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## Saint Mary's students face parking problems

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
News Writer

At 10 p.m. on Sunday, Francesca DePalma was faced with a dilemma.

With no spots available in the McCandless student parking lot north of Angela Athletic Facility, she could leave her car in the Le Mans parking lot and face a potential ticket, or she can wake up at 7 a.m. to move the car.

Neither choice appealed to her.

"I didn't want to move it at night because it was raining, and I don't like walking by myself in the dark," DePalma said. "My first class isn't until 10, and I didn't want to wake

up."

The 420 parking spaces available in the lot are not enough for all the cars registered on campus.

There are 508 residence vehicles and 157 off-campus vehicles registered with security, according to Richard Chlebek, director of security at Saint Mary's.

The lack of parking spaces forces students to make a decision between facing a ticket or parking illegally in the lot.

"I've noticed a general trend that every night when I come back, I drive around and can't find any spots," DePalma said.

A committee comprised of student body members, faculty and the student body president gave recommendations last

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**Richard Chlebek**  
director of security

year to the administration about parking problems. Over the summer, the administration took the recommendations and implemented some of the new parking policies.

The new parking policies do not allow students to park in the Le Mans parking lot from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Commuting students may park in either the lot by the Science Hall or the McCandless Lot and resident students may not park in any other lot beside the Le Mans and McCandless lots.

Chlebek said that one reason for the new parking policies is because of campus changes and renovations that will take place on campus this year.

"[The student body] needs to be more understanding and willing to make sacrifices to inconvenience during this process," Chlebek said. "There have been a few complaints — an individual looking at their situation and not looking at the whole community on campus, even though changes have affected everyone."

Many of the students upset about the policy are student teachers and off-campus students. Melissa Gornik, a senior who will be student teaching next semester, is concerned about the hike to her classes.

"The walk is not so bad now and won't be so bad in the spring," she said, "but in the winter it will be."

A commuting student, Shannon Root, is also concerned about parking far away from her class buildings in the winter. While there was nothing that was really bothering her about the parking right now, "ask me again when we have five feet of snow," she

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## Rampersad: Interest grows in black bios

By MIRABEL MOREY  
News Writer

Arnold Rampersad, a Stanford University professor, spoke Tuesday on African-American biographies at the first lecture of the Joseph M. Duffy Lecture Series.

Only in the past century have any full-scale African-American biographies appeared, Rampersad said. Beginning modestly with Franklin Douglas as the subject of most biographies, there is now an "unprecedented interest in the black man," he said.

The main challenge of African-American biographies is to "find the African-American life interesting in its complexities and normalcy."

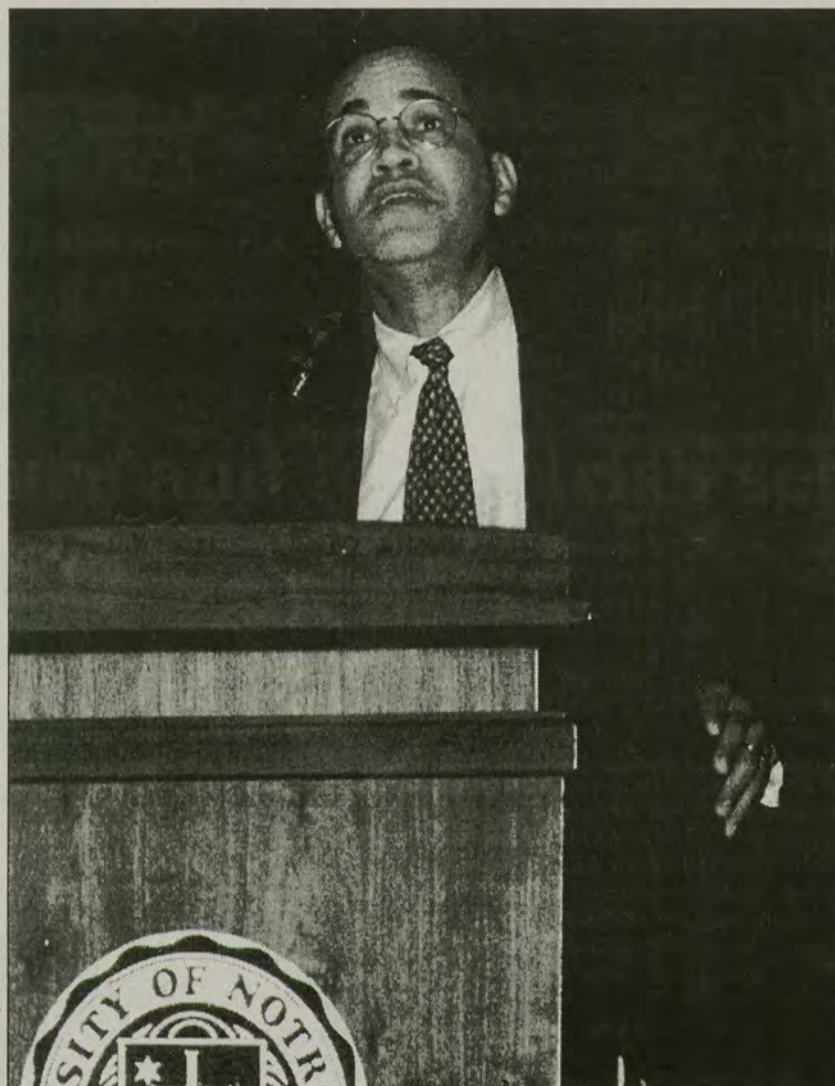
Rampersad explored what makes an authentic African-American biography? He also asked, can only an African-American justly portray the life of another African-American?

It is the equation of a good biography: keeping an identificational and judgemental distance from this mix of social science and art will ultimately deem authenticity, Rampersad said.

Biographies are a "lesser form of history," Rampersad said, because they are a mysterious mix of "both social science and art."

History in university life has a vested interest in black culture, and hopefully the viewpoint is changing alongside this community. It was only after World War II that biographies of African-Americans were even presented, and even then it was only because African-Americans have a "freedom to choose a life and write about it," said Rampersad.

The public was not interested in black America until Jackie Robinson became MVP in the National League. Robinson, according to Rampersad, led the way to modern culture's own fascination with



**Arnold Rampersad spoke on the challenges of African-American biographies last night. According to Rampersad, Jackie Robinson was one of the first African-Americans to fascinate the public.**

African-American athletes and entertainers such as Muhammed Ali, Tina Turner and Michael Jordan.

With the biggest challenge of African-American biographies being

to "find the African-American life interesting in its complexities and normalcy," Rampersad, every generation "needs to reexamine the past and write their own biographies."

## 11 bid for SMC frosh elections

By KATIE MILLER  
News Writer

Competition for Saint Mary's freshman class elections will be tougher than usual due to an unusually large pool.

Eleven tickets are running for the president and vice president of the Class of 2003. Another 18 women contend for the 13 class board positions.

The freshmen have more candidates running than any class in recent history, according to Chrissie Renner, elections commissioner.

Prior to the campaign launch, one-fourth of the freshmen class showed interest in holding an office in the student government. More than 100 students attended the two mandatory informational meetings held to explain the roles of student government officials.

Renner said she is excited that so many freshmen are interested in getting involved regardless of their experience in high school student government.

"Everyone is starting off on a clean slate," Renner said.

In addition to coming up with promising platforms, the freshmen candidates must be creative.

According to Renner, each candidate was only allowed to spend \$25 on campaigning supplies such as posters and candy. Renner said that the candidates have been very resourceful.

There will be a canopy set up in front of the dining hall for the Wednesday elections. Voting will take place between 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Freshmen will vote for one president and vice president and will be asked to choose 13 or fewer of the candidates for the class board.

In order for a ticket to win, it must take 50 percent of class votes plus one individual vote.

"The chance of a run-off is almost definite because there are so many candidates," Renner said.

The run-off will take place Monday; voting times will remain the same.



INSIDE COLUMN

# My Body Is a Temple

"My body is a temple, not to be defiled by the sacreligious act of consuming alcohol."

It is exactly one year since I uttered these words. Yes, it was my 21st birthday then, and I did not celebrate it in the fashion that most of my associates do. However, since that time, my attitude toward alcoholic beverages has changed slightly (particularly after my first experience with MadDog 20/20).

C. R. "Teo" Teodoro

Illustrations Editor

What can be said about the past year? Indeed many events have transpired since the 21st anniversary of my birth. Both of my siblings started college. I got promoted to my current position here at the Observer. I made the Mighty Fruity Muscle Pants a fashion statement on campus. I took my first classes in design. I realized my destiny as an SDH student manager. President Clinton got busted over his affair with Monica Lewinsky. There was a terrible shootout at Columbine H.S. in Middleton, Colo. "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" opened in theaters nationwide. My mother found a friend on the Internet, met him in real life, dated him for a few months, got engaged, and finally married him just last month. I went to my first rave. I met some new friends from Australia. I even got a haircut or two over the past year.

It would also be correct to say that there are many things I have learned over this past year as well. I learned that being 21 usually just means that you get to make the beer runs. I learned that my mom is better at getting a date than I am. I now know why typography is so important. I was able to pick up on HTML over the summer. I discovered how rewarding service to the community really is. I finally realized that I have lost one of my best friends, possibly for good. Some people don't really like pierced tongues. Being evil is fun.

I finally found out the name of that really cute girl over there. I learned that new kung fu form. I also learned that my kung fu still really sucks. I finally got all the words to the theme song of Shaft. I learned that being a third level elemental cleric in the AD&D DarkSun campaign really isn't that cool because elemental clerics don't have major access to the healing sphere. I also learned that while a Lancer with both Jump Level 8 and Jump Height 8 abilities are pretty good in Final Fantasy Tactics, a strong Monk with the Two Swords support ability can cause more damage in a single round. I learned that family is still one of the most important things in my life. I also learned that drinking and haircuts don't mix.

Of course, there are still many more things for me to learn beyond my short 22 years of existence. I still need to figure out how to get a date for a dance. I can't really understand why girls almost always go to the bathrooms in groups. I'll probably never understand how a guys' bathroom gets so filthy in so little time. I still need to know all that art history stuff for class. I don't know how people could go out in public and wear a tie and khaki pants and a blue blazer but still scoff at the pimpin' style of the Mighty Fruity Muscle Pants. I still want to learn the intricate steps of BaGua. I still have to learn a way to pay off my outstanding loans after I graduate. I still want to learn a foreign language. And I should probably still try to learn that my body is a temple, not to be defiled by the sacreligious act of consuming alcohol. I could also try learning the secret meaning to life.

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

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## THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ <b>Swing Dance:</b> Dan O'Days, Mishawaka., 8:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.	♦ <b>Open Mike:</b> Poetry and music welcomed. Higher Grounds Coffee House, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	♦ <b>Niles Haunted House</b>	♦ <b>Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale:</b> American Legion, 1633 N. Bendix Dr., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
	♦ <b>Ballroom Dance Class:</b> Rose Ballroom, Mishawaka 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., dance party 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	♦ <b>Scream Park:</b> U.S. 12 and 31, Niles, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	♦ <b>Joan Metelli in Concert:</b> Indiana University South Bend auditorium, 8 p.m.
		♦ <b>African Children's Choir:</b> First United Methodist Church, 333 N. Main St., 7 p.m.	

## OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

# Muscle enhancers suspected in UNC death

CHARLOTTE, N.C. University of North Carolina Charlotte student Kelly Ivan Ketchie was found dead in his University Club Townhomes apartment Friday, Sept. 10.

