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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

New administration takes office

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The gavel bang ending Tuesday night's Graduate Student Union meeting symbolized more than just the conclusion of a meeting. Outgoing president Mark Buckles handed over command of the GSU to newly elected president Gabriela Burgos and her vice president Kishori Deshpande.

"I officially hand the committee over to our new president and vice president," Buckles said at 8:30 p.m.

"It was a great pleasure working with you all," said Alexander Samuel, outgoing vice president and Burgos's opponent in the election. "I want to personally thank each and everyone of you — you were willing to sacrifice a little bit of your time to help the GSU."

"We wish we could have done better. We made some ground on computer clusters, healthcare and social life," Samuel said, challenging the new administration to continue the work Buckles and he started.

Burgos and Deshpande

plan to follow up on many of these policies, including options for healthcare and a graduate student center.

"We are really enthusiastic. We don't want to let go of what you did," Burgos told the committee. "Mark has already agreed to help us on the [healthcare] issue."

The two quickly jumped full force into their term by announcing the three main points of their platform: improving new student orientation, fostering a better rapport between students and faculty and focusing on job placement for graduate students.

Burgos and Deshpande plan to establish programs meant to ease the transition that students face entering graduate school. They also hope to make this change easier on students' spouses

and their children.

"For married students we came up with something like a dentist day where kids can go and get a free checkup or sports activities," Deshpande said. "It will give us a better life for students and their families."

She told The Observer her

administration intends to implement mentoring programs, greater communication between incoming students and their more seasoned counterparts, and talks by professionals about issues like stress management.

In an attempt to cement stronger student-faculty relations, Deshpande proposed getting the two groups together via formal dinners and athletic events.

The administration also

"We would really like to know how the committee members and students feel. We would like to get feedback from the students."

Kishori Deshpande
new vice president

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Wiskirchen's condition upgraded to 'stable'

♦ Assistant band director suffered stroke Monday

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Father George Wiskirchen, assistant director of Notre Dame bands, was upgraded from critical to stable condition at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Tuesday, following a stroke Monday morning that left him paralyzed on one side of his body and unable to speak.

As of Tuesday night, Wiskirchen, 72, was in stable condition but remained without motor abilities on the right side of his body and speech capacity, hospital officials said. Doctors expect to know the full extent of the stroke's effects by Thursday.

On Tuesday, physicians moved Wiskirchen from the hospital's critical care unit to a general patient floor, where they are monitoring the congestive heart failure he already suffers from.

In the meantime, band members

and colleagues have been in almost constant vigil at his bedside.

"We saw him [Monday], and the situation looked very grave," band director Kenneth Dye said. "Today we went in, and he was conscious and responded very well."

Word of Wiskirchen's illness led well-wishers to hold a prayer service Monday night.

"This has brought the band community closer together ... a l u m n i , friends — everyone has shown support. We're all hoping for the best," Dye said.

"We're optimistic and hope that everyone who knows him says a prayer."

Kenneth Dye
band director

Wiskirchen, a 31-year Notre Dame faculty member, was rushed to the hospital around 12:15 p.m. Monday, according to Father Bill Seetch, Wiskirchen's friend and fellow Corby Hall resident.

Dye said Wiskirchen was discovered collapsed in his room after colleagues realized that he hadn't reported to work at the usual 8:30 Monday morning.

"We're optimistic and hope that everyone who knows him says a prayer," Dye said.

FACULTY SENATE

Porter proposes resolution to dissolve body

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Citing waning support from colleagues and a lack of respect from Notre Dame administrators, on Tuesday Faculty Senate chair Jean Porter proposed a resolution to amend the University's Academic Articles, a move that would signal the end of the senate.

The resolution would strike Article IV Section 3 of the Academic Articles and would have the effect of dissolving the senate. Porter said at the body's meeting Tuesday night.

"Debate over such a resolution would have the salutary effect of forcing us to reflect on whether, and in what way, the faculty of this university wishes to continue to assume responsibility for managing its own affairs," Porter said.

Porter's concerns sprang from what she said were prevailing perceptions of the senate. She said colleagues continue to express opinions that the group is powerless and too often disre-

spected by University administrators.

"[I]t cannot be denied that there is some truth in both perceptions," Porter said.

The Academic Articles allow senate issues to be placed on the Academic Council agenda, but Porter said senate initiatives are repeatedly denied.

University policy dictates that the senate can only recommend the change in the articles. If accepted by the senators, the resolution would still need approval by the Academic Council, University President Father Edward Malloy and the Board of Trustees.

Based on that fact, Porter noted that a new senate would likely be elected and hold office for the next few months. She said the new body could choose to revoke the resolution and continue the senate's existence.

The senate will consider the resolution at its May meeting.

On April 18, a forum is scheduled for members to discuss the proposal. The forum is at 4:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium.



Faculty Senate chair Jean Porter proposed a resolution at Tuesday's meeting that could lead to the dissolution of the senate. She cited a perceived lack of support and disrespect from the University's administration as the proposal's impetus.

MARY CALASH/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

For all the wrong reasons

When I read the title of Susan Sprecher's letter to the editor Monday, "Benefits of Cloning People," I was infused with such thoughts as being able to selectively clone specific organs for transplant or other useful applications of the science. Unfortunately, upon reading the article I was merely disappointed with a series of poorly researched and amoral arguments, which is actually rather frightening considering the implications of the technology in question.

Tom Haight
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Among the most offensive and misguided of Sprecher's theories is that "human races are cultural artifacts with aesthetic function." Excuse me? A person is not a piece of art to be enjoyed in a gallery! A person, by definition, is neither an artifact nor an aesthetic object. I hesitate to say this, but this mode of thought seems to be rather reminiscent of the type of Social Darwinism that led to the "justification" of the Jewish Holocaust and the communist genocides by their perpetrators. People are not things, and are not to be treated (or even referred to) as such.

Secondly, she compares human races to extinct and endangered species of animals. Just in case the fact had eluded anyone else, the human race is not an endangered species: we are the reason there are so many endangered species today!

Sprecher also seems to think that because we make attempts to preserve the genetic information and biodiversity of plants and animals, we should make an attempt to do so for humans as well. I'm not sure if she knows this, but the primary reason that efforts like these are made is not because people think it's great to have the genotype of 4,000 different varieties of corn on hand for their aesthetic value. The reason is for the genetic research benefits it offers: if someone finds a variety of corn that's resistant to a disease plaguing another area, genetic engineers can (given enough time) locate and transplant the genes necessary to immunize the plants without sacrificing productivity. With a little understanding of why genetic conservation takes place, it is hard to imagine exactly what it has to do with the preservation of biological artwork.

By far the most disturbing hypothesis she puts forth, however, is that human races should be "preserved" as if they were breeds of livestock. Just because the gene pool is drying up is no reason to run to the lab and order up a few hundred more people. Did she ever stop to think whether or not the few remaining members of that race (or their descendants) would desire or approve of the cloning of their ancestors and their own selves for any of these purposes?

Even if such a practice were allowed, would any of you want to look at that first full-blooded Kalahari Bushman off the cloning line and tell him, "Sorry son, you're not here for any particularly good reason, we just thought you'd make a lovely piece of educational artwork."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: Trap Shooting, Edwardsburg Conservation Club, 6 p.m.	◆ Event: Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center, 10 p.m.	◆ Event: Stations of the Cross, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.	◆ Event: Aquarium Society Spring Auction, Scottsdale Mall, 10 a.m.
◆ Event: Interfaith Christian Night Prayer, Walsh Hall Chapel, 10 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Finding Forrester," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Space Cowboys," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Bamboozled," Snite Museum of Art, 9 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Horowitz attacks 'intolerable left' at BU lecture

BOSTON
Offering no apologies for his advertisement rejecting black reparations for slavery, conservative journalist David Horowitz spoke to a crowd of 400 at the Boston University School of Management Monday night.

"Blunt talk is a form of respect," Horowitz said. "The attitude was I hurt people's feelings [with the ad]. This is a university campus. When you took a small child to an offensive movie, you covered their eyes, covered their ears. You can't do that with adults."

Horowitz's talk, "Racism and the Intolerable Left," focused less on his advertisement, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations For Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too," and more

"I want to improve the quality of intellectual life on campus. I want more vigorous debate."

David Horowitz
conservative journalist

on general beliefs that liberal leaders are damaging the lives of minorities, as well as squashing open debate on college campuses.

"I want to improve the quality of intellectual life on campus," Horowitz said. "I want more vigorous debate, more meeting of argument with argument. If someone is being obnoxious, the right should be there to be obnoxious back."

Security was the highest priority of the College Republicans, organizers of the talk. Throughout his nearly two-hour speech, Horowitz was flanked by three bodyguards. All bags were searched at the auditorium door by Boston University Police Department officers, and no signs were allowed inside. According to Nick Savides, president of the College Republicans, such precautions were necessary.

"We discussed quite a lot of possibilities," Savides said. "He's had pies thrown in his face, plus his speech at Berkeley turned into a violent commotion."

Horowitz attacked those who shield blacks from the truth, thus insulting their intelligence and ruining their chances for success.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

NCAA title ignites fiery party

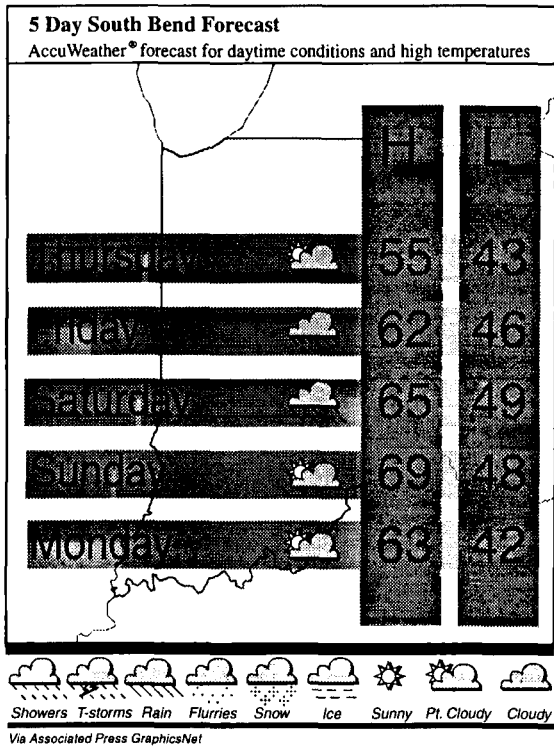
DURHAM, N.C.
The "Old Duke" of campus lore returned in style Monday night, with a fantastic bonfire which at times burnt so hot that the cool midnight air could not stop students standing 15 yards away from sweating. And like in the old days, the festivities featured beer and naked revelry. After the Duke men's basketball team's 82-72 victory over the University of Arizona in the National Championship game, an estimated 10,000 celebrators took to Main West Quadrangle with profane shouts and cheers. "I have been waiting for this moment since I was in the fifth grade," said junior Eric Blumenfeld. "I am going to run around, go crazy, hug everyone I can, burn s--- and drink a lot of beer. This is the main reason I wanted to come to Duke." The celebration began with a race between members of Sigma Chi fraternity and residents of Wayne Manor to be the first to donate their bench to the eventually 15-foot-high blaze.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

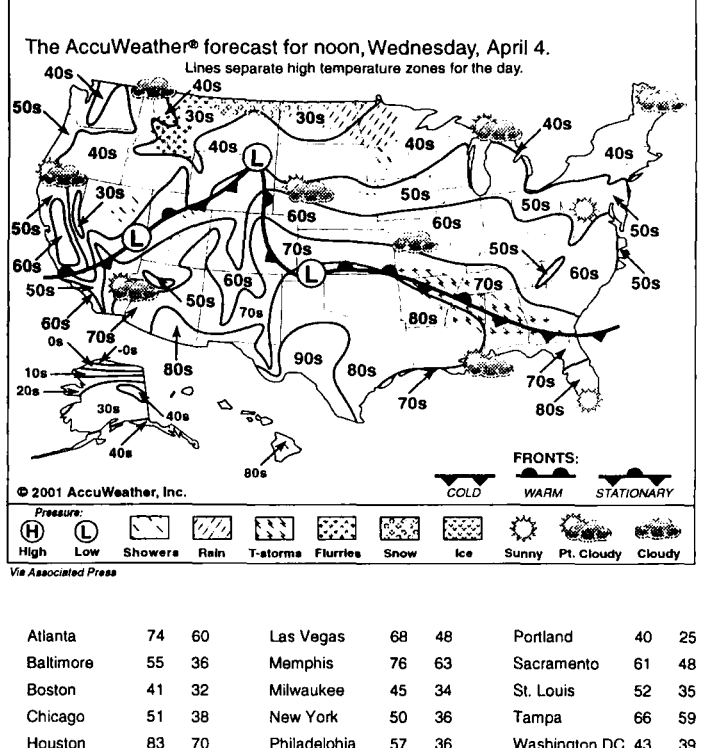
College students target of new bill

ANN ARBOR, Mich.
Following the deaths of several Michigan students and one student's multiple amputations due to meningitis, a state legislator has introduced a bill to combat the spread of the disease that would make college students responsible for being vaccinated. The bill, introduced by Rep. Lauren Hager (R-Port Huron), would require that all students at Michigan's private and public colleges receive immunizations against meningitis prior to living in on-campus housing. Hager said he became aware of the issue when he was contacted by Ed and Pat Wiginton of Marysville, who lost their 14-year-old son Jason to the disease in 1998. Students living in close quarters, such as in residence halls, are believed to be especially susceptible to the disease. Hager was also contacted by Michigan State University student Adam Busuttil, who contracted meningitis in October 1999. He has since had to have the tips of seven of his fingers amputated. "Something needed to be done because I wouldn't want to go through what I went through again," Busuttil said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Priest to discuss efforts to aid gang members

♦ Founder of Jobs For A Future helps Latinos in LA

Special to The Observer

Father Greg Boyle, founder and director of a widely acclaimed youth violence prevention program in East Los Angeles, will discuss his innovative efforts to assist Latino gang members at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the Jordan Auditorium of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

Cosponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and Institute for Latino Studies, the talk is free and open to the public.

While serving from 1986-92 as pastor of the Dolores Mission, Boyle witnessed the gang activity and related problems surrounding the poorest church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He responded by founding Jobs For A Future (JFF) and Homeboys Industries, both dedicated to helping Latino gang members find employment and create new lives for themselves.

Started in 1988, Jobs For A Future is an employment referral center offered at no charge to employers. It is targeted toward men and women in East Los Angeles, with an emphasis on assisting at-risk youths involved in gangs make a successful transition to the work environment.

JFF provides coaching in job readiness, interview skills, résumé preparation and appropriate attire for the work place. It also offers free tattoo removal, giving priority to people with tattoos that

inhibit their ability to find employment. After placing people in jobs that fit their qualifications and needs, JFF continues to monitor their progress and provide follow-up services as necessary.

Homeboy Industries was founded in 1992 as the economic development branch of JFF. It includes five small businesses that are staffed by former gang members who work together to produce apparel and merchandise bearing the Homeboy logo, make baked goods and provide cleaning services.

Both Jobs For A Future and Homeboy Industries operate on two guiding principles that have become community slogans: "Nothing Stops a Bullet like a Job" and "Jobs not Jails."

A native of Los Angeles, Boyle earned his bachelor's degree in English from Gonzaga University, his master's degree in English from Loyola Marymount University, his master of divinity degree from the Weston School of Theology and a third master's degree from the Jesuit School of Theology. Before serving as pastor of the Delores Mission, he taught at Loyola High School, worked with the Christian Based Communities of Cochabamba, Bolivia and was chaplain of the Islas Marias penal colony in Mexico and of Folsom State Prison in California.

Boyle's life story and efforts to assist Latino gang members in East Los Angeles have been chronicled in a book titled "Father Greg and His Homeboys." He also has been featured by "60 Minutes" and People magazine.

American Weil Society meets at ND

Special to The Observer

The works of Simone Weil, one of the 20th century's foremost thinkers and writers, will be examined April 19-22 when Notre Dame hosts the 21st annual American Weil Society Colloquy.

This year's conference will explore how Weil's readings of ancient Platonism and Christianity make her a major figure in the history of Christian Platonism and give that tradition contemporary relevance. Louis Dupré professor emeritus of philosophy at Yale University, will deliver the keynote address at 7:30 p.m. April 19 in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. Dupré is the author of numerous books including "Religious Mystery and Rational Reflection: Excursions in the Phenomenology and Philosophy of Religion." He will be introduced by Father Theodore Hesburgh, Notre

Dame's president emeritus.

Other major addresses will be delivered by David Tracy, University of Chicago; Emmanuel Gabellieri, L'Université Catholique de Lyon; and Michael Narcy, director of research of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Paris.

The conference is being organized by Elizabeth Jane Doering, adjunct assistant professor in the Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters, and Eric Springsted, president and co-founder of the American Weil Society and Chaplain Lecturer in Philosophy at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Notre Dame students will give a poetry reading from Stephanie Strickland's "The Red Virgin: A Poem of Simone Weil" at 9 p.m. April 2. Strickland was the 1997 winner of the Ernest Sandeen Prize in Poetry from Notre Dame, and the 1993 Brittingham Prize in Poetry.

On the evening of April 20, after the address by Tracy, the Schola Musicorum of Notre Dame's music department will sing Gregorian chants from original medieval manuscripts.

The conference is supported by Florence Gould Foundation, the Henkels Lecture Series, The Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, The Notre Dame Graduate School, Core Course, International Studies Program, Government Dept. and Gender Studies. Simone Weil, a noted philosopher, educator, sociologist, activist, writer and mystic, was born in 1909 and educated in Paris, where she was only the third woman admitted into the Ecole Normale Supérieure. She frequently spoke out against social oppression and campaigned tirelessly for human dignity. Although she died at age 34, Weil's written works are now being published by Gallimard Press.

Former Clinton aide to give lecture

Special to The Observer

Anthony Lake, national security adviser to former President Clinton, will give the Joan B. Kroc Institute's 2001 Hesburgh Lectures on Ethics and Public Policy Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., both in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

On Tuesday Lake will speak on "Balances of Power, Imbalances of Weakness: Globalization and U.S. Foreign Policy," and on April 11 he will speak on "Peacekeeping: Defining Success."

