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By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

The labor movement wants a better image, and John Sweeney, president of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO], said Wednesday he believes he can create that image through education.

"There's a role for all of us to play," Sweeney said. "We have to do a better job at educating people about what the labor movement is about. And that's a big part of what this [lecture] is about."

Sweeney focused on the benefits unions can provide for the working class, and talked of building an America, "...where the benefits of the greatest economic country in the world are shared by all, instead of hoarded by the few."

On average, union workers are paid 32 percent more than non-union workers, Sweeney said. Furthermore, he emphasized the advantages unions create for what he called the "forgotten majority," those underprivileged and uneducated members of our society left behind in a "cruel,

winner-take-all world."

Sweeney spoke about the AFL-CIO's programs to ensure a safe and stable working environment. His primary goals as a labor leader are to provide an education to workers who probably would not be able to attain one on their own, he said.

He also urged students to develop a better understanding of what labor organizations can do.

"You, as students, and future business leaders, need an improved perception of the labor movement," he said, expressing hope that as future business presidents and officials, students who better understand how labor unions operate will be more willing to work with them later.

Students at the lecture generally responded positively.

"It was a very informative lecture on an important issue," said Zahm Hall

junior Ryan Hodge. "The labor movement is something that affects everyone. We need to be informed on the direction it is taking for the future."

O'Neill Hall freshman, Matt Barr had a slightly different perspective.

"It was somewhat inspiring," he said. "Sweeney definitely showed the role unions serve in this country, but it was kind of an 'in the moment' kind of thing. I don't have any need for a union right now, and so it's like, 'Tomorrow, everything's going to be the same whether I support the unions or not.'"

If he could to plant a more positive image of labor unions in students' minds, Sweeney said, that image would remain whether they felt its immediate relevance or not.

In the future, when students deal with unions in a business setting, cooperation could be more forthcoming.

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John Sweeney
president of AFL-CIO

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SHANNON BENNETT / The Observer
AFL-CIO president John Sweeney discusses why business leaders should have a better understanding of labor organization.

SOA Watch leader encourages students to protest

Bourgeois: 'If you go to prison for the right reasons, you are free'

By MATT SMITH
News Writer

Smiling as he explained the sacrifices he has made as leader of the School of Americas Watch, Father Roy Bourgeois said, "If you go to prison for the right reasons, you are free, and I'll be going back again soon."

As an international freedom fighter, Bourgeois has seen many prison walls, spending a little over four years total behind bars. "Prison is a great place to do ministry," he said optimistically.

The School of Americas, located at Fort Benning, Ga., seems to be the only thing that upsets him. The school, supposedly dedicated to teaching young men about democracy, has instead produced some of the most dangerous and violent terrorists and dictators in the world. Topping the school's list of infamous graduates are Panamanian drug lord Manuel Noreaga, and Salvadorian death squad leader Roberto D'Aubuisson.

Bourgeois' opposition group started with just a handful of protesters, but now each year thousands gather to



KEVIN DALUM / The Observer
Father Roy Bourgeois lectured at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's about the atrocities of the School of the Americas.

Bourgeois talks at Saint Mary's

Observer Staff Report

Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of the School of The Americas Watch, continued to urge students to protest the U.S. government's sponsorship of the School of the Americas [SOA] Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

Bourgeois preached a similar message at Notre Dame Tuesday in a lecture sponsored by the University's chapter of Pax Christi. He has been on campus for two days to garner support for closure of the school, a training ground for Latin American military officers.

The SOA is training these soldiers to kill, he said, with more than \$1 million per day in funding from the U.S. government.

The school has developed a reputation in its 53 years of operation of training officers in torture and dictatorial measures. More than 900 people have been killed in political violence in El Salvador, many by graduates of this program, Bourgeois contended, giving the school its reputation as "The School of Assassins."

Bourgeois is one of the early leaders in the movement to close the SOA and has been jailed repeatedly for trespassing at Fort Benning, Ga., where SOA is

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INSIDE COLUMN

Walking on water

Merciless. Unyielding. Frigid. Wet. No, I am not describing an Arctic snowstorm — not even a South Bend snowstorm. What I am describing here is the sprinkler system employed by our beloved University. A sprinkler system with motives unknown to an intelligent student body. A sprinkler system with missions reaching far beyond the hopes of an impeccable quad.

En route to an 8:30 class in DeBartolo Hall, my comrade and I dodge these vicious rainmakers. Timing our steps with the clicks of the water, we have created an invisible labyrinth along the quad, sidestepping the jagged bullets. Our outfits, if we succeed in our mission of safe passage, will remain spotless and pressed, and my friend's hair won't curl up after her morning struggle to straighten it. Since the beginning of the year, this has been our morning routine.

On my way to O'Shaughnessy Hall a little after noon, I am surprised yet again by the sprinkler system's incessant dousing. Only this time, instead of feeling irritated, I am confused. It seems as though the sidewalk is getting a thorough wash down. The sprinklers each take their own turn laundering the walkway before continuing on to the grass. On an active college campus, I would figure that there would be more outrage over this wasted water than there currently is. As I question the need for green grass when fall is knocking at the door, I become angered over the constantly wet sidewalks.

In a constant and impatient quest for greener grass on our campus, someone set the timers for this sprinkler system without much consideration for quad-cutting students. Someone decided that the sprinklers had to go off at prime passing times. This individual dispersed the sprinklers in positions critical to the time-honored task of sidewalk irrigation.

Most people agree about all this nonsense. Our campus is absolutely lovely — that fact can not be argued with — however, do we really need the inopportune click-clicks of the sprinkler system constantly reminding us that the grass is green for a reason? I can not find a reason for the timers to be set during class time.

If I recall correctly, most towns near my house have water conservation orders in effect with severe consequences for those who feel their lawn is above the law. As a result, these towns encourage lawn watering during the early hours of the morning, as to prevent evaporation from the sun. It would make sense, therefore, for the University to run the sprinklers before most people are awake. Not only would we be eco-friendly, but also a bit more convenient for those students racing to class.

After lunch, another friend and I tackle the system once again on our way to the bookstore. As we bide our time complaining about the sprinklers, we are rudely interrupted by a merciless burst of a frigid quad shower.

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



Maureen Smithe

Copy Editor

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ EDTV: Cushing Auditorium, 10:30 p.m.	♦ Shakespeare in Love: Annenberg Auditorium, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.	♦ Football: at Purdue, WSBT-Ch. 22, 2:30 p.m.	♦ Eucharistic Ministry Workshop: Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 2 p.m.
♦ Honors Assembly: Sankofa Scholars, Eck Center, 7p.m.	♦ EDTV: Cushing Auditorium, 8 & 10:30 p.m.	♦ EDTV: Cushing Auditorium, 8 & 10:30 p.m.	♦ Lector Workshop: Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 8 p.m.
♦ Filipino American Student Organization: First general meeting, Notre Dame Room, 8 p.m.		♦ Concert: Bill Gaither, Joyce Center Arena, 6 p.m.	♦ BCAC: First general meeting, O'Neill Hall, 4 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Court allows intervention in Michigan lawsuit

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Two minority advocate groups will be allowed to serve as co-defendants in the admissions lawsuits facing two University of Michigan schools as a result of a decision handed down by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati last month.

The decision will delay the two lawsuits that are challenging the admissions processes of the University's Law School and College of Literature, Science and the Arts until next summer.

Miranda Massie, lead counsel for the defendants intervening in the suit facing the Law School, said the introduction of co-defendants is a significant victory.

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lead counsel for the defendants

The LSA suit is scheduled to begin some time next July or August, with the Law School case set to start Aug. 28, 2000. The cases originally were scheduled to go to trial this fall.

The Washington, D.C.-based Center for Individual Rights filed the lawsuits in 1997 on behalf of three white applicants, contending that using

race as a factor in admissions is unfair.

LSA applicants Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher and Law School applicant Barbara Grutter claim they were unfairly denied admission, contending that less-qualified minority applicants were admitted.

The court's decision allowing the inclusion of intervening defendants marks the first time minority advocates will be permitted to have their interests directly addressed in an affirmative action case.

University Deputy General Counsel Liz Barry said trials were pushed back to allow the intervening defendants time to become fully acquainted with the cases.

"We welcome the intervenors because their point-of-view is relevant and important to the debate," Barry said.

Court finds Miami seniors innocent

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

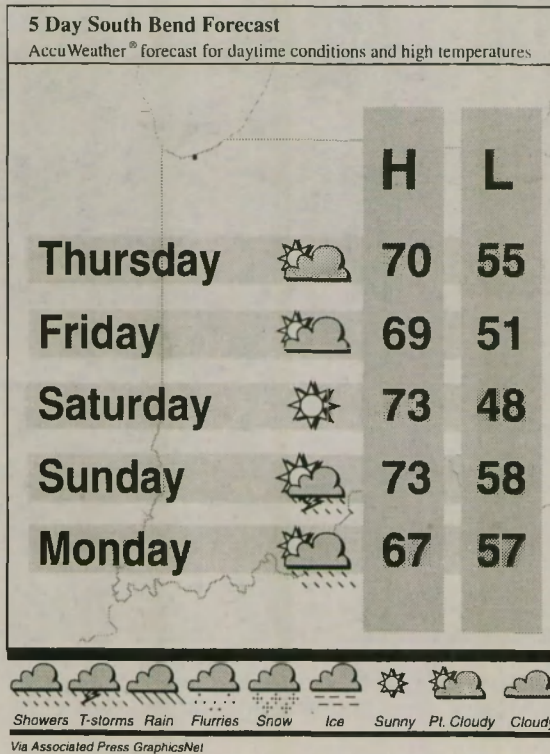
Brad Allen and Nathaniel Snow were found not guilty of posting racist and homophobic fliers at Miami University's Center for Black Culture and Learning. The two black students were accused of staging a faux hate crime last October by entering the center after closing time, programming racist messages on screen savers and posting hateful messages. After almost eight hours of deliberation on Wednesday at Butler County Area I Court, the five-man, three-woman jury found Allen and Snow not guilty of criminal trespass and criminal mischief, both misdemeanors. A guilty verdict could have sentenced the men to 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine. "I'm just glad it's over," said Allen, 22. "But it's not a redemption. A not-guilty verdict doesn't erase guilt in the minds of people." Both men voluntarily withdrew from school and were arrested in January, after the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification linked them to 42 out of the 46 prints found on the fliers. Snow, who hopes to re-enroll at Miami to finish his last semester student teaching, said, "Look at all of the lost time I can't be given back."

MIT housing undergoes changes

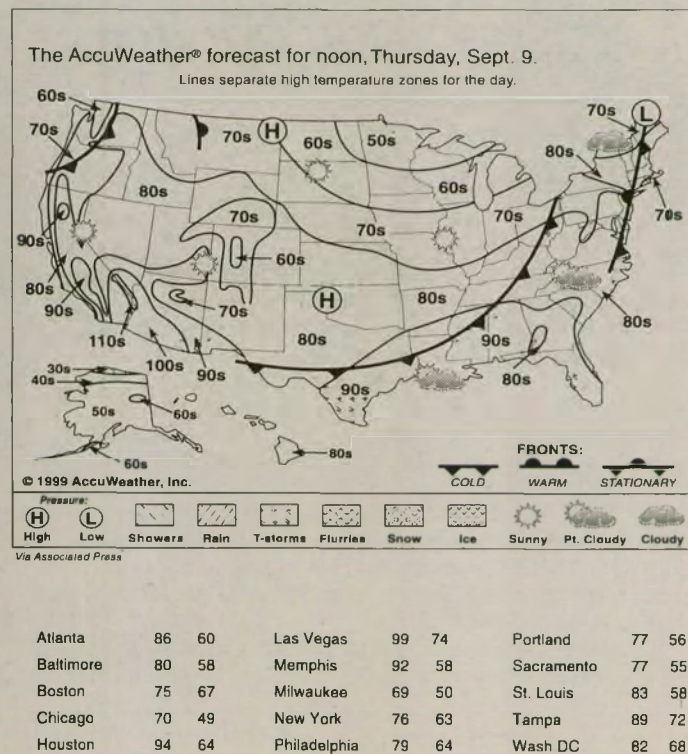
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

When the class of 2003 arrived on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus at the end of August, students did not have a permanent place to settle down and begin life at the university. Breaking with the college tradition of pre-assigned living space and roommates, MIT freshmen arrive on campus two weeks prior to the start of class and move into temporary university housing. During the two-week rush period, freshmen choose to live wherever they desire. The school's 36 fraternities, sororities and independent living groups and 10 university-affiliated on-campus houses hold activities, enticing freshmen with attractive living accommodations. In the wake of several alcohol and drug related problems, MIT's housing selection has been under much scrutiny. Last week junior Richard Guy died of asphyxiation from nitrous oxide poisoning in an East Campus dorm. Senior Susan Mosher and 1999 graduate Rene Ruiz, both 22, have been charged with seven counts of drug possession related to Guy's death. They will be arraigned in Middlesex District Court.

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Shalit advocates modesty among today's college students

♦ Author discusses the disrespect today's culture possesses toward modesty

By KATE WALTER
Staff Writer

"Don't be ashamed about what you should be proud of," stated 24-year old Williams College graduate Wendy Shalit in a standing-room-only lecture held Wednesday in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Shalit's recently published book entitled "A Return to Modesty" concerns the history of modesty, the problem concerning the ideals of modesty today and the issue of young women today who grew up after the sexual revolution.

She became interested in the idea of modesty during her college experience at Williams, where the university required Shalit to live in co-ed dorms, including sharing a co-ed bathroom.

Wednesday's lecture dealt with Shalit's concern with today's "attack on modesty." Shalit believes that the advice given to young girls today "is not in line with reality."

Photos and articles in popular women's magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Harper's Bazaar, which display scantily-clad women and advise young women to "keep married men as pets," send the message that "there's something wrong with you if you believe in modesty."

Shalit stated that in her own experience, expressing her opposition to co-ed

bathrooms and dorms led others to accuse her of being uncomfortable with her body.

"I'm comfortable with my body," said Shalit to her accusers. "I'm not comfortable with your bodies in such close proximity to mine."

Shalit also refuted certain myths about modesty that are accepted in today's society, including the idea that modesty is the equivalent of prudery. According to Shalit, modesty is actually the opposite.

"In stating that you will be with no one or with anyone, both prudery and promiscuousness express the idea that you can't be touched by anyone or anything," Shalit said.

Shalit added that modesty, on the other hand, "expresses that you can be touched, and are simply waiting for the right person to whom you want to give that privilege."

"Modesty is integrating your hopes and integrating what you want into your life."

Wendy Shalit
author

"Modesty," according to Shalit, "is integrating your hopes and integrating what you want into your life."

Shalit believes that women today should feel secure in their beliefs, rather than feel that they have to find excuses to "avoid the hook-up scene."

Concluding the lecture by giving advice about what can be done to preserve the virtue of modesty, she stated that parents have to be comfortable talking about human nature and giving advice to their children.

"There are children today who have no guidance, and are begging for it," said Shalit.

"I urge you to speak your mind," said Shalit. "Don't let the exhibitionist dominate our culture."



SHANNON BENNETT / The Observer

Author Wendy Shalit lectured in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium Wednesday about the negative attitude Generation X has toward modesty.

CORRECTION

Father Patrick Sullivan was identified incorrectly in Wednesday's Observer. Sullivan is the director of undergraduate studies in sociology and a member of the Higgins-Labor Research Center.

The Observer regrets the error.

Thursday, September 9

**For Seniors, 2nd Year MBAs, and
MS in Accountancy Students
Career Forum, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

Friday, September 10

**For 1st Year MBAs, Juniors,
Sophomores and Freshmen
Career Forum, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Information Sessions, 9:35 am to 2:45 pm**

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Bourgeois

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protest by trespassing onto Fort Benning property. Bourgeois' first-hand experience of prison comes from these protests.

"They tell me I am breaking the law by trespassing, but I follow a higher law. A law that says suffering must be stopped," he says. "They call it 'civil disobedience,' but I call it 'divine obedience.'"

Together with four Notre Dame students, he has been hoping to make an impact with speeches in the past two days at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Sophomore Brendan Egan, who was the principal organizer of Bourgeois' trip to campus, has been involved with service for many years, most recently making a summer trip to El Salvador. Also leading the way and vowing to participate in November are Liz Moriarty, Shelia McCarthy and Michael-John Myette. These

students look to Bourgeois as their leader both in the fight for justice and spiritually.

Bourgeois' rise to prominence started after college, when he joined the military and fought in Vietnam. Disillusioned with the meaningless death and violence of war, he met a missionary that changed his life. After completing the seminary, he was ordained into the priesthood and assigned to Bolivia to help the poor.

While there, he saw first-hand all of the military brutality and joined a resistance movement. His involvement angered the oppressive government there, causing his removal from Bolivia.

Soon, another issue attracted his attention. On Nov. 16, 1989, a massacre in El Salvador erupted. Archbishop Romero, whom Bourgeois admired and considered "a voice for the voiceless," was brutally murdered while saying Mass. Romero spoke out against violence and had been a voice filled with hope for peace in the troubled region.

Archbishop Romero was killed by Roberto D'Aubuisson's death squads. After looking into the terrorist's history, Bourgeois discovered that he was trained at the School of Americas in the United States. So began what has become a ten-year quest for him and his followers.

Hope seems to be rising for the School of Americas Watch. On July 30, the House of Representatives passed a bill to cut off some funding for the School, and now the bill is on its way to the Senate. Bourgeois attributed this success to the fervent letter-writing of taxpayers, who do not want their money to contribute to the training of potential terrorists.