According to Wes Deese, assistant property manager for University Club, the last time Ketchie had been seen alive was the afternoon of Sept. 6. He had been missing for four days when his roommates got worried and forced their way into his room where they found him lying face down in the bathroom.

Deese, who knew Ketchie as a friend for a year, said that he was heavily into weight lifting.

According to his mother, Sandra Ketchie, the coroner told the family that there was a malfunction in his heart. Although the coroner could not be certain, he suspected that the

*"When I go home, I am pouring out all of my stuff down the drain."*

Wes Deese  
assistant property manager

muscle-enhancing drugs found in Ketchie's apartment were involved in his death.

The management of University Club moved Ketchie's roommates to a new apartment and will use their former apartment as the property's model.

Deese said that they didn't feel right moving anyone back into the apartment.

This death has hit home for Deese

because they worked out together.

"The last time I saw him was in the weight room," said Deese. "When I go home, I am pouring out all of my stuff down the drain." He said that this is an important issue for college students to be aware of the dangers of these drugs.

"I want people to know I had the most beautiful and beloved son ... Young people are so involved with looking better ... no matter what we do to these bodies we live in, we only live in them until our spirit leaves. It's what's inside you that is important," his mother said.

Ketchie graduated from Concord High School in 1993 and came to UNCC to major in management. Ketchie, a 24-year-old senior from Kannapolis, was set to graduate this December and planned to open his own recording studio.

## LSU student killed near campus

BATON ROUGE, La.

Baton Rouge police officers are investigating the death of a 19-year-old University student who was murdered in her apartment Monday afternoon. Kassie Lynn Federer, 19, was found dead in her Park Place Residence apartment, first by the complex's management and then by BRPD, according to Maj. Lamar Thompson. Federer, originally from Ponchatoula, La., was a psychology major and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Park Place Residence tenants complained to management Monday afternoon after they heard noise coming from Federer's apartment, Thompson said. Apartment managers investigated the complaint and found the apartment door open and Federer dead in the apartment, Thompson said. Police were contacted and arrived between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m. Police are hoping to gather more information by talking to the apartment complex tenants who reported the noise, Thompson said. "The information was real scarce," he said. "They really don't have anything." The area where Park Place Residence is located, usually experiences less crime than other areas around campus.

## Supremacist Hale not involved

URBANA, Ill.

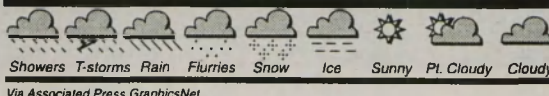
In their investigation of anti-Semitic pamphlets distributed in the Law Building Sunday, University of Illinois police have dismissed white supremacist Matthew Hale, who was banned from campus, as a suspect. University police Capt. Kris Fitzpatrick said Hale, who heads the white supremacist World Church of the Creator, was suspected of distributing the pamphlets but was cleared Monday. Hale said he was unaware of the distribution; he added that his church has "a good couple dozen" active members in the area, including a University law student whose name he would not disclose. Fitzpatrick said distributing hate literature is legal, but if Hale were found on campus he would face charges of criminal trespass to state-supported property. The resurfacing of anti-Semitic literature comes about two months after former University student and Hale follower Benjamin Smith shot University student Steven Kuo, who suffered injuries to his leg. The Urbana shooting was part of a spree that killed two, injured eight and ended in Smith's suicide.

## LOCAL WEATHER

### 5 Day South Bend Forecast

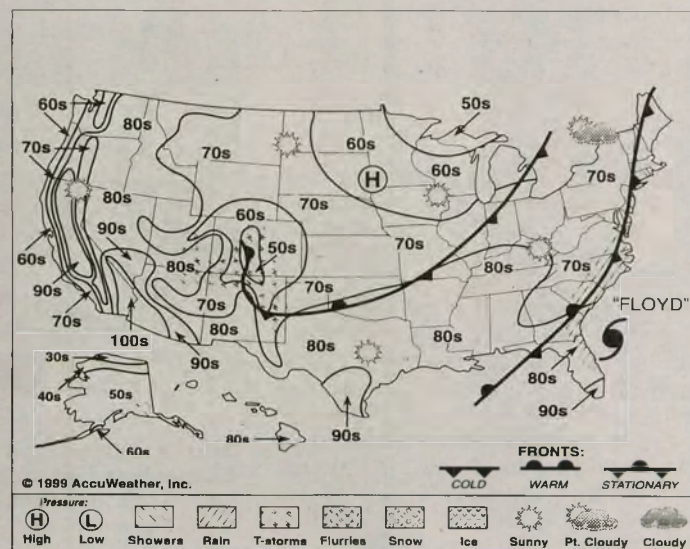
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Thursday	☀	67	46
Friday	☀	66	46
Saturday	☀	71	47
Sunday	☁	71	50



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## NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	75	66	Jacksonville	80	77	Sacramento	90	58
Boston	64	63	Los Angeles	76	62	San Antonio	86	67
Cleveland	65	48	Minneapolis	63	43	Seattle	75	55
Denver	74	43	New Orleans	83	68	Tampa	84	79
Houston	83	69	Philadelphia	69	66	Tulsa	66	56



# Philosophy professor receives Book of Year Award

By LIZ ZANONI  
News Writer

James Sterba, Notre Dame professor of philosophy, received the 1998 Book of the Year Award from the North American Society for Social Philosophy for his book "Justice for Here and Now."

Sterba's book was recognized at the 16th Annual Social Philosophy Conference in Philadelphia this summer. "Justice for Here and Now," was the first book to have Author Meets Critics sessions at all three American Philosophical Association Meetings this year. In his book, Sterba argues that a "peacemaking" approach rather than the

overused "warmaking" approach to philosophy indicates that the notion of rationality requires morality. The peacemaking approach searches for a common concern that can enable opposing parties to understand their disputes. Sterba says that libertarian morality can be embraced by welfare liberals, socialists and

feminists even though they support equality for different reasons. Feminist, racial, homosexual and multicultural justices are interrelated, and advantages exist when they unite to defend against injustices. "There is not one form of justice; the arguments are interconnected," he said. Sterba elaborates by demon-

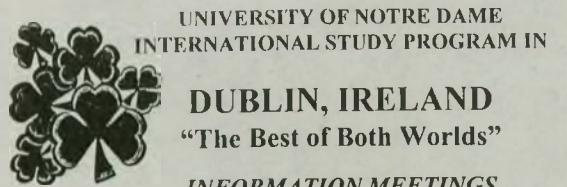
strating that similarities also exist between the anthropocentric and biocentric environmental ethics because both can be morally defended to produce the same conclusions. Sterba said he uses these arguments as a way of "building a complete ethical and moral philosophy." The culmination of Sterba's reasoning is that there exist very few circumstances that reconcile going to war.

A group of 21 essays on "Justice for Here and Now," will be published this fall. Also, a conference focusing on the book will be held on campus this spring. Sterba is structuring the conference to include an interactive discussion between representatives from different groups in today's society who are fighting for equality.

Sterba published 20 books and written over 150 articles in addition to teaching moral and political philosophy at the University since 1973. Two books, "Three Challenges to Ethics: Environmentalism, Feminism and Multiculturalism," and "Ethics: Classical Western Texts in Feminist and Multicultural Perspectives," will be available soon.



Sterba



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## INFORMATION MEETINGS

**Thursday, September 16, 1999**

4:45 PM

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International Study Programs

**Tuesday, October 12, 1999**

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4:45 PM

With Prof. Kevin Whelan, Director  
Keough-Notre Dame Centre, Dublin

**Monday, November 8, 1999**

102 DeBartolo

4:45 PM

With Katie Schott, Administrator  
Keough-Notre Dame Centre, Dublin

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## Parking

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said.

Board of Governance addressed the issue at its first meeting of the academic year last Wednesday.

"[We] are looking into the fact that students have had access to Le Mans lot in the past from 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. and are trying to find a rationale," said Nancy Midden, student body president. "As a broader goal, we need more parking on campus. My personal feeling is that we need temporary parking established somewhere."

"A lot of students were upset because they weren't aware of the changes made by the administration," said Beth Beatty, off-campus commissioner.

Furthermore, parking needs are not being addressed.

"It doesn't look like we will get the parking spaces we need. We don't have that far to walk [on campus]. We need to be patient with everyone and the fact that we don't have the spaces," Beatty said.

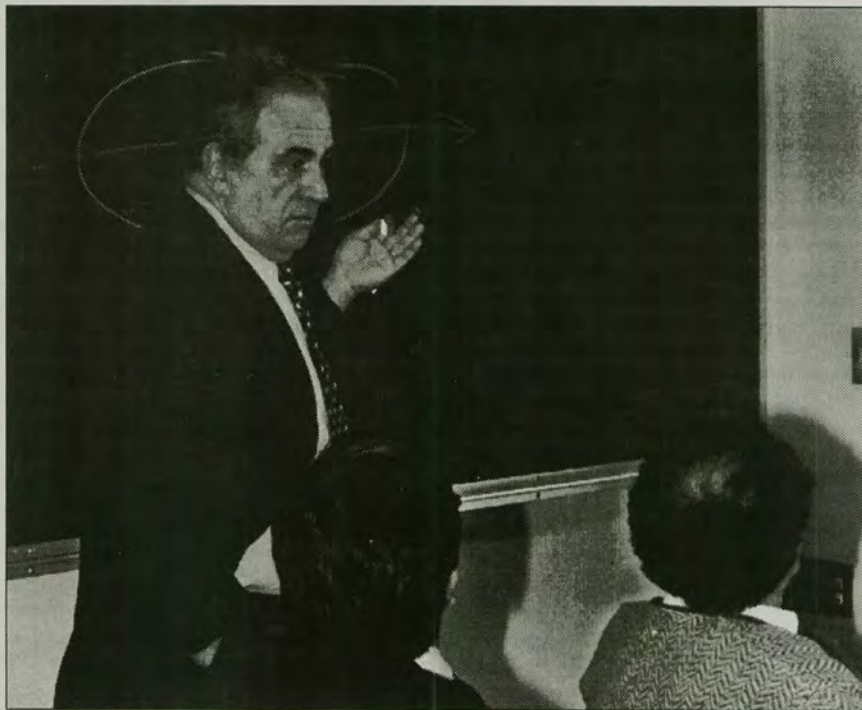
Her committee is working on the proposal that students may park in the Le Mans lot from 5 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Beatty also noted that "students can go to the security director for special needs and they can be dealt with — the College is trying to work with everyone."

As for the problem of overflow parking, Midden hopes that the Science lot will be used.

"It is an important issue; we are taking steps to work it out," she said. "The other commissioners and I are working with [Chlebek] to come to a mutual satisfying agreement."

## DEMOCRACY 101



Guillermo O'Donnell lectures on democracy with special focus on recently democratized countries as well as older democracies outside the Northwestern quadrant of the world yesterday in the Hesburgh Center.  
JOE STARK/The Observer

## String quartet to perform tonight

Special to The Observer

The Lydian String Quartet will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. The concert will feature the local premiere of Notre Dame professor of music and composer Ethan Haimo's "String Quartet in Two Movements."

The quartet has performed extensively throughout the United States at venues including the Lincoln Center, Library of Congress and the Kennedy Center. It also is performing a series of concerts at the Wigmore Hall in London and has made appearances in France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Russia and Armenia.

Winner of a Chamber Music America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming, the quartet has received grants from the Meet the Composer/Rockefeller Foundation/AT&T Jazz Program in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts,

Chamber Music America, Carillon Importers, the Mazer Grant and Brandeis University. Awards won by the quartet include the Naumburg Award for Chamber Music, numerous awards from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music, and ensemble prizes at international competitions in Canada, France and England.