Lake is the Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and chairman of Intellibridge Corporation. Born in 1939 in New York City, he was gradu-

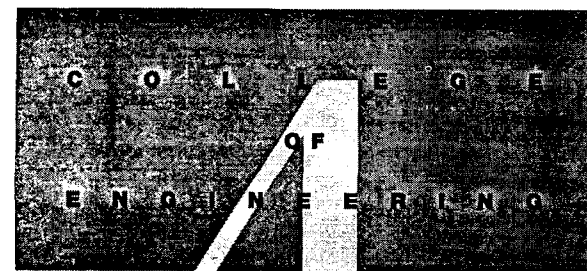
ated from Harvard, studied economics at Cambridge University in England and received a doctoral degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. He joined the State Department in 1962, eventually serving as an aide to President Nixon's secretary of state, Henry Kissinger. He resigned from Kissinger's staff in 1970 to protest the Nixon administration's expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia but returned to the State Department in 1977 during the Carter administration.

In 1981, when Ronald Reagan became president, Lake left the State Department again to teach at Amherst College and later at Mount Holyoke College. During the 1992 presidential campaign, he was a foreign policy adviser to candidate Bill Clinton,

with whom he had worked in George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign. He served as national security adviser to President Clinton from 1993 to 1996. He was nominated by Clinton to become the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but withdrew from consideration in 1997 during a heated confirmation battle in the Senate.

Lake helped found the influential journal, "Foreign Affairs," and is the author of several books, including "The 'Tar Baby' Option: American Policy Toward Southern Rhodesia," "Third World Radical Regimes: U.S. Policy Under Carter and Reagan," "Somoza Falling: A Case Study of Washington at Work," and "Six Nightmares: Real Threats in a Dangerous World and How America Can Meet Them."

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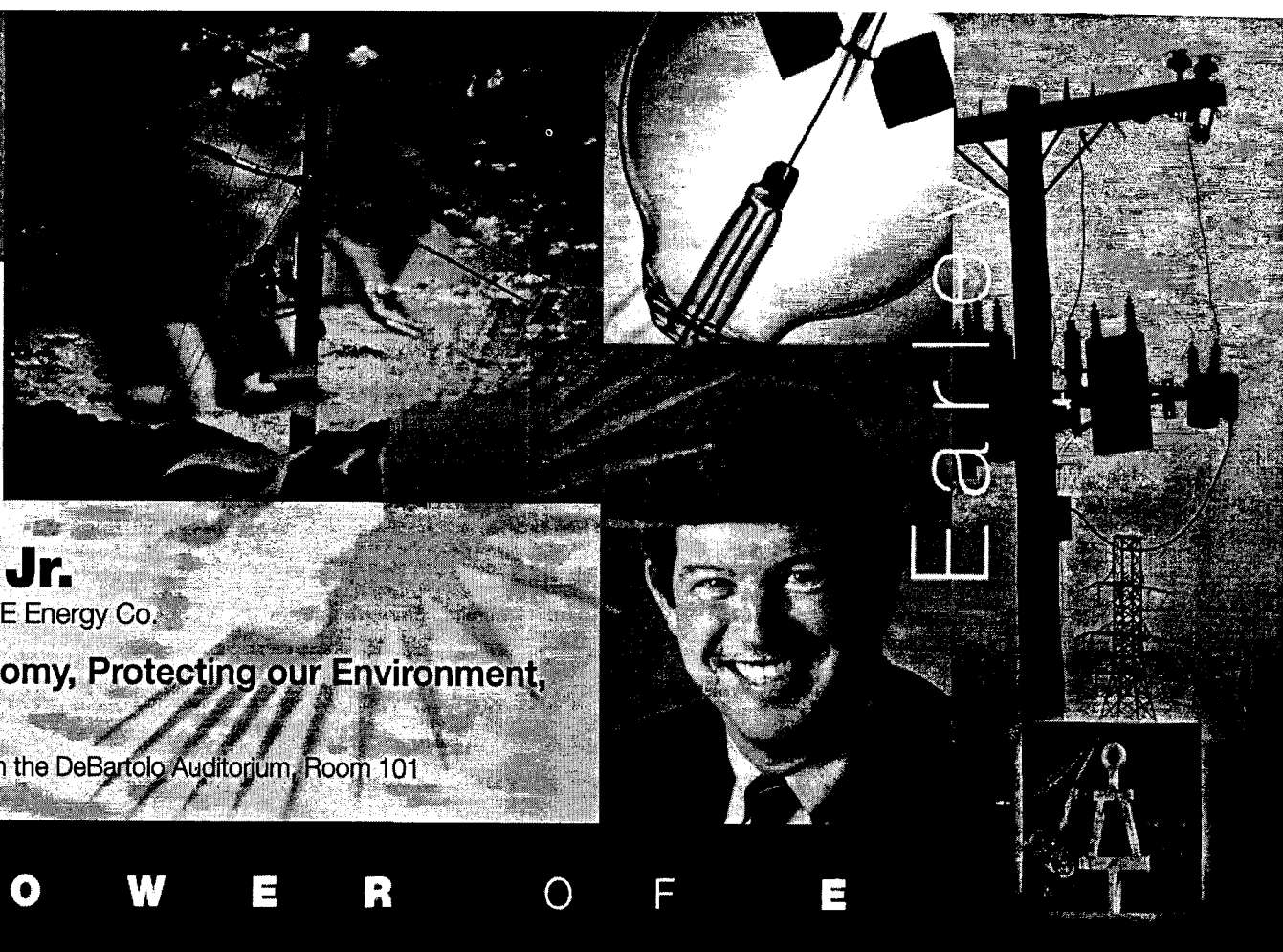
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GSU

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expressed concern over graduate students finding work after completing their studies. They plan to network with previous grad students who are now employed, offer workshops emphasizing corporate etiquette and work with the Career Center to establish programs geared specifically toward graduate students.

"I felt like some of the issues needed to be addressed," said Deshpande, explaining her decision to run for vice president. "Instead of being on the outside, I wanted to be a part of the team."

"It is my desire to serve the graduate student community," said Burgos. "This is an excellent opportunity to form a channel of communication between faculty and students."

While Burgos and Deshpande outlined their agenda, they also expressed a desire to receive advice from their fellow students and the University departments.

"We would really like to know how the committee members and students feel," Deshpande said. "We would like to get feedback from the students."

"We're really thrilled to be here," Burgos said. "We are new here and willing to learn."

GSU president Burgos is a native of Mexico City and attended the University of LaSalle. This is her third year at Notre Dame working toward a Ph.D. in chemical engineering.

Deshpande, the vice president, is from India and graduated from UDCT in Bombay. She has been at Notre Dame for a year and a half and is also working on a Ph.D. in chemical engineering.

Minority university enrollment rising

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif.

Black and Hispanic admissions to the University of California continued to rise in the first year of a program guaranteeing slots to top high school graduates.

Figures released Tuesday for the Fall 2001 freshman class show steady increases in black and Hispanic enrollment for the fourth year in a row. Minority enrollment has now nearly rebounded from sharp drops following the end of affirmative action in California.

Admissions of "underrepresented" minorities — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — for the fall semester are up by about 17 percent, from 7,336 last year to 8,580.

Underrepresented minorities are those whose numbers in college lag behind the general population.

Those minorities make up 18.6 percent of in-state freshman admissions, compared to 18.8 percent in 1997, the last year race and gender were taken into account.

The figures show another trend as well: Fewer blacks and Hispanics are enrolling at the top campuses of Berkeley and UCLA but instead are attending lesser-known campuses.

Berkeley, UC's flagship campus, admitted 293 black students, a 43 percent drop from the 1997 total of 515. UC-Riverside, meanwhile, admitted 567 blacks this fall, an 89 percent increase over the 1997 total of 300.

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Program offers blacks mortgages

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A program to make 1 million black families homeowners by 2005 was announced Tuesday by a black lawmakers' group, mortgage-market giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, major banks, mortgage companies and community groups.

New mortgages, many with special terms for low-income borrowers and those with bad credit records, could total \$50 billion under the program.

"For far too long, minority communities have been left out of the homeownership process," Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said at a news conference. "America is only as strong as its communities, and communities are only as strong as the families that live within. Homeownership is part of the foundation of a stable family."

Mel Martinez, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, said the new program "means 1 million more African-American families who can live their American dream."

The program, called "With

Ownership, Wealth," or WOW, will begin next month in 20 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To reach prospective home buyers, there will be homeownership fairs and seminars, radio and newspaper ad campaigns and individual credit counseling.

Homeownership among minorities grew four times faster than for whites in the 1990s, yet only 46.7 percent of black families own their homes, compared with 73 percent of white families and 67 percent for the country overall, according to HUD.

The banks and other lenders will offer a variety of mortgages with special terms. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have agreed to buy them and several mortgage insurance companies will insure them.

The special terms will include down payments of as little as \$1,000, or 2 percent of a home's value; mortgages at interest rates below the usual rates for borrowers with weak credit histories; and a one-time reduction in interest rates for borrowers who make their mortgage payments on time for 24 straight months. Money for down payments may come from grants or from unsecured loans from community

groups, government agencies or employer-assisted housing programs.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are government-sponsored but publicly traded companies that buy mortgages from original lenders such as banks and package them into securities for resale to investors. They are not committing new money to the WOW plan, but will purchase mortgages for black families as part of their existing programs for low- and moderate-income borrowers.

Freddie Mac is contributing \$300,000 for the outreach programs and other expenses of the WOW program, according to spokesman Douglas Robinson. A Fannie Mae spokeswoman declined to give a figure for that company's contribution.

The 20 states in which the outreach programs will be available are Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Residents of other states can call a toll-free number to find out if they are eligible for the new mortgages.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Animal testing banned: The European Parliament voted Tuesday to ban sales of all new cosmetic products tested on animals, including makeup, shampoos and shower gels. Pending approval from the 15 European Union member nations, the legislation would immediately prohibit cosmetics for which alternative testing exists. By January 2005, the ban also would apply to all new cosmetics using animal-tested ingredients, even if alternative tests have not been developed.

Snow delays recovery of US jets: Wreckage of two U.S. F-15 fighter jets will have to remain on the snowy Scottish mountainside where the planes crashed last week until weather conditions improve, officials said Tuesday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Court throws out gun lawsuit: Louisiana's Supreme Court on Tuesday threw out New Orleans' lawsuit aimed at forcing gun manufacturers to pay the costs of gun violence. In a 5-2 decision, the court upheld a state law passed to retroactively block the lawsuit and said the city had no right to sue anyway. New Orleans was the first local government in the nation to accuse gun makers of selling unsafe products and creating a public nuisance.

26 stowaways found in Calif.: Twenty-six Chinese stowaways apparently spent more than three weeks at sea huddled inside two cramped cargo containers before they were discovered, authorities said Tuesday. The immigrants were taken to a hospital Monday night for medical evaluation before being transferred to a federal detention center, said Capt. Mike Garcia of the Long Beach Fire Department.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Teen charged in fatal shooting: The lawyer of a teen-ager formally charged Monday with murder in the death of a student outside a Gary high school said the shooting was a case of self-defense. Alvarez said Donald Ray Burt Jr., 17, had been bullied over a period of time. Alvarez said he had just been hired and didn't want to get into specifics. Burt, who is from Gary, pleaded innocent in the death of 16-year-old Neal Boyd outside Lew Wallace High School before school Friday. Burt faces up to 65 years in prison.

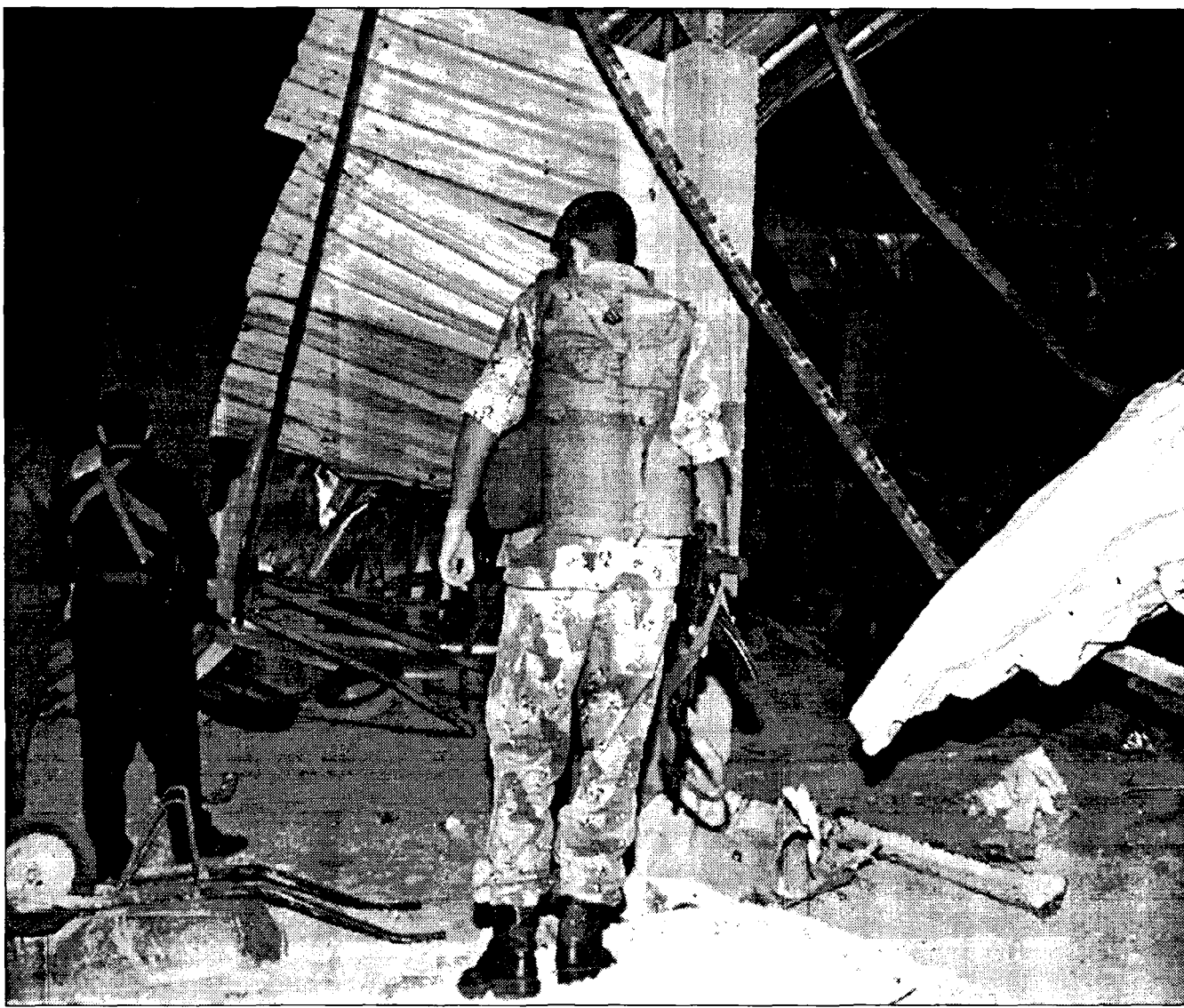
Market Watch April 3

Dow Jones	9,485.71	-292.22
Up: 1,847	Same: 236	Down: 1,104
Composite Volume:	N/A	
AMEX:	832.24	-22.62
NASDAQ:	1,673.00	-109.97
NYSE:	572.08	-17.21
S&P 500:	1,106.46	-39.41

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-8.71	-1.31	13.75
NASDAQ 100 INDX (QQQ)	-7.33	-2.74	34.66
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-13.51	-2.07	13.25
ARIBA INC (ARBA)	-31.69	-2.06	4.44
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-3.09	-0.80	25.00

GAZA STRIP



A Palestinian policeman inspects a Force 17 building hit by Israeli helicopter shells in Gaza City. Seventy-seven Palestinians were injured in the attack. AFP Photo

Israeli helicopters attack troops

Associated Press

GAZA CITY
Israeli helicopters fired dozens of rockets at bases of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's security services Tuesday, hours after a Palestinian mortar attack critically injured a 10-month-old Israeli baby and wounded his mother.

Seventy-seven Palestinians, including Palestinian policemen, were injured, said Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He said 70 rockets were fired at five areas of Gaza.

In a seaside compound of Force 17, a Palestinian security service, rockets ripped through the metal roof of a large garage, burning a car. The wall of an empty, two-story arsenal adjacent to Arafat's home was pierced by a missile. It was not clear whether Arafat's home was damaged.

Amid the escalation, the United States was trying to arrange a three-way meeting with Israeli and Palestinian officials to lower tensions. Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel

Sharon, said the time and place have not yet been set, but that Israelis and Palestinians have agreed in principle to attend.

Palestinian officials said all issues should be discussed, while Israel said it would only address security matters. Sharon has said he would not negotiate under fire.

U.S. participation in such a meeting would indicate that the Bush administration is gradually being drawn into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, despite its initial reluctance to get involved.

Abdel Rahim reiterated Palestinian claims that Sharon was implementing a 100-day plan of a gradual escalation, including rocket Palestinian militants.

Sharon's aides have denied the existence of such a plan.

Tuesday's rocket attack came just a few hours after Palestinians fired three mortar shells into the Jewish settlement of Atzmona in the Gaza Strip. One shell exploded near Leah Yered and her 10-month-old son, Ariel, spraying them with shrapnel, settler Zvulun Kalfa told Israel TV.

JAPAN

Earthquake shakes island; six injured

Associated Press

TOKYO
An earthquake hit parts of central Japan late Tuesday, injuring six people, just hours after a smaller quake struck off the southwest coast of the country. There were no immediate reports of serious damage from either tremor.

The more powerful quake, with a magnitude of 5.1, was centered in Shizuoka prefecture (state), about 95 miles west of Tokyo, the

Meteorological Agency said. The quake shattered windows and caused some water pipes to burst, but there was no danger of tsunami, or under-sea waves triggered by volcanic activity or earthquakes.