A strong sense of unity is shown by Bourgeois and his student organizers all across the country.

His parting words were signs of his growing strength as an organizer: "You just can't do it all by yourself, you need others. Present your issue, and if it is noble and worthy, others will come."

Sweeney

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coming as a result of that early education, and that means better results for workers, he contended.

Ultimately, Sweeney said, he wants protection for those forced to live paycheck to paycheck.

"For many," said Sweeney, "unions are the only way out. And we want to make sure the government works as hard to protect them as it does to protect corporate executives."

The transforming of unions into significant political forces was also a key aspect to Sweeney's new image of the labor movement. Envisioning a world of social and economic justice, the AFL-CIO head called for an end to a nation "where the moneyed few make all the decisions," and the wage and wealth gap between classes is the largest in the world.

Labor unions, he argued,

will assure that thousands of "forgotten" individuals will not be left behind.

"People shouldn't have to work so hard, and so long, that they end up with no time to spend with their families," said Sweeney.

"For God's sake," he said, "why can't we protect human beings; that's all we're asking."

Sweeney's lecture was titled, "Why Workers Will Need Unions in the 21st Century" and was the 22nd annual Steel Workers Lloyd McBride Lecture at Notre Dame.

Sweeney is the third president of the AFL-CIO, and he started his career in the labor movement with the International Ladies Garment Workers.

He later moved on to the Service Employees International Union, which saw membership increase from 625,000 to 1.1 million in his 16 years as president.

Sweeney's book, "America Needs a Raise," has been praised by business leaders.

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located, to protest the programs there.

He also has fasted to draw attention to the actions of SOA graduates, in hopes the school would be shut down.

"Our bodies grew weak, but our hope was really strong," he said.

Bourgeois called on students to join in a protest planned for October at Fort Benning.

He said he hopes 5,000 people will join him to enter the base in protest.

Two years ago, more than 2,000 crossed the line and entered the base.

RUSSIA

Explosion kills 15 in Moscow

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Authorities searched for survivors and clues today after an explosion tore apart a nine-story Moscow apartment building, killing at least 15 people and leaving dozens more feared dead in the rubble.

Rescue workers said at least 60 people were hospitalized with serious injuries after being pulled from the wreckage. Up to 100 people could be trapped in the debris, they said.

The Federal Security Service, the country's main intelligence agency, launched an investigation into the blast. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and other officials said it appeared to have been a natural gas explosion, but authorities said they could not yet rule out a terrorist attack.

The powerful blast shook the southeast Moscow neighborhood shortly after midnight. Early today, more than 100 rescuers combed the wreckage for survivors. Fire and choking smoke made it unlikely that anyone trapped in the rubble had survived, rescue workers said.

"One thing's for sure,

there are a lot more people in there. It's really unlikely there are any left alive," said Nikolai Vavkenin, an emergency worker.

The blast left a gaping hole in the center of the building, located in a residential area near fields and railway tracks. Some people living in neighboring buildings were injured by flying glass and debris.

"I got up and rushed out of my room. I had heard my brother screaming because pieces of window glass had cut him ... Outside it felt like everyone was screaming, and then there was the smell of burning," said one woman who survived the explosion. She gave only her first name, Olga.

Rescue teams used cranes, bulldozers and dump trucks to remove mangled trees and huge slabs of shattered masonry.

The explosion shattered windows in buildings hundreds of yards from the blast and flipped over cars in surrounding streets.

Several bodies were hurled more than 30 yards from the building.

Sixty ambulances and 45 fire trucks were at the scene along with Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and other senior officials.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Trains celebrate Beatles

LONDON

It may not be a submarine, but it does travel underwater. The Eurostar train system unveiled a special Beatles Express on Wednesday in honor of the reissue of the band's 1968 cinematic landmark, "The Yellow Submarine." The brilliantly adorned Express pulled out of London's Waterloo station for its inaugural trip under the English Channel and on to Paris. The service will run three times a day between London, Paris and Brussels until December. All 18 Express carriages are decorated with psychedelic images from the film, in which the Beatles travel in a magical Yellow Submarine to Pepperland and liberate the country from the music-hating Blue Meanies. "I think it looks absolutely brilliant," said Bridget Hearne, 55, from Glastonbury Somerset, who boarded the train with her daughter.

Majority of drug users work full time

WASHINGTON

Seven in 10 people who used illegal drugs in 1997 had full-time jobs, the government reports. Officials hope the data will dispel notions that most drug users are burned out and disconnected from the mainstream. "The typical drug user is not poor and unemployed," said Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy director. "He or she can be a co-worker, a husband or wife, a parent." About 6.3 million full-time workers, ages 18 to 49 — or 7.7 percent — admitted in 1997 using illegal drugs in the preceding month, according to the report issued every few years by the Department of Health and Human Services. The proportion has been steady since 1992. Workers in restaurants, bars, construction and transportation were more likely than others to use drugs, the report said.

Alleged railroad killer won't defend self

HOUSTON

Alleged railroad killer Angel Maturino Resendiz has changed his mind about representing himself and will keep his court-appointed attorneys. Maturino Resendiz told a judge Tuesday he wanted to act as his own lawyer. But he dropped the request Wednesday and apologized for causing "problems." He said he will allow lawyers Allen Tanner and Rudy Duarte to represent him but he still does not know who will present his case at trial. Maturino Resendiz, 40, has been held since his surrender in El Paso on July 13. He is awaiting trial in one of nine killings nationwide to which police say he is linked.

INDONESIA

U.N. delays exit from East Timor

Associated Press

DILI

The United Nations heeded the pleas of East Timorese refugees Wednesday and delayed the evacuation of its mission to the Indonesian province, fearing the withdrawal could end in mass bloodshed.

As the refugees streamed out of the embattled territory to escape rampaging militias, witnesses charged that soldiers were looting throughout Dili. Rumors of mass slaughters swept through refugee camps.

International efforts to resolve the crisis moved ahead with a meeting between a high-level U.N. delegation and Indonesia's foreign minister.

The Vatican endorsed a proposal for a U.N. peacekeeping force, though U.S. officials appeared hesitant. Britain said it is sending a warship and about a dozen military planners to the region to prepare.

More than 2,000 people were crowded into the U.N. compound in Dili, the provincial capital. Many said pro-Indonesian militias would kill them if the U.N. workers left.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the pullout of the remaining 206 international officials and 167 East Timorese working for the world body would be delayed 24 hours. He also said he is trying to keep a small U.N. presence in the violence-torn province to protect innocent civilians.

The move came after the U.N. workers announced plans to flee Dili on Thursday morning.

Indonesian military leaders in Jakarta denied reports that the president planned to resign over the Timor debacle. The capital was hit by a half-dozen protests, both pro- and anti-government.

Violence in East Timor exploded in the wake of an Aug. 30 U.N.-supervised referendum, in which the East Timorese overwhelmingly voted to become independent from Indonesia.

Since then, Indonesian troops and their proxies have been looting houses, shooting people and driving others out in an apparent effort to punish the populace and subvert independence.



AFP Photo

A demonstrator protests the Indonesian government outside of the Town Hall in Auckland where an emergency meeting on East Timor is being held today on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Witnesses who ventured into the deserted streets Wednesday said Indonesian soldiers were "looting everything in sight," carrying furniture out of abandoned houses and loading it onto trucks.

"They are trying to kill all the educated people so we cannot develop our country," said a pro-independence activist who reached the U.N. compound Wednesday. "This is a good-bye operation."

The U.N. compound has been surrounded by Indonesian troops, who have helped militiamen block access to it. On Wednesday, bursts of machine gun fire could be heard outside the compound.

"It will be the holocaust here" if

U.N. workers leave, said a prominent student leader in the compound, who declined to be identified for fear of retribution. "They will simply kill all of us as soon as you leave."

Refugees streamed out of East Timor as troops and militiamen continued to terrorize the population. U.N. officials estimated that up to 200,000 people — a quarter of the territory's population — have fled in the past several days.

In Indonesian-controlled West Timor, rumors of mass slaughter in adjacent East Timor were sweeping fast-growing refugee camps, where an estimated 50,000 people were taking shelter.

Beijing picks national theater design

Associated Press

BEIJING

For 40 years, Beijing has wanted to build a national theater to symbolize the pride and modernity of the New China.

The time has finally arrived, and the choice is a starkly modern French design of a glass dome in a lake — dismissing some critics who argue the monument lacks Chinese characteristics.

Whether the Chinese public likes it remains to be seen because state media have not yet announced plans for the project, to be built near Tiananmen

Square, the symbolic heart of China.

The new theater will stand just west of the Great Hall of the People, an imposing Stalinist building with tall gray stone columns and Chinese-style green and yellow glazed-tile eaves.

Across the broad Avenue of Eternal Peace from the site of the new theater lies Zhongnanhai, the walled compound of ornate imperial villas where China's leaders live and work. Alongside Zhongnanhai is the imperial palace, or Forbidden City.

A national theater was first proposed in 1958 by Premier Chou En-lai. A huge hole was dug, but work stopped because of

economic problems. The hole is now a parking lot for mail trucks in a guarded, walled lot full of weeds and scraggly trees.

Public interest in China's first big civic architecture project in 40 years revived last summer when proposed designs submitted by 44 architects, about half of them foreign, were displayed in the Museum of Revolutionary History. The public was invited to comment, and many favored a glass building with a light, futuristic air.

A selection committee originally rejected all entries and demanded revisions, calling for a building that was immediately rec-

ognizable as a Chinese theater and in harmony with Tiananmen Square.

The design chosen is by Paul Andreu of Paris, the Ministry of Construction said. Andreu helped build the Grande Arche de la Defense west of Paris and the Channel Tunnel terminal in Calais and also is working on a new Shanghai airport.

The committee made its choice in July and top Communist Party leaders approved it, said committee spokeswoman Yu Yanmei. Jiang Zhenhui of the Institute of City Planning and Design Office said the procedures had not been finalized.

Market Watch: 9/8

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AMEX:	792.39	-1.28
Nasdaq:	2808.74	-28.52
NYSE:	621.87	-1.84
S&P 500:	1344.15	-6.30
Composite Volume:	707,400,000	

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DELL COMPUTER	DELL	-3.55	-1.7550	47.62
INTEL CORP	INTC	-1.92	-1.6850	85.94
MICROSOFT CORP	MSFT	-2.12	-2.0000	92.25
ORACLE CORP	ORCL	+1.14	+0.4975	44.31
CISCO SYSTEMS	CSCO	-2.04	-1.435	68.94
STAPLES INC	SPLS	-10.31	-2.1900	19.06
RED HAT INC	RHAT	+8.10	+0.7500	116.75
MICRON TECH	MTU	-5.18	-4.1250	75.50
MIRAGE RESORTS	MIR	+8.27	+0.9575	13.06

JAPAN

'All Nines Day' goes as planned in Asia

Associated Press

TOKYO

On the high-tech side, it was — as expected — a snoozer. And the rumors of rebellion in secluded Myanmar appeared to be overblown.

But a rare alignment of nines on the calendar today provided an excuse for thousands of superstitious people around the world to head out of town, try a little gambling or even get married.

Some computer experts had warned of potential problems with old programs that might mistake the date 9-9-99 with a code used to end an operation.

Though few had expected any serious malfunctions, the "9999 bug" was seen by some as a possible dry-run ahead of the Year 2000 problem, in which computers unable to properly handle the change from the year 1999 to 2000 on Jan. 1 go haywire.

If today was any indication, the Y2K bug could be a breeze.

To be safe, the Bank of Japan added \$2.7 billion worth of Treasury bills Wednesday, and even more today, because of concerns that foreign banks might be in need of cash should any computer problems arise.

But a bank official said that as of late this morning, there had been no reports of problems.

Still, while the All Nines appeared to be shaping up to be just another day in the computer world, it was anything but ordinary for thousands of gamblers, eccentrics and lovers across the world.

The Japan Travel Bureau, this country's largest travel agency, commemorated the date with a package tour for 99 people that included airfare to New York or Orlando, Fla. for 99,999 yen (about \$909).

In Malaysia, four-digit lottery ticket hawkers were on a roll. The Sun newspaper reported, with "9999" being a hot bet at lottery outlets. And 999 senior citizens were to attempt to set a new — albeit obscure — Malaysian record for the largest gathering at older persons in a circus.

Malaysian couples were also rushing to get married. Ninety-nine couples took their wedding vows in a mass ceremony at exactly 9:09 a.m. at a Buddhist temple in the capital of Kuala Lumpur. The number of Malaysian couples registering to be married today was nearly three times the daily average, according to the government.

A rush of weddings was also expected in Japan and China. And, not to be outdone, a mass marriage was to be held at the monkey house of the Berlin Zoo.

Bucking the trend was Taiwan, where a conflicting tradition — the end of Ghost Month — makes many people consider Thursday to be bad luck. Along with marriages, there were likely to be fewer people eating out there as well.

Not all of Nines Day was lighthearted.

Over the past few weeks there have been persistent rumors that activists in Myanmar might be plotting an uprising to coincide with the Nines Day, which they consider auspicious.

Apparently taking such rumors seriously, the Myanmar government had recently detained 16 pro-democracy activists, and Thai troops on the Myanmar border were put on alert.

The Thai government is concerned that fighting might erupt between Myanmar forces and those of the Karen National Union, one of the last remaining ethnic insurgency groups fighting the central government.

Delta, pilots begin contract talks

Associated Press

ATLANTA

After seeing Delta Air Lines' profits surpass \$1 billion for two straight years, the carrier's pilots are lining up for a bigger slice of the pie.

Delta and its 9,200 pilots opened contract talks Wednesday by exchanging proposals six months before the current contract's "amendable date" of May 2000. Neither side disclosed specific salary wishes, which are expected to dominate the talks.

To help push the nation's third-largest carrier back to profitability, pilots offered Delta substantial wage concessions during the last contract negotiations in 1996 and are seeking to recoup them in the new contract.

Atlanta-based Delta posted a record \$1 billion profit in 1998 for the second straight year.

The Delta contract talks come at a time of increased airline industry profitability — and labor strife.

Last year, Northwest pilots went on a 15-day strike before reaching a contract with the airline. And American Airlines pilots staged an illegal job action in February over the integration of Reno Airlines into the airline's operations, disrupting hundreds of thousands of flights.

The talks won't be easy or short, said Julius Maldutis, an analyst with CIBC Oppenheimer.

"After six consecutive years of profit, it's not surprising that (airline) labor in general has grown much more militant," said Maldutis, who predicted the Delta talks will lead to federal mediation. "The

pilots are saying, 'We want it back, plus some.'"

Capt. Chuck Giambusso, chairman of the Delta pilots'

union, called the pilots' proposal "ambitious, but fair."

"We are committed to our company and to achieving a timely and superior agreement," he said at a news conference.

Besides salary raises, the pilots are seeking better training pay, codification of rest rules, reduction in the amount

of regional jet flying performed by Delta subsidiaries, growth in the number of pilot jobs and better vacation and retirement benefits.

The pilots also want a voting member on Delta's board of directors, instead of the nonvoting seat they

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Julius Maldutis
analyst

now hold, and elimination of a lower pay scale for pilots who fly for Delta Express, Delta's low-cost unit based in Orlando, Fla.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group debates Rolfs' closing time

◆ Members agree to consult Rolfs on issue before debate

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

A resolution calling for later closing times at the Rolfs RecSports Recreation Center topped the agenda of last night's meeting of the Student Senate.

"At 11:30 [at night], a young lady jogged past us alone toward the lakes," Keough senator Brian O'Donoghue said, explaining the impetus for the resolution.

Currently, the facility closes at 11 p.m., and under the proposed resolution, the hours would be extended until midnight. During certain times last year, RecSports did change the closing time to midnight, and members of the senate inquired as to why this didn't happen year-round.

"Last semester the hours were at 12, so it's not like they haven't done it or they can't do it," said Knott senator Ed Foy.

Breen-Philips senator Leanna Thomas, who worked at the facility last year, said the closing time was extended to midnight last year from Thanksgiving break to Easter break. Plans are in place to implement the same hours



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

Student body vice president Michael Palumbo makes his point during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, which was not a busy session.

after fall break or Thanksgiving break, Thomas said.

The senators responsible for drafting the measure had not yet contacted RecSports officials regarding the proposal, so the resolution was tabled until the next meeting of the senate, which will be

Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Senators briefly discussed the ticket distribution system and the manner in which members are quoted by The Observer in Student Senate meetings.

They also celebrated Student Union secretary Luciana Reali's 19th birthday.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members study SMC parking squeeze

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

The parking problem issue dominated Wednesday night's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting at Saint Mary's.

As of this year, Saint Mary's College is in need of a plan for overflow parking and general parking for students. "This year alone there were 508 residence parking passes sold for 437 spots" said Richard Chlebek, director of Safety and Security.

BOG has been working on resolving the parking spaces problem along with off-campus commissioner Beth Beatty's concerns about safety for off campus students. Her concerns included the convenience of commuting students who have to park in the science lot. Beatty's concerns were addressed by Cheblak, who suggested the shuttle system and escort service provided for after hours.

Another issue that BOG is working on is the Noble Family Dining Hall changes. Students have expressed concern regarding leaving their belong-

ings outside the doors, where theft could occur.