Education is an integral part of the quartet's mission, and it conducts mini-residencies in communities and universities throughout the U.S.

During the summer months, the quartet runs a three-week chamber music clinic at the Brandeis Summer Music Festival, which draws music students and advanced amateurs from across the country.

Members of the quartet are on the faculty of Brandeis University. The group appears by arrangement with Aaron Concert Artists, a division of Trawick Artists Ltd. in New York City.

Haimo will introduce the con-

cert by discussing his work at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. General admission for the event is \$10, \$8 for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College faculty and staff with an id, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$3 for students. The concert is made possible by a generous grant from the Boehnen Fund for Excellence in the Arts.

The Lydian String Quartet, formed in 1980, has a traditional repertoire including Schubert, Haydn, Beethoven and Ravel, as well as a flair for contemporary music. Recordings by the quartet include works by John Harbison, Lee Hyla, William Schuman, Charles Ives, Irving Fine, Allen Anderson, and Thomas Oboe Lee.

## SANTIAGO, CHILE

### INFORMATION MEETING

With Carmen Nanni  
Student Returnees

**Wednesday September 15, 1999**  
**South Dining Hall Hospitality Room**  
**4:45 PM**

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# Merrill: Solitary O'Keefe differed from Taos artists

By LINDSAY FRANK  
News Writer

Georgia O'Keefe was an outsider among her contemporaries, Christopher Merrill, a professor of English at Holy Cross College in Wooster, Mass., said in his lecture Tuesday.

"She was really a solitary; she's the quintessential outsider," he said.

According to Merrill, O'Keefe's style and outlook dif-

fered especially from the Taos artists, despite the fact that she spent a large portion of her life living and painting in New Mexico.

"O'Keefe wanted to bring what was far away and unfocused up close so we could see it anew," said Merrill.

Unlike the Taos artists, O'Keefe focused her attention on inanimate objects like her well-known flowers, bones and landscapes as opposed to images of individuals.

Merrill said that this differ-

*"She was really a solitary; she's the quintessential outsider."*

Christopher Merrill  
English professor

ence proved to be beneficial to O'Keefe's work.

"I think the distance from mainstream, her distance from what 'the boys' were doing was crucial for her," he said.

For O'Keefe the process of uncovering a spiritual meaning behind her subjects was key to what Merrill called "her need to make known the unknown."

O'Keefe often painted her subjects several times. She usually began with realistic interpretations and moved to abstract compositions in what Merrill called an effort "to focus on what was most remote."

"She was not going to confine herself, and therefore

moved in between the two [methods of painting]," he said.

Merrill also emphasized O'Keefe's remarkable attitude regarding the relationship artists have with their work.

"She understood how as an artist you do your work and then leave it behind," he said.

He also said that in the 1950s, O'Keefe kept a garbage can specifically for the burning of her artwork, and that she burned between 700 and 800 paintings during that decade.

# Dole criticizes Clinton's plan for ban on nuclear testing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole urged Congress on Tuesday to reject President Clinton's pleas for a global ban on nuclear test explosions.

She called the long-stalled Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty "ill-conceived" and a threat to national security.

"With Russia in turmoil, with North Korea and other threats, with other rogue nations moving forward, I think the U.S. will need — for the foreseeable future — a credible deterrent," the former American Red Cross president said in a telephone interview. "A credible deterrent means you have to have confidence in that deterrent —



Dole

and that means testing."

Dole, who lags well behind Republican front-runner George W. Bush in presidential polls, also released a statement opposing the pact. Clinton wants the treaty approved by a Sept. 23 deadline.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle also urged the Senate to reject the treaty.

"If rejection ... sends the message that the United States will never be willing to give up the weapons we deem to be vital to preserving our national security, then that is exactly the right signal to send," Quayle said in a statement Tuesday.

The 1996 treaty has been signed by 152 nations but so far ratified by only 18 of the 44 nations with nuclear capabilities. The nuclear powers must approve the pact for it to take effect.

Russia and China are among the nations that have not ratified it.

Supporters of the treaty say

*"A credible deterrent means you have to have confidence in that deterrent — and that means testing."*

Elizabeth Dole  
presidential candidate

it would lock in U.S. superiority gained in over 1,000 nuclear tests during the Cold War, while failing to ratify the pact could open the door to nuclear tests by other nations.

Opponents argue it could threaten America's ability to deliver an effective nuclear strike, if one is ever needed. The treaty is bottled up in the Republican-led Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The United States has not conducted a full-fledged nuclear test since 1992. Mrs. Dole said a long period of non-testing could create "potential defects" in the U.S. arsenal. "Why the rush" to sign a treaty? Mrs. Dole asked.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, cited

public polls that show huge majorities of Americans favor the treaty.

"This is a very perilous political position to take," he said.

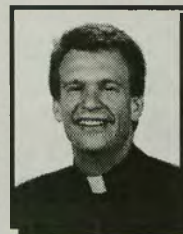
"It puts her more on the side of (Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman) Jesse Helms and less on the side of moderates like (former Sen.) Bob Dole."

Dole, who is married to the former senator, said the polls underscore a lack of knowledge about the treaty. "We need to educate people about it," she said.

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There is a group on campus to help students facing disciplinary hearings before the Office of Residence Life. **Peer advocates** are specially trained to guide students through the disciplinary process. They comprise a division of Judicial Council, a Student Government organization, and are not part of Residence Life.

Judicial Council is recruiting sophomores, juniors and seniors for a limited number of openings in the Peer Advocacy division. Applications are now available in the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune, and are due by Wednesday, September 15.

Questions? Call Kelly Folks at 1-4556

Want to write for news? Come to the news meeting, Sunday night at 5 p.m. in the basement of SDH.



# In Focus

The Observer looks at the stereotype African-American students face.

A bi-weekly feature from The Observer News Department This Week: Racial Stereotypes



Many Notre Dame students assume that African-American students are athletes. Until Notre Dame increases its racial diversity, African-American students will continue to stand out in a crowd.

Photo Art by JOE STARK/The Observer

## Many students hold stereotypes about African-Americans

By MAUREEN SMITHE  
News Writer

When Irish tailback Tony Driver walked onto Notre Dame's campus as a freshman, he noticed a disturbing pattern of thought by many of Notre Dame's students.

"The students here think any African-American student is an athlete — that's all that's here," he said.

But like many of the African-American students on campus, athletes and non-athletes, Driver was forced to deal with the situation.

"When I first got here my freshman year it really bothered me, but as you go on, you get used to it," Driver said.

Last year, 64 percent of male

African-American students and 39 percent of female African-American students participated in sports, according to Iris Outlaw and Kevin Huie, directors of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

As a result of these figuratively high percentages, the stereotype that all African-American students are athletes is evident.

The popularity of football and other sports fosters that stereotype. The fact that sports — particularly highly publicized ones — are the ones exposed the public will encourage stereotyping, according to Outlaw and Huie.

"The perception comes because the majority of players on the football team are African-American," Outlaw said.

"The two most visible teams are football and basketball, and

you do see a lot of African-Americans involved in those sports," Huie said. "A large majority of famous players in the NFL and NBA are African-American."

Furthermore, the stereotype infers that African-American students are admitted to Notre Dame solely on athletic, not academic merit.

The stereotype has not gone unnoticed for junior track runner Reggie McKnight.

"Obviously most African-Americans are athletes, and with that stigma it is assumed that you are not here because of your academic abilities," he said.

It also affects international students. Nigerian sophomore Kabir Audu looks at the stereotype from a different angle than some of his American counterparts.

"African-Americans are perceived different from people like me," he said. "When I first got here people assumed I played a varsity sport. They didn't understand that I was here completely on merit."

This fact bothers Outlaw and Huie.

"To assume that folks can be here only because of their athletic abilities is an insult," Outlaw said.

"I think it isn't the stigma, but the athlete status. Some people think athletes are not inclined to be at Notre Dame — that they are here only for their athletic ability. There is a perception that the University is trying to fill quotas and that is just not the case," Huie said.

The rationale, students say, is due to the homogenous back-

grounds from which many Notre Dame students come.

"I think a lot of the majority students here have gone to white schools and the only African-American image they have is of athletes," said non-athlete sophomore Irene Onyeagbako.

Driver agrees.

"Notre Dame has a tradition of upper-middle class white students — it is part of the tradition and mystique of the University," he said.

Yet some African-American students say they don't notice prevailing stereotypes on campus.

"I know a lot of minority students have a sense of how they are seen, but I really don't notice anything," said junior Zesha

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## Controversies arise about sources of stereotypes

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS  
In Focus Editor

Diversity within the student body, something Notre Dame students often feel the University lacks, could alleviate the stereotype of African-Americans and athletes.

Often, African-Americans are stereotyped as athletes and assumed to attend the University because of their athletic capabilities and not their academic merit.

### Fostering the stereotype

Some caucasian students say it is the typical Notre Dame student's background that contributes to this stereotype while others find the lack of ethnic and racial diversity within the University cultivates this notion.

Sophomore Chris Clement attributes the stereotype to the home environment the average Notre Dame

student comes from and the poor race relations on campus.

"These stereotypes are fostered from the wealthy suburban backgrounds where there are not a lot of African-Americans," Clement said. "I come from an area where there is a majority minority, and that has made my experience very different."

"I don't think they [race relations] are very good. Cliques are segregated. There does not seem to be much interplay between the races," he added.

He said the University neither promotes nor addresses the stereotype.

Senior Melissa Balchunas and junior Patrick Fisher, however, said the lack of diversity in the student body strengthens these stereotypes.

"It [lack of racial diversity] is so obvious here," Balchunas said. "I blame the University for fostering the caucasian environment. The fact that a majority of the minorities that go

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## HOW DOES NOTRE DAME'S DIVERSITY COMPARE?

Source: US News Best Colleges

	White	Asian	African American	Hispanic	International
Notre Dame	84 %	4 %	3 %	6 %	2 %
Boston College	80 %	8 %	4 %	5 %	4 %
Princeton	70 %	11 %	7 %	6 %	5 %
Georgetown	69 %	8 %	7 %	6 %	10 %
Michigan	72 %	11 %	9 %	4 %	4 %
U. of Pennsylvania	89 %	5 %	3 %	2 %	1 %
Northwestern	70 %	18 %	6 %	3 %	3 %
Stanford	52 %	23 %	8 %	11 %	5 %
Duke	74 %	11 %	8 %	4 %	2 %
U. of Virginia	77 %	9 %	10 %	2 %	2 %



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Holyfield.

Many African-American athletes, however, do recognize that a seeming majority of African-Americans on campus are athletes.

"The majority of us are athletes," said basketball player Harold Swanagan. While Swanagan has not noticed stereotypes toward him, he admits that an assumption is evident.

"I guess it is a point to assume," Swanagan said.

The stereotype leaves African-American students with a difficult task of defining an identity at a predominantly white university. The assumption that racial stereotyping places on African-Americans will, most often, leave them with some explaining to do.

That's what happens to sophomore Anthony Barber, who is an African-American non-athlete.

"The image does question a lot of the things I can do. Everyone always asks 'What sport do you play?' " Barber said. "Sometimes it does bother me because not all African-American males are athletes."

African-American students who have dealt with the situation before find themselves more prepared for life at Notre Dame.

The reaction to race at a predominantly white school, they say, is universal.

"[The stereotype] doesn't really bother me because it mirrors the setting of my high school," Onyeagbako said.

Audu draws from his experiences at home in Nigeria to rationalize the stereotype.

"Being the kind of person I am, the stereotypes don't bother me," he said. "For me, coming from a predominantly black society it is different, but I was brought up with tolerance and I went to a very diverse high school."

