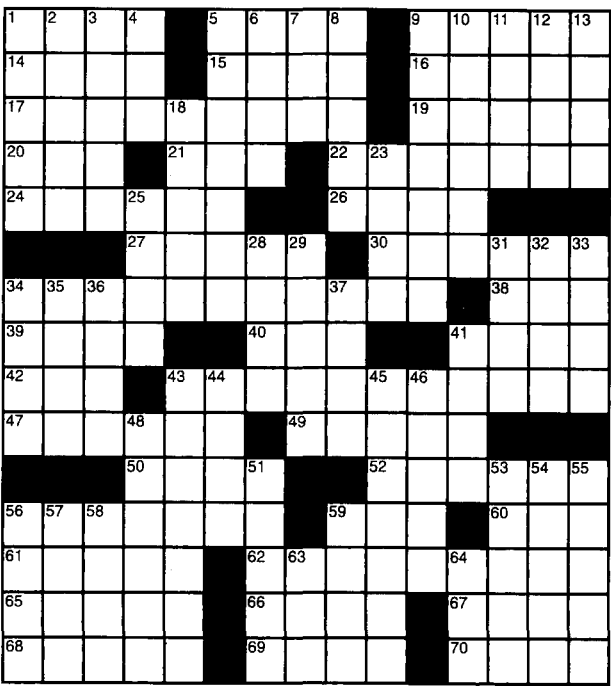
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37 Girl's name spelled out in a 1970 hit

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51 "60 Minutes" man
- 53 Court story

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Domestic issues will be confusing. You will not be able to get a straight answer out of the party involved, but you can make a difference to the outcome of your situation by being understanding. ☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pleasure trips will be enjoyable and informative. Discussions with those you meet will trigger some new ideas to improve your work. ☺☺☺

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Upsetting and erratic behavior on the home front are evident. Try to sit back and listen to your mate's concerns. You can make things better only if you understand the problems. ☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful how you handle other people. You'll be given false information and have your words twisted around if you aren't precise. Don't let your lover curtail your freedom. ☺☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have to walk away from a situation that you are emotionally tied to. Deception by friends or lovers is a possibility where finances and gambling are concerned. ☺☺☺

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will gain the most if you take short business trips. You have to take action because waiting for others is frustrating and a waste of time. Opportunities will develop through co-workers. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your financial situation may not be as stable as you think. Look over your personal papers. Joint financial ventures will not pan out. Someone may try to push you or put demands on you. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One-sided romantic attractions are likely. Don't divulge your personal secrets to those who are in a position to use such information against you at a later date. ☺☺

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In his first return to Detroit since his days as a Piston, Pacers' head coach Isiah Thomas led Indiana to a 92-88 victory.
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THE
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Thursday, November 16, 2000

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish add Borton to talented recruiting class

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

After already landing the best recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame women's basketball to go along with a recently signed five-year contract, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw could only ask for one more thing — a center to succeed All-American Ruth Riley next season.

On Wednesday, McGraw may have seen her wish come true as Teresa Borton, a 6-foot-3 center from Yakima, Wash. agreed to attend Notre Dame. Borton joins Jackie Batteast, Katie Flecky and Kelsey Wicks in a talented group of incoming frontcourt players. Guards Allison Bustamante and Jill Krause also will be members of the class of 2005.

"Teresa rounds out a great class and gives us one of the top three classes in the country," said McGraw. "This is the best class we have ever signed and it shows that we are moving in the right direction."

Borton was the 2000 Seattle Times class 3A player of the year, finishing fourth in the state of Washington in rebounding. She led her team to the 3A quarterfinals before the Rams fell to Blanchet 45-39. Blanchet collapsed on Borton every time she touched the ball, allowing her to take only nine shots.