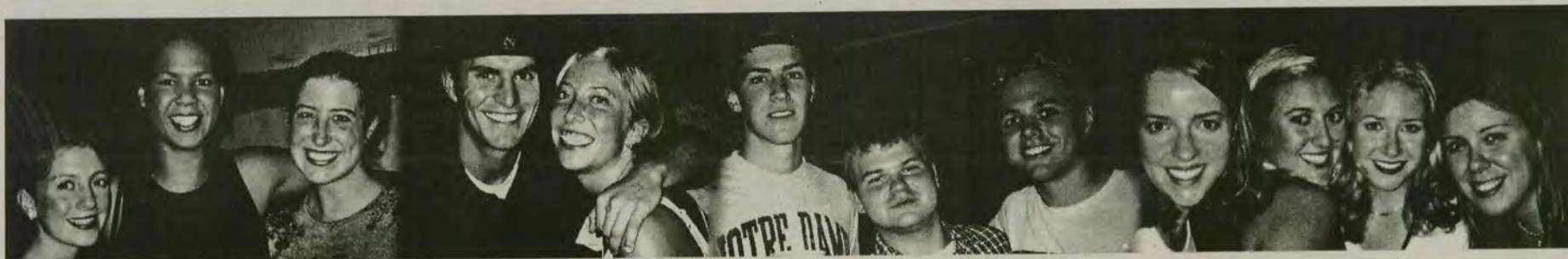
The computer lab hours were also addressed at Wednesday's meeting. Currently, the 24-hour lounge in the library is closed from 11:45 p.m. until 1 a.m. for cleaning. Students are then left with the computers in the writing center. However, since the writing center computers are hooked up to computers in the computer lab, students are left stranded for over an hour.

In addition to policy concerns, BOG also planned several events for students and faculty on campus. For example, members of BOG can be seen in the Dining Hall running Hall Council Elections, and student body vice president Angie Little discussed the Sept. 15 welcome back party for the students who went abroad last year.

Some other events for the month of September discussed were: The Grace Under Pressure Etiquette Training Seminar on Sept. 15, The Twilight Tailgate on Sept. 16, the Catholic Social Training Retreat scheduled for Sept. 21, and Dash for Dollars on Sept. 22.

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GREECE

Quake unites Greek, Turk rescuers

Associated Press

ATHENS

As the death toll from the quake that rocked Athens rose above 60 Wednesday, Greek and Turk rescuers again found themselves in a position they would have found unusual before last month: working side-by-side.

Elsewhere, inspectors began assessing fractured buildings that could leave thousands homeless. On a brighter note, archaeologists said Athens' famed monuments, including the Acropolis and the Temple of Zeus, sustained no major damage.

Twenty Turks were the first foreign rescue team to reach the city's most battered areas. Ashundreds looked on, they joined Greeks — their longtime archrivals — in slowly chipping through concrete at a collapsed cleaning products factory in search of 30 trapped workers.

Turks had praised Greece for the quick and extensive help following the Aug. 17 earthquake in Turkey that claimed more than 15,000 lives. Their teamwork caused political leaders on both sides of the Aegean Sea to reassess their positions. The two nations have nearly gone to war three times in the past 25 years over territorial disputes.

"It is good. This is the second time we meet the Greeks. Now it is our turn," said Iskender Eigeir of Turkey.

Fire and health officials said Wednesday that at least 64 people died in Tuesday's quake and more than 2,000 were injured. Dozens more were reported missing from working-class apartment blocks and Gypsy camps in the Athens area, where the magnitude 5.9 quake sent residents racing from homes and offices as glass and debris rained down on them.

The collapsed factory was a focus of the rescue effort. Searching for survivors among the rubble, rescue crews punched out crawl spaces with picks and jackhammers.

They managed to pull out two survivors — a man and a woman — from deep in the debris more than 32 hours after the quake, and another woman was known to be alive in the same area of the rubble. But Fire Chief Panagiotis Fouras said there were doubts many others would emerge alive.

"Please, tell me everything will be all right," pleaded a man embracing a friend outside the factory, where the man's fiancée was among those pinned under five stories of concrete and steel.

Anxious and sleep-starved crowds, including relatives of those missing, gathered behind police lines at the factory site. Some fashioned sun hats out of the factory's aluminum foil.

VENEZUELA

Judges defend court's decision in Venezuela

Associated Press

CARACAS

One of the judges who created an uproar by throwing out charges against two dozen bankers in one of Latin America's biggest banking scandals offered a fiery defense on live television Wednesday, insisting the decision was perfectly legal and that officials have no right to reverse it.

"Our decision is perfectly in line with the law," Judge Arnoldo Echegaray told Globovision.

Echegaray and Judge Carmen Elena Pennacio provoked an outcry when they dropped charges last Friday against executives and midlevel employees of four Venezuelan banks that were caught up in a 1994 scandal that nearly sent the entire financial system under.

The government was forced to take over 18 banks and financial institutions — 40 percent of the system's total — and spend \$10 billion on a bailout that sent inflation spiraling to record levels and plunged the economy into a prolonged

recession.

About 200 bankers fled the country and have been living overseas as fugitives. To date, just one has been extradited to Venezuela. The scandal caused thousands of depositors to lose their money.

Raising his voice, Echegaray told Globovision that his decision to free the bankers was based on changes made in the laws by legislators who gave then-President Rafael Caldera special powers to address the banking crisis.

"There's a mountain of ridiculous judicial" laws, he said.

Judge Pennacio has since attempted to revoke her ruling, but Echegaray said that's impossible. "The decision is unalterable."

The court ruling came amid a shakeup of a justice system that many consider among the most corrupt in the world. A powerful new Constitutional Assembly controlled by President Hugo Chavez announced Tuesday that eight judges had

been fired by the national judges council that supervises the country's judges. Assembly members said another 50 could soon follow.

A judicial oversight commission that recommended the firings to the judges council said it also would recommend the immediate suspension of Echegaray and Pennacio. Commission members said they were also reviewing another 3,500 formal accusations of corruption against Venezuelan judges.

Most of the allegations have been shelved for years by the judges council, which has been wide-

ly accused of ignoring corruption in the judiciary.

The special investigating commission is trying to change that, but some critics argue that it is overstepping its legal bounds since the Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitutional Assembly's only mission is to write a new constitution.

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Bradley announces bid for 2000 presidential nomination

Associated Press

CRYSTAL CITY, Mo. Bill Bradley, walking the small-town haunts of his boyhood, decried the current day's politics of "trifling things" and asked Americans to follow him toward bigger dreams. "We need a new kind of leadership," he declared Wednesday.



Bradley

In a fall kickoff rally for a presidential campaign that has been underway for months, Bradley sought to offer Democrats a reason for choosing him over Vice President Al Gore despite an economy that has soared during his rival's tenure.

He appealed to traditional Democratic sympathies for the disadvantaged.

"What we need in America is a deeper prosperity," Bradley

argued from the steps of his old high school in this one spotlight Mississippi River hamlet. He lamented that one in five children live in poverty, and 45 million Americans lack health insurance.

Government should not do "trifling things much of the time for some people, but it should be doing some large and essential things all of the time for the whole nation."

Stricter gun control, campaign finance reforms, universal health insurance and the eradication of child poverty made his list of big, essential goals.

"We will do fewer things, but they will be essential things and we will do them more thoroughly."

After months of low-profile campaigning, Bradley staged this mom-and-apple-pie-event with hopes of more broadly introducing himself and what he called the "small-town boy" ethos he brings to politics.

Handsewn bicentennial flags were retrieved from the library's storage to festoon the oaks along Mississippi Avenue. Sno-cones from the elementary

school PTA and 5,000 of the local ladies' home-baked snickerdoodles, oatmeal clusters and chocolate chip cookies stood in for apple pie to complete Bradley's vision of perfect Americana.

He came home buoyed by a weekend poll that showed that he and Gore were running neck and neck in New Hampshire, the first primary state. But he still has to overcome surveys suggesting he remains relatively unknown nationwide.

Even here, Kim Casey said she knew little of Bradley, having moved to Crystal City from St. Louis three years.

Manning the sno-cone table, Casey, a 35-year-old mother and grocery clerk, said she was nonetheless sure Bradley would "set the country's standards to where we come from — family values, where everybody sticks together."

In his 35-minute address delivered in a level voice with the help of a TelePrompTer, the former New Jersey senator struck themes commonly heard from Gore's critics.

"I'm more interested in leadership than polls and politics," Bradley said.

He drew approving nods and whistles when, in an apparent contrast with Gore and

Republican front-runner George W. Bush, he noted that he grew up "without a famous family name or great wealth."

The adoring hometown crowd stood to applaud Bradley's promise of "a new kind of leadership — a leadership that puts the people front and center, not the president."

While the Clinton-Gore administration unbudgingly faced off with congressional Republicans this week over tax cuts, Bradley also sounded a bipartisan note.

His late father was a Republican, Bradley said with a sly grin, but worked with town Democrats to build the high school in 1939.

"We can do big jobs again, if we do them together," Bradley said.

An only child, he remembered his late schoolteacher mother organizing youth dances in the family basement and added, with an apologetic nod to his wife, Ernestine, "I still can't get beyond the same awkward two-step she taught in our living room."

The Bradleys' 22-year-old daughter, Theresa Anne, is a college student and studying overseas.

Bradley proved his financial viability in the first half of this year by amassing some \$12 million in campaign donations to Gore's \$18 million.

Now, Bradley hopes to use detailed policy announcements — on child poverty, universal health care, the economy and foreign policy — to overcome other surveys suggesting that he remains relatively unknown nationwide.

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Forbes comments on GOP's tax cut

Associated Press

LAUREL, Del.

Steve Forbes criticized the Republican tax cut, Washington's political culture and administration's commitment to the military, sounding themes Wednesday that impressed voters who nonetheless wondered whether he could win the GOP presidential nomination in 2000.

The millionaire publisher also stressed his support for allowing prayer in school and posting the Ten Commandments in classrooms.

The \$792 billion, 10-year plan to cut taxes does not go far enough in offering tax relief and would mean only "pennies on the dollar" for most working people, Forbes said.

"Pennies, and Washington is tied up in knots," he said. "Washington is not connected to the people." He repeated his goal of scrapping the federal tax code and replacing it with a flat tax.

Forbes also criticized Vice President Gore, the Democratic front-runner, as part of the political structure in the nation's capital where promises are made but often not kept.

"How many times, for example, have they said they're going to save Social Security?" Forbes asked during a speech before about 150 people.

He added that Americans should have the choice of investing their Social Security dollars in private IRAs: "After all, that money belongs to you, not Washington."

Forbes said the current administration has been derelict in maintaining military readiness.

"This is not just a military issue. It's a moral issue," Forbes said. "When some young person dons that uniform to serve this country, and then they are not given the tools they need, the spare parts, that's dereliction of duty."

After his speech outlining proposals to overhaul health care, Social Security and the military, Forbes discussed school prayer and the Ten Commandments.

"It is easier, in many instances, to bring a copy of Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' into a school than it is to bring in a Bible," Forbes said.

That mirrored what Forbes said in June after the House voted in favor of permitting the display of the Ten Commandments in hopes of ending some school violence. Democrats such as Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, also a presidential aspirant, have questioned the constitutionality of the amendment and its effectiveness.

Marie Harrington, 46, said she had not decided whether Forbes would get her vote in the state's Feb. 15 Republican caucus.

She also was uncertain whether he could win the nomination, despite having a platform she liked.

"It's going to be a tough battle for Forbes again," she said. "I don't know if its because of the way he comes across or not. It's a shame."

Forbes impressed Jack Lucia, 62, a retired school teacher. He liked the candidate's position on abortion.

RUSSIA

Yeltsin denies cash scandal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Russian President Boris Yeltsin called President Clinton on Wednesday and denied he or his family are involved in a broadening international money-laundering scandal, a White House official said.

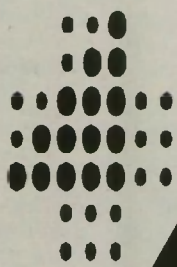
"They talked about money-laundering, corruption," during a one hour phone conversation, White House national security adviser Sandy Berger said. Clinton asked about reports of Yeltsin's personal involvement, and Yeltsin denied the allegations, Berger told reporters.

"The president said it's very important to deal with these [allegations] on the merits and cooperate," Berger said.

Yeltsin said the Russian government will cooperate with international investigations of various alleged financial scandals involving Russian banking and business, Berger said. Russian law enforcement authorities will come to the United States next week to meet with the FBI and other U.S. law enforcement officials, Berger said.

Russia's chief prosecutor, suspended by Yeltsin in March, said in an interview this week that Yeltsin and his daughters should be questioned about whether they received kickbacks from a Swiss construction firm.

In another high-profile case, U.S. authorities are trying to determine whether Russian organized crime groups funneled up to \$10 billion illegally through accounts of Bank of New York.



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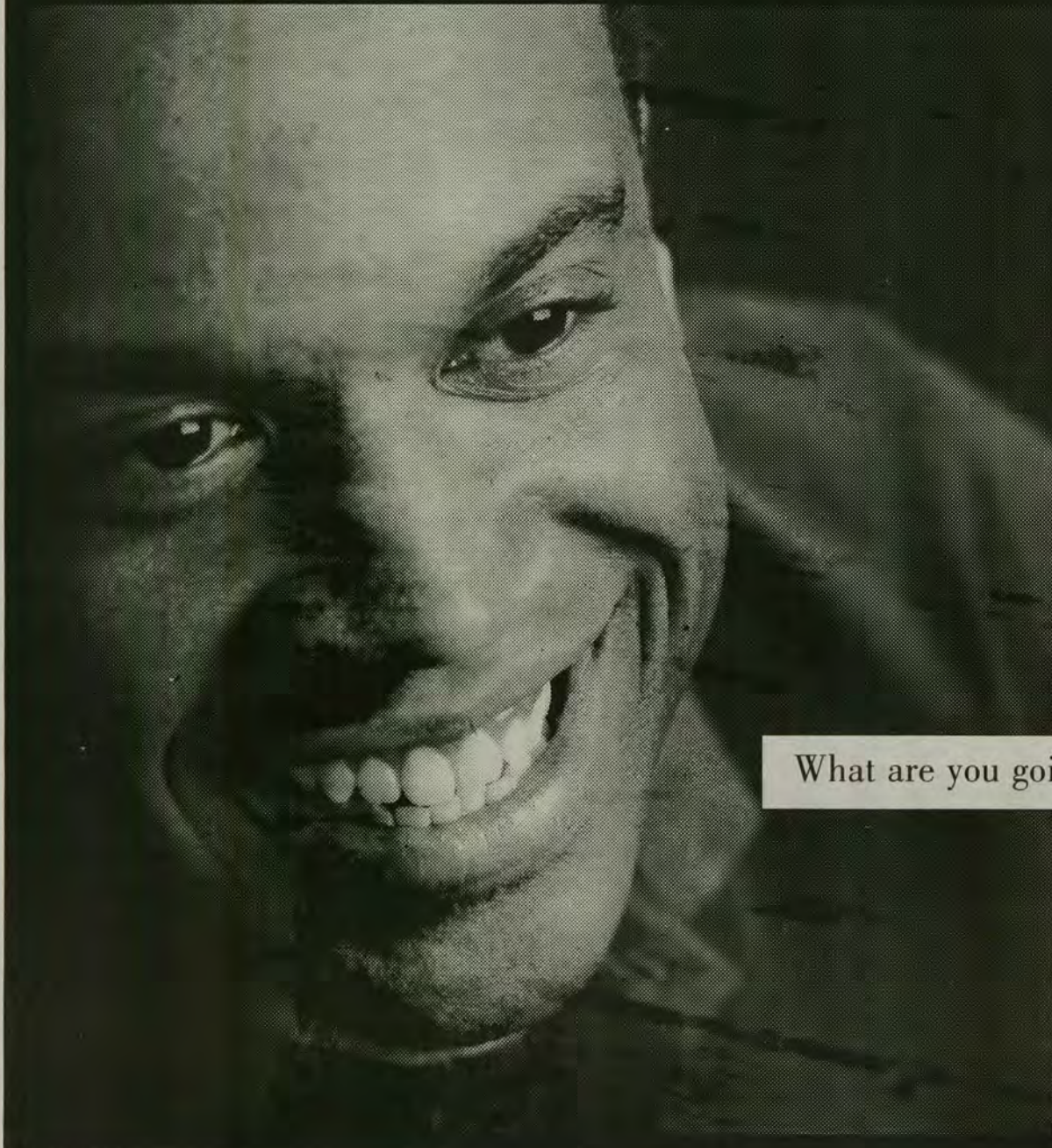
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Public high school ROTC opens

Associated Press

CHICAGO

As the Stars and Stripes are raised to the sound of drums and bugles, dozens of teenagers in uniform struggle to line up under the frowning gaze of a retired Army major.

This is not an elite private military school. It's an inner-city public high school.

The Chicago Military Academy opened last month as the first public school in the nation run by the Army's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

More than 150 students attend military-style classes in a historic South Side armory where black recruits once drilled before marching off to the battlefields of World War I. But the school's aim is to send students to college, not to war.

"We are not training soldiers," said retired Brig. General Frank Bacon, the school's commandant. "We are using military methodology to educate these students."

Paul Vallas, chief executive of the Chicago's public schools, said students who participate in JROTC perform a half-grade to a full grade higher academically.

"The kids are motivated," Vallas said. "It helps them to develop self-confidence, self-esteem and comradeship. It helps to develop character."

The school's staff members chose students they believed

wouldn't chafe under a military regimen. Both the students and their parents were interviewed, the parents to determine if they would support the school by volunteering their time.

The school's principal, Col. Charles Fleming of the Illinois National Guard, calls his students average kids, their only distinction being they are qualified to attend high school. A few gifted students have enrolled, too.