The advantages, however, of coming to Notre Dame as an African-American athlete outweigh the disadvantages. Swanagan keeps his focus on his goals, not the stereotypes.

"It doesn't bother me at all because the reason I chose to come to this school is to play sports and for the networking opportunities after graduation," Swanagan said.

Yet at times, it can be lonely.

"At Notre Dame there is such a big feeling of family," McKnight said. "Sometimes I feel like I am not a part of that. People will cheer for you because you represent Notre Dame, not because you are an individual."

The Office of Multi-cultural Affairs works every year to combat the prevailing athlete

*"Everyone always asks 'What sport do you play?' ... Sometimes it does bother me because not all African-American males are athletes."*

Anthony Barber  
sophomore

image of African-American students. Having more African-American students admitted to the University may be a solution to

the problem.

Yet the University may be fighting against an increasing trend that is sending African-American students to racial-specific colleges, making it more and more difficult to admit African-American students.

The cause of that trend, Outlaw said, may be due to stereotypes.

"A lot of African-American students are turning to historically black colleges," she said. "For example, at Xavier University in New Orleans, this year is its largest class ever."

According to Outlaw, diverse media coverage is important in combating the stereotype.

McKnight offers a different type of solution, encouraging his fellow students to "enter into relationships being open. There are a lot of stereotypes and as a community, Notre Dame needs to accept people as individuals."

## Diversity

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here are athletes is ridiculous."

Fisher said that the students, many of whom come from suburbs, have experience with minorities. He said he thinks the stereotype stems from certain events that place a spotlight on the African-American athlete.

"Certain events in the past with African-American athletes will burn in the back of our minds and that becomes the lens at which the students see through. If they [other students] see a black student, then they will assume athlete," Fisher said.

Senior Kellie Hazell sees the dominance of the African-American on the athletic field and the scarcity of visibility in the classroom as the root of the stereotype.

"It is visual things," she said. "We go to the football games and the majority of the starters are African-American. It is a visual affirmation of the stereotype."

### Abolishing the stereotype

Caucasian students' opinions vary on how to reverse the stereotype toward African-Americans and athletes. Many, however, agree that the answer lies in increasing diversity in the student body.

"The only way to end the stereotype is to attract more minorities to apply," Balchunas said. "We need to let minority high school students know that there is a place for them here."

Balchunas said that the best way to attract minority students is by "developing programs that will allow more minorities to come to Notre Dame."

Fisher agrees with Balchunas' opinion that they need to recruit more minorities. Diversity within the student body comes from diversifying the applicant pool, he said.

"What does Notre Dame do to make the contact before minorities apply?" he added. "The Notre Dame family needs to reach out before the application process."

Fisher said maybe Notre Dame should rework its admission priorities in order to allow diversity without stereotyping.

"If you make the admission requirements very rigorous, such that no one can get in without meeting those requirements, then all Notre Dame students will be admitted because of their merit and not athletic ability. It is the incon-

sistency that makes the stereotypes," Fisher said. "Which will better our education? A diverse, average 1300 SAT student body or a predominantly white, 1360 SAT student body?"

Hazell disagrees that Notre Dame should lower its academic standards to promote diversity. Eliminating the discrepancies in test scores among races is the answer to the diversity problem, she said.

"The more the nation can make the test scores more even; the more diverse our college will be," Hazell said. "But we shouldn't lower our standards. We should make the tests [SAT and ACT] fairer."

The stereotype will occur until there is more diversity in the student body, Clement said. But he questions what the University can offer minorities.

"Until we make minorities feel comfortable here," Clement said, "we will never have a diverse campus, and the athlete stereotype will continue."

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COLUMBIA

# U.S.-trained battalion set to battle guerrilla drug trade

Associated Press

BOGOTA

In an attempt to undercut the guerrillas who profit from the drug trade, Colombia on Tuesday activated a new anti-narcotics battalion, trained and equipped by the United States.

Analysts say the new army unit, which was inaugurated by President Andres Pastrana, signals that the military is taking a more aggressive stance toward the guerrillas — and could propel the nearly 40-year-old conflict into a more violent phase.

Heavily armed leftist rebels control vast tracts of the jungle where drug crops are cultivated and earn tens of millions of dol-

lars annually in protection money from narcotics producers in this country that exports the bulk of the world's cocaine.

Washington's sponsorship of this 950-man battalion demonstrates its growing commitment to help Colombia's besieged government take the offensive against the drug-financed guerrillas.

"With the actions of this new contingent we will save the lives of human beings around the world," Pastrana declared at the inauguration ceremony at the Tolimaida military base just south of Bogota.

The United States is giving Colombia \$289 million in anti-drug aid this year — making it

the No. 3 foreign military aid recipient — and is working to put together an additional emergency package based on Bogota's request for \$500 million more.

Washington is equipping the battalion with everything from 18 UH-1N helicopters to night-vision goggles and uniforms.

U.S. Ambassador Curtis W. Kamman looked on during Tuesday's ceremony as six army

helicopters hovered above the parade ground as 15 Colombian soldiers climbed up ropes into the choppers and simulated an assault on a drug lab.

Until this year, U.S. anti-narcotics aid to Colombia went exclusively to the police, an effective investment until the country's big drug cartels were dismantled and guerrillas and right-wing paramilitary groups increased their role in the industry.

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**Andres Pastrana**  
Colombian president

Since 1996, guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, have consolidated their control over some 40 percent of the countryside, making it perilous for helicopter-borne police alone to destroy drug crops and laboratories.

Over the past two years, coca cultivation increased by 170 percent in two southern Colombian states, according to Col. Leonardo Gallego, the anti-narcotics police commander.

The new battalion will be based in the heart of that zone at Tres Esquinas, a base where the military is creating a Joint Intelligence Command with U.S. guidance. It is expected to be up and running by October.

PAKISTAN

# ILO, UNICEF aid child workers

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

The International Labor Organization launched a program Tuesday to help more than 7,000 Pakistani children who work with dangerous chemicals to make surgical equipment, much of which is sent to the United States.

The ILO and UNICEF designated \$500,000 — donated by an Italian trade union federation — to send the children to school, monitor the work force, increase awareness in Pakistan and protect children who do work from hazards on the job.

The groups hope to end the use of child labor in the indus-

try, said Shengjie Li, the ILO's program officer in Pakistan.

The production of surgical instruments is dangerous because of the chemicals used, as well as the metal cutting, grinding, heat treatment and sandblasting involved. For their effort, the children are paid from \$5.50 to \$28 a month.

It is estimated that 3.3 million children under the age of 14 work in Pakistan. The government says about 7,000 work in the surgical manufacturing industry.

The ILO said eliminating child labor in a poor country like Pakistan, where the average annual income is barely

\$800, would be a long and arduous task. As a result, a main focus of the program is to get the children out of dangerous workplaces, Li said.

Pakistan exports more than \$125 million each year in surgical instruments, the government says.

The industry has come under pressure from American rights groups and trade unions, which have demanded a total ban on Pakistan-made instruments because of the use of child labor.

But one ILO official said banning the imports was not the answer because manufacturers were trying to eliminate their use of child labor.

# Report: Multiple births rising in U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The number of babies arriving in twins, triplets and more has increased markedly in the last two decades, as fertility drugs soar in popularity and women wait longer to have children.

The increase is particularly striking among older women: More twins were born to women in their late 40s in 1997 than in all of the 1980s, according to a report released Tuesday by the National Center for Health Statistics.

"Imagine being 48 years old and having quadruplets," said John Kiely, a professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati. "Up until recently, women that old couldn't even get pregnant."

Overall, the increase in multiple births between 1980 and 1997 is unprecedented, researchers say.

The number of infants born in twins jumped 52 percent to more than 104,000 babies in 1997. The number born in larger groups quadrupled to more than 6,700 births.

The steep climb is attributed largely to older women, who are more likely to have a naturally occurring multiple birth to begin with. They're also likely to encounter trouble getting pregnant and therefore more likely to try fertility drugs.

Twenty years ago, women didn't wait so long to start families. "Now they're in the work force and they want to develop a career" before giving birth, said Dr. Louis Keith, president of the Center for the Study of Multiple Births at Northwestern University Medical School.

Also, the science has kept up with the social trends.

In the late 1970s, doctors began using hormonal drugs, which prompt women to produce several eggs at a time. Their use skyrocketed in the late 1980s, as techniques to help fertilize the eggs — both inside and outside the womb — grew in popularity.

Researchers estimate that about one-third of the increase is due to older women having babies, with two-thirds attributable to fertility treatments.

## Double Take

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Despite warm and fuzzy publicity surrounding large births, the trend is not all good news.

Babies born in groups — particularly groups of three or more — are more likely to die as infants or to be dangerously small, which can lead to vision and hearing impairments, mental retardation and developmental delays.

Twins are almost five times as likely to die in their first year as single births, and babies from triplets, quadruplets and larger groups are more than 10 times as likely to die as infants.

Twins are about nine times as likely to be under 3.3 pounds, or "very low birth weight," than infants born alone. The risk is about the same for being "low birth weight," or under 5.5 pounds.

For babies in larger groups, chances are even greater. More than one in three of these babies is under 3.3 pounds, compared to just 1 percent of single births. And 93 percent of them weigh less than 5.5 pounds, compared to 6 percent of single births.

"They're very high-risk births," said Joyce Martin, the report's lead author. The increase is likely to continue unless fertility specialists change aggressive treatments, experts say.

"Some of these women have been trying for years to get pregnant and can't, and it's a great joy to them," said Kiely. But, he suggested, there should be a "national debate about whether fertility drugs and fertility treatments are being overused."



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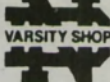
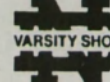
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# Investigator reveals mismanagment in Americorps

## ♦ Jordan testifies on financial problems, poor monitoring

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
Serious management problems continue to trouble what President Clinton has called one of his administration's great achievements, a program that awards college tuition grants to students in exchange for community service, an investigator told a House subcommittee Tuesday. Audits of the Corporation for

National Service, which runs the AmeriCorps program, "revealed that the corporation's financial management is inadequate," said Luise Jordan, the agency's inspector general.

That has resulted in a number of problems, including poor monitoring of the activities of volunteers at some sites, Jordan told the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

For example, one volunteer continued to receive AmeriCorps stipend checks even though he was being

held in an out-of-state prison, Jordan said. The volunteer and his project director stole a total of about \$4,600 by failing to report the volunteer's incarceration and cashing the checks.

The executive director of another AmeriCorps program falsely certified that his son had earned two education grants although the young man had never served in AmeriCorps. That director also stole cash from volunteers by charging them bogus "activity fees."

The corporation began an effort to straighten out its

affairs in December, but Jordan said, "at this time, I have no evidence from which I can provide any assurance that the material weaknesses

have been corrected."

AmeriCorps has been a favorite target of some Republicans in Congress who say it's silly to pay students to do volunteer work. The House voted

to cut off all money for the program in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The Senate has not yet acted on the issue.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., chairman of the subcommittee, said thousands of

young Americans have done good works through the program. But administrators have failed to deliver what was promised, he said.

"Many AmeriCorps programs are spending taxpayer dollars inappropriately," Hoekstra said. One Indiana student told the Terre Haute Tribune-Star that program organizers told her "that she could count baby-sitting, life-guarding and choir practice as AmeriCorps volunteerism. Now her education award is in jeopardy," he said.

A former chairman of the Corporation for National Service's board defended the program, saying it has been working hard to correct problems.

Furthermore, the program's decentralized structure gives state commissions a key role in management and oversight of local programs, said Bob Rogers, a Republican who was chairman from October 1996 to June 1999.