Those injured included a 72-year-old woman who fractured her hand after being jolted out of bed and a 52-year-old woman who was pinned under a chest that fell over, said local police spokesman Moriyuki Oishi.

Train lines and highways in the surrounding prefecture (state) were temporarily closed to inspect for damage, but nuclear power plants continued operating normally, said Hideaki Mitsui, an official at Chubu Electric Power Co.

Earlier, a 4.9-magnitude earthquake shook Hiroshima and neighboring areas. That tremor was strong enough to shake houses and topple vases.

The agency placed the epicenter of the first quake 42 miles under the sea, 12 miles off the coast of Yamaguchi prefecture (state) in southwestern Japan.

Bush copes with unexpected hurdles

♦ President faces challenge with standoff in China

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush raised the diplomatic stakes Tuesday in warning that the spy-plane standoff with China could sour relations between the two countries.

But even as Bush insisted it was time for the crew and plane to be returned, reflecting U.S. frustration over the three-day stalemate, the administration tried to keep the incident from escalating out of control.

The crisis is just the latest leadership hurdle to unexpectedly confront Bush, who already was trying to cope with a stock market selloff, new flare-ups in the Middle East and problems with Russia and European allies.

Although Bush prefers sticking to carefully prepared scripts, the challenges are forcing him and his advisers to improvise policy more and more in a presidency just 11 weeks old.

The Navy EP-3E surveillance plane and its 24 American crew members remained on China's Hainan island three days after it made an emergency landing there after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet.

And China, which wants a U.S. apology, was showing no public signs of budging.

"We have allowed the Chinese government time to do the right

thing. But now it is time for our servicemen and women to return home, and it is time for the Chinese government to return our plane," Bush said late Tuesday afternoon in the Rose Garden.

He suggested "our hopes for a fruitful and productive relationship between our two countries" could lie in the balance.

That was a marked change of tone from remarks earlier in the day by Secretary of State Colin Powell, who said in Key West, Fla., after U.S. diplomats began a meeting with the detained crew members, "I hope that is the beginning of an end to this incident. ... I hope this starts us on a road to a full and complete resolution of this matter."

Administration officials said Bush decided to raise the issue of U.S.-Chinese relations after three days of patient, muted diplomacy failed to result in the release of the crew. But his national security advisers are mindful that he must walk a fine line.

For instance, he did not set a deadline, not wanting to box China into a corner, aides said.

Officials said various options were being considered if China does not act quickly. Those options, which have yet to go to Bush's desk, range from canceling the president's planned trip to Beijing next October all the way to withdrawing the U.S. ambassador.

Economic sanctions are also possible, but not likely, officials suggested. The conflict could also increase pressure on Bush to sell Taiwan more sophisticated weaponry when he makes a decision on that later this month.

It's been hard for Bush lately to keep his focus on rallying congressional support for his domestic agenda, including its

signature \$1.6 trillion tax cut.

Since his inauguration Jan. 20, he has ordered airstrikes against Iraq, seen the nation's intelligence community rocked by a Russian spy scandal and watched European allies balk at his proposals to build a national missile defense shield and to withdraw from an international treaty on global warming.

He's also witnessed a collapse of the peace process in the Middle East. Violence flared in the region again on Tuesday.

Domestically, U.S. stock markets have plummeted — including a sharp selloff on Tuesday — and the once-robust American economy has slowed to a crawl or a standstill.

On Capitol Hill, vanquished GOP presidential rival Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., continues to vex Bush, rising as an independent force in negotiating with Democrats to win support for a campaign-finance overhaul.

The circumstances make it hard for Bush to remain "on message" in pushing his economic program and could contribute to slippage in his public approval ratings, suggested Princeton political science professor Fred Greenstein.

Still, Greenstein said, "all these things are problems for a fledgling president that they can turn around."

Ivo Daalder, a foreign policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, said the Chinese confrontation could easily turn into a "firestorm on Capitol Hill" if Beijing continues to hold the crew and the aircraft.

But to this point, the Bush White House "has made the minimum necessary statement: that this is an accident and that the crew and plane must be released. They've left it in China's court right now. So far, so good."



Bush

Survey: Women earn less than men

♦ Government jobs pay women lower salaries

WASHINGTON

The average woman working on a U.S. government contract job is paid 72 cents for every dollar a man earns, a disputed Labor Department survey of federal contractors found.

The woman gets 82 cents if she has the same position and 89 cents if she has equal tenure and experience

at the same company, the study reported.

The draft study was released Tuesday by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and quickly got tangled in politics.

The Labor Department said the report, commissioned by Harkin, has not been issued officially because of accuracy questions that arose during the Clinton administration.

"The methodology and the data that was used in the study was severely flawed," said Stuart Roy, spokesman for Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. Another study is being prepared, he said.

"I am concerned that fruitful conversations about the status of women in the workplace will be misguided by this flawed study," Chao said in a statement.

Harkin released the draft study to mark Equal Pay Day, the theoretical point in the year when women's pay catches up to men's salaries from the year before.

"Anybody in this day and age who doesn't believe that there is a wage gap based on occupational segregation has his or her head stuck in the sand," Harkin said.

The senator asked the Labor Department almost two years ago to examine federal contractors' wage data and pay gaps. The

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Tom Harkin
senator, D-Iowa

study was completed in January before President Bush took office, and Harkin has pressed unsuccessfully for its official release.

"The fact is, this administration does not want to release the report because it damages their case," Harkin said.

The pay gap is caused by discrimination and because women get steered into lower-paying occupations, the study said. About half of working women are in occupations that are at least 70 percent female and that typically pay lower wages, it said.

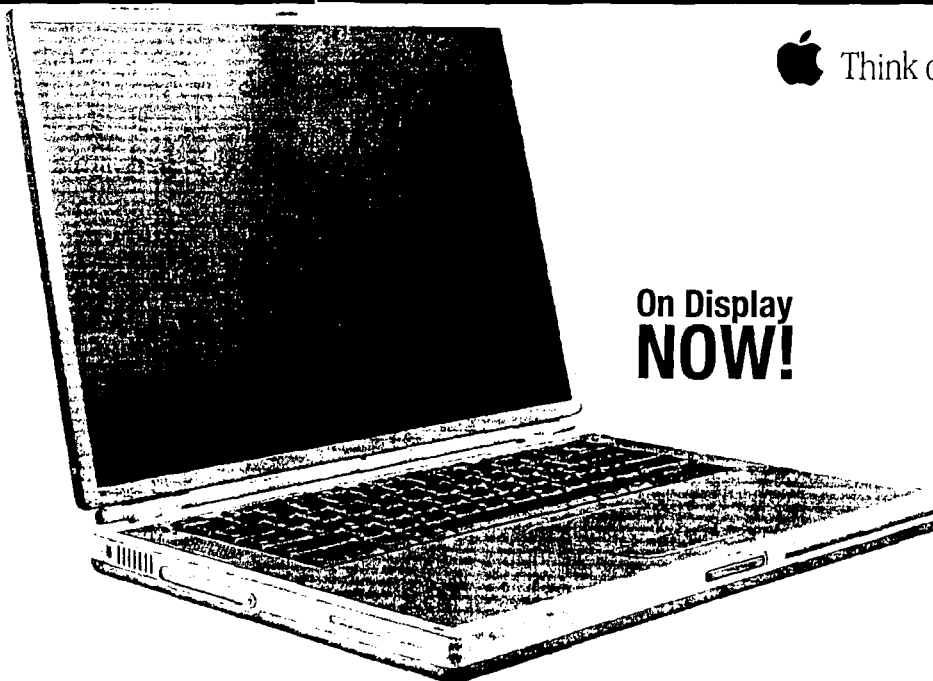
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RUSSIA

State ousts independent network

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Outraged journalists at Russia's only independent nationwide television network vowed to resist a takeover by state-run gas giant Gazprom, which purged NTV's leadership Tuesday in a dramatic salvo in the fight for the influential station.

Gazprom's move to replace NTV's board of directors with loyalists and install new editorial bosses devastated the floundering campaign by the debt-laden station — seen as a flagship of Russia's hard-won media freedom — to stay out of government hands.

Its outspoken journalists took little comfort in pledges by their new director, a controversial American investment banker, not to meddle in editorial policy.

"NTV will survive, whether [its journalists] want to work with us or not," Boris Jordan, who is of Russian descent, told a news conference. Then he added: "There should be no illusions" about the financial side. "I have a fiduciary responsibility before my shareholders to make the company profitable."

The case of NTV has come to be seen as a test of President Vladimir Putin's commitment to media freedom. The journalists' anger was on display Tuesday on the network in an emotional live talk show that lasted more than two hours, with politicians, NTV staffers, lawyers, other top journalists and even a priest weighing in.

"I am convinced that preserving an independent, open, serious channel such as NTV is a public task and our public responsibility," said former

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who was among the guests. "We must decisively say that this should not happen," he said of Tuesday's events.

Several lawmakers said they would raise the issue in parliament, some participants appealed to Putin to intervene to save NTV, while others called for protests and demonstrations. The tough question facing every NTV employee, however, was whether or not to serve their new masters and show up for work Wednesday morning.

About 50 people gathered outside NTV's studios in northern Moscow early Wednesday in a show of support, and the station, which usually goes off the air in the early morning hours, decided to continue broadcasting through the night.

"The employees of NTV will await the representatives of Gazprom, but do not intend to submit to them," said a statement issued by the station early Wednesday.

NTV's reporters claim the Kremlin wants to end the kind of journalism they have championed since its founding in 1993: critical coverage of the wars in Chechnya, efforts to expose corruption in high places, dramatic footage of the decline of housing, heating, and health in Russia.

"We do not doubt that Vladimir Putin, as in the past, knows about what is happening and bears responsibility for the consequences," a statement by leading NTV journalists said Tuesday.

The struggle for NTV started last year from the financial woes of its parent company Media-Most and its founder Vladimir Gusinsky, who is fighting attempts to extradite

him from Spain on fraud charges.

Gazprom's media subsidiary holds 46 percent of the shares in NTV and claims to be the controlling shareholder because another 19 percent of the shares are frozen in a court dispute over debts.

On Tuesday, Gazprom-Media called a shareholders' meeting at which a new board was appointed. NTV called the move illegal, based on a flurry of legal proceedings in recent weeks.

Gazprom-Media chief Alfred Kokh was appointed new chairman of NTV's board, replacing Gusinsky. Jordan was named the

network's new general director, replacing Yevgeny Kiselyov.

Both Kokh and Jordan were involved in disputed privatization deals of state assets in the 1990s, and the network's senior journalists have said they would not work for either man.

Vladimir Kulistikov, a former NTV journalist who abandoned the network for state-run media last fall, was named the new chief editor.

Top NTV journalists, producers and other staff announced they would not recognize the changes. Thousands of people attended a Moscow rally Saturday to support them, and further protests could not be ruled out.

Tuesday's meeting was the latest episode in a long-running feud between Media-Most and Gazprom. At stake is also the fate of a host of publications, radio shows and TV programs that are part of Gusinsky's Media-Most empire, along with some of the country's boldest journalists.

*"NTV will survive
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Boris Jordan
new NTV director

CONGO

Zimbabwe soldiers make complete exit

Associated Press

KINSHASA

Zimbabwe shipped the first 200 of its soldiers home from Congo Tuesday after 2 1/2 years here, calling it proof of its commitment to ending the six-nation war in the heart of Africa.

Disengagement by the warring sides gained further momentum late Tuesday with Uganda Foreign Minister Eriya Kategaya's announcement — in what for him was the enemy capital, Kinshasa — that Uganda was ready to pull all its troops out.

"We have reached our goal. Our soldiers will all go back," Eriya Kategaya, whose country's forces aided Congo's rebels against the Congo government, declared after meeting with Congo President Joseph Kabila.

Uganda and Rwanda sent thousands of troops into Congo during and after 1998 to support rebels fighting to oust Joseph Kabila's father, Laurent.

Uganda and Rwanda accused Laurent Kabila of sheltering armed movements that were threatening the security of neighboring countries.

Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia joined the fight on Congo's side, their loyalty secured by fortunes in government-ceded Congo mining contracts.

Fighting since has killed thousands, with 2 million people forced from their homes. Congo today is carved up among the rebel movements and foreign armies, with Congo's government controlling only

the western 40 percent of the 1-million-square-mile nation.

Peace efforts took off after Laurent Kabila was assassinated in January, in still-mysterious circumstances, and his son succeeded him.

The United Nations now is supervising a three-week-old disengagement process, with all but Congolese rebels themselves pulling back as promised from key battle zones.

Zimbabwe's first complete withdrawal from Congo Tuesday leaves the southern African nation with an estimated 10,000-plus soldiers still in Congo.

"It's our gesture of our commitment to peace," Gen. Phillip Viper, deputy commander of the government-allied forces, said as the Zimbabwean soldiers stopped in Kinshasa, the Congo capital, on their way home.

The 200 had been posted at Mbandaka, capital of western Congo's Equateur province.

They had been the first Zimbabwe units dispatched to help repel rebel advances on Kinshasa in August 1998.

Viper said the pro-government alliance would send three battalions back to their home countries in coming weeks, with the first, 600-member battalion going home in days.

Senegalese forces are expected to arrive Wednesday as the latest addition to a U.N. force building up in Congo.

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Europe pushes U.S. on environment issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Frustrated European officials expressed skepticism Tuesday that the Bush administration would propose anything new on global warming but said other industrial countries planned to pursue a treaty on climate change.

"We are very much prepared to go on ... without the United States. We cannot allow one country to kill this," said Kjell Larsson, Sweden's environment minister.

Larsson and Margot Wallstrom, the EU's environment commissioner, had come to Washington with high expectations for their meetings Tuesday with President Bush's administration officials and several Democratic senators.

Instead, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman told the Europeans that a treaty negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 is unfair to the United States. She pledged U.S. cooperation in seeking technologies and incentives to address climate change.

"We were hoping to be able to persuade the United States to come back into the Kyoto protocol," Wallstrom said. "There is a lot of frustration. ... Without going to threats, I would say this would affect international cooperation."

Whitman said the Bush Cabinet is reviewing U.S. policies to determine how to approach concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

"I emphasized to members of the European community that I continue to be as optimistic as the president that, working constructively with our friends and allies through international processes, we can develop technologies, market-based incentives and other innovative approaches to global climate change," Whitman said.

Asked whether the EU is open to Bush taking a new tack on the issue of global warming, Larsson said that, after a decade of work on the problem, "I don't think there will be a fresh approach" from the United States.

Bush last month sparked an international outcry by reversing a campaign promise to treat carbon dioxide from power plants as a pollutant and source of global warming. He said the Kyoto accord's mandatory cuts on carbon dioxide emissions and short timetable are no longer acceptable to the United States.

The administration said it instead will seek an alternative that would include poorer, underdeveloped countries now exempt from treaty commitments. Whitman reiterated that the Kyoto accord "is unfair to the United

States and to other industrialized nations because it exempts 80 percent of the world from compliance."

Larsson and Wallstrom emphasized the U.S. must bear responsibility for a quarter of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

The Europeans met earlier with U.S. environmental groups.

No industrial country has yet ratified the Kyoto treaty. An effort last November at The Hague, Netherlands, to come up with a plan for implementing the accord collapsed in a disagreement between the United States

and Germany over trading pollution credits.

The EU delegation also plans to travel to China, Russia, Iran and Japan to seek support for keeping the treaty

alive when talks resume in July in Bonn, Germany.

The Kyoto protocol calls for countries to cut heat-trapping emissions by an average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. However, U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have continued to grow since the treaty was signed and are now nearly 15 percent above what they were in 1990.

Many scientists believe such emissions are causing the Earth to warm significantly; Whitman has said she agrees.

The United Nations plans to host an informal meeting of 40 to 50 environmental ministers in New York on April 21 to prepare for the Bonn talks.

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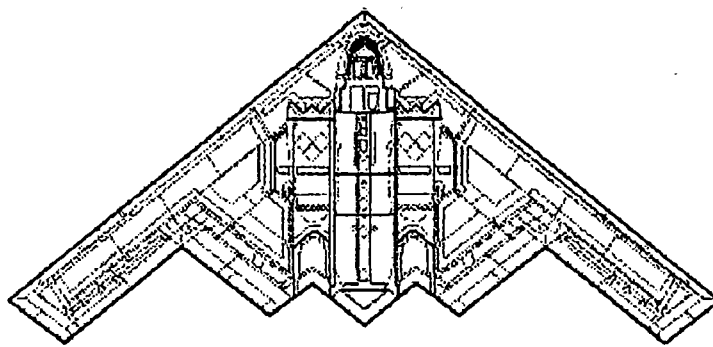
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Study: Segregation still a problem

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Segregation persisted in big cities over the past decade amid the nation's growing racial and ethnic diversity, said a report that provoked calls for stronger enforcement of laws against housing discrimination.

Distinct living patterns continued to hold sway in large urban centers where most of America's blacks, Hispanics and Asians are located, said the report released Tuesday by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

With forecasts suggesting even greater diversity in the future, advocacy groups urged federal and local governments to step up enforcement of fair-housing regulations and upgrade education in minority neighborhoods.

Blacks and whites were most likely to be segregated in the Detroit metropolitan area, the study said, while whites, Hispanics and Asians were most likely to live separately in New York.

It is "troubling at a time of massive demographic change, when the need for Americans to communicate across racial and ethnic lines is greater than ever before, that we are less likely than ever to live in diverse neighborhoods," said Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy organization.

The Bush administration is committed to stepping up enforcement of fair housing laws, a spokesman for Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel

Martinez said Tuesday night.

Recently released Census 2000 data showed that Hispanic, black and Asian population growth far outpaced that of whites over the 1990s.

The Hispanic population drew virtually even with non-Hispanic blacks as the nation's largest minority group.

The Census Bureau considers "Hispanic" an ethnicity, not a race; therefore, Hispanics can be of any race.

Data from the once-a-decade head count also showed more minorities moving from cities and into suburbs. Many of those suburbs were becoming just as racially divided as urban areas,

"The bottom line of the last decade is that there has been very little change in the underlying levels of segregation."