"In four years, they will be head and shoulders over your regular high school graduate because of their leadership skills," he said.

Ruby Cruz, 14, rises at the crack of dawn to get to school by 7 a.m. She said she decided to attend because she wants a college scholarship and needs discipline, though she's more interested in

becoming a pediatrician than in making a career of the military.

"I was kind of a bad girl," she said. "I never did my chores and I hung out on

the streets with the wrong crowd. I think this will help me do better."

The students, who attend classes in JROTC uniform, eat breakfast together when they arrive. Roll call follows 20 minutes later in the drill hall. The raising of the colors takes place outside the main entrance.

On a recent morning, the band played a ragged "To the Colors" during the flag-rais-

ing.

"Everyone in the class will be in the band," Bacon said. "As a marching academy, we need a band. Next year, the incoming class also will be required to learn to play an instrument. It is a skill they can use later in life."

The students take English, math, science and other college preparatory courses. They also study military history, military science and physical education.

In the hallways, there's none of the usual high school noise or horseplay. Students move quietly, greeting Bacon and Fleming respectfully in shy voices, but without salutes or exclamations of "Sir!"

Discipline is expected. Tardiness is not tolerated.

"We only had one late today," Bacon said, pointing over his shoulder at a girl. "She's over there right now getting ... chewed out."

There won't be a summer break for these students, who must take classes and participate in a two-week military camp.

The school is situated in the 8th Regiment Armory, once home to the nation's first black-commanded infantry unit. Bacon, backed by city officials, led the effort to renovate the 1914 armory at a cost of \$24 million. A \$10 million annex to be completed next year will allow the school to grow to 540 students.

Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociology professor who studies the military, noted that private military schools are booming, so it makes sense for a public school to offer the same options.

"In four years, they will be head and shoulders over regular high school graduates."

Col. Charles Fleming
principal

Former Sen. Danforth to head Waco inquiry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Former Republican Sen. John Danforth agreed Wednesday to oversee an independent review of the 1993 government standoff with the Branch Davidians, government officials said.



Reno

Attorney General Janet Reno was to announce the appointment Thursday.

Reno's decision on Danforth came as the top Republican in the Senate said he now has doubts about who started the fire that ended the fatal siege in Waco, Texas, and believes it is time for Reno to step down.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said new revelations that the government withheld evidence about its use of force in the raid add to a "pattern" of refusing to cooperate with congressional requests.

"There are doubts because questions have been raised," Lott told reporters. Those new question and what Lott called a history of Reno not cooperating with Congress "... leads me to conclude that the attorney general should resign."

His comments fueled a new GOP campaign against Reno that began two weeks ago with the belated revelation that the FBI fired incendiary tear gas grenades at the Davidian compound on the day a fire killed 80 members of the sect. The government continues to maintain the fire was started by sect members, not federal agents.

Reno, nonetheless, moved forward with her plans to launch an independent inquiry headed by Danforth, who left the Senate in 1995 and is respected by members of both parties for his stubborn independence and reputation for integrity.

Reno selected Danforth and he accepted the offer during several days of negotiations, according to government officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

A senior Justice Department official said Reno would introduce Danforth at her weekly news conference Thursday. Danforth spent about five hours at the Justice Department on Wednesday, but was unavailable to reporters.

Danforth, 63, is an Episcopal priest with solid Republican credentials — he successfully shepherded the troubled nomination of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas through the Senate. He also has a background in law enforcement. Before entering the Senate, he served as attorney general in Missouri for eight years.

As Republicans continued their assault, the attorney general received a strong endorsement from Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. He said Reno "deserves commendation rather than criticism," and that "under no circumstances" should she resign.

Danforth's independent probe could clash with multiple hearings that Republicans on Capitol Hill were preparing even before Congress returned Wednesday from its August recess.

Investigators for a Senate subcommittee chaired by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, are trying to interview a retired CIA official, Gene Cullen, who claims he has information that members of the elite Delta Force military team were actively involved in the Waco siege.

Government officials have acknowledged members of the military were at Waco in an advisory capacity but have maintained that they never participated in the operation.

House Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., has issued subpoenas in his own re-examination of the tragedy. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, also plans hearings.

One lawmaker, however, has deferred to Danforth.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde said Wednesday he would withhold his planned legislation to establish a five-member commission to first see if Danforth gets the full cooperation of the Justice Department.



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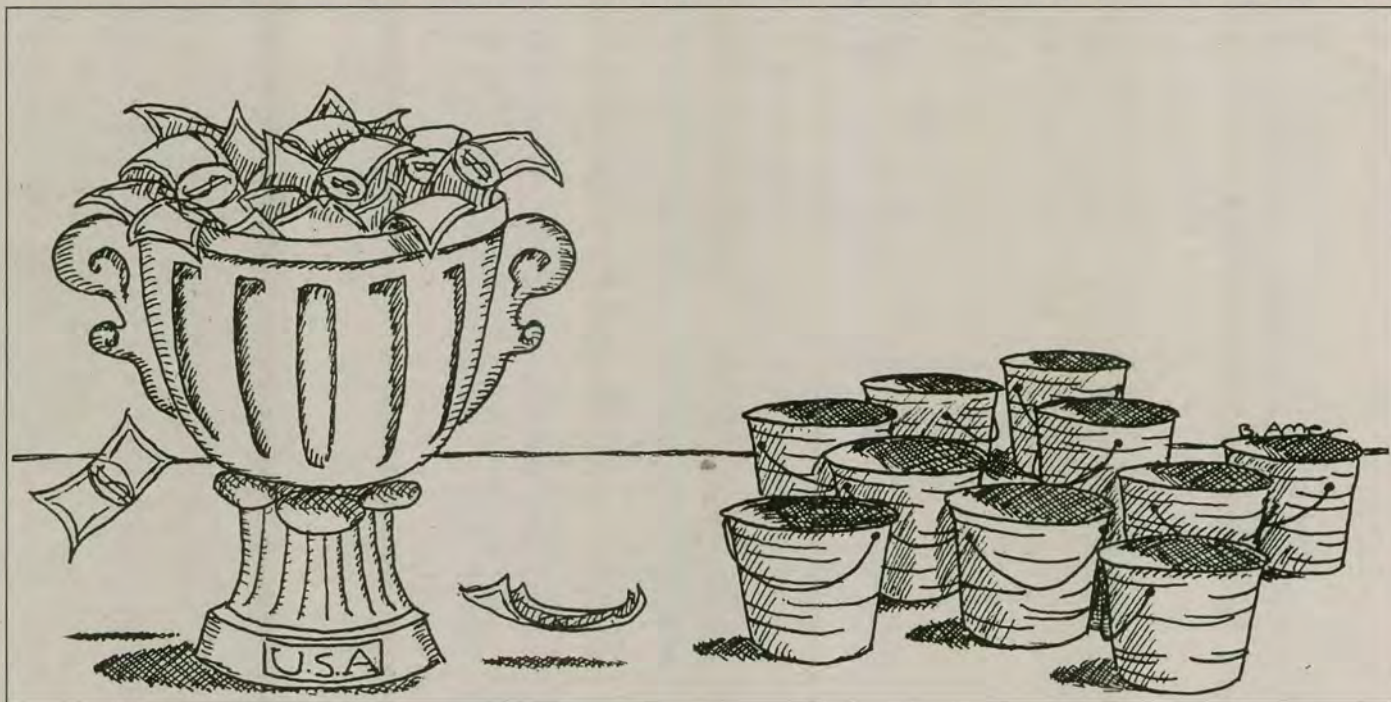
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A Debt of Solidarity for the Year 2000

A few weeks ago, the unthinkable happened. A country missed a Brady bond payment.

During the 1970s, bankers and investors fell in love with Latin America, and they lent — maybe even pushed — huge amounts of money. Military dictatorships, which back then ruled most of Latin America, fell in love with the money and asked for as much debt as they could get.

Ordinary people became euphoric and borrowed in dollars with no thought for tomorrow. Things were going generally well for their economies; debt levels rose steadily. At the end of the 1970s, democratic winds blew — but at the same time the economies started to turn sour. Many factors contributed.

The most important one, in my view, is that U.S. interest rates soared. The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at that time decided that it would be a great idea to raise interest rates in order to bring inflation down. But he forgot — and many others in the U.S. forgot — that it is not moral to make national decisions without considering the international consequences. Rising interest rates made Latin American debt burdens impossibly large.

Third-world governments found that, unless they wanted to be international lepers, they had to dedicate funds to debt service that should have gone to education and roads and health. Some larger countries got assistance, but most countries were just assisted over the cliff. Creditors banded together and forced governments to pay the private debts of their citizens — something capitalist-minded people had sworn would never happen. Stealing from someplace that I cannot remember, someone said: "We international bankers believe in the market when

things are going well, but we believe in the state when things are going badly."

So the burden of paying the debt was to fall on the poor. To pay the debt and stay in the good graces of the international powers, governments cut back spending on everything else, especially social programs. Employment plummeted while inflation skyrocketed. The massive transfer of wealth abroad impoverished the economies, destabilized the political systems, weakened social order and social unity and led to what has been called the Lost Decade of the 1980s.

It is an old adage in banking that it is better to get 100 percent of something than zero percent of everything. If a borrower cannot pay his debts, it is better to just erase some of it from the books to allow the borrower to get into better shape and pay at least something. International creditors appeared to remember this when countries had "proved their willingness to undertake structural reforms," which means that they had to accept the free market ideology of the creditors. The Brady bonds were born.

The Brady plan was put together by someone named Brady, and it consisted of erasing some of the debt but enforcing the payment of the rest. Debt was "repackaged" into little-bonds that could be sold in the markets. Creditors got their money by selling the bonds, while countries had to pay less — but to a large number of small bondholders. It became harder to avoid paying the debt.

Things went pretty well for a while. The economies underwent the needed reforms, stabilized their economies, and started going up. Brady bonds became "sacrosanct," in that countries never missed a payment, never defaulted, never even talked about defaulting on their Brady bonds.

In the last few years, things changed. Mighty South East Asia tumbled in

1997. Prices of oil plummeted, spelling misery for its producers. A couple of recessions here, a couple dozen shocks there, and Ecuador was forced to delay a payment last Aug. 28. This has brought trouble for Argentina, a much larger country but also deep in a long recession. Lenders could soon start refusing to lend to the whole region. If Brady bonds are stashed, how safe can it be to lend?

What to say about all this? On the one hand, the money is the lenders'. They got it from a multitude of small depositors who put their trust in the banks, who then did business with Latin American countries — solidarity must imply a fair respect for the rights of the lender. On the other hand, there is a point when paying the debt is immoral. It is immoral because, although governments represent the nation, paying it entails starvation an disease not to the small bureaucratic or political elite who contracted it — but to the disenfranchised poor.

Wealth — of bankers, of rich countries' taxpayers — implies responsibility and a debt of solidarity because possessions ultimately belong to all of humanity. God gave people an intrinsic and unalienable dignity, which is why contracts are people's tools, not their masters. Whoever understands this should support the initiative to forgive large portions of poor countries' debt by the Jubilee of 2000.

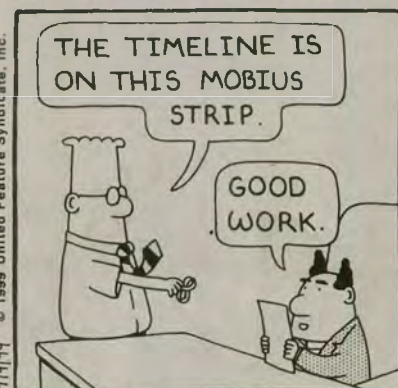
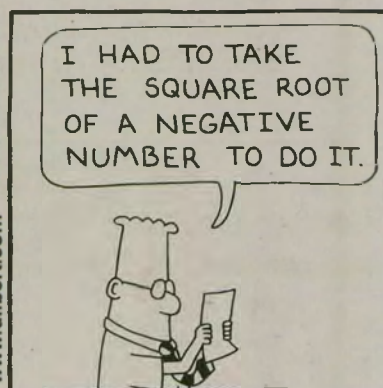
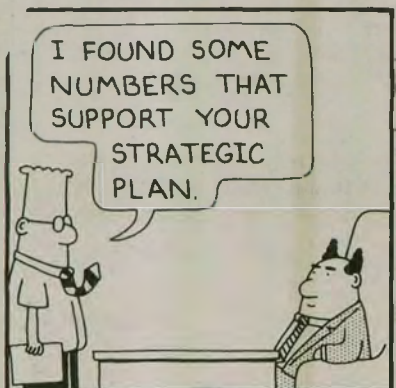
Gabriel Xavier Martínez is a graduate student in economics. He apologizes to all economic historians for all of the gross inaccuracies in this article. But alas! He is an economist and simplifies heroically for the sake of exposition.

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Gabriel
Martinez

*Like Arrows
in the Hands
of a Warrior*

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You hear about constitutional rights, free speech and the free press. Every time I hear these words I say to myself, 'That man is a Red, that man is a Communist!' You never hear a real American talk like that."

Frank Hague
Mayor, Jersey City, NJ, 1938

American taxpayers shouldn't have to support 'School of Assassins'

Last night, Father Roy Bourgeois spoke in Little Theater in Moreau about the School of the Americas. But yesterday morning, I got a preview of his talk so for those of you who didn't get to hear it last night, this is for you.

**Nakasha
Ahmad**

*So, What's
My Point?*

Father Bourgeois raises important points about U.S. foreign policy and how we abuse our power in the world when we have institutions like the School of the Americas.

First, let me explain what the School of Americas is. Located in Fort Benning, Ga., this school trains Latin American soldiers to torture, kill and keep the status quo in countries like Guatemala and El Salvador. These "men with guns" help to maintain the status quo and keep our economic interests from going down the tubes.

Father Bourgeois is a man who has dedicated the past nine years researching the School of the Americas with his group, SOA Watch. The group researches into the actions of this school and tries to raise awareness and organize vigils to close down the school.

The School of the Americas is well-known in South America and is called the "La Escuela de Assassinos" or "The School of Assassins." What does it do? It brings soldiers from South America and teaches them how to torture, how to kill, how to maim. The pretext for this school is that it "protects U.S. economic interests." After all, we have to protect those grand multinationals from those pesky peasants, do we not? In fact, the school's manuals literally describe how to torture people who may be "subversive," and how to infiltrate labor unions and universities. These soldiers are the ones with the real power in Latin America. They are responsible for the suffering and bloodshed in these countries. And these schools, run by the CIA and the Pentagon, are completely funded through taxpayers' money. Moreover, according to Father Bourgeois, in the peak of the military "aid" to the soldiers, we were giving them one million dollars a day to sup-

port the bloodshed in El Salvador and other countries.

Thus, SOA Watch has been leading a nine-year effort to close funding of the School of Americas. This July, the House passed a bill that would cut funding for the school, and the bill will be in the Senate this month. It may turn out that Father Bourgeois and his group will win this battle.

However, as Father Bourgeois says himself, this is "bigger than the School of the Americas... It's about how we relate to the Third World." We have a foreign policy "based on greed and selfishness" when we allow suffering to go on in the name of protecting our economic interests.

The suffering of others should be important to us, even if it doesn't touch us. Too often, we only care about people when they are our "own." Thus, we bomb Iraq and Sudan, and train soldiers to kill others in Latin America.

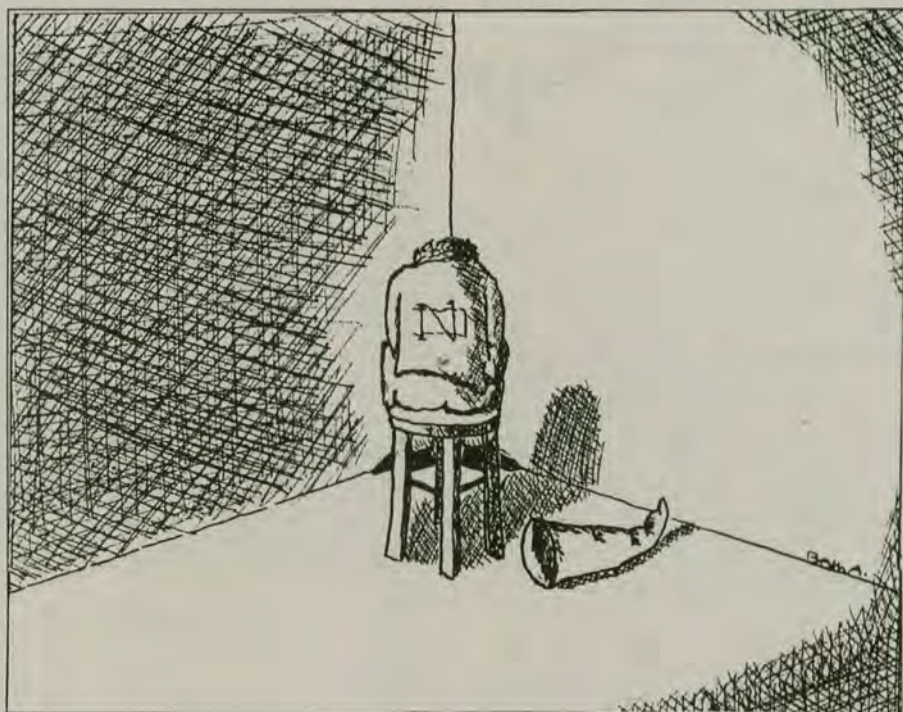
The School of the Americas isn't an isolated blot in the history of American foreign policy. Our entire foreign policy is a series of blots because we don't care about the suffering of other people or the justice of our actions. Economic interests and military might and American hegemony should never take precedence over the suffering and oppression of other people no matter what race, nationality or class they are. The U.S. supposedly lives by the principles of freedom, democracy equality, and "justice for all." When we publicly fund institutions like the School of the Americas, we are not funding justice. We are funding oppression and suffering.