"Because there are literally thousands of sites at which AmeriCorps members serve, it is not feasible, nor was it ever envisioned, that the corporation would directly monitor every local site," Rogers said.

"In such a decentralized structure there will always be a small number of incidents of unscrupulous conduct by program administrators. And when those people are caught, they are dealt with accordingly."

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# Clinton plans release of Antarctica images

Associated Press

## CHRISTCHURCH

President Clinton, stressing the need to protect the world's environment, announced the release of classified satellite images covering 7,500 square miles of a rare "cold polar desert" region of Antarctica to help scientists chart global climate change.



Clinton

The data include seven previously classified images taken by U.S. spy satellites in the mid-1970s and early 1980s of the so-called Dry Valleys environment. Satellite pictures traditionally are classified because they reveal U.S. intelligence-gathering capabilities.

The new images are intended to give scientists a baseline for environmental studies, including the monitoring of the Antarctic ozone hole and the West Antarctic ice sheet.

"Together with data gathered on the ground, the newly released images will help scientists better understand ecological dynamics in this extreme environment and their response to climate change," a White House statement said.

On the final day of a five-day visit to New Zealand, the president announced his action during a visit to Christchurch, the jumping off point for American expeditions to Antarctica. He was joined by Sir Edmund Hillary.

Hillary was the first person to make a land crossing of Antarctica in 1958. Hillary and sherpa Tenzing Norgay were the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

Shortly before leaving Queenstown, Clinton issued pre-emptive disaster declarations for Florida and Georgia as Hurricane Floyd plowed toward the southeastern U.S. coast. The president canceled plans to visit Hawaii in order to return home a day early to oversee emergency efforts related to the hurricane.

On the first leg of his trip, the president spent three days in Auckland for meetings with Asian leaders and the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. He took a day off Tuesday in Queenstown to play golf before a state visit with Prime Minister Jenny Shipley. Some members of Clinton's staff used the free time for bungee jumping and jet boat rides.

Before Clinton's arrival in Christchurch, Shipley was preoccupied with a state visit by Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Clinton was the first president to visit New Zealand since Lyndon Johnson in 1966. The United States and New Zealand enjoy warm ties despite a breach caused by the government's decision in the mid 1980s to bar nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships from New Zealand ports.

The government's anti-nuclear policy, spawned by concern about nuclear testing in the South Pacific and arms-control issues, clashed with the U.S. policy of refusing to confirm or deny whether American ships carried nuclear weapons.

The rift caused the United States to suspend its security obligations to New Zealand imposed under a 1951 treaty that required participating nations — the United States, New Zealand and Australia — to consult in case of attack in the Pacific and to "act to meet the common danger."

The United States has urged New Zealand to reverse course on nuclear policy.

Clinton's speech Wednesday was scheduled to take place at the International Antarctic Center, the headquarters of the U.S., New Zealand and Italian Antarctic programs.

The pristine areas of Antarctica are closely watched because scientists expect climate changes to be more significant in the polar regions. Moreover, the Antarctic ice sheet helps regulate the climate of the entire Earth, and preserves a climate history going back more than 400,000 years.

The pictures released by

Clinton, taken by military satellite, show a detailed view of the Dry Valleys region of the Transantarctic Mountains, a 1,900-foot-long range that splits the east and west regions of Antarctica.

The region pictured is near the U.S. McMurdo Station, an observatory for the international global positioning system.

The newly released pictures are modified versions of fine-resolution images taken by spy satellites. The White House used Clinton's announcement to polish Vice President Al Gore's credentials as an environmentalist as he heads into the presidential race.

A White House statement said the administration, at Gore's urging, began an initiative in 1991 to declassify data for scientific research. Last

month, Gore announced the declassification and release of 59 satellite images of the Arctic to help scientists study the interaction between polar ice caps and global warming, the statement said.



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## Judge gives Bobbitt probation, no jail time

Associated Press

## FALLON, Nev.

John Wayne Bobbitt dodged a jail sentence Tuesday and was put on probation for his part in a scheme to steal clothes from a store.

Bobbitt, 32, and five co-defendants had pleaded guilty to attempted grand larceny and other charges in a plea bargain. An estimated \$140,000 in clothing was stolen from a store that has closed.

Judge Archie Blake put Bobbitt on probation for five years and ordered him to pay \$5,000 restitution.

Bobbitt said he didn't know the clothing had been stolen.

*"My goal is to stay away from trouble."*

**John Wayne Bobbitt  
sentenced to probation**

"My goal is to stay away from trouble," Bobbitt said after his sentencing in Fallon, about 60 miles east of Reno.

Bobbitt made headlines in 1993 when his then-wife, Lorena, cut off his penis at their apartment in Manassas, Va. She drove off in a fury and tossed the severed organ out the car window.

It later was reattached.

His wife argued she'd been the victim of an abusive husband and was found innocent by reason of insanity.

Bobbitt said Tuesday he hasn't spoken to her since.

"The last thing I said to her was 'I want a divorce,'" he said.

He now lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

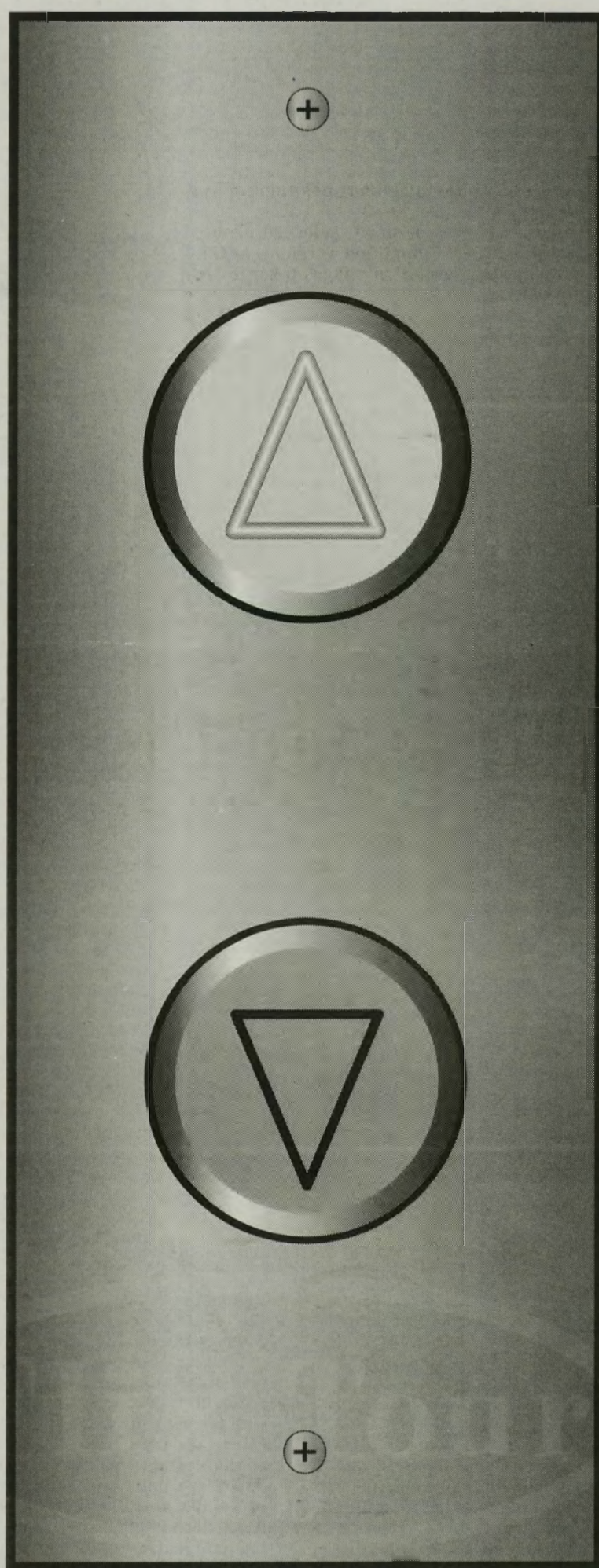
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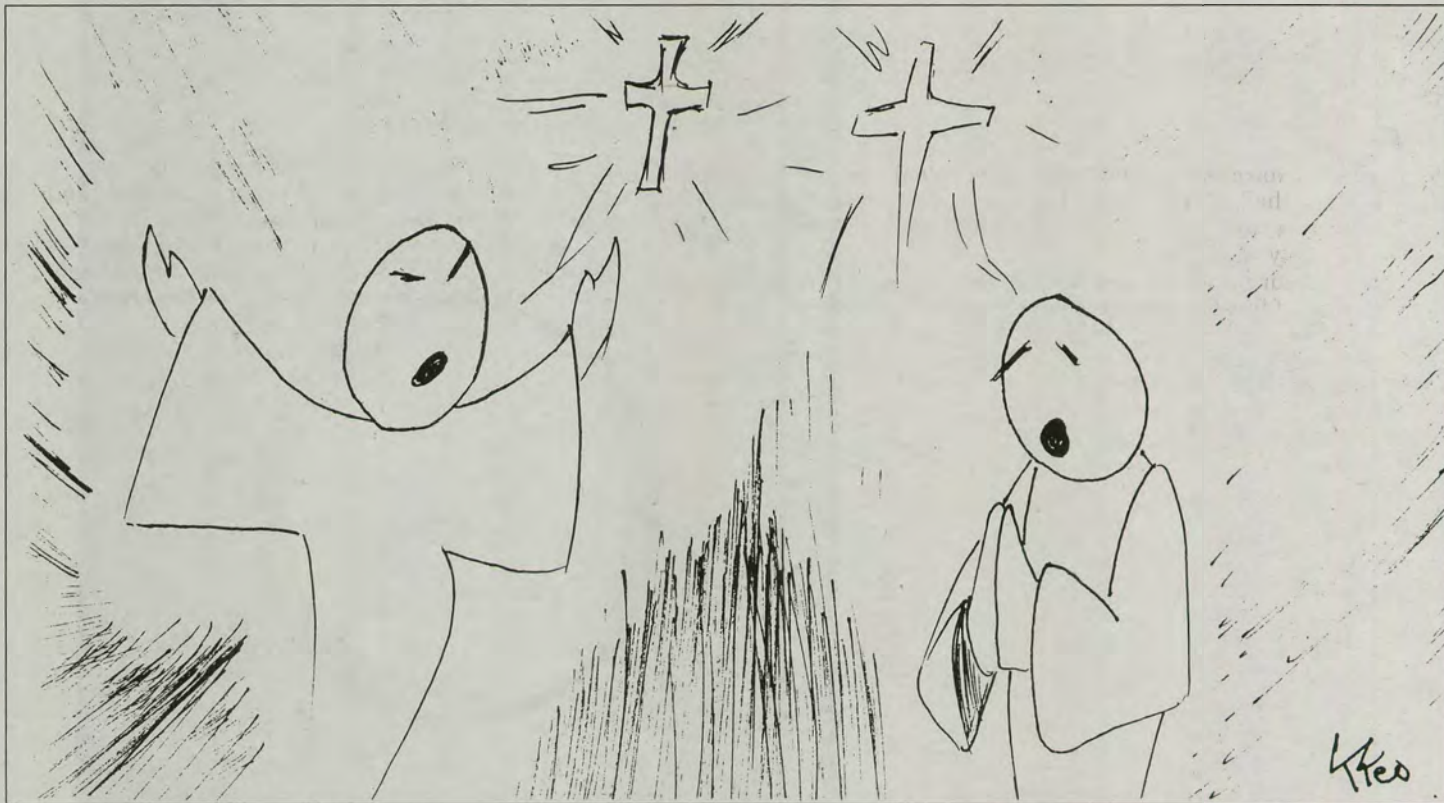
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## Holier-than-thou debates bore

Cut it out. I am sick and tired of hearing people try to out-Catholic each other.