John Logan
professor,
State University of New York
at Albany

said State University of New York at Albany professor John Logan, who wrote the report.

Logan noted that among the country's top 50 metropolitan areas, many of the least segregated ones for blacks were in the South.

Many blacks had moved from that region early last century to escape racial discrimination.

"The bottom line of the last decade is that there has been very little change in underlying levels of segregation," Logan said.

Among other findings in metropolitan areas: The typical white lived in a neighborhood that was 80 percent

white, 8 percent Hispanic, 7 percent black and 4 percent Asian. The typical black lived in a neighborhood that was 51 percent black, 33 percent white, 12 percent Hispanic and 3 percent Asian.

There was a 10 percent decrease between 1990 and 2000 in black-white segregation in metro areas where blacks made up no more than 3 percent of the population.

Over 24 million blacks lived in areas where they made up more than 10 percent of the population. Black-white segregation levels in those areas declined 3 percent, which Logan said was not significant.

Similar trends also were evident within the Hispanic and Asian populations, though Asians were more likely to live in more diverse communities.

Advocacy groups placed part of the blame on federal and local governments, calling for stronger enforcement of fair housing laws and regulations.

"The white public tends to believe that the problem has been solved," said Gary Orfield of Harvard. "There has never been more than a very small enforcement effort," he said, and the isolation of minority families has always been high.

Despite Detroit's population loss over the last decade and its tag as "the most segregated city," Mayor Dennis Archer said recent economic improvements have highlighted his goal to "make it as attractive as possible so that whoever wants to come and live here can enjoy themselves, irrespective of color."

"We celebrate that diversity," Archer said.

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Welfare cases rise in nearly a dozen states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

After six years of remarkable decline, the number of Americans on welfare has begun to rise in about a dozen states and has stopped falling in most others.

Caseloads are still dropping in nearly a dozen states, and the national total is still creeping down, but for most of the country, it appears that the days of ever-shrinking welfare rolls have come to an end.

"The people who could go to work have gone to work," said Rita Dobrich, a welfare administrator in West Virginia, where caseloads rose by about 8 percent over the last year after plummeting 70 percent.

It's not entirely clear why some states are seeing their caseloads rise, and officials fear the situation may only get worse if the economy weakens.

Nationally, the welfare rolls peaked in 1994 at nearly 14.3 million people, mostly single women and their children. Amid tough new rules and the strongest economy in a generation, they began a dramatic decline, falling further and faster than anyone predicted.

By September 2000, the number of people on welfare had fallen by nearly 60 percent to fewer than 5.8 million people, according to data that the Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to release.

But the decline — which reached 20 percent in one year — has dramatically slowed. Nationally, the number of recipients fell by less than 1 percent between June and September, the most recent month for which data are available.

That's compared with a 4 percent decline in the preceding three months and a 3 percent decline during the same months in 1999.

The evidence of slowdown

is even clearer when examined by state.

Between June and September of 2000, 11 states saw their welfare rolls increase by more than 3 percent, while 10 saw drops of more than 3 percent.

By contrast, during the preceding three months, from March to June, only five states saw their caseloads increase by 3 percent, while 29 saw drops that large. Similarly, in 1999, just four states saw their caseloads rise by 3 percent between June and September, while 34 saw them drop by that much.

Some states continue to see their caseloads drop, including New York and California, where one in three of the nation's recipients live. As long as caseloads in big states fall, the national number is likely to continue dropping.

Since September, the economy has showed signs of weakness, and state officials fear that a shortage of jobs could drive more people to government aid.

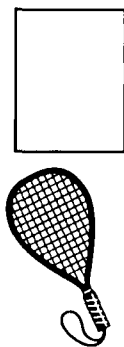
Even in a strong economy, welfare experts have known that the numbers would eventually have to level off.

"These caseloads can't keep dropping forever," said Wendell Primus, a welfare expert at the left-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, who examined food stamp caseloads and found a similar trend.

During the last six months of 2000, 13 states showed food-stamp cases increase by more than 3 percent, versus just four states in the last six months of 1999, Primus said. And nationally, food-stamp caseloads increased slightly between June and December after considerable drops.

In case assistance, some of the leveling off is expected. Some remaining cases are "child-only," where a poor child qualifies for aid but his or her guardian does not and therefore is not subject to work rules.

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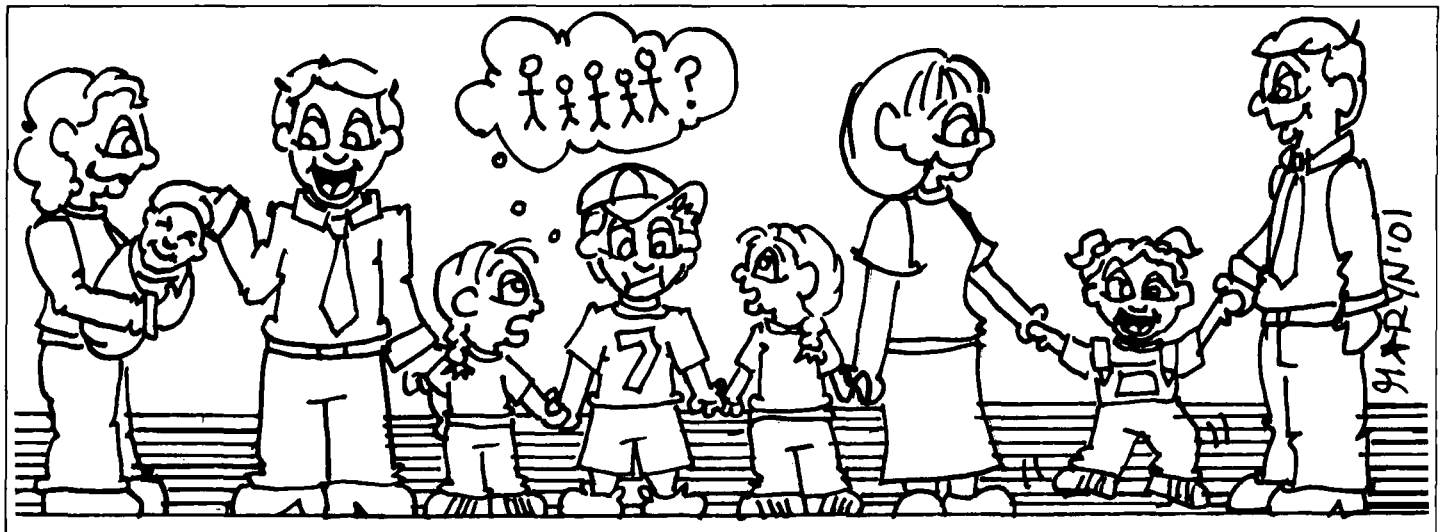
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Traditional family decaying in modern America

Is the "traditional" family, based on the marriage of a man and a woman, on the way out? Maybe so. Consider two signs.

First, cohabitation without benefit of marriage is rapidly becoming the statistical norm. As former Education Secretary William Bennett's Index of Cultural Indicators 2001 records, the number of heterosexual cohabiting couples increased from 439,000 in 1960 to 4.24 million in 1998. The number of cohabiting households almost doubled in the 1990s. In 1965, 10 percent of married couples lived together before marriage; in 1998 it was more than 50 percent.

Cohabitation, incidentally, increases despite evidence, summarized in the Index, that it does not work too well: "Only about 1/6 of cohabiting couples endure for three years, and only 1/10 last 10 years or more. ... Couples who cohabit before marriage are almost twice as likely to divorce as those who do not. Cohabiting couples report more disagreements, more frequent fights and lower levels of happiness than married couples." The rise in cohabitation may indicate that marriage is becoming irrelevant or an afterthought.

The second sign is that seven states, numerous local governments, federal agencies and private employers have extended to unmarried couples — homosexual as well as heterosexual — pension, health and other benefits comparable to those extended to married couples. No American jurisdiction has followed the Dutch example of formally recognizing such "domestic partnerships" as marriages. The federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) affirms the right of each state to deny

recognition to a same-sex marriage recognized by any other state. DOMA will be challenged in the courts as unconstitutional.

Should the law exclusively favor the traditional marriage and family? The logic of the individualist contraceptive ethic would say no. In the natural order of things, one reason why sex is reserved for marriage and why marriage is between a man and a woman is because sex has an intrinsic relation to babies. But if it is up to the discretion of man (of both sexes) whether sex will have any relation to procreation, why should sex be reserved for marriage? And why should the law exclusively define "marriage" as male-female?

Last July the Pontifical Council for the Family issued a document, "Family, Marriage and De Facto Unions," offering reasons why marriage is a "natural" institution prior to the state and why the family must be favored by the law.

The Council framed the issue as one of "justice, which means treating equals equally, and what is different differently." It would be unjust "if de facto unions were given a juridical treatment similar ... to the family based on marriage [because] society would take on obligations towards the partners in a de facto union [but] they in turn would not take on the ... obligations to society that are proper to marriage."

Marriage, in the words of John Paul II, is entitled to a "juridical status that recognizes the rights and duties of the spouses to one another and to their children. ... Families play an essential role in society, whose permanence they guarantee. The family fosters the socialization of the young and helps curb ... violence by transmitting values and ... brotherhood and solidarity."

The traditional family, based on marriage, has been privileged by the law because it is the seedbed for future generations. The partners in a heterosexual de facto union make no comparable binding and public commitments

to themselves, their children or society. "Even more serious," in the Council's view, is "the grave error of recognizing or even making homosexual relations equivalent to marriage."

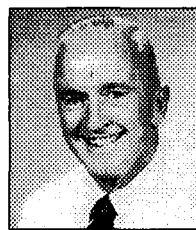
The Council quoted John Paul II on the point: "The demand to grant marital status, to unions between persons of the same sex ... is opposed ... by the ... impossibility of making the partnership fruitful ... according to the plan inscribed by God in the very structure of the human being. Another obstacle is the absence of ... that ... complementarity between male and female willed by the Creator. ... Lastly, de facto unions between homosexuals are a deplorable distortion of what should be a communion of love and life between a man and a woman in a reciprocal gift open to life. ... The bond between two men or two women cannot constitute a real family and much less can the right be attributed to that union to adopt children without a family."

The Council criticized "the indifference, of public administrations toward the profound difference ... between conjugal love, which comes from ... marriage, and homosexual relationships [as] a kind of apathy with regard to the life or death of society, an indifference about its future projection or its degradation."

This is true. A society in which it makes no difference whether boys marry girls or other boys is on a dead-end road to extinction. Society and the state cannot be neutral on the definition of marriage and on the moral question of whether the family based on marriage should be exclusively promoted by the law. The evidence is abundant that our "Cultural Indicators" are moving in the wrong direction. We ought to think seriously about that.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Did you ever hear anyone say 'that work had better be banned, because I might read it and it might be very damaging to me?'"

Joseph Henry Jackson
writer

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Sympathy for smokers

Hi, my name is Eric and I'm a smoker. (Hi, Eric.) Rather, I used to be a smoker. Recently, my doctor strong-armed me into "quitting," a word that solicits wry chuckles and sardonic grins when mentioned in the company of fellow-smokers.

Eric Long

Fitter,
Happier ...

Oh, everyone tries to quit at least once a season, and everyone always comes crawling back. I've had friends quit for weeks at a time, only to start up again; friends who've gone on the dubious nicotine patch to try to ease the quitting process (a mistake that lightens the wallet and the head, because the patch-wearing smoker inevitably lights up to see if the buzz is enhanced by the patch ... it is); friends who've quit for weeks at a time and use this as leverage for smoking more.

"I can quit whenever I want," they reason. I've been guilty of the punishment-reward method of quitting: go a few days without, and then "treat" myself to a whole pack in a night, because "it has been so long since I last smoked."

Most of you cannot relate to this. Most of you don't have to worry about quitting because you never really started. You are the non-smokers and weekend smokers, and you are smarter than I am. A weekend smoker is not a true smoker, but I do not mean any disrespect. The weekend smoker should be quite proud to be a weekend smoker. It requires great strength to fiddle with pure evil and not let it get the best of you. I myself have never been that strong. I was hooked from the start.

Why did I start smoking? The answer is easy enough. Of course, it wasn't because I saw Joe Camel and became mesmerized by the dignified, hip idea of a human-sized camel smoking a cigarette while driving a shiny convertible, or because some filthy cowboy welcomed me to Marlboro Country ("where flavor lives," if you didn't know). I started smoking to look cool. That's right. I'm not ashamed to admit it. I'm a total after-school special. I remember: My cousins were "bad" kids. Their parents smoked, and naturally my cousins started smoking out of their mothers' purses and fathers' dresser drawers.

Parents who smoke are the greatest advertising tool available to big tobacco, with "bad" cousins who smoke running a close second. One summer evening, when I was 16 (a whole life ahead of me) there was a family-reunion. All of the kids were hanging out, and some of them were smoking.

(One of my cousins used to break the filter off of the cigarette. Hard-core.) Suddenly, it was "Hey, Eric, want a smoke?" I don't know why, but I grabbed the Marlboro Red from its pack, put it to my mouth and inhaled as my cousin lit it with a match. I felt a hot blast on the back of my throat and a pleasurable ache in my chest. Soon I grew light-headed. It was, after all, a Red.

Importantly, smoking felt good and made me cool in the eyes of my cousins. Most of you will probably call me a liar, but I didn't cough when I took that first drag. I held it back with all of my might because of the embarrassment it would have caused.

But I have coughed since then. My relationship with the nicotine-delivery-device has been one-sided and abusive, but I always come back. No matter where I hide out, the cigarette always knows where to find me and that I'll take it back with open arms and open lungs. Go ahead, try to talk to me rationally about the benefits of quitting.

You'll ask me how much money I've spent on a substance that will eventually kill me.

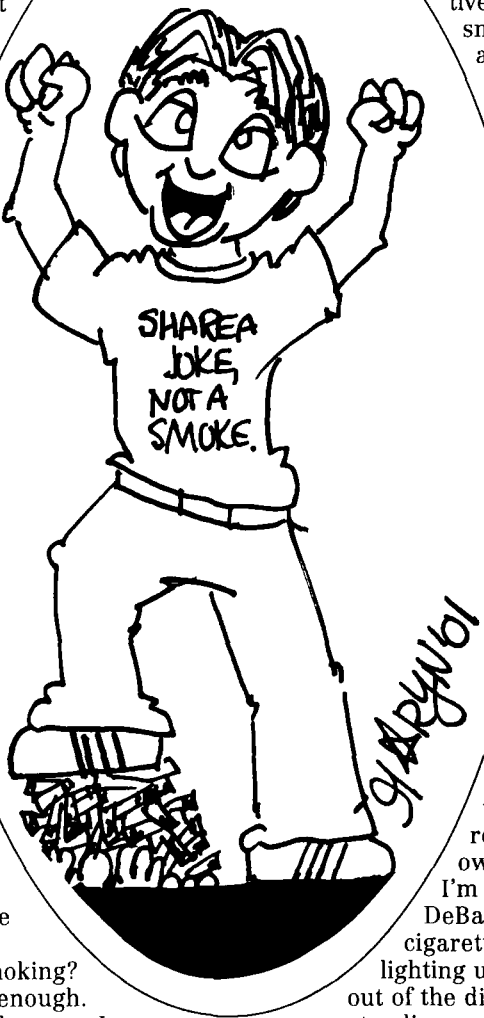
You'll tell me that people find smoking unattractive, that my mouth smells like a bowling alley; you'll ask how I can read those Surgeon General's warnings and still smoke. Somehow I'll sidestep all of those issues. I'll manage to convince myself that I like the smell of smoke, the taste, the buzz that visits only occasionally now, like a best friend from high school, instantly and fondly embraced.

But my defense will be empty and apologetic, and my eyes will glaze over, and I'll light up another cigarette and sing my own lament. You see, I'm the guy walking to DeBartolo Hall with a cigarette. I'm the guy lighting up the second I step out of the dining hall. I'm the guy standing outside in the rain at four in the morning to get my fix. Well, I used to be, anyway.

Several years ago, Mick Jagger and the Stones suggested that we have a little sympathy for the devil; now, I request sympathy for the smoker. True, I'm dumb enough to have started, addicted enough that I crave cigarettes and forgetful enough to quit for only short time periods. But not this time. It's not an easy choice that I have made, which I will prove to myself again as I try to quit for the 30th time. Please wish me luck.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voicing opinions on ad decision

Editor's Note:

On Thursday, the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and Advertising Manager of The Observer addressed a letter to readers in which they expounded reasons that David Horowitz's advertisement entitled, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too," was not run by the paper.

In that letter, they promised to set aside today's Viewpoint section to run all letters received discussing slavery reparations and free speech. After that letter ran, we received two letters.

Printed below are those letters.

The Viewpoint section remains open to discussion of these issues. Letters dealing with them will face the same selection process as any other letter.

Don't edit ideas

I disagree with your decision not to print the recent submission of Mr. David Horowitz. Indeed, as you argue in your letter Thursday, The Observer has a right to control its content. You have done what editors must do: edit. This, after all, is nothing but a legitimate form of censorship used by all newspapers every day.

But not every editing decision is wise. Yes, Mr. Horowitz's advertisement is provocative, and yes he is more manipulative than most. That, in itself, is not a reason to reject a contribution. Anyone writing an opinion in a newspaper is attempting to provoke and manipulate to some extent.

Were The Observer to have found conclusively that there were significant errors of fact in Mr. Horowitz's contribution, its decision would be more defensible. We learned that The Observer "had doubts as to the reliability of the information presented as facts," but nothing specific is cited in

its letter, nor has there been a widespread documentation of factual errors in the mainstream press.

Mr. Horowitz does address an issue which has received considerable attention in the public square and the halls of Congress. Why should this not be discussed at Notre Dame as well? The topic itself is controversial, and, to some, inflammatory. But the best way to deal with such issues is to discuss them. I believe The Observer would do well to publish Mr. Horowitz's arguments. They would also do well to simultaneously take an editorial stand on the points he raises so that the Notre Dame community can hear the voice of its leaders of student opinion.