As Bourgeois said, "This is about real people. This is about sisters and brothers. This is about suffering. This is about death. This is about justice."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Shame on us for rationalizing intolerance

I am writing this letter in response to Nathan Shay. I have to be honest, I'm not usually the type of person that reads The Observer's aggravating Viewpoint section or writes letters to the editor, but in this particular case, I feel like I have to respond.

This may sound harsh, but I feel embarrassed for anyone as closed-minded as Nathan Shay. Sure, many students came to Notre Dame because it reflected their personal religious beliefs. I am also one of them. But I think, Nathan, you should take the time to figure out just what those beliefs are. You are claiming to uphold the morals of Catholic teaching. You tell the author of a previous letter to the editor to "think about re-enrolling in Theology 101." In response, I think that maybe you should consider rereading your Catechism. Homosexual tendencies in and of themselves are not immoral. The Catechism teaches a doctrine of tolerance with respect to this issue. If you came to Notre Dame to hide from reality, or find an acceptable forum for discrimination, then I hope that

you're at the wrong school.

"The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.

"Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition," (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2358).

The issue at hand is the contradiction between the Notre Dame family and the hostile environment created by ignorance and hatred, not the University's decision to ban ads. Shame on us for rationalizing intolerance.

Sarah Dempsey
Senior
Pangborn Hall
September 8, 1999

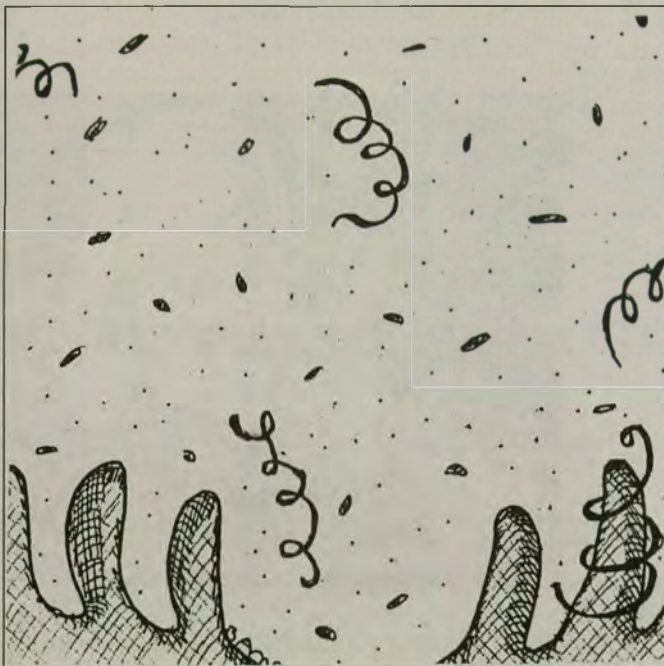
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Excessive celebration' penalty called racist, ridiculous

Is it just me, or does the "excessive celebration" rule in college football just smack of racism? When this rule was first implemented, I recall that all the examples given regarding what constitutes "excessive celebration" included African-American players. And, it remains a call imposed mainly on black athletes and not their white counterparts.

For instance, it is acceptable for a white player to point at the camera (ala Bobby Brown) and "strike a pose" with only one finger in the air indicating a thought like "we're number one." Likewise, it is OK for place kickers (who are generally non-black) to prance around with their hand high in the air when they make a game winning extra-point or field goal. But let a black athlete make a potentially game-winning catch (possibly the catch of his life) against their biggest rival (one of the biggest rivalries known to college football) after his team just pulled off the most amazing fourth and inches play in team history and have the home team officials observe him "strike a pose" in the camera for a few seconds and you have "excessive celebration." Please!

Mary Penrose
First-Year Law Student
September 6, 1999



We read in this morning's sports pages that Notre Dame's Bobby Brown was whistled for excessive celebration in the final minutes of last Saturday's game with Michigan for "imitating a moose."

We at Mooseworld (www.mooseworld.com) take this very seriously. While we hold no place for taunting, we hardly think imitating one of nature's most magnificent and gentle creatures is bad form and certainly doesn't deserve a 15-yard penalty.

If excessive celebration penalties must be given, let's restrict them to imitating, say, politicians or talk show hosts. But give moose a break.

Next time your team scores, consider imitating a moose. It will reflect well on you, on moose, and, besides, how can the referees penalize 100,000 civilized fans?

Go moose!

Randall Schultz
Mooseworld
September 8, 1999

MOVIE REVIEW

'Speed' clone remains frigid

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

Imagine "Speed" and "The Rock" thrown together and utterly stripped of all originality and imagination. Then take away the actor's performances. Then put two first-time scriptwriters, Drew Gitlin and Mike Cheda, and a first-time director, Hugh Johnson, in the hot seat to make a movie.

Welcome to "Chill Factor."

The title reeks of bad film, but unfortunately, its only the beginning. The story begins on a Pacific island where a test of a top-secret defoliant agent is taking place. In charge of the experiment are Dr. Richard Long, played by David Paymer ("Payback" and "The American President") and USMC Captain Andrew Brynner, played by Peter Firth ("Mighty Joe Young" and "Amistad"). The experiment goes tragically wrong though, when the defoliant, codename Elvis, turns out to be dramatically more potent and lethal than ever imagined.

In a grisly death sequence, all 18 of Captain Brynner's men are killed outside the base. Brynner is subsequently sent to prison for 12 years at the court martial hearing, but mysteriously Dr. Long is completely cleared, even though he was the staunchest supporter of the experiment.

Twelve years of brig time warp and harden Brynner though, and upon his release he recruits a rogue terrorist group and raids the military base where Long now works frantically on a way to neutralize the Elvis agent. Brynner's hope is to steal Elvis and then sell the deadly agent on the international black market.

Though fatally wounded by Brynner and pals, Long manages to slip away

with Elvis and stumble into the short-order diner where his fishing buddy Tim Mason (Skeet Ulrich of "Scream" and "As Good As It Gets") works. With his dying breath, Long explains that Mason must find a way to get Elvis to the military base 90 miles away ... and he must do it while keeping the Elvis from ever reaching 50 degrees, else millions will die.

To his good fortune and the misfortune of Cuba Gooding Jr.'s career as a real actor, Gooding is there to play the unfortunate ice cream truck driver, Arlo, about to be conscripted into action.

The story devolves and dissolves happily from there, as Ulrich and Gooding drive through the Montana

countryside pursued first by the terrorists and then later by the law, because Arlo has stolen his company's ice cream truck.

There are explosions, cars that blow up and a whole range of special effects. But the dialogue is a shoddy patchwork of cliches that in no way utilizes the actors' abilities to play off each other. Ignoring any potential for serious thrills, "Chill Factor"'s rookie scriptwriters instead opt for the umpteenth version of the mismatched buddy action-flick, yet another knock-off of the now-venerable "Lethal Weapon" series.

The other factor that really derails the film is the extreme idiocy of all involved parties. The movie just throws too many mind-bogglingly dumb plot points at the audience.

In the court martial scene for instance, why does Brynner, who vehemently opposed the experiment, get 12 years, while Dr. Long, who insisted on performing the experiment without essential controls, get off scot free?

Why does Long go to the local diner



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Cuba Gooding Jr. and Skeet Ulrich star in "Chill Factor," a film that never achieves the heights of such films as "Speed" and "The Rock."

chef and fishing buddy instead of call the police, the FBI, the Army or National Guard when he needs to protect Elvis? Perhaps one may chalk that off to the hysteria of near-death, but Arlo and Mason have plenty of opportunities when they are not being chased that they could pull off of the road and call the authorities.

Overall, as action movies go, "Chill Factor" is decently entertaining. Ulrich and Gooding are good actors on their own, and they do seem to play off each other moderately well. Occasionally, Gooding seems to be trying too hard however, as if he could save the project on his own merits, if he only worked hard enough at it.

Peter Firth is a well respected British actor with a long list of accolades. David Paymer is a fantastic comedic character actor, one of the many in Hollywood whose faces and performances one would easily recognize, if not his name. But placed into the hands of the amateurs who appear to be running this movie, none are able to perform to their potential.

There's a scene where a female terrorist is about to kill Mason and says, "I'm a professional; this won't hurt a bit." Mason, before beating her unconscious, replies, "I'm an amateur; this is going to hurt like a son of a b@#\$*."

After "Chill Factor," everyone can vouch for that.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Scene Movie Critic

One movie should have sunk "Titanic" in the 1997 Oscar race. That movie is "L. A. Confidential."

"L. A. Confidential" tells a tale of deceit and danger, lust and love, fame and misfortune. It is nostalgic of the glamour of the early days of Hollywood, twisted around a tale of police corruption and tabloid journalism.

"L.A. Confidential"

Director: Curtis Hanson
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Russel Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Pearce and Danny DeVito

laughs. It's filled with so many twists and turns, the audience is on a continuous joyride through the exciting Los Angeles of the Hollywood era.

Kevin Spacey heads up an all-star cast — including Russell Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Pearce and Danny DeVito — as Jack Vincennes, a smooth cop with a weakness for the limelight.

Along with Vincennes, Bud White (Crowe), and Ed Exley (Pearce) investigate the inner-workings of their own Los Angeles Police Department. As the movie progresses, the eager men find lies and deception lurking around every corner.

A violent multiple-murder jumpstarts the film, and

(cue hero music) those fearless law enforcement boys get right on it. Throughout the investigation the men discover cover-ups and frauds involving the highest levels of the L.A.P.D., all while they're bribing tabloid papers, falling in love and brown-nosing to the department's chief of police.

And what about the Veronica Lake-lookalike-hooker, played by Basinger, who steals White's heart?

All these elements are very important in understanding the movie's tangled web of treachery and lust.

Written by Brian Koppelman and Curtis Hanson and



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Oscar winner Kim Basinger stars as Lynn Bracken in the 1997 film "L.A. Confidential."

directed by Hanson, "Confidential" has the workings of a great police melodrama. When policemen are good, they're handsome and do their jobs well. When they're bad, they're just bad. The characters are laid out in such a "the good, the bad, and the ugly" manner, that the audience has no decisions to make — they know who to like and who not to like.

This is totally refreshing since the viewer can then concentrate on the plot and yes, even the costumes, of the film. Once an understanding of the characters and their motives is attained, it's much easier to just watch the movie and enjoy it.

What's great about "Confidential" is that it's cool. The characters and scenery are so well adapted to the storyline, and the plot moves smoothly and without pretension. The cops walk, talk and ask questions with such a suave demeanor, one wouldn't know whether to answer their questions or ask for their autograph. Political officials are dirty and corrupt, and you can't wait for the cunning detectives to take them down.

The film's sleazy tabloid, "Hush-Hush," is reminiscent of the National Inquirer or Star, and every moviegoer can relate to the movie's sensationalism. (Come on, who hasn't flipped through those things while waiting at the check-out counter?)

"L. A. Confidential" is even better because it makes the viewer feel smart. The plot is so interwoven and interesting, it might take a while to understand the story and feel intelligent. But when it happens, the viewer reaches a point where it sits back, opens its mouth and eyes in wonder and exclaims, "Ah! Now I get it!"

But one must see the movie to find out how that happens. Because as the movie's tabloid paper announces, that information is "Off the record, on the q.t. and very hush-hush."

MOVIE REVIEW

There's something (bad) about 'Providence'

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critic

"Outside Providence" is the newest film from the minds of the Peter and Bobby Farrelly, who brought the comic brilliance of "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary" to the big screen. As such, some of the film's humor stems from vomit, masturbation, using a noodle as nasal floss and features disabled people and other politically incorrect sources of comedy.

"Providence," however, is their first foray outside pure comedy. Granted, the film isn't directed by the Farrellys, but it is adapted by them and director Michael Corrente from a novel that Peter Farrelly wrote long before his breakout success in Hollywood. Although the film is supposed to be a coming-of-age story set in the '70s, it feels as if two or three different movies were shot simultaneously in the same location.

From the opening credits, as Pete Townshend's "Won't Get Fooled Again" is played, the audience knows it is in for a taste of '70s sentiment, Rhode Island style. According to the movie, that means lots of drugs.

Tim "Dunph" Dunphy (Shawn Hatosy) is a blue-collar teenager and a stoner. He and his friends sit around on the rooftops of Pawtucket, R.I., drinking beer and ingesting every drug they can get their hands on. One night, Tim and his buddies smuggle some marijuana past his Dad (Alec Baldwin) and his poker-playing, bigot buddies (including George Wendt as Joey). Then, stoned out of their minds they crash into a police car. Old man Dunphy decides he has to get his son away from Pawtucket, so he pulls some strings and gets Tim into an exclusive prep school. Now, Dunph is Timothy Dunphy, a senior at upper-crusty Cornwall school, where all the mandatory horrors from every prep school movie ever made are visited upon him in predictable order.

At first, "Outside Providence" attempts to make a statement about social stratification — after all, Timothy is now the poorest and dumbest kid in an upwardly mobile, rich kids' school.

But the writers can't avoid the obligatory and tired boy-meets-girl story line. Tim meets the most beautiful girl on campus (and, apparently, the only girl on campus), Jane Weston (Amy Smart).

Of course, their infatuation grows into a Hallmark card of country images. They toss pebbles into creeks, she strokes his hair as he lights a cigarette and the moon rises over their love as they stare at a gorgeous country lake.

"Outside Providence"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Michael Corrente
Starring: Shawn Hatosy, Alec Baldwin, Amy Smart and George Wendt

The story plods along from there and issues are brought to light but without any weight or meaning. The script aimlessly moves back and forth between Tim's problems at school and his indifferent relationship with his Dad. Some scenes themselves just seem completely irrelevant (Why have George Wendt's character reveal his homosexuality?).

Director Michael Corrente's ("American Buffalo") biggest problem, however, is the film's lack of a balanced tone. With all the fluff in the beginning, the weight of the drama nearly cracks the spine of the picture in its second half. Where once all the film dealt with were drug jokes and darts in people's faces, suddenly it turns 180 degrees and becomes an uninspired drama about fatherly neglect. The tone is way too erratic and severely dampens the film's final impact.

The acting also contributes to the



Photo courtesy of Miramax

Shawn Hatosy stars as Tim "Dunph" Dunphy in the film "Outside Providence," the latest film from the Farrelly brothers, the team that brought "There's Something About Mary" to the screen.

film's failure to create any emotional resonance. Coming off last year's disastrous teen horror flick "The Faculty," Hatosy does a satisfactory job portraying a Tim as dazed and confused as the film needs. But what's missing is his charm. When he falls in love or confronts his father, Hatosy falls far short of eliciting any kind of empathy from the audience. Moreover, Alec Baldwin turns out to be the least convincing blue-collar, poker-playing whisky-swiller to hit the screen in many years. He tries hard to be a smart-alecky father but just comes off as irritating.

Director Michael Corrente needs to

find his own vision for his future endeavors, for it seems "Outside Providence" suffers from a bad case of déjà vu. Whether it's the hackneyed montage of romantic moments between Tim and Jane that plays during a low period in their relationship, or Tim's miraculous transformation into a good student, numerous scenes are routine copies of past films. Even the music soundtrack, which includes songs by the Eagles and Lynyrd Skynyrd, is typical of just about every '70s film.

Part prep-school drama and part "Dazed and Confused," "Outside Providence" just doesn't hold together.

BOX OFFICE



"The Sixth Sense" set a Labor Day box office record, taking in \$29.3 million. The Bruce Willis film continued its reign as box office No. 1 for the fifth straight week. Labor Day weekend usually marks the end of the summer movie season.

Photo courtesy of Buena Vista

Top Ten Labor Day Weekend

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. The Sixth Sense	\$ 29.3 million	\$ 176.2 million
2. Runaway Bride	\$ 8.6 million	\$ 135.5 million
3. The 13th Warrior	\$ 8.5 million	\$ 22.4 million
4. Bowfinger	\$ 7.4 million	\$ 55.9 million
5. The Thomas Crown Affair	\$ 6.1 million	\$ 57.7 million
6. Chill Factor	\$ 5.8 million	\$ 6.7 million
7. Mickey Blue Eyes	\$ 5.5 million	\$ 27.3 million
8. The Blair Witch Project	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 133.9 million
9. The Astronaut's Wife	\$ 3.5 million	\$ 8.9 million
10. The Muse	\$ 3.5 million	\$ 8.6 million

Source: Associated Press

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Umpires receive scolding letter

Associated Press

Umpires trying to oust union leader Richie Phillips have received an anonymous letter accusing each of them of being "a cowardly, selfish scab."

"How could you jump out of the foxhole in the midst of battle and desert your friends for your own selfishness?" said the letter, which was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press. "How could you pledge your allegiance to the 'intelligence' of Joe Brinkman and John Hirschbeck?"

The handwritten letter, postmarked in Santa Ana, Calif., on Aug. 31, was received by about 25 umpires who oppose the union leadership, one member of the anti-Phillips faction said, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

Phillips engineered the failed strategy of mass resignations, which cost 22 umpires their jobs Sept. 2. Phillips' supporters in the union say the resignation strategy would have been successful had they all stuck with the plan.

"Remember, you abandoned the ship! You sunk the ship!" said the letter, which contained misspellings and had several words underlined for emphasis. "Now you have

to look at yourself in the mirror every day forever and see the reflection of a cowardly, selfish scab! You can change. You can return your allegiance to where it belongs!"