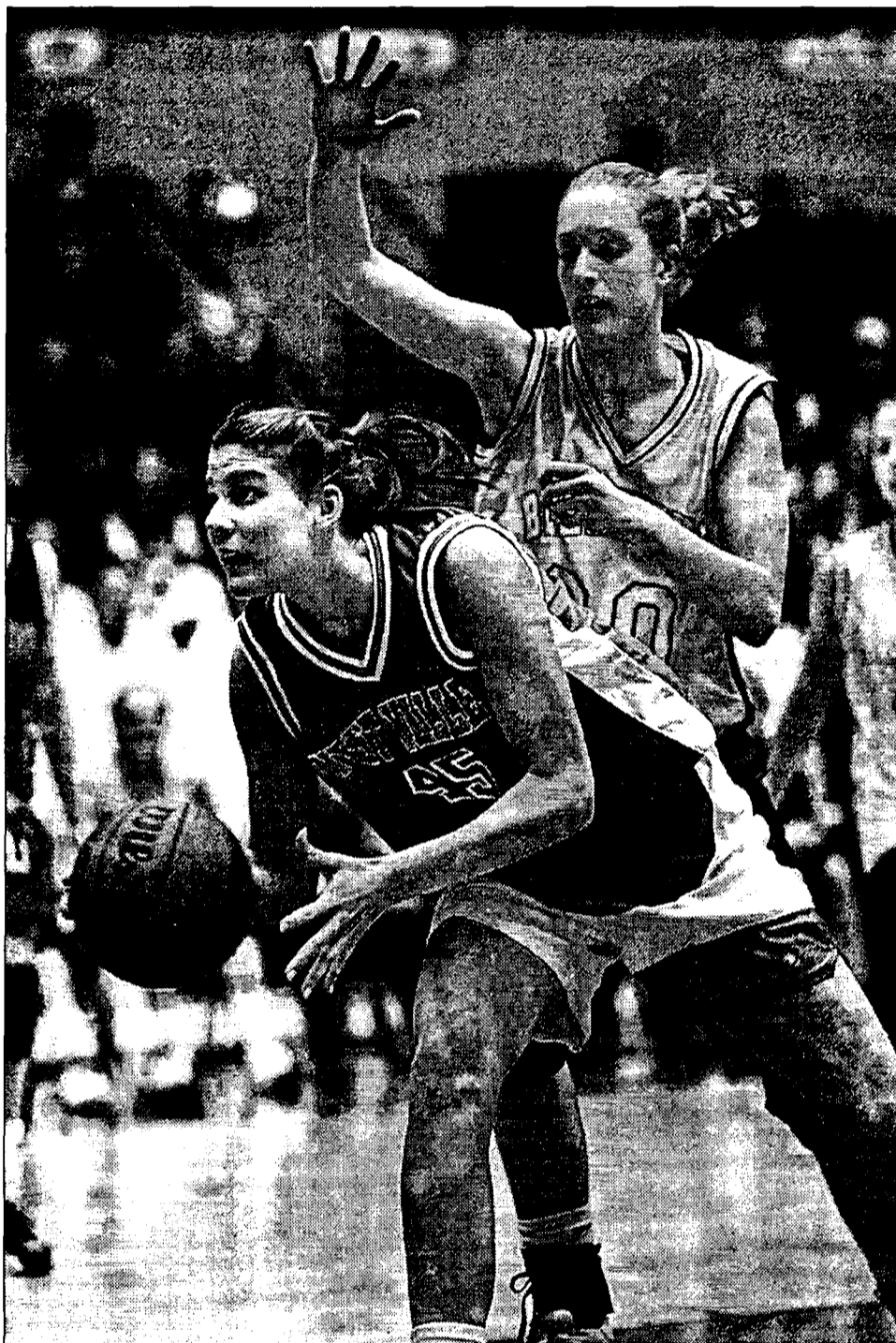
Blue Star Basketball ranks Borton 23rd overall among high school seniors, third among players 6-3 or taller. Her height and ability to play the post will be needed immediately by an Irish team losing starting center Riley, starting power forward Kelley Siemon and talented backup Meaghan Leahy to graduation.

Of players on the current roster, only sophomore Amanda Barksdale is a natural post player. McGraw sees Borton and Barksdale battling for the center position next season. The head coach says that Borton's play falls somewhere in between that of Riley and Barksdale.

"She's somewhere between Mandy and Ruth," said McGraw. "She's not quite as big as Ruth, not as dominating a presence, but she's a little bit bigger than Mandy."

McGraw also sees Borton as more of an inside player, which should fit in perfectly on a team with sharp-shooters Jeneka Joyce, Alicia Ratay and Bustamante.

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GORDON KING/Yakima Herald-Republic

West Valley High School forward Teresa Borton drives past Katie Ludwick of Bellevue High School in the opening round of the Washington state basketball tournament on March 1. Borton will play for the Irish next season.

BASEBALL

Mainieri inks 7 prospects

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

In college recruiting, baseball ranks right with basketball in terms of difficulty. Not only are there a limited number

of starting positions, but there is generally a limited number of scholarships. Players also frequently

leave college after their sophomore and junior years to sign with professional teams.

To make the coach's job even harder in recruiting, players must be signed in the fall, while the coach does not find out which underclassmen are leaving until the following June. Notre Dame — a Northern school competing for top prospects with the likes of Florida, LSU and Miami, must also convince players to pass up the advantage of practicing outdoors year-round.

Despite such inherent disadvantages, Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri announced one of the finest recruiting classes in Notre Dame history on Tuesday, signing seven players, all of whom are listed on Team One Baseball's list of "Tracking the Nation's Top

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Mainieri

FOOTBALL

Rutgers contacts Rogers about vacant head coaching job

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers won't let himself think about the future when he's preparing for Saturday's game against the Scarlet Knights. If he did, he'd be looking into a cloudy forecast that might include his taking the head coaching

position at Rutgers.

Rutgers head coach Terry Shea announced last week that he will resign following the season. Shea carries an 11-41 record in five years for the Scarlet Knights.

A New Jersey native, Rogers found himself amid speculation as a successor to Shea early on. It wasn't until Monday morning, however, that Rutgers attempted to

contact Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White.

"To be very frank, that's a distraction right now," Rogers said.

Rogers by calling "My concentration and focus legitimately is on our football team and what we have to do. That [the Rutgers job] is just speculation at this point and time."

Kevin Rogers
Irish offensive coordinator

Rogers returned the phone call Monday afternoon, scheduling a meet-

ing for Saturday night after the Irish and Scarlet Knights meet in a 3:30 p.m. contest.

"I didn't want to do it on Friday before the game," Rogers said. "I wanted to have my focus on the game."

Irish head coach Bob Davie gave Rogers his full approval to look into the head coaching position.

"If I wasn't OK with it, we

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