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March 29, 2001

Observer response ignores ad's text

The Observer staff stated: "In truth, the decision regarding whether to print the advertisement is not a free speech issue." They are absolutely right. How can it be about the free speech when, instead, The Observer chose to focus on Mr. Horowitz and his "tactics?"

The Observer offered: "The decision to reject the advertisement was obvious." What are those obvious points? The language was described as "volatile." Examples? The Observer "had doubts about the reliability of the information presented as facts." What kind of journalism is that? How about presenting facts that refute those of Mr. Horowitz?

The entire issue revolves around Mr. Horowitz's advertisement. That is the only thing that is obvious, and therefore, it is completely about free speech. Of course, The Observer does not have to print it. There's no question about that. However, what exact items were so "obvious" that the piece was dismissed? Why the staff statement if you were not going to say exactly what parts made it unworthy? Why didn't The Observer address the actual text?

The Observer also brought up the past advertisement from CODOH and directly compared it to Mr. Horowitz's piece when the staff spoke of dismissing it. Seeing as how The Observer stated that CODOH was "blatantly anti-Semitic," couldn't one also draw the

conclusion The Observer is then basically saying Horowitz's article was blatantly anti-African-American? The Observer also stated that it "has a history of fighting to ensure its pages ... are unbiased." Why can't the editors fight to ensure their minds are unbiased?

I actually read Mr. Horowitz's article with an unbiased mind. I blocked out his comments of "racial separatists" and "the political left" and looked solely at the points he made. Then I envisioned myself in a debate. If a moderator brought up the topic of "reparations" and I was given the assignment of having to debate against them, I would have to make the points Mr. Horowitz made.

The "obvious" move to reject the advertisement that made valid points is the equivalent of completely dismissing an opposing point of view and suggesting that only one side is correct.

The Observer did not have to print the advertisement, and I have no problem with that. However, The Observer's statement on why it rejected the article had nothing to do with the actual text or the issue of reparations. Instead, they made it a power struggle and stumbled all over themselves by showing their bias.

Dan Delgado
class of '97
March 29, 2001

From a cave in Missouri, Atari's video game reign returns

Back in the early 80s, Atari captured the hearts and minds of an entire young generation with horrible graphics and unforgettable titles like "Pac-Man" "Dig Dug," and "Asteroids."

Many a game of "Pole Position" was played with Van Halen's "1984" blasting on the tape deck, and the game system was widely successful, with more than 35 million units sold.

Like denim jackets, but unlike leg warmers, Atari is coming back after almost 20 years of garage sales and obscurity in America's attics and basements.

For years, Atari dodged being completely forgotten, thanks to the efforts of a small contingent of hardcore fans that never moved out of their parents' house and can quote entire 10 minute sections of "Return of the Jedi."



Jeff Baltruzak

Short Circuits

Right now, Atari 7800 systems are selling for \$60 on Ebay, which is funny when you consider that Sega's Dreamcasts are going for \$99 in stores these days. Atari was the first truly mass-produced video game system. It came in two models, the 2600 and the more sophisticated 7800 system, if "sophisticated" is the correct word.

The core video game designing theories pioneered by Atari are still used today, but whereas it took a month to design an Atari title, today's games can take more than a year from drawing board to production.

Now O'Shea Ltd. has commercialized the whole Atari revolution.

When the Atari Corporation went bankrupt in 1996, O'Shea

bought their entire inventory of unsold games, more than two million cartridges in all, of which they currently still have 1.1 million.

But it gets weirder. The company stores the games in neat stacks in a limestone cave in Missouri the size of a football field. Nearby is a working mine, and everyday at 5:30 p.m. the warehouse shakes when miners blast dynamite.

All games are "brand new," in the original packaging. Apparently, storing the games 150 ft. underground keeps the temperature in the warehouse at a constant 68 degrees, which is the optimal temperature for Atari cartridge storage, as concluded by a Harvard University study.

Underground caves have



Photo courtesy of O'Shea Ltd.

Deep in a Missouri limestone cave the size of a football field, O'Shea Ltd. stores its 1.1 million Atari cartridges, kept at a cool 68 degrees and sheltered from a nearby mine's dynamite blasts.



Photo courtesy of O'Shea Ltd.

Stacks of unsold Atari games still in their original packaging sit ready for purchase, waiting to revive the Atari revolution.

been used for a wide variety of important activities: nuclear bomb shelters, housing priceless heirlooms and secret hideouts for villainous cartoon characters. Add Atari game storage to that prestigious list.

O'Shea sells the games on a Web site at www.atariclassic.com, where every game goes for \$2, but a minimum of 12 games must be purchased per order.

"These games are definitely collectible items, and they are fast approaching antique status, thus raising their collectible value with each passing year," claims O'Shea employee Bill Houlehan.

It is expected that when Atari games actually are considered antiques, they could be worth as much as \$2.10, but judging by O'Shea's enormous inventory, supply is currently outstripping demand.

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'NASCAR 2001' a great ride for diehard fans

By MATT ORENCHUK
Scene Video Game Reviewer

When I first decided to review "NASCAR 2001" for the Sony Playstation it sounded like a good idea in my head. After all, I live in North Carolina.

But when I got the game home, and turned it on, I realized that despite living in the south, I don't really know much about the sport.

"NASCAR 2001" is a pretty good video game. But that statement comes with a catch — the game is fun, but it is a lot more fun if you understand NASCAR.

First, the good stuff about the game: all the drivers are the same as real NASCAR racing, and so are all of the tracks.

While all of the NASCAR tracks are expected to be there (like Daytona and Charlotte Motor Speedway) there are also some pleasant surprises, including cool road courses like Las Vegas and New York.

These tracks change the entire strategy of the game. On the Daytona track you race the game like a NASCAR race: fast on the straightaways, and hug close on the turns. But on the road courses, you can't just

hold the throttle button and expect to hug all of the turns. Since there aren't any super-elevated curves on the road courses, you have to race very cautiously and use the brake a lot.

The best track on "NASCAR 2001" is the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It is

interesting to see NASCAR on a track made famous by the smaller CART race cars. The graphics are superb on the game — while they aren't crystal clear, they still look sharp.

Another great feature about the game is that each track has its own personality.

When racing on the North Carolina Speedway in

Rockingham, you can make out ads for Bojangles, a restaurant chain in North Carolina.

This attention to detail for each track makes you feel as if you are getting the full flavor of each site.

There are some features of

"NASCAR 2001" that are technical, and would only appeal to hardcore racing fans.

Once you have picked your driver and where you want to race, you then go to a screen that allows you to decide on some details of your car: the tire pressure, the rear

bias, the left bias and the wheel lock of your tires.

While this feature might be useful if you are a huge NASCAR fan, it can be annoying to those who just want to race.

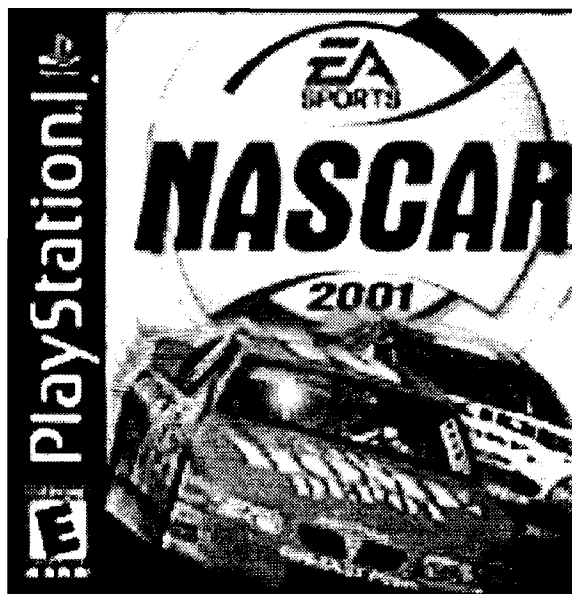
Another features of "NASCAR 2001" is that you can set the length of the race. You can race as little as 3 percent of the race — about seven to 10 laps — all the way up to the entire race.

"NASCAR 2001" also features artificial intelligence in each of the racers. If you are racing in the Daytona 500, Jeff Gordon's car in the game will race like Jeff Gordon does in real life.

In this 2001 version, you can race an entire season on the NASCAR circuit. You start each race by qualifying in the field. Then you race, and finishers pick up points towards the NASCAR championship. (There is no Winston Cup Series in this game.)

Overall, "NASCAR 2001" is a great game for the diehard NASCAR fan. All of the personality that makes NASCAR a cultural icon in the South is found in this game.

However, if you want a racing game that relies less on strategy and more on racing (like "Mario Kart 64"), then "NASCAR 2001" might not be your game.



"NASCAR 2001" for the Sony Playstation offers a complete racing experience for every fan, each track boasting its own personality.



Photo courtesy of feareffect.com

'Fear Effect 2: Retro Helix' stars four mercenaries fighting to save mankind from a deadly disease: the assassin Hana TsuVachel, intelligence specialist Royce Glas, cold-blooded killer Jakob "Deke" Decourt and Hana's companion Rain Qin.

'Fear Effect 2' delivers fright and adventures for the future

By ADAM TURNER
Scene Video Game Reviewer

"Fear Effect 2: Retro Helix" takes place in the year 2028, when humankind is plagued by EINDS (Environmentally Induced Nucleotide Degeneration Syndrome).

EINDS stops protein synthesis at the DNA level by preventing DNA from splitting into mRNA and tRNA, effectively ceasing cellular reproduction and killing whomever is unlucky enough to contract this disease.

"Fear Effect 2" takes place from the point of view of four different mercenaries, each with their own particular skills and methods.

As gameplay progresses, players are able to use Hana TsuVachel, an assassin skilled in covert operations; Royce Glas, a specialist in counter-intelligence tactics; Jakob "Deke" Decourt, an insane, cold-blooded killer; and finally, Rain Qin, Hana's companion.

When Hana, Royce, and Deke are all independently contracted to retrieve three separate items on a simple infiltrate-and-recover mission, things go horribly wrong.

The three are forced to put aside their personal differences in order to save the world from imminent death and destruction, using the three items they recover, which can be used to cure EINDS.

"Fear Effect 2" is absolutely massive, spanning four disks to travel to the seamy underbelly of Hong Kong, the walled city of Xi'an, the tomb of the First Emperor of China and finally Penglai Shan, the legendary mountain island of the immortals.

Each mission is jam-packed with puzzles, enemies and mutants, promising a bloody fun time for everyone, especially fans of the original "Fear Effect."

The cinematic sequences flow seamlessly throughout the game, which look fantastic, in a cartoon sort of way. The best feature of "Fear Effect 2" is the elimination of load times except for the very beginning of each mission.

Load time has always been the major drawback that Playstation game designers have had to deal with, and the Eidos team found a way to load only once per mission, even after a death sequence, which is unheard of.

This feature creates very, very addictive game play and a new standard for the rest of the industry.

There is one major flaw in "Fear Effect 2": the fighting system. Sometimes you stumble into a room of guards and you end up dead.

You are given the ability to evade gunfire by rolling on the ground, but as soon as you stand back up the guards have their sights right on you and are probably already firing.

Lacking the ability to avoid getting shot repeatedly is very frustrating. Realistically, if these characters were highly trained assassins, they wouldn't just stand in one spot and fire their guns until everyone was dead. That kind of basic stupidity was better spent on games like "Doom" and "Quake."

Another strange snippet in "Fear Effect 2" is that the movies look like Saturday

morning cartoons gone absolutely wrong. Some things are better not portrayed by cartoon images, and giant bloody mutants fall into that category.

Fans of the first "Fear Effect" will love this game, and people wanting to get in on the action by jumping right into the sequel won't be disappointed with what their \$40 can buy them.

Aside from frustrating battles and scary monsters, "Fear Effect 2" delivers a warm, content feeling for all.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS BRIEFS

Streisand chides Democrats: "Funny Girl" Barbra Streisand hasn't been laughing since November, and Bill Clinton's loyal friend is fed up with her party's leadership. In a three-page memo to top Democrats, Streisand accused them of being "paralyzed, demoralized and depressed" since the election of President Bush. "We have a president who stole the presidency through family ties, arrogance and intimidation, employing Republican operatives to exercise the tactics of voter fraud by disenfranchising thousands of blacks, elderly Jews and other minorities," Streisand wrote last week from Malibu, Calif., in a letter signed simply "Barbra." Streisand's publicist, Dick Guttman, forwarded to the media on Monday an edited version of the memo, titled "Nice Guys Finish Last." "I hope you're through arguing among yourselves and distancing yourselves from President Clinton," Streisand wrote. "Let's not let them divert attention from the success of his administration over the past eight years. Let's not allow the Republicans to take away the gains we've made."

Ashley Judd to be Catwoman: Ashley Judd has snagged a purr-fect new role as Batman's nemesis in the new movie "Catwoman." The Caped Crusader will play a supporting role to the "felonious feline" in the new Warner Bros. film, Variety reported Monday from Los Angeles. Michelle Pfeiffer played Catwoman in the 1992 sequel "Batman Returns." "Catwoman" is the third film in the comic-book franchise in development at Warner Bros. Darren Aronofsky, director of the bleak drug-addiction tragedy "Requiem for a Dream," is working on a prequel titled "Batman: Year One." Meanwhile, "Remember the Titans" director Boaz Yakin is developing the movie "Batman Beyond," based on the futuristic WB cartoon about a young crime-fighter who replaces the retired Bruce Wayne.

Kidman condemns invasive press: Nicole Kidman has lashed out at the media for its coverage of her recent miscarriage and breakup with husband Tom Cruise. Kidman told The Sydney Morning Herald for Tuesday's editions that the weeks since her split with Cruise have been the toughest of her life. She said reports that surfaced last week of her miscarriage earlier this year had been "very upsetting and it's very invasive." "I understand that people are interested but it's my life — my personal life," the actress said. "It's very difficult seeing your life being dragged through the newspapers and the tabloids and your children being dragged through it." Cruise and Kidman announced in early February that they would split after 10 years of marriage. The powerful Hollywood couple have two adopted children, 8-year-old Isabella and 6-year-old Conor. Kidman is preparing to play writer Virginia Woolf in a new film and is working on a publicity blitz for her upcoming movie "Moulin Rouge," co-starring Ewan McGregor, which premieres at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

VH1 Divas honor Aretha Franklin: Mary J. Blige, Marc Anthony and Jill Scott will be among the artists to give a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T to Aretha Franklin at VH1's fourth annual "Divas" celebration on April 10. The concert will be broadcast live from Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Franklin will sing, but her only duet of the evening will be with rapper and fellow Detroit native Kid Rock. Janet Jackson will be a special guest. Other performers scheduled for the evening include members of the Backstreet Boys, actresses from HBO's "The Sopranos" and Pamela Anderson. VH1's "Divas" specials raise money for the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, a nonprofit organization designed to boost music education in public schools. Since 1997, the group has donated more than \$10 million worth of instruments to 530 public schools in 40 cities.

NBA

Pack leads Nuggets, slows Trail Blazers' playoff push

Associated Press

Robert Pack, starting in place of suspended point guard Nick Van Exel, had a season-high 26 points as the Denver Nuggets slowed Portland's playoff push with a victory over the Trail Blazers.

Kevin Willis added 19 points and 18 rebounds, and George McCloud scored 20 for the Nuggets, who also played without leading scorer and rebounder Antonio McDyess (dislocated kneecap).

Portland also was short-handed after suspending leading scorer Rasheed Wallace for inappropriate on-court behavior. The move came two days after Wallace drew his 39th and 40th technical fouls in a loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The timing of the suspension hampered the Blazers as they fell one game behind fourth-place Dallas in the Western Conference playoff race.

Earlier in the day, the NBA suspended backup point guard Rod Strickland after he pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge.

Even without Wallace, there were six technical fouls called, and Portland guard Bonzi Wells was ejected after receiving his second technical with 46 seconds left in the game.

The Blazers trailed by 92-86 when Wells left the court and rallied within two on 3-pointers by Damon Stoudamire and Scottie Pippen.

After Pack missed a long 3-pointer with 4.1 seconds remaining, Portland had one last possession, but Steve Smith's 30-footer rattled in and out as the buzzer sounded.

Stoudamire and Smith each finished with 17 points to lead six Blazers in double figures. Dale Davis had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Seeking scoring from other sources, the Nuggets got several strong drives from Pack and support inside from Willis as they used a 15-2 over the third

and fourth quarter to build a 79-68 lead with 10:25 remaining.

The Blazers, who missed nine of their first 10 3-point attempts, could never mount a sustained and were never closer than six points until Pippen and Stoudamire hit 3-pointers 13 seconds apart in the final minute.

Mavericks 109, Rockets 97

The Dallas Mavericks wrapped up their first playoff spot in 11 years, beating the Houston Rockets behind Michael Finley's 27-point performance.

Juwan Howard added 23 for Dallas, which secured the playoff berth with the victory and Seattle's loss at San Antonio.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 20 and Steve Nash 16 as the Mavs won their second straight game, fifth in their last six and 11th in 14.

Cuttino Mobley led the Rockets with 28 points. Maurice Taylor had 16 and Hakeem Olajuwon 15 as Houston lost for the sixth time in eight games.

The Rockets' usual leading scorer, Steve Francis, managed only five points, 15 below his average, on 1-of-12 shooting from the field.

With Olajuwon scoring eight points, the Rockets moved ahead 29-23 with 1:57 left in the first period. But Howard helped keep the Mavs close scoring 11 in the period, which ended with Houston up 32-29.

Howard hit his first two shots in the second period and Finley and Vernon Maxwell hit back-to-back 3-pointers to help the Mavs inch ahead 39-38. It remained close until late in the quarter when Dallas went on a 9-2 run to open a 59-50 lead with 2:36 left.

The Mavericks stretched the lead to as many as 12 before settling for a 67-58 lead at intermission, the most points allowed by the Rockets in a first half this season.

Pistons 110, Bulls 83

Jerry Stackhouse scored an NBA season-high 57 points as

the Detroit Pistons won their third straight, over the Chicago Bulls.

Stackhouse was 21-for-36 from the field and 11-for-13 from the line in breaking Kelly Tripucka's team record of 56 points, set in 1984. Philadelphia's Allen Iverson scored 54 earlier this season.