To form a new union or decertify the current union, 30 percent of umpires must file a petition with the National Labor Relations Board, which would then hold an election.

Depending on whether the 22 umpires who were let go last week count as part of the bargaining unit, there are either 71 or 93 major league umpires eligible to vote. Fourteen umpires issued a statement in July condemning Phillips, and the group now thinks it has the support of about 39.

The anti-Phillips faction is led by three AL umpires: Brinkman, Hirschbeck and Davey Phillips. Working with agent Ron Shapiro, who has been advising them, the group drafted a response to the anonymous letter and was in the process Wednesday of sending it out to all umpires.

"We will not have trouble looking at ourselves in the mirror," the group said. "As for the cowardly comment, we have and will continue to stand tall when it comes to our decisions. We will not be swayed by the peer pressure, name calling, threats ..."

Richie Phillips announced July 14 that more than 50 umpires were resigning en masse, effective Sept. 2, with umpires saying they wanted to prod baseball into an early start of negotiations for a labor contract to replace the one that expires Dec. 31.

The strategy backfired when more than two dozen umpires — nearly all in the American League — either refused to resign or quickly withdrew their resignations.

Baseball then hired 25 umpires from the minor leagues and accepted the resignations of 22 veterans. Umpires sued to stop baseball from the letting the 22 go, and in a deal worked out last week in federal court, the matter will go to arbitration.

"We firmly believe that with a different negotiation approach for our association, we will ... save some of the jobs that Richie Phillips lost with his flawed and ridiculous strategy," the anti-Phillips group said.

AL president Gene Budig and NL president Len Coleman on July 29 warned umpires against making threats or attempting to intimidate their colleagues. That statement came as Hirschbeck's wife received a letter from Ed Montague's wife, calling her husband a "Judas" for opposing the union leadership.

BOXING

Tyson enters ring in match-up with Norris

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Orlin Norris, who despite a winning record and world title has boxed in the shadow of brother Terry, will be Mike Tyson's first opponent since his release from a Maryland jail.

The 12-round fight Oct. 23 is signed for the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and will be televised on Showtime, a source close to Tyson, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

This will be the second bout of the year for Tyson, who was released May 24 from a Maryland jail, where he had served 3 1/2 months for assaulting two motorists over a fender-bender.

Norris was a second choice to fight the 33-year-old former undisputed heavyweight champion. James "Buster" Douglas, who knocked out Tyson in a shocking upset in 1990, appeared to be the first choice but was ruled out for not being in good physical condition.

Norris is the 33-year-old brother of Terry Norris, who was considered one of the best fighters in the world

when he was a super middleweight champion early in the decade.

Tyson already is training in Las Vegas for what will be his first bout since he knocked out

Francois Botha with a right to the jaw in the fifth round Jan. 16 in the MGM Grand. Tyson was trailing on all three cards after four rounds.

It will be only the second time in his 10 fights since 1990 that Tyson has not fought on pay-per-view.

Norris, who was a WBA cruiserweight champion in 1993-95, has posted a 50-5 record since turning pro in 1986. He has 27 knockouts but he is known more as a crafty boxer than a banger.

Norris figures to give Tyson some rounds, which Tyson needs. He doesn't figure to have round by Bert Cooper in 1990 and he was knocked out in the eighth round by Nate Miller when he lost the cruiserweight title in 1995.

In his last fight, Norris stopped Pele Reid in the first round in England. In three fights before that, he lost a 12-round decision to Henry Akinwande and won 12-round decisions over Adolpho Washington and Nate Miller for the fringe IBA heavyweight title.

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U.S. OPEN

Williams to take on Davenport in semifinal action

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Serena Williams out-slugged, out-hustled and out-grunted two-time champion Monica Seles, serving 15 aces Wednesday night to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Open in only her second year as a pro.

The 17-year-old Williams stayed on track to fulfill her father's prophecy of a final against her big sister Venus, but first has to get past defending champion Lindsay Davenport.

In beating the No. 4 Seles for the third time in three matches, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, and gaining a Grand Slam semifinals spot for the first time, the seventh-seeded Williams showed a wealth of power, speed and cleverness.

She blended crushing serves and groundstrokes with deft drops and lobs, raced down virtually every drop Seles sent her way, and matched her stroke

for stroke from the baseline. Even when it came to grunting, Williams proved louder than Seles.

Williams ran her ace total for the tournament to 42, more than any other woman, while serving at speeds of up to 116 mph against Seles.

"It was always a goal," Williams said of closing in on the title. "But it's really coming true. I'm so excited that my work is paying off."

Seles said she has come to accept that she had her time as a champion and "now it's Venus' and Serena's time."

"The desire is still there," she said, "but physically I can't cover the court as well."

Davenport barely clung to her reign as U.S. Open champion, thanks to the most auspicious shower and a double fault on match point by Mary Pierce that made a packed stadium groan.

Davenport survived two match points against her, then

came back from the rain break to beat Pierce 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

"I should have been on my way to Manhattan and started packing to go home tomorrow morning," Davenport said. "I'm just lucky to be here. Sometimes it just turns the tournament around. You play even better after that."

Davenport and Pierce engaged in the most thrilling women's match of the tournament so far, riveting the fans in Arthur Ashe Stadium right to the wrenching end.

Just as compelling was Yevgeny Kafelnikov's 7-6 (7-0), 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 1-6, 7-5 (7-5) quarterfinal victory over Richard Krajicek, who set an Open era record with 48 aces.

Krajicek, seeded No. 12, broke Goran Ivanisevic's record of 46 aces, also set in a losing effort, against Magnus Norman at Wimbledon in 1997.

Kafelnikov, seeded No. 3, will play in the semis against the

winner of the Andre Agassi-Nicolas Escude quarterfinal match.

For all the power of the Kafelnikov-Krajicek match, it didn't exceed the tension of the Davenport-Pierce duel.

"I don't think she completely froze," Davenport said of the match-ending double fault by Pierce. "I think she maybe got a little nervous. Everybody does it. I don't care if you're No. 1 in the world, No. 100 in the world, a guy or a girl. Everyone gets tight whenever you're serving for a match in a big situation, no matter how many times you go through it."

Pierce played perhaps the best tennis of her life for most of two sets as she dictated points with deep, hard groundstrokes and pushed Davenport to the brink of defeat. But the 1995 Australian Open champion couldn't quite put the match away when she served at 5-4 in the third set.

"I had my chances," Pierce said. "I guess that's what makes Lindsay one of the top players. She's always there and she plays the big points well. I give her a lot of credit. She played a great match. I'm just proud of myself. I kept hanging in there."

A few sprinkles fell as Pierce took the court at 5-4 in the third in hopes of serving out the match. Davenport, desperate for a break, pawed the court with her foot and looked at the umpire for a rain delay but didn't get it.

Pierce reached her first match point at 40-30 when she struck a crisp backhand winner crosscourt. But after narrowly missing on an ace attempt, she saw Davenport save the match with a sharply angled backhand from midcourt that clipped the sideline.

Pierce then served her first double fault of the set and sixth of the match. She brushed that off, though, fought back to deuce, and secured her second match point with a brilliantly played rally that ended with her punching a forehand approach shot out of Davenport's reach.

With the spitting rain holding off, Pierce whacked a backhand crosscourt that she thought gave her the match. She pumped her fist in triumph, but her celebration was premature. The linesman called the ball wide. N replays showed the shot missed by an inch or two. N and Pierce threw back her head in frustration and nervous laughter.

"I'm human. I got a little bit nervous and a little tight," Pierce said. "I went for that shot, which I really didn't need to do. It was short and I felt like I could go for it. It felt good. But it wasn't, unfortunately."

Two unforced errors — a backhand long and a forehand in the net — then cost Pierce the game and tied the set at 5-5.

The sprinkles suddenly came down more frequently, and Davenport showed no eagerness to continue. She remembered the slippery surface that caused good friend Mary Joe Fernandez to fall and hurt herself against Venus Williams, and she wanted a little time after gaining the big break. She asked the umpire to stop play, and, after a brief discussion, got her way.

Pierce had to go into the locker room and ruminate about the chances she had missed, and Davenport could take the time to collect her thoughts about capitalizing on the opportunity she now had.

"It's such a difficult position for a rain delay, more so for her, I'm sure," Davenport said.

When they returned an hour and 10 minutes later — the thin rain had persisted through bright sunshine during that time — Davenport opened with a pair of aces. Though Pierce pushed the game to deuce with several clean winners, Davenport held serve for a 6-5 lead.

Pierce's only hope was to take the match into a tiebreaker, but when she had her first chance at 40-30, she made another unforced error to make it deuce. Davenport then earned match point with a superb forehand crosscourt that Pierce slapped long. Pierce had three more chances to win the game, but couldn't convert any of them.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Lampkin leads Mariners over Jays

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Tom Lampkin hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning Wednesday night, giving the Seattle Mariners a 4-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays, who remained 5 1/2 games back in the wild-card race.

Ken Griffey Jr.'s AL-leading 44th homer gave the Mariners a 2-1 lead in the eighth, but Carlos Delgado's second home of the game, his 42nd of the season, put Toronto ahead 3-2 in the ninth against Jose Mesa (2-5).

Jay Buhner walked against Billy Koch (0-3) leading off the bottom half and Lampkin followed with his seventh homer of the season, connecting on a 1-2 pitch.

Griffey's two-run homer came against Graeme Lloyd, making him 4-for-12 with three homers against the left-hander.

Delgado had his sixth multi-homer game of the season, and three of them have been against Seattle.

He has 16 multihomer games in his career.

Toronto lost a chance to gain ground on Boston, the wild-card leader.

The Red Sox lost 6-2 at Oakland.

Mariners starter Jamie Moyer allowed one run and six hits in eight innings, giving up a home run to Delgado in the seventh.

Toronto's Roy Halladay, winless since July 31, gave up four hits in seven shutout innings.

Yankees 9, Royals 5

Luis Sojo hit a three-run double and Darryl Strawberry scored three runs as the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 9-5 Wednesday night.

Mariano Rivera got the final five outs to become the first Yankees' pitcher with two 40-save seasons.

Rivera, who had 43 saves in 1997, relieved Mike Stanton with one out and two

on in the eighth and got pinch-hitter Scott Pose to ground into a double play. Rivera finished for his 40th save in 44 chances.

Shane Spencer hit a two-run double for the Yankees, who had lost three straight to Kansas City.

The Royals, who outthit New York 15-11, won the season series 5-4 after going 0-10 against New York last year.

Jeremy Giambi who went 4-for-5 for the first four-hit game of his career.

After singling, doubling and homering, he hit an infield single with two outs in the ninth.

Orlando Hernandez (16-7) allowed all five runs and 12 hits in seven innings, striking out seven. He is 4-0 in seven starts since losing to Boston on Aug. 1 and has won nine of his last 10 decisions.

With the score 3-all, New York scored four runs in the fifth off reliever Glendon Rusch (0-1).

Tino Martinez hit an RBI single and another run scored as left fielder Dee Brown threw wildly to second for an error.

Jorge Posada chased Rusch with RBI single, and Scott Brosius hit a sacrifice fly off Scott Service.

Joe Randa's RBI double cut it to 7-4 in the sixth, but Spencer hit a two-run double off Brad Rigby in the seventh. Giambi homered in the bottom half.

Royals starter Mac Suzuki gave up three runs, two hits and four walks in two innings.

Carlos Beltran's RBI single and Mike Sweeney's two-run homer put Kansas City ahead 3-0 in the first, but Sojo's double tied it in the second.

Orioles 10, Twins 0

Brady Anderson homered twice, including his 36th leadoff shot of his career, and the Baltimore Orioles shut out the Minnesota Twins for the second straight night, 10-0 Wednesday.

Anderson led off a game with a home run for the sev-

enth time this year, then hit a two-run homer in the seventh, both off LaTroy Hawkins (9-12).

Anderson moved past Bobby Bonds for the second-most leadoff homers and trails only Rickey Henderson of the New York Mets, who has 75.

Anderson, 2-for-3 with four RBIs, also had a second-inning sacrifice fly as Baltimore improved to 7-1 against the Twins this year.

Jason Johnson (6-7), Gabe Molina and B.J. Ryan combined on a six-hitter, getting defensive help from four double plays.

Minnesota, which got just two runners past first, has nine hits in its last two game.

Johnson left after throwing a pitch over the head of catcher Mike Figga as he warmed up before the bottom of the sixth. He appeared to have a problem with his pitching hand.

B.J. Surhoff also homered in the seventh, his 26th of the season.

Jerry Hairston had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, and Albert Belle had three hits and his 99th RBI.

Baltimore scored three times in the first against Hawkins.

After Anderson's homer, Mike Bordick, Surhoff and Belle hit consecutive singles, with Bordick scoring on Belle's hit.

The third run scored when Cal Ripken hit into a double play.

Hairston's single made it 5-0 in the third after Belle doubled. Hairston also doubled home Jeff Conine in the eighth.

SOCCER

U.S national team takes on Brazil

Associated Press

DENVER

Perhaps still haunted by visions of Brandi Chastain's impromptu victory celebration during the women's World Cup, the Chinese national soccer team wanted no part of a friendly rematch.

The United States will have settle for the next best thing.

The U.S. women's national team will play Brazil in Denver on Sept. 26. The Americans beat Brazil in the World Cup semifinals before defeating China on Chastain's deciding penalty kick in the finals.

U.S. Soccer president Bob Contiguglia said China was invited to take part in a series of exhibition matches that will conclude with the U.S. Women's Cup '99 next month.

"They're not interested in coming back to the U.S.," Contiguglia said Wednesday. "It is still a disappointment for them. I think the next time they want to play us is in the Olympic finals."

The U.S. women became national celebrities with their run through the World Cup, and Chastain was the cover girl on several magazines after removing her shirt in celebration of her game-winning goal on July 10.

Though the crush of autograph requests and talk-show appearances have slowed, the U.S. women are trying to continue their momentum and prepare for the 2000 Olympics with games around the country.

They beat overmatched Ireland 5-0 last Saturday in Foxboro, Mass., and will play international games in the next month in Denver; Columbus, Ohio; Kansas City, Mo.; and Louisville, Ky.

"We wanted to share and celebrate the women's victory with areas of the country where we didn't have games," Contiguglia said. "Colorado has a very rich women's soccer history. We've turned out some of the finest players in the country. It's a supportive community."

About 7,000 tickets have been sold for the game at Mile High Stadium. More than 30,000 people watched the game in Foxboro, and Contiguglia expects 40,000 in Denver.

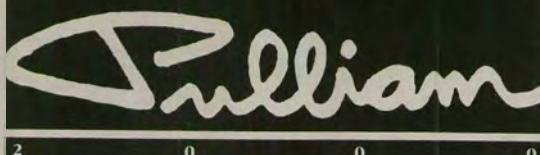
"This is the level that we've always dreamed that women's soccer would become in this country," said forward Cindy Parlow, who scored against Brazil in the World Cup. "To have the media come out, to have the TV, to have all the endorsement opportunities ... we've worked so hard to get to the level we have reached, and I think it's very well-deserved."

With a victory over Brazil, the U.S. women would tie the 3-year-old team record of 22 victories in a calendar year.

Parlow doesn't expect the record to come easy, and the World Cup semifinals support her case.

Brazil had a chance to beat the Americans, but goaltender Briana Scurry made several breathtaking saves to help the United States to a 2-0 victory.

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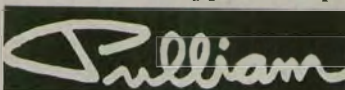
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A few years ago at this time, I was the new rector in Zahm Hall. In the first month of school that year many asked if I was all moved in. While I most often said "yes," that did not accurately describe the reality. Although I was, in some literal sense, moved in, I have since come to appreciate the important distinction between being moved in and feeling settled. For a number of reasons I felt far from settled for a long time. It actually had little to do with the fact that I hadn't quite worked out a new filing system or found the perfect place for those prized photos of friends and family. The reality had more to do with the fact that I didn't know a lot of the guys and I hadn't quite worked out a routine. No two days were the same in those first weeks. I'm sure it had everything to do with the fact that I was new at this Rector thing and that Campus Ministry was keeping me hopping, but some days I felt like a bumper pool ball, bouncing from one thing to another with little control over where I'd end up next.

I have little doubt that many of you have found yourselves enduring the same sensation and longing for a routine, particularly where academics are concerned, so that you can be about some of the seemingly more important things that you came to college to do. I know that when I get together with my own college friends these days, fifteen years after the fact, as important as we knew academics to be, we don't speak primarily about what went on in the classroom, however hard that may be to hear for even my favorite professors. More often, we talk about the rest of life, that which happened outside of the classroom. My experience these past years has made me realize that if I am not attentive to my own schedule, organize my time and prioritize my activities, these precious days will get away from me. Early on, at the end of an all too often typical day I found myself wondering why I didn't take any time for exercise, or why I didn't spend some time at the grotto, or why I didn't take a minute to just kick back with friends. I find myself more determined than ever not to let these days be less than they could be, or less than God would have them be.