On the one side of the gay issue, you hear that God would not abide by the discrimination against homosexuals. On the other, the claim rises that the Catholic Church does not accept homosexual activity as normal and, in fact, believes it to be disordered.

This issue always seems to be at the heart of any "I'm-more-Catholic-than-you" debate. Many other issues come and go on these very pages that, in some way or another, are discussed by the Vatican or in the Bible.

But here is the cold, hard fact. Much as any other religion, there is diversity in Catholicism — diversity of thought and diversity of purpose.

Just because someone doesn't think that a rape victim should lose her life attempting to birth that criminal's baby doesn't make him less Catholic. Just because someone wants to ensure that the baby's life is spared — regardless of the circumstances of conception — doesn't make him more Catholic. Catholicism is not a nature of degrees. Catholicism is like Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. It is a group of human beings gathered together in the firm belief that God (Allah, Yahweh, Buddha) has a plan for their existence and that they are to follow that plan. But in every major religion, there is difference of opinion as to

how that plan relates to the modern world.

I could be wrong about this, but the way that I remember being taught, you can quote Pope John Paul II all you want, but unless he has invoked the doctrine of infallibility for the particular statement, he is speaking only as a Catholic leader and not directly from divine inspiration.

Thus people are able to take the pope's guidance and the sometimes-changing teachings of the Church and reflect them in their lives. God never changes his mind on what is allowable and what is not. That the Church can change the format of the Mass and the way that prayers are said only means leaders of the Church think the new way is closer to divine will. In the same way, when the Church decides that homosexuals are not inherently sinful but that the homosexual act is, it does not change God's view on what is sinful. It is only that Church leaders have reached what they believe to be a clarification.

Quoting the Bible at each other, digging up passages that support this view or the other is a good way to connect with people who all have the common experience of Christianity. But it is pointless and stupid if neither listens to the other's point and simply tries to prove how much of the Bible and the Papal documents he has read. Then, to top it off, each spends time thumbing his nose and using multi-syllabic and complex verbiage in order to extrapolate upon his thesis. Thus, each side will only stand forward and say, "I am smarter than you and I am more Catholic than you, so I am right."

Stop it. What this debate boils down to is the University. Father Malloy is hiding behind our school's Catholic character and hoping those people who think they

are more Catholic than the rest will run to its defense.

The policy that limits ads for unrecognized homosexual groups was always present. It was simply never in writing. Now that it is in writing, I worry for the same reasons I worried three years ago when Father Malloy introduced the Spirit of Inclusion statement. I worried the statement was a way for the University to get good press and get out of the newspapers without giving homosexual students any real status or mention. It is a completely non-binding statement that simply indicates that no discrimination will be tolerated in a loving "Catholic" institution.

However at the same time, it allows the University to take a group of alumni and EXCLUDE them from simply saying congratulations to graduates in an ad. This group is a support group for gay and lesbian alumni. It is not a group that has tried to advertise changing the Catholic point of view on homosexual acts. It is merely a group that is trying to INCLUDE recently graduated students in the Notre Dame family and give them support because of who they are, not in spite of it.

So everybody just stop skirting the issue and throwing Catholicism into the argument. Let us all go with the basic understanding that homosexuals are not in-and-of themselves against Catholic principles. From there, on equal footing, we can discuss why such a group would not be allowed to print an advertisement about where they meet and who they are.

Matthew Loughran is a 1998 graduate and former news editor of The Observer.

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Matthew  
Loughran

Random  
Thoughts

### DILBERT

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Profound thoughts arise only in debate, with a possibility of counterargument, only when there is a possibility of expressing not only correct idea but also dubious ideas."

Andrei Sakharov



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Forget football program

At the Michigan game two weeks ago, one of the commentators remarked that only five NCAA schools have winning records against Notre Dame. Now noted for academic excellence rather than football greatness, the University of Chicago, Yale and Columbia were three of the five schools named in addition to the University of Michigan.

After our performances the past two weeks, we hardly have a chance of finishing the season in the top 25, much less catching the likes of Michigan. Therefore, I suggest we cut our losses (saving ourselves the embarrassment of further displays of inept time management) and drop the football program. If we converted the football scholarships to academic ones, we might have a chance of catching Chicago, Yale and Columbia in the rankings that really matter.

Kyle Smith  
Senior, off-campus  
September 13, 1999

### Respect lives of King, Beethoven – all children

Life does have the ability of homogenizing the black and white to make gray. That's why Catholics are there: to make sense of the gray (a.k.a. mix of right and wrong), again.

We are called to be witnesses of the truth in Christ Jesus, and not to judge people but to judge the actions they take that we may better help others choose between right and wrong in this world. That's why I am writing this letter in response to "Quality of life important in abortion debate," a letter published in the Sept. 10 edition of The Observer.

Before I proceed, I'm going to ask you all to take a short mental quiz.

It won't be taxing, I promise. Simply answer yes or no to the following situations:

A. The mother of a family of 14 is pregnant again. Her husband — the father of all 14 of these children — has a history of alcohol abuse and mental disorders which frequently causes him to abuse his other children. The mother herself is already worn out from trying to care single-handedly for her large family and doesn't feel she can care for another child at this point. On top of all this, two sons in the family also have a history of alcohol abuse, one of the children is in a mental institution, and none of the other children have steady, dependable jobs with which to support mom and dad. Abortion or Not?

B. A poor black family in the South is expecting a fifth child. This family, because of its skin color, already has difficulty receiving help and are already at the bare minimum poverty level. The outlook for their present children does not look bright. Abortion or Not?

C. A woman is engaged to a man some years older than she; she finds out that she is facing an unplanned pregnancy. The child she is carrying is definitely not the son of her fiancé, and he is worried for her sake and for their reputation in their community. This child could put a serious strain on their relationship and on any

future children. Abortion or Not?

Okay, everybody finished? Here are the results:

A. If you answered Abortion for A, congratulations! You just aborted Ludwig Van Beethoven!

B. If you answered Abortion for B, again, congratulations! You just aborted Martin Luther King, Jr.

C. If you answered Abortion for C, YOU WIN THE GRAND PRIZE! You, my friend, have just aborted Jesus of Nazareth.

The point in all this is that yes, sometimes we are faced with circumstances beyond our control. Yes, sometimes we are faced with situations that are not our fault. But everyone has choices to make in this life. The way and the conditions into which you were born may have been completely beyond your control, yet your life is still your own, and you have it to do with as you will. And at the end of your life, you will have to account for your life to God, and His is the final call, people!

If you want to improve someone's quality of life, does that mean that you deny them the chance to live their life to its fullest and natural conclusion? Adoption is an option, though it can be very painful. Anything is better than not even giving someone the chance to live!

Or at the end of your life would you like to stand before the Alpha and Omega and explain to Him why it was best for this child that you murder it? Forgive me, but I have never known you.

If you want to improve the quality of life for impoverished children that badly, why don't you look into counseling, mentoring or adopting a child?

Anything's got to be better than the alternative: murder.

Katherine Hoppe  
Freshman  
Lyons Hall  
September 13, 1999

### Booing at Davie is booing at team

In the words of the great philosopher John "Bluto" Belushi, "Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?... Hell no, and it's not over now." I am writing partly in response to the article by alum Kevin Keane, and partly because I feel that something should be said concerning the rest of the final Notre Dame football season of this millennium.

I am not writing in the defense of Bob Davie or the football team. Like many other students and alumni I feel that we very well should be 3-0 and rolling into this weekend with a full head of steam. Instead, we are 1-2, with many questioning our ability to defeat a team like Michigan State. Mr. Keane stated yesterday in his letter that, "I do not believe that it is a bad thing to boo the coach while showing support for the players." When I read his letter, I couldn't believe my eyes. How can we expect our players to rally behind their leader when we, the student body, have no respect for him. This is not to say that after the football season is finished, changes might not have to be made, but with nine games left in our season, this is the worst time to turn our backs on Coach Davie.

Coming to Notre Dame for the first time on a football weekend is an incredible experience for almost any fan, regardless of age, sex or association to this school. Going to the pep rally, tailgating and sitting in a stadium with 80,000 other football fans is a weekend that is not easily forgotten. I can only imagine what one of my friends or relatives would say to me if they went to the pep rally only to find the stu-

dent body of this University booing the head football coach. Now, I'm not going to lecture on school spirit or anything like that but simple respect, dignity and pride. If you feel so negatively about coach Davie or the athletic director, shut your mouth and put your hands at your side when others cheer or don't even go the pep rally. Often, the loudest sound is the sound of silence.

We are not going to win a national championship this year, and we will most likely have some very close games before the season ends, but as mad as I am about the Purdue and Michigan games, I will still cheer for our school and for Coach Davie. If a few calls were made in our favor and our last possessions in each game were orchestrated a little better, we would be 3-0, but that is just how it goes. It is done and part of the past. In the varsity weight room, this year's schedule is posted on the wall, and there are sheets of paper covering the date and name of every other team except for that of the next opponent. Our focus is on Michigan State. I would like nothing more than to see the Irish pound the Spartans this weekend and continue into the season. Mr. Keane, you may be angry, but you are not right.

John Scolaro  
Junior, Keenan Hall  
Grant Gholson  
Sophomore, Keenan Hall  
September 14, 1999

### DeBartolo decor is deadly

I note with equal doses of exasperation and bemusement that the *cor-don sanitaire* has been further tightened in DeBartolo Hall. Splayed with comic redundancy at the entrance to every classroom are formal prohibitions on the introductions of food and drink. While I do understand the way in which the practical and the moral converge cleanliness, godliness and the rest I am all the same disturbed by the ongoing fetishizing of this building. In other words, just saying "no" to comestibles and potables is symptomatic of a larger problem, namely the campaign against the signs of campus life.