Stackhouse's career-best effort is the highest single-game performance since Shaquille O'Neal had 61 against the Los Angeles Clippers on March 6, 2000.

Chucky Atkins added 19 points and Ben Wallace had 20 rebounds to help Detroit match its longest winning streak of the season.

The Pistons led by 13 after one quarter, with Stackhouse outscoring the Bulls 24-20. Stackhouse made 8-of-11 from the field — 2-of-3 from 3-point range — and made all six of his free throws for Detroit's record scoring in a quarter.

Stackhouse first beat Ron Artest, considered the Bulls' best defender, then moved on to Corey Benjamin — who picked up four fouls in six minutes — before cooling off against Fred Hoiberg.

A 3-pointer by A.J. Guyton cut the lead to 50-45 with 1:34 left in the half, but Corliss Williamson's jumper gave the Pistons a 56-47 halftime lead. Stackhouse, who averaged 29.6 points, had 29 at the break, a Detroit season-high.

With Detroit leading 61-53 in the third, Pistons coach George Irvine was ejected by official Luis Grillo for arguing a call. Assistant David Twardzik took over.

The Bulls got within five, but were scoreless for nearly all of the quarter's final five minutes.

Spurs 107, SuperSonics 89

Tim Duncan had 30 points and 14 rebounds, doing most of his damage with David Robinson sitting out the second half, as the San Antonio Spurs beat Seattle to end the SuperSonics' four-game win-

ning streak.

The victory, combined with Philadelphia's loss at Toronto, gave the Spurs (52-22) the NBA's best record.

The Sonics, who lost for just the second time in 12 games, had their already shaky playoff hopes damaged. Seattle now trails Minnesota by 3 1/2 games in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the West.

It didn't help matters that the Sonics were without two starters (Patrick Ewing and Jelani McCoy) and were facing an opponent that beat them by 27 and 28 points in their first two meetings this season.

Rookie center Olumide Oyedede made his first career start, and Duncan went right at him on the game's first possession, scoring easily in the low post. Little went wrong for the Spurs the rest of the way, although there was a negative note to the night as Robinson missed the second half because of a sore back.

The Spurs hardly needed him, though, as Duncan had 12 points and five rebounds in the third quarter when the Spurs led their lead slip below double digits for only a few seconds.

San Antonio took a 12-point lead into the fourth quarter and was not challenged down the stretch in winning for the sixth time in eight games.

Derek Anderson added 16 points and eight assists and Antonio Daniels scored 11.

Gary Payton and Rashard Lewis scored 23 each for Seattle.

The Spurs, who never trailed, opened a 10-2 lead in the first few minutes as Seattle missed its first six shots and committed three turnovers. Duncan went to the bench with two fouls just five minutes into the game, and the Sonics managed to catch up and trail just 20-17 after one quarter.

Duncan came back for the start of the second quarter and scored the final four points of an 8-0 run that put San Antonio ahead 28-17.

Lakers 96, Jazz 88

The Los Angeles Lakers proved they don't need Kobe Bryant to beat a playoff-bound team. The Utah Jazz, meanwhile, must be concerned about their struggles against playoff-bound teams.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points and Robert Horry came off the bench for 20 to lead the Lakers to a victory over the Utah Jazz in a matchup between teams headed for the Western Conference playoffs.

The Jazz trailed by 11 points midway through the final period but rallied to cut the margin to 86-84 with 2:40 to play when Karl Malone made two free throws, but the Lakers pulled away in a frenzied, emotional final two minutes.

O'Neal scored on a one-handed jumper and added two free throws before Horry scored on a breakaway dunk following a Utah turnover. Just as quickly as the Jazz had rallied, they were down 92-84 with 1:42 to play.

Malone led the Jazz with 31 points while John Stockton scored 19 and Donyell Marshall had 10.

But Derek Fisher scored 17 and rookie Mike Penberthy had 10 as the Lakers' bench outscored the Utah reserves 38-19.

Bryant didn't play. Lakers coach Phil Jackson decided his star shooter, who ranks third in the NBA at 28.7 points a game, needed more time to rest a sore left foot that has put him on the bench for six of the last seven games.

The loss doesn't bode well for the Jazz, who had won two straight but got those wins against lowly Cleveland and Vancouver.

Since Utah went 1-5 last month against playoff-bound Western Conference teams, the Lakers would offer a better sense of where the Jazz stood against their peers.

Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, angry over the officiating, had two technicals called against him and was ejected from the game.

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NBA

Trail Blazers suspend Wallace

Associated Press

PORTLAND Growing weary of Rasheed Wallace's boorish on-court behavior, the Portland Trail Blazers suspended their All-Star for one game Tuesday — two days after his most recent, record-setting tantrum.

Wallace sat out the Blazers' game at Denver on Tuesday night, the start of a four-game road trip. He was scheduled to play in Wednesday night's game against Minnesota.

"The team has regulations and policies," coach Mike Dunleavy said. "You take into consideration different actions, and after the game on Sunday this decision was made. It basically is what it is."

Blazers backup point guard Rod Strickland also was suspended for Tuesday night's game, by the NBA. Strickland was sentenced to 10 days in jail Monday for pleading guilty to a drunken driving charge, stemming from a Jan. 7 arrest when he was a member of the Washington Wizards.

While Strickland did not attend the game at Denver, Wallace did but had no comment when asked about the suspension.

"At this point you can't worry about it," Dunleavy said. "You have to look at it as a positive that it gives somebody else a chance to step up and be a

positive contributor. That's what we need so we can secure the best seed in the playoffs."

Wallace has been ejected seven times this season, and was suspended for two games for throwing a towel at referee Gary Benson after he was thrown out of a Feb. 1 victory over Phoenix. But this is the first time the team has suspended him for his actions.

The punishment came after Wallace was ejected with 7:29 left in the third quarter of Portland's loss to the Timberwolves on Sunday. The Blazers rallied without their top scorer, but shot just 4-of-19 in the fourth quarter and lost 99-95.

Wallace was tossed for arguing with officials that he had been fouled by LaPhonso Ellis on a fast break. He was issued two technical fouls, resulting in an automatic ejection. Wallace has 40 technicals, surpassing his own NBA record of 38 set last season.

Portland has lost the last three games in which Wallace has been ejected, and Dunleavy hoped to see him come back strong at Minnesota on Wednesday.

"Hopefully we will see the Rasheed that is the dominating player that comes back with an aggressiveness of a guy that had a day off," he said.

Wallace, who made the West

All-Star team for the second straight season as a reserve, is having his best season statistically, averaging 19.4 points and 7.9 rebounds. His .506 field-goal percentage is third-best in the league.

The Blazers have repeatedly supported Wallace, saying his temper is a result of his intense desire to win. The team also has emphasized his work in the community and the fact that he has no criminal record.

Dunleavy even backed him after Sunday's loss, saying Wallace's reputation among officials contributed to the ejection.

"Maybe another guy doesn't get thrown out for the same thing," the coach said.

Strickland pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va. In addition to the jail term — which Strickland will serve after the season — U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Poretz placed him on supervised probation for two years and ordered him to attend substance abuse counseling. The player also was fined about \$1,000.

Strickland was waived by the Wizards on March 1, and the Blazers signed him four days later. As the backup to Damon Stoudamire, Strickland has averaged 5.9 points and 4.1 assists in 13 games.

Police try to sort out Arizona riots

Associated Press

TUCSON

With the burned-out vehicles cleared away and smashed windows boarded up Tuesday, police tried to sort out the riot involving University of Arizona basketball fans.

Police also were examining their own response to Monday's melee in a commercial and residential district near the university.

The riot began after Arizona's loss to Duke in the NCAA championship in Minneapolis.

Fans overturned vehicles and set them on fire in a scene reminiscent of disturbances that followed the Wildcats' victory in the 1997 title game. Police eventually resorted to firing rubber bullets, stingball grenades, shot-gun-fired bean bags and tear gas to disperse the crowds. Seventeen people were also arrested, at least seven of them students.

Police deployed about 500 officers in riot gear Monday night in the Fourth Avenue area, anticipating a rerun of problems seen in 1997.

"I felt that we did a whole lot better job last night than we did in 1997," Police Chief Richard Miranda said.

Officers did not move in and

begin enforcing their order to disperse until after revelers had tipped over several vehicles and set at least two cars and a motor home on fire.

The rioters, mostly young men, also overturned planters, trash bins, smashed some decorative street lights and tore down street signs at the peak of the disturbance.

A brick wall and part of the roof of a bar called The Hut was scorched by one of the fires, and several of its windows were boarded up Tuesday, like those in a number of stores over a three-block stretch of Fourth Avenue.

Several people were hit by the rubber bullets, and four of about 10 people requiring medical attention at University Medical Center were admitted, all with non-life-threatening injuries, spokeswoman Pila Martinez said. Two men were listed in fair condition and another man in good condition. A woman was admitted and then discharged.

Alexis Hernandez, associate dean of students at the university, said seven of those arrested were students.

"It's unfortunate that anyone who is enrolled in the university might have taken part in that and it's embarrassing," he said.

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8:30 PM *Reception with Refreshments*

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rodriguez flawless in the field but fails at the plate

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez struck out three times and singled in his first home game for Texas, and the Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels in their home opener.

Rodriguez, whose \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas is the richest in sports history, struck out swinging in the first and eighth innings, took a called third strike in the sixth and singled in the third.

Rodriguez — who struck out just 121 times in 148 games last year — increased this year's strikeout total to four.

But he also had his third hit, a stolen base and was flawless in the field before 49,512, a regular-season record at The Ballpark in Arlington.

On the first ball hit his way, he started a 6-4-3 double play in the second. An inning later, he went deep into the hole right, scooped up the ball and threw Tim Salmon out at first.

A-Rod, who had just 10 errors all last season, made a throwing error on his first chance in the season-opening 8-1 loss to Puerto Rico and also stumbled twice while trying to get to balls.

Kenny Rogers won the Rangers' home opener for the second straight season and Tim Lincecum converted his first save opportunity for Texas in the same way that his predecessor John Wetteland often did: exciting but effective.

Crabtree, wearing Wetteland's old No. 35, allowed Anaheim to load the bases with no outs in the ninth.

With just five career saves in six seasons, Crabtree gave up a single to Tim Salmon and a double to Tony Glaus before an intentional walk to Garret Anderson.

Glenallen Hill, acquired by Anaheim from the Yankees last week, then grounded into the double play and then Crabtree snagged Benji Molina's comebacker for the final out.

While Rogers needed help to get out of an eighth-inning

jam, he allowed just two runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out five and walked none.

After giving up a run in the third inning, Rogers retired 14 straight batters before running into more trouble. Molina led off with a double, David Eckstein got his first career hit and Darin Erstad drove in his second run with his third hit.

Jeff Zimmerman needed just two pitches to get pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro, the only batter he faced, to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Scott Schoeneweis, making his first opening day start, allowed three runs and eight hits over seven innings.

Rusty Greer's sacrifice fly in the seventh brought home Chad Curtis to make it 3-2. Curtis led off with a single, moved to second when Ruben Mateo singled and then made it to third when Molina threw behind him in an attempted pickoff. On the same play, Mateo was thrown out trying to advance.

The Rangers went ahead 2-0 in the second when Ivan Rodriguez and Andres Galarraga both hit opposite-field doubles to right. Galarraga scored when Mateo grounded into a double play.

Devil Rays 8, Blue Jays 1

Albie Lopez scattered seven hits over eight innings, and Ben Grieve had a two-run triple in his Tampa Bay debut in the Devil Rays' season-opening victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Lopez, who began last season in the bullpen, walked three and struck out six to move past Rolando Arrojo for the most victories in Devil Rays history (22).

Shannon Stewart's second homer of the season, a solo shot in the third, accounted for the Blue Jays' only run.

Grieve, acquired from Oakland in a three-team trade over the winter, went 1-for-4. His triple off Pedro Borbon keyed a four-run fifth that broke the game open.

Gerald Williams hit a solo homer off Kevin Beirne in the sixth inning and Vinny Castilla doubled twice and drove in a run for Tampa Bay. The Devil Rays improved to 2-2 in season openers and won for the first time in four home openers.

Randy Winn, who hit one homer in 159 at-bats last season, added a solo shot off Kelvin Escobar in the eighth.

Lopez began last season in the bullpen and had made 152 consecutive relief appearances before moving into the rotation May 28 and going on to lead Tampa Bay in victories (11), ERA (4.13), complete games (4) and innings pitched (185 1-3).

The Blue Jays got a superb pitching performance from Esteban Loaiza in their season-opening victory over Texas on Sunday, but Steve Parris (0-1) couldn't duplicate the success in his American League debut.

Parris, obtained from Cincinnati in an offseason trade, allowed four runs on nine hits in four innings. He gave up an RBI double to Greg Vaughn in the second, a single and a walk before Borbon replaced him with no outs in the fifth and gave up Grieve's triple.

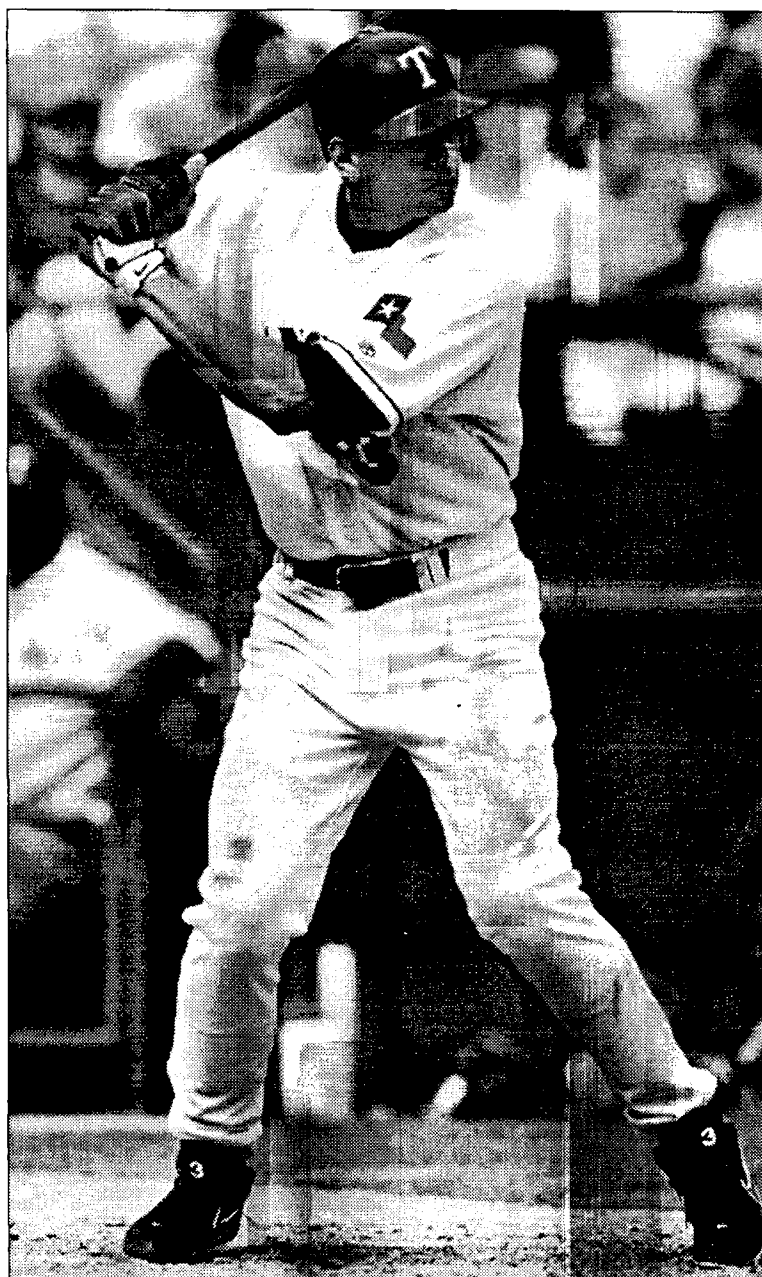
McGriff grounded to first to drive in Tampa Bay's second run and give the Devil Rays a lead for the first time in a home opener. Grieve's triple into the right-field corner made it 4-1, and Castilla's RBI double off Bierne drove in the third run in a four-run fifth.

Twins 3, Tigers 2

Even Detroit's first opening-day complete game in 12 years wasn't enough for the Tigers to overcome Brad Radke in Comerica Park's first season opener.

Radke limited Detroit to one run in eight innings and David Ortiz homered to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 win Tuesday in what figures to be a long season for both teams.

Before a capacity crowd of 40,104, Jeff Weaver pitched a six-hitter and struck out four for his third complete game in



AFP photo

Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez gets ready to hit during Tuesday's victory against Anaheim. Rodriguez was 1-4.

60 career starts. Jack Morris had pitched the Tigers' last opening-day complete game and it also was a loss, 4-0 to Texas in 1989.

Detroit, opening the second season of its new ballpark, started the season at home for the first time since 1992 at Tiger Stadium. Last year, the Tigers beat Seattle 5-2 in

Comerica Park's opener.

Both teams were hoping to change their recent pasts. Detroit has finished with losing records in a team-record seven straight seasons, and Minnesota is coming off eight consecutive losing years.

Radke, starting a \$36 million, four-year contract, allowed his only run on Bobby Higginson's RBI double in the fourth.

Detroit added a run in the ninth when Tony Clark walked, pinch-runner Ryan Jackson advanced on a wild pitch by LaTroy Hawkins and scored on Billy McMillon's single.

Deivi Cruz struck out but Juan Encarnacion walked, putting the potential tying run on second. Bob Wells then relieved and got Shane Halter to line to Denny Hocking at second, starting a game-ending double play.

Minnesota went ahead in the second on singles by Ortiz and Torii Hunter followed by Jacque Jones' RBI grounder. Ortiz's homer made it 2-0 in the fourth.

Hocking added a sacrifice fly in the eighth following A.J. Pierzynski's double and Cristian Guzman's sacrifice.