For three years I had the privilege of being rector of the London Program. During that time, I was often suprised by the frustration that some of the students felt because they didn't feel like they were having the kind of experience that their friends who had been to London before them had described upon their return. I find myself wondering if I don't have something to learn now from the advice that I gave them then. It wasn't then, and isn't now, about some incredible "Notre Dame Moment." God graces every moment, and so it's about every moment. It's about being attentive to the giftedness of our lives wherever we are: in the classroom, in the dining hall, on the quad, or in our residence halls. And it's about taking time to consider and reflect upon these days even in the midst of them. I've become convinced that it is only upon reflection that we really experience anything. Those London program students who came back and raved about their experiences had not only the advantage of the entire experience but also some time for reflection upon it. All I could do for the frustrated London student was to encourage them to live the moment, and to take some quiet time alone to revel in the remarkable opportunity that was theirs. It is the best advice I can offer here as well, for you and for me.

In the end, it is that time that we spend alone that disposes us best for prayer. Whether we are moved in such moments by gratitude, or need, or love, or pain, it is in the silence that we discern best what we wish to bring before God. It is in just such moments that we get to know the person that we are becoming, and move ever closer to the person that we long to be. The settledness that we seek lies somewhere in the quiet, and in the beyond. It's somewhere in that time alone. Whether it be in a walk around the lakes, or some time at the grotto, or in those rare moments when you may actually have your room to yourself, we need to pause and pray; lest our lives get away from us and we never really know what we have here until we're gone. Cardinal Basil Hume, O.S.B. said it best, in the months before his death, when he spoke at the dedication of Notre Dame's London Center Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall. He spoke of the need to "be silent and still, and look also inwards" in the midst of our academic pursuits. "Stand back from time to time," he said, "then take your eye off the immediate, and dream about the ultimate, about the absolute, about God. A university is a place for dreams." Never let it be said of us that we did not dream in this place; that we did not pause from time to time to reflect on that in this place which is beyond the immediate, and the busy. To be people of prayer is at the very heart of what we are as a Catholic community and as the Notre Dame family.

CONSIDERATIONS...



NFL

Reid ready to lead Eagles out of slump in season opener

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Nine months ago, Andy Reid peered out at a crowded room in a posh downtown hotel like a man surveying his predators.

He said confidently, with a booming voice, that he was the right man to end years of frustration for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'd never put myself in a bad situation," Reid said, his words strong enough to carry all the way to this week's season opener. "I feel very confident that this organization can win."

It is almost time to find out about where Reid can lead a team that is picked almost unanimously to be the worst in football for the second straight year.

The deep wounds of a painful 3-13 season under Ray Rhodes have been covered up in the best way possible. There is a new man in charge, a revamped coaching staff, more than 20 new players. Despite a treacherous exhibition season in which the Eagles were 1-3 and dreadful as ever on offense, there is hope in the locker room that there will be no repeat of the Great Train Wreck of '98.

"Going through last year was an experience I won't wish on anybody," said cornerback Troy Vincent, a bright spot on what is expected to be a strong defense.

"It was very tough to work all

week and then go out on Sunday and have so much trouble winning football games. I had never been through that before. I hope I'm not ever going to go through that again."

In his short time at the helm, Reid has made no secret of his willingness to make changes and his distaste for slackers. He juggled the offensive line constantly, cut veterans George Hegamin and Jerry Crafts and displayed little patience for an offense that was painful to watch.

The Eagles' first team failed to score a touchdown in the exhibition season for the second straight year.

So far, Reid has resisted the temptation to turn the starting quarterback job over to Donovan McNabb, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft.

Starter Doug Pederson was ineffective in four exhibition starts, and McNabb had a breakout performance in relief in the team's only exhibition win, a 30-17 rout of Cleveland.

"I've been a patient guy all my life," McNabb said. "You work and prepare, and if the opportunity is there for the taking, you have to go out and take advantage of it."

Pederson, a career third-stringer who followed Reid to Philadelphia from Green Bay, will start Sunday against Arizona.

If the offense is as fruitless as in the preseason, the rabble at

the Vet will waste no time calling for McNabb.

"It can get nasty," McNabb said.

Reid, the second-youngest coach in the league at 41, prefers not to rush a young quarterback into duty before his time.

"If he doesn't achieve, all of a sudden teammates look at him funny, the media looks at him funny, and inevitably the coaches might look at him funny," Reid said.

"That's not a healthy situation. And at the same time, you're asking him to maintain his confidence to pull the trigger. That's tough."

Never mind Pederson and McNabb. Johnny Unitas would have a tough time playing quarterback for the Eagles.

Reid has been unhappy with the play of wide receivers Torrance Small and Charles Johnson, and the offensive line is in disarray.

Two rookies — Doug Brzezinski and John Welbourn — are listed as starters up front.

Jamie Asher's season-ending ankle injury left the Eagles woefully short at tight end, a vital position in Reid's version of the West Coast offense. Rookie Jed Weaver is the starter.

His two backups, Luther Broughton and Ron Leshinski, both were signed this week.

"Am I happy with the offense?" Reid asked. "No, I am

not."

On the bright side, the defense performed well beyond expectations in the exhibition season under new coordinator Jim Johnson.

His active, blitzing style suits the Eagles' young talent better than the read-and-react schemes of Emmitt Thomas.

Vincent and Bobby Taylor are a solid cornerback tandem. Brian Dawkins is a rising star at safety, and DE Hugh Douglas is one of the league's best pass-

rushers.

Mike Mamula, the other end, is healthy again.

Rookie Barry Gardner looks strong at middle linebacker, where he will begin the season as Jeremiah Trotter's backup.

"If you look at the film, we're in a lot better situation than we were at this time last year," Douglas said.

While it is a positive sign that Reid and director of football operations Tom Modrak have a plan, it is going to take patience.

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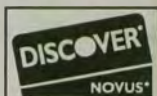
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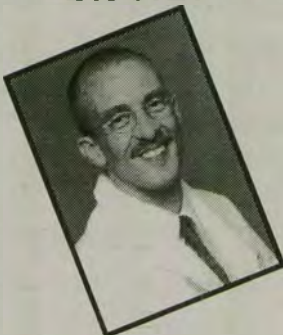
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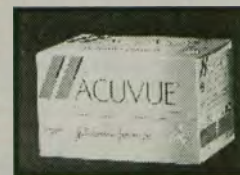
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NFL

Plummer plans to start for Cards

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Jake Plummer said on Wednesday that his sore right thumb is improving daily and he expects to start Sunday in the Arizona Cardinals' season opener in Philadelphia.

"I'm playing," he said after the Cardinals worked out in 107-degree heat on Wednesday.

"I'm starting and playing the game."

Then he hedged a little, giving himself a some wiggle room should his thumb worsen in the next day or two.

"If I come out here tomorrow morning and I can't move it and I can't even grip the ball, then I'm probably not going to go," Plummer said. "But from what it's been doing, it's been healing and getting better every day, so I'm looking for tomorrow to be that much better."

Coach Vince Tobin wasn't quite ready to pronounce

Plummer the starting quarterback.

"Jake is taking some snaps. He did a lot more today than he did Monday," Tobin said.

"But this is only Wednesday, and we've got a long way to go. Hopefully, he'll be ready to go but right now I can't pronounce anything other than to say we've listed him as questionable."

Plummer sprained the thumb on his throwing hand when he was sacked on the first series in the exhibition game against Tennessee on Aug. 20.

Until this week, he was able only to watch as the Cardinals worked out with backup Dave Brown at quarterback. The only passes he had thrown were with his Nintendo game.

"I didn't have one but I actually got one the other day," Plummer said. "I hate the game because I'm a good quarterback but I can't throw the ball at all in that stupid game. But it is good therapy for my thumb a little bit."

Including the playoffs, Plummer has started the last 27 games for the Cardinals. Entering his third NFL season, he already has thrown for 5,940 yards and 32 touchdowns. The injury was the first he's had of any consequence since his freshman season at Arizona State.

"It's been tough. It's been hard," he said. "I've stayed in the mental side of it and tried to keep up on the offense. But it's tough to know you've got to come out here and stand around."

During training camp, he said, he was throwing the ball better than ever, so the setback has been frustrating.

"But at least it's getting better," Plummer said. "The more positive thoughts I give it, hopefully, the quicker it will heal. It just feels good to be in the huddle calling plays and have my teammates looking at me in the eye instead of walking by me and asking how my thumb's doing."

Arizona at odds with Moore over contract

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.

Four days before the season opener at Philadelphia, the Arizona Cardinals still haven't reached a contract agreement with wide receiver Rob Moore.

On Tuesday, there were several broadcast reports, both nationally and locally, that a deal was imminent.

But Wednesday came and went without any word that the big-play receiver had agreed to a deal, and coach Vince Tobin, obviously weary of answering questions about Moore, said the game plan was developed assuming he wouldn't be with the team.

"I'm not counting him out, but I'm not counting on having him, either," Tobin said after Wednesday's practice. "I've got to deal with reality, and the reality is he's not here."

Moore has been at odds with Cardinals management since the team designated him their franchise player during the offseason. The Arizona Republic and The Tribune of Mesa reported Wednesday that the 30-year-old receiver had agreed to a three-year, \$15 million contract, but that the sides were

far apart on how much of that should be a signing bonus.

The Tribune said Moore wants a \$6 million signing bonus, and the Cardinals have offered about \$3.5 million.

Moore's agent, Gary Wichard, did not return phone calls to his office on Wednesday. The Cardinals have had no comment on the talks.

On Monday, Cardinals quarterback Jake Plummer criticized the team's management for its handling of the Moore matter.

"Until someone upstairs realizes how important Rob Moore is to this whole offense and this season, we're going to have to learn to play without him," Plummer said. "Hopefully, they'll realize that he's a game-breaker and a guy we have to have out there."

Moore, entering his 10th NFL season, is 11th among active players in receptions with 598 for 8,747 yards and 44 touchdowns. He has been working out on his own and, because he knows the Arizona offense, wouldn't need much time to get ready. He could play against Philadelphia even if he doesn't sign until late in the week.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Helton homers put Rockies on top

Associated Press

MONTREAL.

Todd Helton homered twice to reach 30 for the first time in his career and drove in three runs Wednesday to lead the Colorado Rockies over the Montreal Expos 5-1.

A day after Rockies manager Jim Leyland confirmed he will retire following the season, Colorado dominated with the long ball. Larry Walker hit his 35th home run, going 2-for-3 to raise his league-leading batting average to .368.

Helton hit a solo homer in the fourth off Dan Smith (4-8) and a two-run drive in the sixth, giving him five multi-homer games this season and seven in his career.

Jamey Wright (2-2) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings to win for the second time in three decisions since he was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs on Aug. 2.

Jerry Dipoto and Dave Veres finished the six-hitter. Smith gave up all five runs and four hits in six innings.

Mets 7, Giants 5

For nearly five months, the New York Mets' relievers carried the team. Heading down the stretch run, it's the bullpen that needs relief.

Mike Piazza hit a three-run home run and Octavio Dotel won his seventh consecutive decision as the Mets nearly blew a six-run lead before holding on to beat the San

Francisco Giants 7-5 Wednesday for their 18th win in 27 games.

Pat Mahomes and Dennis Cook gave up four runs in the eighth inning and the tying runs were on base before Armando Benitez got the final four outs for his 18th save in 23 chances.

"They obviously have been throwing tentatively," Piazza said. "It's inevitable that this will happen at some point of the year. You just hope it's not at this time. We have to weather the storm a bit."

The Mets bullpen, which was second best to Cincinnati in the NL for most of the season, is now fifth in the league with a 3.85 ERA.

The heavy workload early in the season appears to be catching up to the relievers. They have five losses in the last 14 games, after losing only five in the previous 63.

"I was lost out there," said Mahomes, who allowed two walks, one hit and three runs without retiring a batter. "I didn't have any control of the ball. I guess it was my turn to be bad."

While the bullpen didn't take the loss Wednesday, the Mets did lose one of their key relievers before the game. Turk Wendell will miss 4-7 days with a bruised knuckle on his right middle finger.

The Mets, who began the day 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East, go on the road for 13 of their next 16 games. New York remains 3 1/2 games in front of Cincinnati for the wild card. "We had a six-run lead and sprung a leak," manager Bobby Valentine said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sophomore forward Troy Murphy underwent hernia surgery in July, but will be back to lead the Irish this season.

Murphy earns 'Best of the Rest' honors

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame sophomore forward Troy Murphy has been named to the "Best of the Rest" list as the Atlanta Tipoff Club has announced its preseason candidates for the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award.

The Tipoff Club announced the top 10 vote-getters in its preseason vote by its board of selectors and 20 other players, including Murphy, were listed in the "Best of the Rest" category.

Among the top 10 players were Big East Conference performers Erick Barkley of St. John's and Khalid El-Amin of Connecticut. Big East players in the "Best of the Rest" category were Kevin Freeman of Connecticut, Johnny Hemsley of Miami and Murphy.

Murphy was the 1999 Big

East rookie of the year following the 1998-99 season and led the Irish in scoring and rebounding at 19.2 points per game and 9.9 rebounds. Murphy scored 519 points in his rookie year to set the Irish freshmen record, previously held by Adrian Dantley with 511 in 1973-74.

Murphy was named the Big East rookie of the week eight times in his freshman season—the second-highest mark in league history. He was the first freshman in Big East history to lead the league in rebounding with 10.3 boards in conference play.

Murphy was invited to the trials for the 1999 USA Basketball Junior World Championship Team, but was forced to withdraw from the team when he underwent hernia surgery in July. Murphy has completely recovered from that procedure.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley named Naismith award finalist

Special to the Observer

Junior Ruth Riley, a 1999 third-team Associated Press All-America selection and the Big East Defensive Player of the Year a year ago, has been named one of 10 finalists for the 1999-2000 Naismith College Women's Basketball Player of the Year Award.

The award, which is presented by the Atlanta Tip-off Club and will be announced in March 2000, is the most prestigious honor in college basketball.

The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading college basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts.

Riley led the Irish in scoring and rebounding in her sophomore season as she averaged 16.6 points and 8.4 rebounds. Her 68.3 field goal percentage, a Notre Dame single-season record, ranked her first

nationally, as she became the first Irish player to lead the all Division I players in a statistical category.

After just two seasons, Riley is already Notre Dame's career blocked shots leader with 172. Her 101 during the 1998-99 campaign also set an Irish single-season mark.

The only unanimous first-team all-Big East selection in '99, she also was named a District I Kodak honorable mention selection.

Riley was a member of the '99 World University Games Team which captured the silver medal at this year's World University Games competition. She was the third-leading scorer with 10.3 ppg and second-leading rebounder with 5.3 rpg on the 12-member squad. It marked the second stint for Riley as a member of one of the USA Women's Basketball teams. Following her freshman season, she played on the 1998 USA Women's Select squad.



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Junior center Ruth Riley lead the Irish in scoring and rebounding during the 1998 season.

Churney

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Arizona must climb much farther to win a bowl invitation.

Why, one might ask, does this senseless phenomenon occur?

Two words: preseason rankings.

Preseason rankings are a function of "experts" (which I hesitate to call them for lack of credentials) prognostications. They have little factual basis.

Sure, the "experts" consider starters returning and quality of players. But how many times do these supposed "experts" misevaluate freshmen talent, underestimate team cohesiveness or disregard potentially devastating injuries (such as the one to Miami's Najeh Davenport)?

How many times do these "experts" over-rank or under-rank? Does anyone still honestly believe Arizona deserved to be ranked No. 3 in the preseason rankings?

Preseason rankings do little more than imbalance the playing field. Imagine what it would be like to start a course 100 points in the hole. Now, imagine a professor or "expert" decides who gets the 100 points and who loses them. Doesn't seem fair, does it?

A lot has been made of Florida State's streak of finishing the season in the top five. But consider that during the last five years, they've averaged a preseason ranking of 2. Rarely do we see five undefeated teams in the country. Therefore, Florida State virtually is guaranteed a top-five ranking even if it loses one game.

Furthermore, in the last five years, Florida State has never finished higher than its preseason ranking. It seems that its "streak" is just as much a product of prognosticators' undying love for them as it is its field performance.

Contrast this to Notre Dame's preseason average ranking of 13 and we've already seen an imbalance.

While Notre Dame, too, has not finished ahead of its preseason ranking, we certainly don't have a streak of finishing in the top five. If Notre Dame were to finish with one loss (improbable), it would certainly need many teams to lose to finish in the top five.