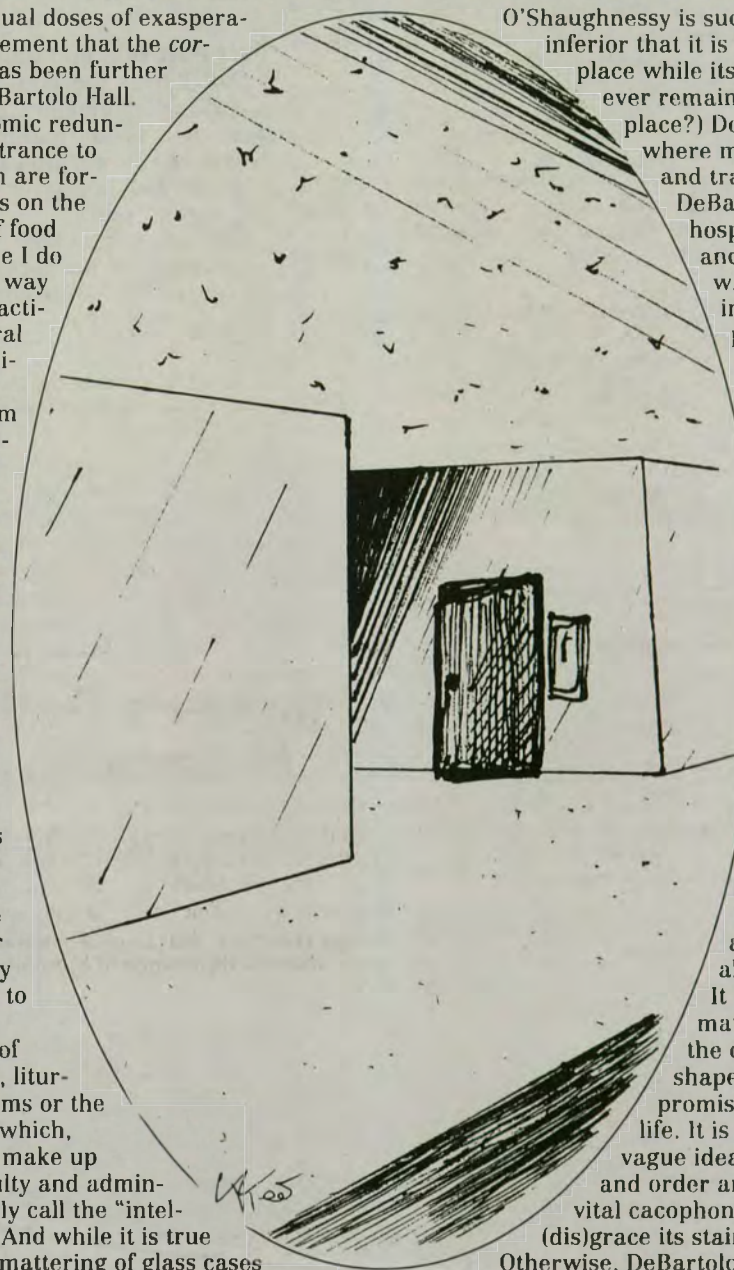
The walls of DeBartolo glare and gall in their nakedness. They are not allowed to bear a single announcement of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or the other elements which, taken together, make up what many faculty and administrators wistfully call the "intellectual milieu." And while it is true that there is a smattering of glass cases in which posters are displayed prophylactically, they are located such that they absorb into the overall sterility of the environment. Now, one might respond that O'Shaughnessy Hall is plastered with announcements. This fact is, however, overriden by a more pertinent one: only a small portion of students take courses there. (Are we asked to infer that

O'Shaughnessy is such DeBartolo's inferior that it is to be the sullied place while its successor must ever remain the scrubbed place?) DeBartolo is where most of the action and traffic are, and DeBartolo feels like a hospital. It is bare and antiseptic, which means that in terms of campus life it is dead and dour.

In my opinion and, more importantly, in the opinion of every student with whom I have spoken about this issue, it is time to defetishize DeBartolo. While it would indeed be scandalous to paper the interior of the Main Building with posters, there is nothing at all sacred about DeBartolo. It is time to animate its walls with the colors, the shapes and the promises of campus life. It is time to abandon vague ideals of cleanliness and order and to let the vital cacophony of information (dis)grace its stairwells.

Otherwise, DeBartolo Hall, which holds pride of place in the educational enterprise at Notre Dame, will in its look and feel continue to be just another brick in the wall.

Louis MacKenzie  
Chair  
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
September 8, 1999







## The proof is in the

*Got an itch for hitting colorful balls into their homes? Scene reveals the good, bad and ugly concerning the*

By ANDREW McDONNELL  
Scene Writer

Standing slightly slumped with shoulders squared, arms locked against evenly spaced hands, eyes gazing intently down, breath bated.

A slow, steady backswing, then push forward to lay a smooth, well-centered kiss to the ball's midriff.

A gentle roll driven by the metal-headed putter's pillow-soft caress.

The new journey commences across a stubbled, green earth. The magnificent dimpled orb thrusts into a triangular block, finds itself repelled, drifts between the outstretched legs of a snarling, brown-haired beast — as magnificent a fiberglass monkey as has ever straddled artificial turf — and then, relentless and undaunted, the ball slides towards his home.

The hole.

The cup.

The earth's very womb.

Regardless of the name one uses, the ball rolls delicately toward this beckoning, yawning crater, dances around its waiting lip in one tantalizing spin and then, yes — God yes! — dives serenely into the depths of the cavern.

Miniature golf.

There is no exhilaration more severe than that which follows a hole-in-one; no satisfaction deeper than that achieved by tapping in for par. No one ever claimed this part of the country is the mecca of excitement and culture, but if there's one thing it does have, it's three miniature golf courses.

### Hacker's Golf N Games

A golf course's quality is measured as much by its surroundings and clientele as it is by the quality of its greens. Hacker's Golf N Games is possessed by a certain ... well, a special sort of ... homegrown, folksy quality.

That is to say, it has a slightly rougher edge, bearing a closer resemblance to the Patrick Swayze of "Road House" than the Patrick Swayze of "Ghost."

That is to say, much of the clientele contributes to the hard rock, Jeff Foxworthy family reunion milieu that Hacker's manages to maintain.

If any sociology majors are considering a senior thesis entitled "The evolution of 1980s haircuts and mustaches," they should definitely place Hacker's on the list of research venues.

The "hockey head" and "mullet" thrive in open cohabitation alongside all of the missing links in this isolated environment.

For the putting purist, Hacker's offers a wide array of course designs among its 18 holes. It starts off in a fairly standard set of holes placed atop slopes, and then gradually crescendos to a symphony of treacherous deflection-shots that can leave even the most adept golfers tearing at their eyebrows.

Hole No. 9 of Hacker's, in particular, is a source of frustration for many novices. It features an unusual horseshoe-shaped hill that may only be conquered through the proper combination of force and

restraint. Love and hate themselves intersect at this hole in a frenzied clot of frustration or bliss, depending on whether the stupid, stupid ball decides it wants to bounce over the course's boundaries into an "unplayable" stream. Stupid ball.

A note to potential Hacker's customers — the management of this establishment emphatically discourages people who are tempted to pick up the golf balls, yell at them and promise horrible, painful demise for that ball and all of that ball's family, extended and immediate, if that ball doesn't clean up its act. People of such temperament should try one of the less prudish establishments.

Mr. and Mrs. Hacker have every right to be proud of their little course. The greens are fairly well-maintained and are bordered by sumptuous red brick. Dotted with the most fashionable pine benches and astonishing shrubbery, Hacker's demonstrates an intense commitment to simplicity, tempered by a devotion to natural structure.

Its centerpiece is an extremely unusual fountain — immense in size and peculiarity. The fountain appears to have been sculpted from a small mountain of dried blood. It forms a monstrosity that rises from a lumpy base to the heights of a small staircase topped with an enormous block of a strange coagulated blood-substance. From the top of this block a steady blanket of water unfolds and pours forth from an opening in its top, serving as the main source for a number of small streams that meander through the course. Do not drink from these.

### Putt Putt Golf and Games

Putt Putt is the White Castle of miniature golf — a powerful conglomerate that has spread like spilled paint across the nation. It is the heaviest, sturdiest player in the world of miniature golf with more than 250 facilities, and over one billion games played over the past 40 years.

The location on Main Street in Mishawaka provides an example of the sort of challenge presented by the Putt Putt corporation. Three pristine 18-

hole mini-lynxes compose a fairly simplistic course, and there are really two ways to describe it.

### The nice, polite way:

It is the Hemingway/Raymond Carver-esque concept behind this course's design that makes it work the way it does. The Putt Putt course says so much more than its physical appearance initially tells most people. It isn't the course's quality that really matters. It's the underlying course suggested by the available course that matters and that makes Putt Putt the special place that it is.

The decorations on the course consist largely of vivid orange barriers and ramps, reminding golfers of the fondness and respect all humanity holds for the orange and all its tangy cousins. The outstanding features, whose outstandingness is highlighted by their rarity, are the unforgettable elephant and giraffe sculptures. They are not functional and do not respond to sharp blows to their ankle bones, but the effect that they add to this course aesthetically is immeasurable.

### The straight-forward way:

Despite its magical giraffe and elephant ensemble, this is a fairly crappy place.

Putt Putt faces directly into Main Street's gray existence. It has very little natural vegetation, and for the mini-golfer who likes to jumpstart his or her game with a little bit of danger, its lack of real water hazards is disappointing to say the least.

This is the parking lot of mini-golf courses, and while it is a reasonably clean and at times challenging parking lot, it has all the charm and character of well-smoothed cement. Well-smoothed cement is nice and all, but who really needs it?

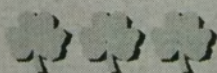
### State Line Mini Golf

Alongside the churning, blur of State Road 31/933,

### Hacker's Golf N Games

◆ Location: 3019 S. 11th, Niles

◆ Phone: 616/684-6868



(out of five shamrocks)

### Putt Putt Golf and Games

◆ Location: 3615 N. Main, Mishawaka

◆ Phone: 259-4171

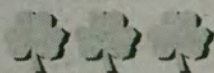


(out of five shamrocks)

### State Line Mini Golf

◆ Location: 313 Niles

◆ Phone: 616/6



(out of five shamrocks)



## ie putter

views three local mini-golf courses,  
animal-laden locales.

a treasure lies buried in the recesses of  
a Dairy Queen parking lot.

State Line Mini-Golf isn't going to try  
to reach out and grab you. There isn't a  
flashing sign that blares through the  
mix of mini-malls and billboards to lure  
you into its cove. In fact, there isn't a  
sign for this place at all.

SLMG is comfortable with itself, and it  
doesn't need to bat its eyelids or come  
up from behind and grind with you on  
the dance floor to grab your eye (or any  
body part for that matter).

SLMG just to see its reflection or consis-  
tently turn the conversation to itself.  
It wants to talk about you; it wants to  
know you; to really know you outside  
of what your major is, what sports  
you play or who your parents are.  
SLMG wants to know the Putter  
behind the putter.

This is by far the best miniature-  
golf course in the greater or lesser  
Michiana area, and it can be found  
nestled behind the State Line Dairy  
Queen (the second DQ on the right  
side of 31 as you head away from  
campus and toward Michigan.)

It is the oddest feeling to approach  
a Dairy Queen counter surrounded by  
people gnawing at Blizzards and say to  
the employee working the register, "I  
would like to play miniature golf." But  
when these words are spoken, the  
employee laughs and then disappears —  
presumably to fetch the Dobermans.

It's as if the Dairy Queen is really just  
an elaborate front for some illicit mini-  
golf course. Upon his return, though,  
the employee bears balls and putters  
and slides them across a Dairy Queen  
counter.

The price — a mere  
\$1.75 per  
game. It  
just

can't be beat!

It's an historic price that demands  
reminiscing: "Yup, we used to putter  
about, that's what we called it back  
then, puttering about, and oh ho! the  
lemonade was so good back then, and a  
game was \$1.75, and then for a wooden  
nickel you could get a box of Good N'  
Plenties the size of a bloated tortoise,  
and they were different back then cause  
the pink licorice wasn't introduced until  
the freer-thinking 1950s."

The course is set right behind the  
Dairy Queen and is surrounded by a  
somewhat wooded area. It offers well-  
kept putting greens bordered by  
crimson bricks and wood chips, an  
abundance of cartoonish ani-  
mal sculptures and a laid-  
back atmosphere.

The course has a  
number of genuine  
trees — big  
ones, a fea-  
ture  
rarely  
found in  
today's standard,  
streamlined courses. It also  
features a number of very nice stone  
benches where golfers can rest, chat  
and eat their Dairy Queen ice cream  
between holes.

The course design is just challenging  
enough to remain entertaining. It  
doesn't cause a whole lot of yawning,  
and it doesn't induce lengthy bouts of  
foul sailor words. It's a happy medium.

The second hole is worth \$1.75 by  
itself. It features the shape of the infa-  
mous mini-golf gorilla, fierce in visage,  
prowling his way through the short  
grass in search of fiberglass bananas  
and the man who inadvertently slew  
this gorilla's older brother, Xaba, in a  
Detroit wine bar when the poor beast  
was mistaken for a defective electric  
bull.