Inge, called up from Triple-A Toledo on Friday after Mitch Meluskey's season-ending shoulder injury, threw out Matt Lawton and Jones trying to steal second and also stopped a pitch in the dirt, which saved a run in the fifth.

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Kartelo

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any such decision.

Brey could find his frontcourt lacking next season. If Macura, a 6-9 forward, follows Kartelo's decision to transfer, and 6-11 junior All-American Troy Murphy makes himself eligible for the NBA Draft, the only returning post players with significant college experience will be juniors Ryan Humphrey and Harold

Swanagan.

In the past, Brey has indicated that he is open to the possibility of accepting a transfer; however, a transfer student would have to sit out a year before becoming eligible to play.

Kartelo played at Winchendon School in Massachusetts prior to coming to Notre Dame, averaging 13 points and 11 rebounds as his team went 30-6 in 1998-99. He also participated in Croatia's junior national program for two years.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish blast Buckeyes 13-4 in GWLL opener

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Sports Writer

With the Ohio State Buckeyes' attention focused on Notre Dame's player of the year candidate David Ulrich, two other Irish attackmen exploded for four goals each as Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 13-4.

Seniors Tom Glatzel and Jon Harvey each scored four goals for the Irish as the seventh-ranked men's lacrosse team got back into the win column in its first Great Western Lacrosse League game of the year.

Ulrich, however, was not shut down by the Buckeye defense, however.

The senior from Baltimore dished off four assists in the win.

The Irish jumped on the Buckeyes early and never looked back.

Glatzel and Harvey each scored two goals in the first quarter.

Juniors Devin Ryan and John Flandina added one each as the Irish entered the second quarter leading 6-1.

The Irish attack, however, did not let up.

Harvey scored his third and fourth goals of the afternoon to open the second before

Flandina scored his second goal off an assist from Glatzel with 8:16 remaining in the quarter.

Ohio State finally answered the Irish barrage with another goal of its own. John Cummings scored his second goal of the afternoon.

Senior Andy Santoriello scored his first goal of the season to close the first half scoring and give the Irish a 10-2 lead heading into half-time.

The third quarter was scoreless until Glatzel scored two goals in the last four minutes to push the Irish lead to 10.

Freshman Mickey Blunt scored the only goal in the fourth quarter for the Irish while the Buckeyes scored two goals of their own in mop-up time.

Senior goalkeeper Kirk Howell yielded the net to sophomore Nick Antol for the last 11 minutes of the game.

Antol faced five shots and allowed only one goal while Howell stopped nine shots and allowed the other three goals scored.

WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS

Hingis safe to play again

♦ Jury sentences stalker to four years

Associated Press

MIAMI

A man who claimed that he fell in love with tennis star Martina Hingis and followed her to tournaments around the world was convicted of stalking Tuesday. The man followed her despite her pleas for him to stop following her.

Dubravko Rajcevic, a 46-year-old Croatian-born naval architect from Australia, was found guilty of stalking and three counts of trespassing at the 2000 Ericsson Open near Miami. With the conviction he faces up to four years in prison.

Rajcevic initially showed no reaction when the verdict was read, then gave a half smile.

After the jury left the courtroom, Rajcevic blurted questions at Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Kevin Emas.

"Why no black people on my jury?" Rajcevic asked. "All the black people were eliminated from my jury."

The judge told him to discuss that with his lawyer, Frank Abrams.

Emas granted Abrams' request for a psychologist to visit Rajcevic in jail before sentencing on April 12.

But Rajcevic said he would not cooperate.

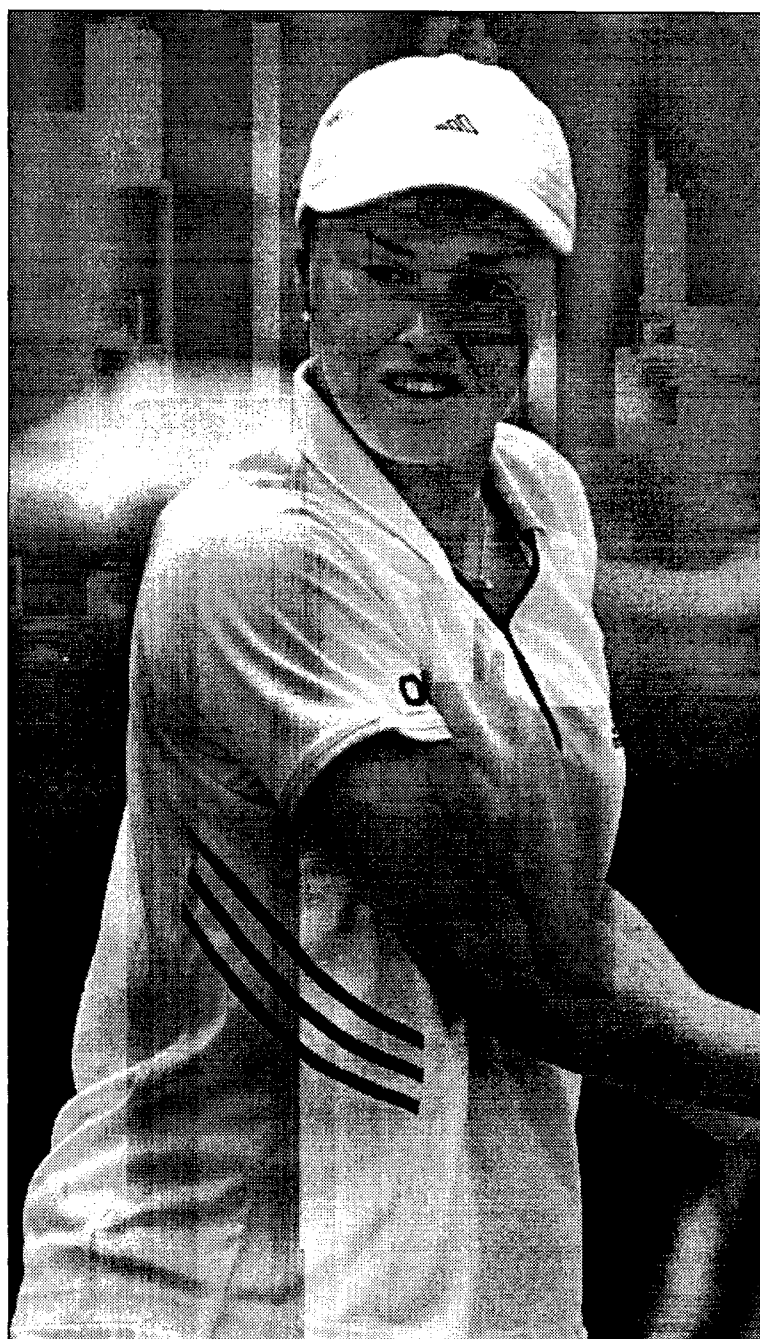
"I don't need that type of help," Rajcevic said. "I need legal help, not psychological help."

Earlier Tuesday, Rajcevic told jurors that he was convinced the 20-year-old Swiss player once loved him, but had probably found someone else while he was detained for the trial.

"Yes, I believe she was in love with me, but I've been in jail for one year," Rajcevic said. "She's young, beautiful, famous. In one year she's probably found someone else."

Hingis, the top-ranked player in the world, was not in the courtroom Tuesday.

The safety of tennis stars has taken on a higher profile since 1993, when a professed fan of Steffi Graf stabbed Monica Seles during a tournament in Germany.



AFP photo

Tennis player Martina Hingis (above) did not appear in court on Tuesday to testify against a man convicted of stalking her at the Ericsson Open.

Psychologists who evaluated Rajcevic concluded he was delusional but mentally competent to stand trial.

Rajcevic said he fell in love with Hingis after seeing her on television while at home in Australia in 1999, at about the same time he getting a divorce.

He began sending her faxes and letters expressing his admiration for her and traveled to her home to deliver flowers.

Prosecutor Christopher Calkin said Rajcevic followed Hingis around the world even though she and others repeatedly told him to stop.

Under the stalking law,

Clakin said one warning was enough for Rajcevic to be required to stay away, supporting the conviction.

"It certainly does not require somebody to tell someone to stop for over a year," he said.

Rajcevic said many people close to Hingis told him she didn't want a relationship with him, but he said he never heard that from her.

Hingis testified just the opposite of Rajcevic's statement Monday, saying that she had told him in person and by phone to stay away from her.

"I told him he should get out of my life, I didn't want to talk with him anymore, I wouldn't want to spend any time with him," Hingis testified about their face-to-face meeting through a fence after the 1999 French Open.

Defense attorney Frank Abrams defended his client saying that Rajcevic never threatened Hingis and argued that his client was only trying to romance a woman beyond his reach.

"The pursuit, no matter how implausible, cannot be punished," he said.



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Duff

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mentals better to be a corner.

He saw his first game time at cornerback Oct. 14 against Navy, but played less than two minutes. When Walton injured his wrist during Notre Dame's win over Rutgers on Nov. 18, Duff stepped in and played 15 minutes at corner recording his first career interception.

"Unfortunately Shane had to get hurt," Duff said. "People have times when they have to step in. It felt good to be out there and just be a part of the team."

What Duff may be lacking in on field experience, he makes up for in commitment. Although he played basketball his junior year of high school, Duff declined the opportunity to play in the Bookstore Basketball tournament this spring.

"I ain't playing Bookstore," Duff said. "I ain't no basketball player. I'm a football player. I came here and that was basically to play football."

Notes:

♦ Defensive lineman Ryan Scarola left practice early with an injured knee Tuesday.

"We were doing field goal protection full speed and he got run into," Davie said. "I don't know how bad that is."

♦ Arnaz Battle, switching from quarterback to receiver, is beginning to adjust to the

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Jim Molinaro sets during spring training. Vontez Duff hopes he will end spring training as a starter.

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added running involved in his new position.

"He came out [Tuesday] he was full speed," Davie said. "He struggled a little bit

Sunday the day after we practiced. He struggled a little bit [Monday]. But he was able to go full speed at practice today."

WOMEN'S CREW

Victories bring rowers confidence

By TODD NIETO
Sports Writer

The women's crew team defeated both Michigan State and the University of Dayton this weekend.

On Saturday, the team raced at Michigan State in the best of three races. Because of ice on Michigan State's 2,000-meter course, the teams competed on a 1,200-meter course.

In the past, Michigan State has been a serious contender in women's crew, qualifying for the NCAA championships the past three years. The victory for the Irish is a good omen, as they defeated the Spartans in the first varsity eights, first novice and second novice eights.

On Sunday, the team soundly defeated the Dayton Flyers despite a 15 mile per hour headwind and choppy waters.

"The coxswain had more difficulty steering in the wind," said coxswain Erin Kiernicki. "But the team pushed through the difficult conditions and prevailed."

The Irish varsity eight post-

ed a time of 7:18.70, while the second varsity eight crossed the finish at 7:19.70.

"These wins are a huge confidence booster," said Kiernicki. "Beating Michigan State is huge because it sends a message to other schools."

With such impressive victories this past weekend, it appears as if the Irish women's crew team is ready for the San Diego Crew Classic.

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Erin Kiernicki
coxswain

The first and second varsity teams fly to San Diego later in the week, while the rest of the

team heads to Des Moines, Iowa to compete against Drake and the Wisconsin Lightweights.

"In San Diego we are going to look for our strong and weak points and determine how we fare against other teams," Kiernicki said.

The San Diego Crew Classic is an especially important event for the team, giving the Irish the opportunity to race against the teams that will most likely contend in the NCAA Championships.

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SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's aims for important wins

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's softball team is hoping that April showers will bring two MIAA wins to add to Saturday's rainy day victory over Adrian College.

The Belles (9-8) are coming off of a weekend split with the Bulldogs that left them with a 1-1 MIAA record. They look for another win today as they face off against Albion College in a double-header.

"We played really well on Saturday despite the fact that we split.

We want to keep that up," senior pitcher Anne Senger said. "If we can win a bunch of these [early season] games before we play Hope and Alma,

which are the power houses, then we'll be in good shape."

If the Belles come home from both games victorious, they will carry a 3-1 MIAA record that should place them near the top of rankings littered with teams that have faced little or no MIAA competition.

Albion (13-9), who finished third in the MIAA last year with an 8-6 record, opens their MIAA season against Saint Mary's.

Junior Kristin Martin will be on the mound for the Belles at 3 p.m., looking for her first MIAA victory of the season. She gave up three earned runs in her first MIAA start on Saturday against Adrian.

Senger will take the mound in the nightcap of the double header. Senger enters the game with a strong 1.16 ERA after giving up only one run during her six innings of work on Saturday.

Martin and Senger will have to shut down a strong Albion hitting team, led by Sarah Prues. The junior out-

fielder is batting .375 with 12 RBIs. Her 18-48 record includes five doubles and two triples. Joining Prues on the Briton offensive will be seniors Treasa Gourlay, who is leads the Britons in batting average at .386, and Darcy Stewart, who has hit seven doubles thus far.

"[Albion] has always been pretty decent," Senger said. "Defensively they aren't anything special, but they're usually pretty decent hitters so we need to be tough defensively."

During Saturday's early loss to Adrian, the Belles gave up six runs during the

third

inning. They will be working on staying focused to prevent an inning like that today.

"We need to play every single

"We need to play every single pitch and know exactly what we're doing every single time the bat hits the ball."

Anne Senger
pitcher

pitch and know exactly what we're doing every single time the bat hits the ball," Senger said. "We need to communicate on and off the field and not get down on ourselves when we make mistakes."

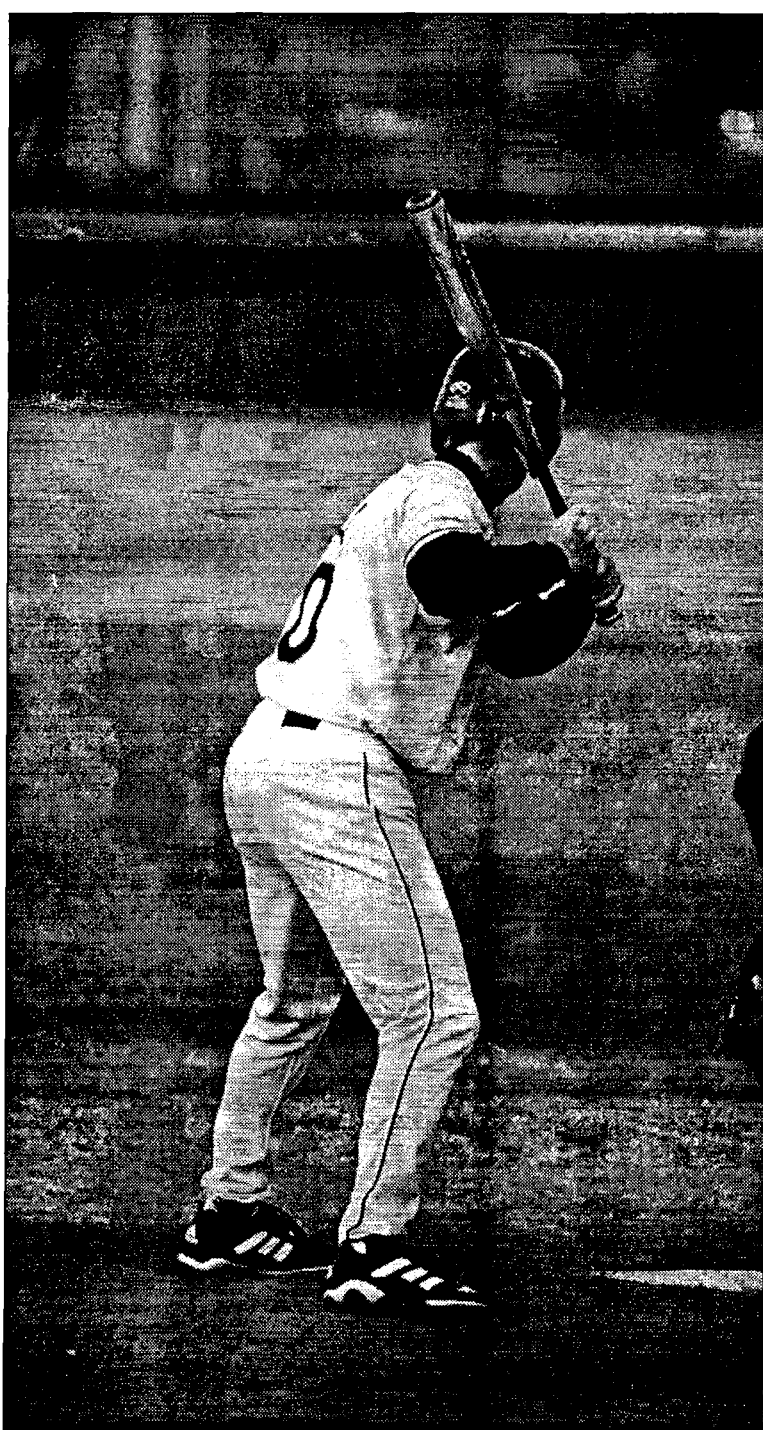
Saint Mary's hitters will likely be facing off against Adrian's star pitcher, Alana Heikkinen. Heikkinen, who has only lost three games in 14 decisions, sports an ERA of 1.41.

She earned a win in a game against Bluffton College this weekend, but dropped her second game of the double header, bringing her record to 11-3.

Following a strong hitting weekend, the Belles are confident that their sluggers can get the job done.

"We hit exceptionally well so we want to be as strong as we possibly can," Senger said.

The first game of the double headers starts at 3 p.m. on the softball field. The second game will begin around 6 p.m. — 15 minutes after the end of the first game.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer
Alec Porzel steps up to the plate on Tuesday. Several errors and misplayed balls left the Cardinals of Ball State victorious against the Irish.

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increased their lead in the fifth inning with a double by short-stop Paul Henry, who then advanced to third on rightfielder Brian Stavisky's misplay. Henry scored on a groundout by second baseman Matt Wood.

Once again the Irish cut into the lead in the bottom half of the inning when Sollmann singled, stole second and later scored on Stavisky's hit to center field.

After Ball State picked up another run in the sixth, Notre Dame attempted to seize the lead. With the bases loaded and two outs, Sollmann got an RBI walk. That would be all of the scoring, however, as senior Alec Porzel grounded out to end the threat.