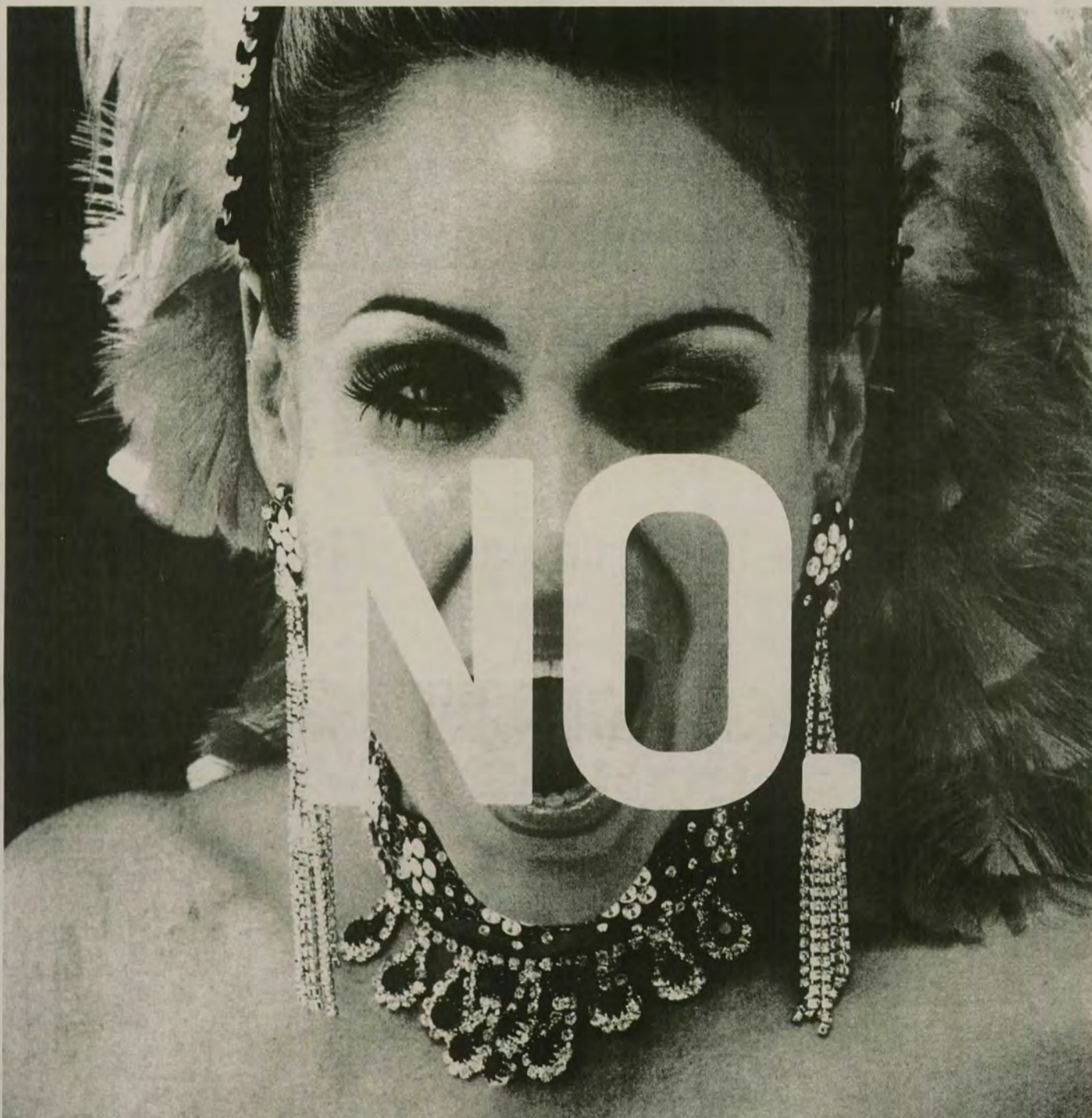
Preseason rankings taint college football rankings.

How can one evaluate a team without having seen them for a few weeks?

One should not place a team that continues to win by large margins behind a team that wins by the same margins even if one believes the latter team is a better team.

Why doesn't the NCAA realize this unfairness? Why can't pollsters wait four or five weeks to properly evaluate teams and then rank them accordingly?

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Football

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Despite its confident outlook, No. 16 Notre Dame knows the challenge which Purdue poses, especially as the Irish come off of a bitter last-minute loss to the Wolverines.

"I think we made some mistakes that had we not made, we would have played a better game," said Notre Dame secondary coach Lou West. "Our whole thing right now is to improve and not make the same mistakes [against Purdue]."

West is in his first season as a coach for the Irish, after spending the past four years as the defensive backfield coach at Virginia Tech. During his four years there, Virginia Tech made four bowl appearances. Last season, it was ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense and 11th in pass efficiency defense. West seeks to bring the same tough defense to the Irish secondary this season.

Brees holds Big Ten single-season records for touchdowns in a season with 39, total yards with 4,176, passing yards, pass completions and pass attempts. In addition, he holds the NCAA record for pass completions and pass attempts in a game.

The Irish secondary will have to contain Brees's passing attack if it hopes to come home victorious Saturday.

In Purdue's season opener last week against Central Florida, Brees tallied five passing touchdowns, went 27-for-45 in passing, and had 277 yards.

"Drew Brees has a nice arm.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior Devron Harper celebrates after completing his first career interception against Kansas.

It seems like he can put it right on the money," said Jefferson. "It is going to be hard to break up passes.

"He is really dangerous when he scrambles outside the pocket," added Jefferson. "He can scramble and find wide receivers wide open. He can really hurt is if we let that happen."

His top targets are Chris Daniels, who had eight receptions for 125 yards and one touchdown, Randall Lane and Tim Stratton.

This is the highest Purdue has been ranked when playing the Irish since 1980, when a No. 11 Irish squad defeated the No. 9 Boilermakers 31-10 at Notre Dame Stadium.

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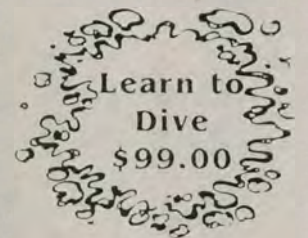
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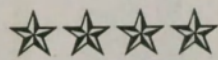
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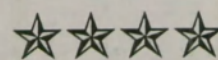
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**

1 Gallagher of "Millennium"

6 Painter's plaster

11 Rack item, for short

14 Java waft

15 King known as "The Short"

16 Part of E.T.A.: Abbr.

17 "Write!"

19 "Bravo" (1959 film)

20 Raymond of "Dr. Kildare"

21 Yuletide landing site

23 Absorbed, as a cost

24 Hill count in Roma

27 Looped sofa fabric
- 28 Zilch

30 Make a shamless of

32 Son of Seth

33 Raven's call

35 Nice notions

37 "Call!"

39 Like a bubble bath

40 Spectacle

41 Jai ____

42 Compound present in beer

44 Put out of business

48 Little ones

50 "Doone"

52 Unlock, in verse

53 Name on a flip-top box

55 Maltreat

57 ____ welder

58 "Stop by!"
- 61 Opposite of paleo-

62 "... down and ____ go!"

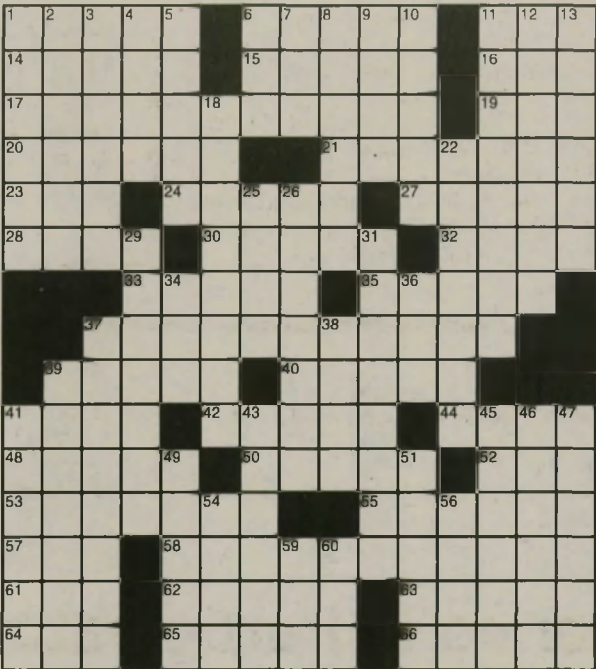
63 ____ la Cité (Paris site)

64 People at People, for short

65 Aired again

66 Corvair critic

- DOWN**
- 1 Bedlamite
- 2 Slips on a slip?
- 3 Gave an unwelcome poke
- 4 Woodstock gear
- 5 Fingers
- 6 Valedictorian's pride: Abbr.
- 7 Sniggler's quarry
- 8 Bryce Canyon formations
- 9 Chinese leader?
- 10 ____ those things
- 11 Tennis's Conchita
- 12 Short vocal solos
- 13 Searches blindly
- 18 One way to see
- 22 Succumbs to stage fright, maybe
- 25 Overhead transport
- 26 Acquires a liking for



Puzzle by M. Francis Vuolo

- 29 Milk of magnesia target

31 Emerald Isle, in verse

34 Winnebagoes, for short

36 Horse's hue

37 Llamas' cousins

38 Pete Sampras, often

39 Cast aspersions on

41 Esoteric

43 Beowulf, to Grendel
- 45 Quartered

46 Positive aspect

47 Show instability

49 Deep sleep

51 Agile Ailey
- 54 Sprinter's assignment

56 Wallace of Reader's Digest

59 N.Y.C. subway inits.

60 Loooong wait

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan a trip to cottage country. You need a break, and time to relax with the ones you love. Romance will develop if you are receptive to the advances being made. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do not overspend on investments that entail other people. Extravagance is likely when dealing with children or friends. Don't lend or borrow today, and take care of pressing legal matters. ☺☺☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional blow-ups regarding your mate are evident. Try to be patient with those you love. You can sidestep a lot of problems if you refuse to let others goad you into debates. ☺☺

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get into the swing of things. If you are going to attend group meetings, be sure to take a position of leadership. After all, that is where you belong, isn't it? You

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Thursday, September 9, 1999

How do they rank?

Here is a story of three teams. We'll call them Team A, Team B and Team C.

Team A wins its first game in relatively easy fashion. The game was played at home against a much weaker opponent. The next week, it loses a very close game filled with questionable calls. It loses the game on the road against a team ranked much higher.

So after two weeks, the Team A is 1-1

Team B plays a very good opponent in its first game and is beaten badly. Although ranked higher than its opponent, Team B has to play on the road. At one point, Team B is behind by 41 points.

The next week, Team B plays a much lower-ranked team, albeit on the road. In fact, the opponent is similar to Team A's first week opponent. Team B struggles with this team and wins the game with three late touchdowns.

Team B too is 1-1

Team C plays a team slightly lower than itself in the rankings. Team C plays at home and loses fairly convincingly. Team C only has one game.

Team C is 0-1.

So we have three teams, all with one loss, two of which have one win each.

All of their stories are fairly similar. They all have lost to a top 10 team, and the two with wins have beaten schools whose basketball teams are tougher than their football teams.

A reading of the three team's scenarios would lead one to believe that Team A should be slightly higher ranked than the other two teams.

At the very least, the teams should be ranked closely to one another.

However, in reality, the actual position of our three teams is much different.

In reality Team A (our beloved Notre Dame) is ranked below Team B (Arizona) in one poll and below Team C (Ohio State) in both polls. What's more, while Ohio State remains in the middle of the race for BCS bowls and waits for the few teams ahead of them to slip up once, Notre Dame and

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FOOTBALL

Secondary looks to stifle Boilermakers

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

With any luck of the Irish and a little help from the Notre Dame secondary, the breeze will not be blowing in Purdue's favor this Saturday.

The Purdue Boilermakers head into their contest against the Irish behind the strong arm of junior quarterback Drew Brees. The Boilermakers averaged nearly double the yards in passing in 1998 that the Irish did, with 323.7 yards per game compared to Notre Dame's 169.9 yards.

But Notre Dame senior A'Jani Sanders and the rest of the defensive backfield plan to put the clamp down on Purdue's aerial strike. The Irish are experienced in the secondary, with three seniors in Sanders, Deveron Harper and Deke Cooper, who are joined by sophomore Clifford Jefferson.

"I feel pretty confident," said Sanders. "I just need to get some interceptions to go along with my hits."

Sanders, a strong safety, leads the Irish in tackles on the season with 17 in two games against Kansas and Michigan. Sanders also topped the Irish in interceptions last season with three. Both of these marks give him confidence heading into a game against No. 21 Purdue and a quarterback who holds numerous Big Ten and NCAA records.

Harper, a cornerback, is the

most experienced returning defensive back for the Irish, with 19 career starts and appearances in 33 games. He sparked Notre Dame in its 48-13 victory over Kansas, returning an interception 22 yards for an Irish touchdown.

Harper is also ranked 13th among cornerbacks this year by Lindy's.

"This is an opportunity, a game you like to play and try to win," said Harper.

Cooper, a free safety, is the top returning Irish tackler, and forced three fumbles by opponents last season. One of those fumbles came against Purdue in a 31-30 Irish victory.

Cooper is a highly touted player, named honorable mention All-American by Street and Smith's and Walter Camp Football Foundation.

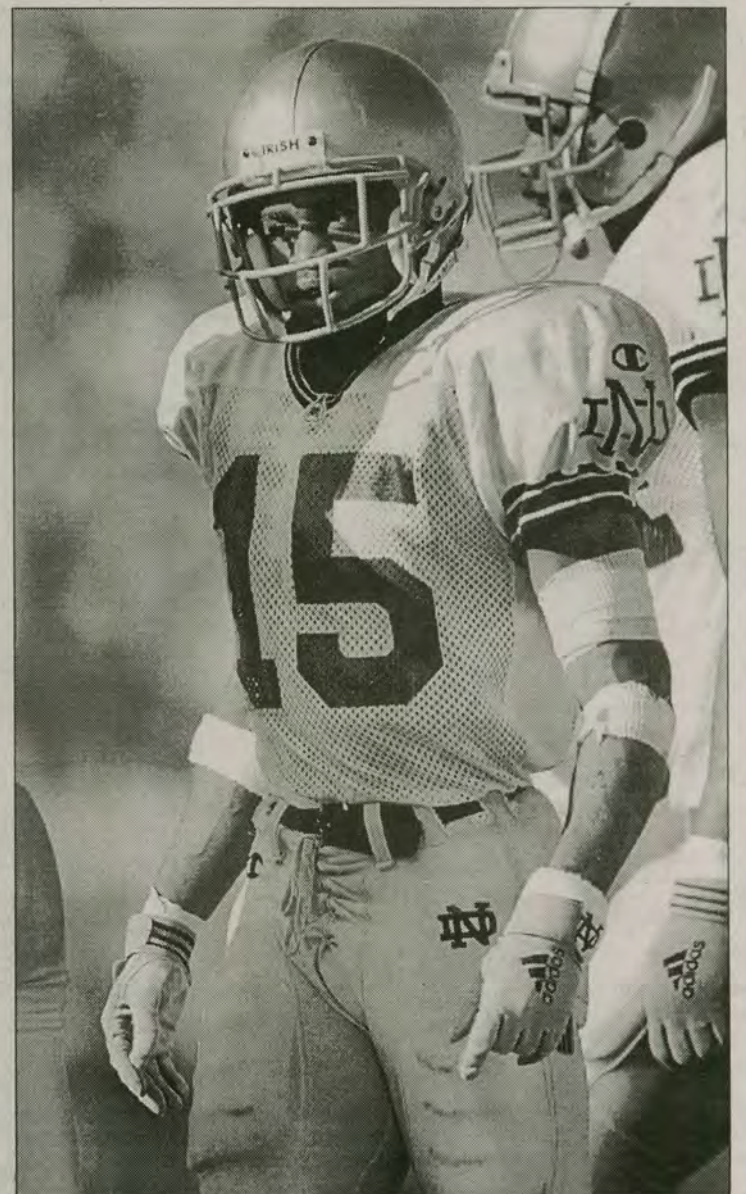
Cornerback Clifford Jefferson is a quickly-rising player, with 16 tackles in his first two college starts. He is one behind Sanders for the team lead.

He replaced Brock Williams in the starting lineup after Williams was suspended for the season. Jefferson seeks to become a big-play athlete this season.

"It's going to be a pretty hard game going against someone who throws the ball 60 or 70 times a game," said Jefferson. "But it is also a secondary's dream because of the opportunity to get interceptions and run them back. My main goal is to get at least two interceptions."

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Riley's Records
Ruth Riley earns honors as a finalist in the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year award.
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JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Sophomore Clifford Jefferson and the Irish secondary plan to shut down the Boilermakers' aerial game at Purdue.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers tee off in first conference match-up

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf team tees off for the first conference meet of its season at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11, against Alma, Hope, Olivet, Kalamazoo, Albion, Defiance, Adrian and Calvin Colleges.

Led by second-year Head Coach Theresa Pekarek, the Belles intend to make this a successful meet.

"They play well together as a team," Pekarek said. "They work together well and have great enthusiasm."

The meet is at Pine River County Club — Alma College's home course. With only one senior, Heather Pedraza, on the roster this year, the Belles are

a young team. The only other returning players are sophomore Mary Claire Hathaway and junior captain Kyle Veltri.

The rest of the team is composed of rookies including junior Julie Glud and Natalie Cook. Five freshmen finish off the team: Rachel Benkert, Heather Goodrich, Kara Harms, Molly Lee and Kristie Maurer.

Hathaway, Pedraza and Veltri turned in very strong scores last season, leading the Belles to a fourth-place finish in the MIAA behind Hope, Albion and Defiance. Among the four teams there was only a 461-point difference, which would translate a lead between first-place Hope College and fourth place Saint Mary's of

roughly one-and-a-half meet scores.

"Regardless of the closeness in the stats, we are a very competitive team to begin with," Veltri said. "Our goal is to remain in the top four, if not the top two this season. We've worked very hard to better our game. I think that we'll have a very competitive season."

In last year's Pine River Golf Club meet, the Belles came in fourth. Coach Pekarek has not released the names of the six golfers who would be traveling to the meet. She states, however, that her three returning players, Hathaway, Pedraza and Veltri, are very good players and will be looked upon for large contributors.

Pekarek also said that Cook,

a transfer student from Taylor University, will contribute heavily this year.

"Natalie will be a real asset this season," Pekarek said. "Freshmen Heather Goodrich and Molly Lee are good players who will grow with the team."

Last week the Belles had a non-conference meet with Tri-State at Brookwood Golf Course. All of the golfers had the opportunity to compete, and the new golfers had a chance to experience collegiate golf competition before a conference meet.

The Belles are the only team in the conference to have such a meet, and Pekarek sees it as an advantage.

"We'll fare pretty well [next week]," said Pekarek.

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Friday, 3:30 p.m.



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