After the game, Mainieri gave credit to the Ball State team.

"We expected a tough game against these guys, and they came out here and outplayed us to earn the win," he said.

With the Irish currently holding the highest rankings ever by a Notre Dame baseball team — sixth, seventh and eighth in the three major polls — a mid-week loss to a non-conference opponent can be hard to swallow, but Mainieri is confident his team will move on.

"We're looking forward to playing again tomorrow so we can get everything right back on track," he said. "You've really got to play each game like a separate part of the season and not let what you do on other days affect you."

The Irish will be looking to bounce back against Dayton (10-12) today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium, before returning to Big East play this weekend at Rutgers.

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As a follow-up to the Majors & Programs Fair, the departments listed below are holding informational meetings for prospective majors. If you are thinking of majoring in one of these departments, please make every effort to attend.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Confident Belles look to serve up conference victory

By JENNIFER BARTALINO
Sports Writer
KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

After last Saturday's wins against Adrian College and Aquinas College, the Saint Mary's tennis team is hot on the trail of another victory.

This afternoon at 3 p.m., the Belles face off against the Britons of Albion College in a home match. This will be the Belles' second MIAA match of the season and confidence is high.

"I would definitely say that we're pretty confident for this match," senior co-captain Natalie Cook said.

The team is especially anxious to see how they'll fare today, knowing that Albion is scheduled as one of their main competitors at the MIAA Championships. Albion is coming off a conference victory against Kalamazoo that followed the Briton defeat of the Knights of Calvin College.

"The only thing that has wavered our confidence is that [Albion] beat Calvin and we lost to them last year," Cook said. "But our team is just as strong if

not stronger than last year."

Last year the Belles soundly defeated the Britons 6-3 and finished above fourth place Albion in the final MIAA standings. Although the Belles are working on perfecting their strokes, mental prowess will be the deciding factor in this contest.

"This match is going to come down to mental toughness," Cook said. "If we think we can do it, then we can win."

Mental power may be key, but a friendly crowd and some friendly weather will play their roles as well. The tennis team is sure to attract students and family and the weather man has promised sun and warm temperatures.

"It helps to see the familiar faces and know that they're on your side," Cook said. "And the nice weather makes you want to be out there."

No. 1 and No. 2 singles promise to keep the crowd

interested as junior Annie Knish takes on Tracy Gray in No. 1 singles and Cook opposes Amiee Greene in No. 2 singles.

"The No. 1 and No. 2 spots are pretty tough," Cook said and she is hoping to repeat last year's No. 1 singles victory.

The Belles will also hit the road this Thursday to face another tough competitor, Hope College. Today's results will give them a good idea of what lies in store for them. Freshmen Jeannie Knish, Katilin Cutler and Kris Spriggle will be stepping in at No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles and sophomore Elisa Ryan will wrap up with No. 6 singles.

Cook and Annie Knish will team up for No. 1 doubles, joined by the teams of Jeannie Knish and Cutler and Ryan and Trisha Jones at the 2 and 3 spots.

The match will begin at 3 p.m. today outside Angela Athletic Facility.

"This match is going to come down to mental toughness. If we think we can do it, we can win."

Natalie Cook
captain



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Freshman Jeannie Knish sets up a serve during Saint Mary's victory against Aquinas on Saturday. The Belles will face off against the Albion today.



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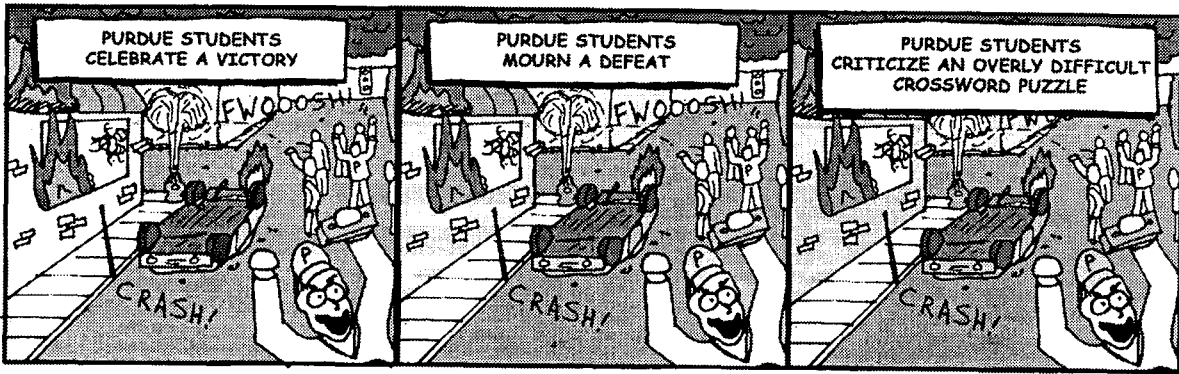
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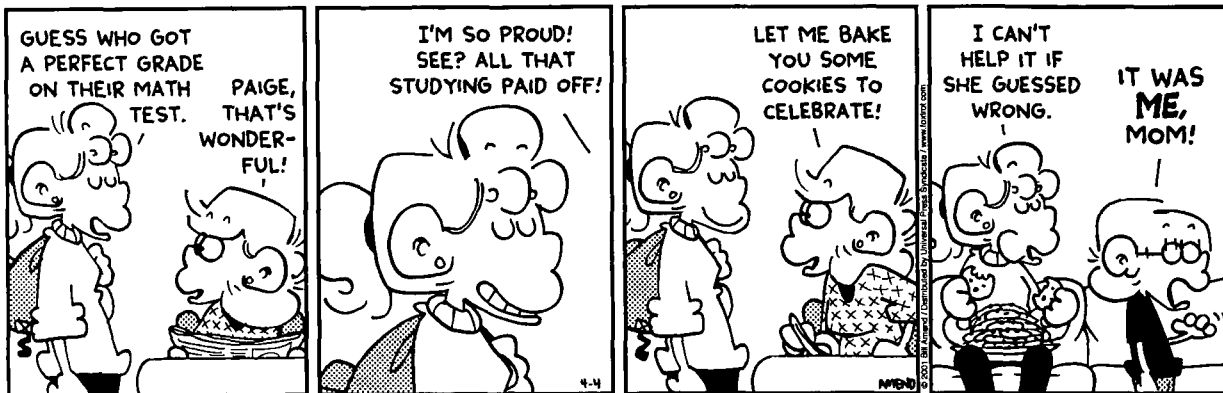
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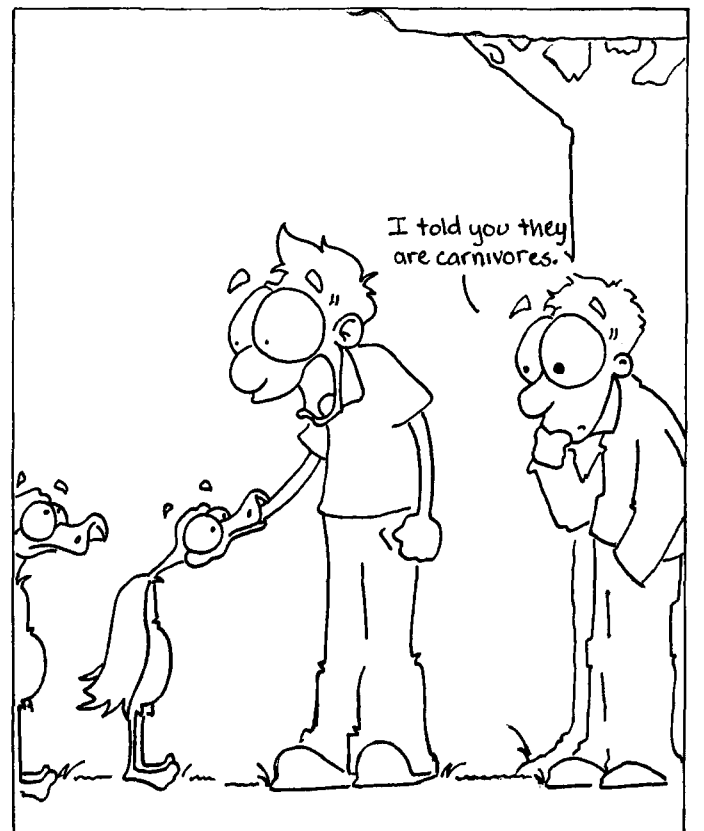
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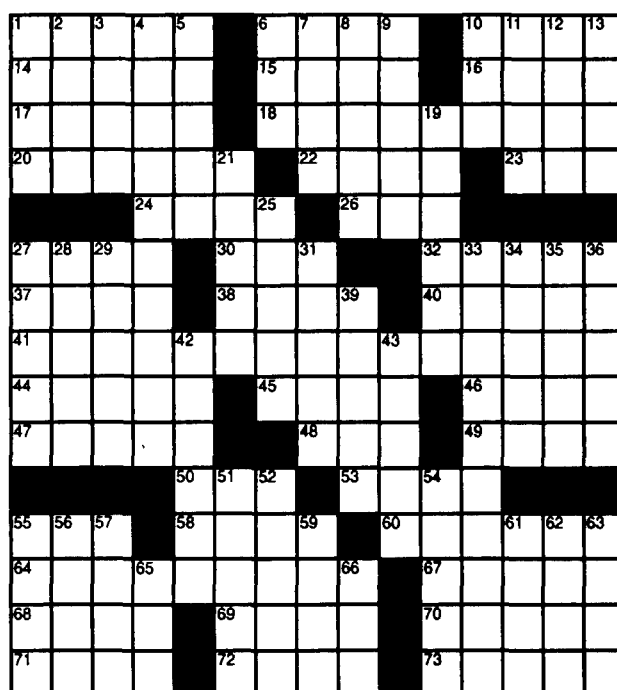


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SPORTS

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The Saint Mary's Tennis team looks to claim another MIAA victory as it faces off against the Britons of Albion today outside of Angela Athletic facility.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kartelo plans to transfer at end of semester

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

Sophomore center Ivan Kartelo told The Observer Tuesday he plans to transfer from Notre Dame at the end of the school year.

"I didn't feel happy playing basketball," Kartelo said confirming rumors that had been swirling since late this season.

Kartelo, a 6-foot-11 reserve, saw his minutes dwindle this year. The Croatian native played more than 13 minutes per game as a freshman beneath former head coach Matt Doherty, but that number dropped to just 5 1/2 minutes this season playing for coach Mike Brey.

"I started thinking about it back during Christmas break," Kartelo said. "I thought it was going to get better."

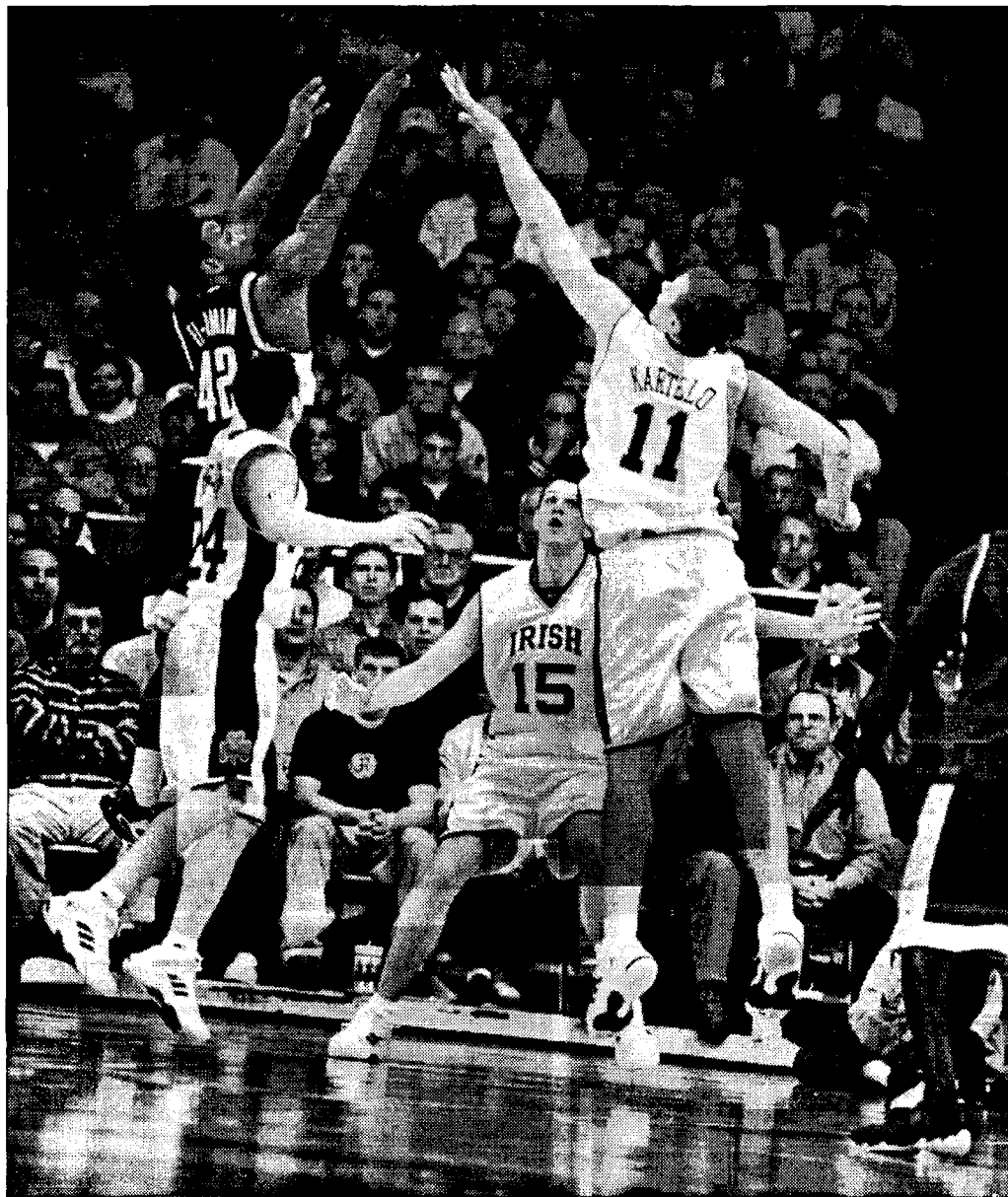
Things didn't improve for Kartelo, however. He missed a month of play due to a sprained ankle and never made it into Brey's basic six-man rotation. He played in just 16 games this season after seeing action in all 37 contests as a freshman.

In upcoming weeks, Kartelo plans to visit several Big 10 schools, and will likely transfer to Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin or Illinois.

"Wherever I go, I think I'm going to play," Kartelo said. "They're not going to bring me to sit on the bench."

In addition to playing time, location will factor into Kartelo's school choice. He hopes to remain near South Bend so he can make return visits to see friends at Notre Dame.

Talk has also arisen that fellow Croatian basketball player Jere Macura may transfer at the year's end, but Macura has not announced



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Sophomore Ivan Kartelo blocks a shot during a game against Connecticut last season. Kartelo plans to leave the Irish at the end of the year to play basketball elsewhere.

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BASEBALL

Cardinals take advantage of Irish errors

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

So far this year, the Irish baseball team has not often been an offensive powerhouse, relying instead on outstanding pitching and solid defense to win ballgames.

Last night for the first time, the defense failed to show up for the Irish, leading to a tough 4-3 loss to the Ball State Cardinals.

Two errors and a few misplayed balls negated another strong outing from pitcher Peter Ogilvie (2-1), who picked up his first loss of the year. The sophomore pitched six innings and gave up eight hits and four runs, only two of which were earned.

"Our defense let us down a little bit tonight," said coach Paul Mainieri after the game. "We've played well defensively all

year, but the two errors tonight were costly."

The Irish bats, which were red-hot against Seton Hall over the weekend, were still productive against the Cardinals. Notre Dame actually out-hit its opponent 12-11, but had trouble knocking in runs by leaving 13 men on base.

"We were a little sloppy tonight at the plate," said Mainieri. "We missed some signals

and failed to execute on bunts and hit-and-runs. We just played a sloppy ballgame on both sides."

Ball State struck first in the third inning when catcher Doug Boone led off with a single. With one out, the Cardinals strung together three consecutive singles that moved two runs across the plate. Ogilvie was able to end the inning by striking out Ball State

designated hitter Aaron Zehnal.

Notre Dame struck back in the bottom of the inning with back-to-back singles by center-fielder Steve Stanley and second baseman Steve Sollmann, who went 2-3 to raise his team-leading average to .429. Stanley then stole third and was able to score on an error by the Ball State catcher.

The Cardinals

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FOOTBALL

Duff's work may earn start

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Hard work.

That is the key for Irish rising sophomore Vontez Duff this spring. With the departure of senior Brock Williams, who has declared himself eligible for the NFL draft, Duff is one of the leading contenders for the vacated cornerback spot alongside rising senior Shane Walton.

"He's athletic and he's a raw talent that I think works hard and has a great attitude," Irish head coach Bob Davie said of Duff, who also ran track in high school, posting a time of 10.5 seconds in the 100-meter dash and clearing 23 feet in the long jump.

Still, Davie is far from conceding that the job is Duff's to lose.

"He hasn't done anything on the field that says, 'wow, we've got ourselves a corner that's just going to jump out there next year and be an all-star,'" Davie said.

So much hard work is expected from the 5-foot-10, 175-pounder because the entire concept of playing defense is new to him. In high school, Duff earned The Sporting News No. 12 ranking among top college prospects after carrying for 1,145 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns as a senior. He even threw for two touchdowns out of the backfield.

"It's just how our offense was," Duff said of his years at Copperas Grove High School in Copperas Grove, Texas. "It's just very multiple offense. It's just something I did to make the team a better team."

When he arrived at Notre Dame, Duff was moved to special teams and defensive back. The freshman appeared in all 11 games last fall — almost entirely on special teams, a role that he feels prepared him for his role on defense this coming season.

"Special teams helped me out a lot," Duff said. "It gave me a little experience just getting on the field and getting that game time. That just made me work my technique better and work my funda-

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