There are untold stories in this  
course. Shadowy pasts boil  
beneath the surface of this  
fenced world. The  
earnest squirrel of  
hole 15, clutching  
his thick paws to  
his chest — he  
has a secret  
to bestow  
u p o n  
t h o s e  
who will  
listen.  
T h e y  
n e e d  
p a u s e  
o n l y  
o n c e  
a n d  
p l a c e  
t h e i r  
ears to his  
glimmering  
buck teeth.  
Do so, and a  
story shall rise  
through that paint-  
ed grin to make the  
ears tingle.

The grinning, green  
dinosaur of hole 17 — what  
might his eyes have seen that make  
them burn black with knowledge? Why,  
oh why, is that smile so sure?

Reasonably priced, pleasantly  
arranged and brimming with life's  
caged mystery, State Line Mini-Golf is  
surely the best bet for Michiana Putters.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



By KATIE WILHELM  
Scene Writer

Just minutes from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, Siam pro-  
vides avid and novice Thai connoisseurs a unique alternative to dining hall  
food.

Parking is a little out of the way, but once inside the restaurant, diners are  
whisked away from the metropolitan scenery of downtown South Bend. The  
restaurant is eerily quiet, but the peach  
walls and upholstery have an immediate  
soothing effect. Splashes of purples, blues  
and gold are introduced in the cultural pic-  
tures and statues scattered throughout the  
room, foreshadowing the authentic cuisine  
to come.

### Siam Thai Restaurant

- ◆ Location: 211 N. Main St.
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- ◆ Phone: 232-4445

- ◆ Atmosphere ★★★★★
- ◆ Food Quality ★★★★★
- ◆ Price ★★★★★
- ◆ Service ★★★★★
- ◆ General Feeling ★★★★★  
(out of five shamrocks)

watering detail.

The restaurant's system of identifying degrees of spiciness with asterisks  
allows the adventurous to challenge their tastebuds, while more mild diners  
can enjoy delicious flavor without the heat.

Siam takes its Thai cuisine seriously, and the appetizers provide a preview of  
the diverse tastes packed into each dish. With eight selections, diners have the  
option of meats, vegetables, seafood or tofu, each made bold with Siam's sweet  
and sour, herb or special Thai sauce.

The Thai egg rolls and fried tofu are particularly worth trying, as they have  
won acclaim even from those who had never before believed tofu had flavor.  
Appetizers range in price from \$2.50 to \$6.95.

Soups costing about \$3.50 are available to follow appetizers throughout the  
meal. The Tom Yam Goong brings shrimp, sliced mushrooms and lemon grass  
together in a spicy broth, while Gang Jurd incorporates pork, tofu and glass  
noodles in a lighter broth.

Entrees at Siam Thai Restaurant focus on a few basic elements. Chicken,  
shrimp, carrots, broccoli, onions and peppers appear in some form in almost  
every dish. However, depending on the order these can be made savory with  
fresh crushed garlic, basil leaves, pineapple, cashew nuts and peanuts or  
coriander. Added to this is one of a variety of sauces perfected by Siam. Dishes  
are finished with any one of their traditional Thai hot and spicy curry sauces,  
hot chili paste, ginger sauce, brown oyster sauce or mild peanut curry sauce.  
The result is deliciously contrasting yet complimenting flavors in each bite.

Siam Thai Restaurant's menu also includes a complete selection of noodle  
and rice dishes. Pad See Ewe and Pad Thai are undoubtedly among the most  
popular entrees, and the fried rice continues to please customers.

At Siam Thai Restaurant, seafood is prepared in a most unique way. Crab  
meat, shrimp and mussels are accented with a Thai special hot sauce or mild  
curry sauce. In the Pla Lard Prik, a fillet of catfish is deep fried until crispy  
with red and green onions, bell peppers and basil.

A special section of the menu exists primarily for vegetarians. Tofu and noo-  
dles are mixed with a rich assortment of vegetables, and salads unite both  
sour and spicy Thai ingredients over a bed of fresh lettuce.

Though the menu is extensive overall, it does lack a considerable amount of  
choices for those with special diets or for those who prefer healthy choices.

When compared to such a wide selection and variety of entrée dishes, Siam's  
dessert menu also seems meager. Diners have a choice between Thai custard  
and fried banana topped with vanilla ice cream and maple and chocolate  
syrup. Prices average \$3.00.

Food is brought out while still warm, and the friendly waitresses remain  
close by to respond to any further needs throughout the meal.

Entrees range in price from \$6.95 to \$10.95, reasonable when considering  
the generous portions and high quality of the food.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# 'The Swamp' not intimidated by national champions

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Florida dropped its humble act. Not that anybody really bought it anyway.

This is, after all, Tennessee week. And national championships aside, the No. 4 Gators made it clear they still think they're better than the Volunteers.

Coach Steve Spurrier gave his team the green light to jabber this week. It was a marked difference from last year, when Tennessee came into the game with a five-game losing streak to Florida but in possession of the Southeastern Conference title.

The Vols finally beat the Gators last season. All that did was inspire Florida to return to its old ways. The swagger, it seemed, worked better.

"I just told them to try to temper what they said," Spurrier said Tuesday. "Hopefully, we won't say more than we can back up. But I read in the paper today that we were favored by two points. So, how are we supposed to act?"

So, away they went.

"They won the national title last year, so I guess they have a little rap right now," safety Marquand Manuel said. "They can rap as much as they want. But they have to fly down on Saturday and prove

their point. We're going to prove ours, too."

The Gators say they don't have enough bulletin-board space to post all the comments they've seen flying out of Knoxville lately.

Among the most infuriating material included one statement made this week by Vols offensive lineman Coasey Coleman, and another made last month by receiver Cedrick Wilson.

"I don't think they'll be as good as they were last year up front," Coleman said, referring to Florida's young defense. "Most of the guys that are starting now were in the rotation last year, but they weren't as good as the guys starting. So, you're looking at the second string."

Last month, Wilson was asked about playing at the Swamp, where Florida carries a nation-best, 29-game winning streak into Saturday's game.

"Playing Florida in the Swamp doesn't mean any more to me than playing Kentucky in Lexington," Wilson said. "It doesn't mean anything to me at all."

Gators defensive lineman Alex Brown took issue with the lack of Tennessee's respect for Florida Field, where the Vols haven't won since 1971.

Like many teammates, Brown also brought up last year's meeting with Tennessee, in which Florida

committed five turnovers and missed a field goal in overtime in a 20-17 loss.

"When they come in here, I expect the streak to get to 30," Brown said. "They don't have room to talk. We slipped up last year. They won in overtime and they won the national championship with an undefeated year. Great. Do it again. Beat us here and then you can get all the respect you want. We don't lose here."

The dig on Florida's talent was equally galling to several Gators, who insisted Tennessee's victory last year didn't prove much.

"That's extra incentive, I'll put it that way," Manuel said. "They happen to get a muf here, a muf there and win the game and they're superstars? We'll just go out there and do our job."

For the most part, the trash talkers at Florida drowned out the calmer voices.

There were, indeed, several players who refused to get baited into the conversation. And there were plenty others who preferred to talk about not talking.

"If you're from a tough place and you talk a lot, you learn that talking doesn't win you a fight," running back Earnest Graham said. "You can talk, but when it's time to fight, you have to be tough and know how to win."



Courtesy Tennessee Sports Information Department

**Tee Martin leads the defending national champion Tennessee Volunteers into Gainesville, Fla. Saturday to take on Southeastern Conference rival Florida Gators in a game that could determine the SEC East Champion.**

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## NFL

## Favre's fourth-quarter magic still amazes teammates

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Antuan Edwards had never seen Brett Favre's magic up close before.

The rookie cornerback didn't watch many Green Bay Packers games during his college years

at Clemson. Like any football fan, he knew something of Favre's skills, but after watching him lead Green Bay on two fourth-quarter touchdown drives in a 28-24 win over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday, he had a whole new appreciation.

"He's something amazing,"

Edwards said. "He was just in control out there. I've hardly ever seen something like that on a football field. It was great to watch."

Favre saved Green Bay late, but the Packers say they need to save themselves next week. They must rebound from 50 minutes of uneven football against the Raiders, who looked like the better team until Favre took over.

The Packers face the Detroit Lions, one of four NFC Central teams to win its opening game, at home on Sunday.

Chiefly, the Packers must cut down on mistakes and turnovers that allowed the Raiders to take a 24-14 lead in the fourth quarter despite managing only two offensive drives of any length. Oakland went just 32 and 21 yards after Green Bay turnovers to score 10 points.

"We had four turnovers, and very seldom do you win a game with that many turnovers," coach Ray Rhodes said.

After the team threw just five interceptions and didn't fumble in its four exhibition games,

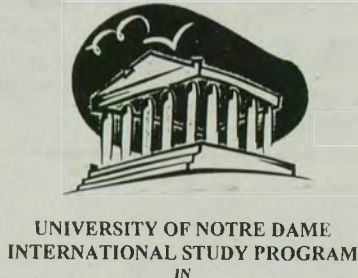
Favre had three passes picked off against Oakland. But only one was his fault, as the other two ricocheted off receivers Mark Chmura and Corey Bradford.

Dorsey Levens rushed for 78 yards behind an inconsistent offensive line, but he also dropped two passes and fumbled. Green Bay's lack of a solid running game last season, which many blamed on Levens' absence from nine games because of injury, had more to do with the line's play against the Raiders.

"We know we've got some work to do, but we're learning every day," said guard Mike Wahle, who made his first career start. "That's a tough front line they have, but we hung in there."

On defense, the Packers said Oakland's 153 rushing yards were misleading. Defensive tackle Santana Dotson noted 48 came on one run by Napoleon Kaufman, and Green Bay's defense limited Tyrone Wheatley to 52 yards on 15 carries.

"If we don't allow big plays, the stat sheet looks different," Dotson said. "If you notice, in the last two minutes, if they could have run the ball they could have run the clock out, but they couldn't run it against us."



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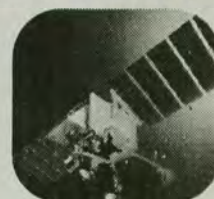
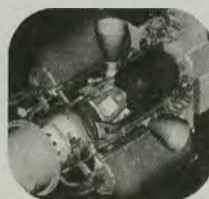
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## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## Lowe, O'Leary lead Boston past Cleveland, 12-3

Associated Press

## CLEVELAND

Derek Lowe (6-3) pitched 3 1-3 innings of hitless relief to give Boston its 11th win in 14 games, 12-3 over Cleveland. The Red Sox began the day 3 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and two games ahead of Oakland for the wild card.

The Indians have one hit in 30 at-bats (.033) against Lowe this season.

Troy O'Leary is 18-for-45 (.400) with three homers and 13 RBIs against Cleveland, helping Boston to a 7-4 record against their possible playoff opponent. The two teams have faced each other twice in the last four postseasons.

Trot Nixon's two-run homer, his third in four games, helped Boston take a 3-0 lead in the third off Gooden (3-4), who allowed six runs and six hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Wilton Veras singled for Boston's first hit. Nixon then lined a 2-2 pitch into the right-field seats for his 13th homer.

Darren Lewis added a sacrifice fly in the third and Veras' RBI double made it 4-0 in the fourth.

## Mariners 5, Devil Rays 1

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 45th home run Tuesday night to help the Seattle Mariners snap a four-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The homer was the 395th of Griffey's career, as well as his third this season in 10 at bats against Rolando Arrojo (5-11).

Seattle's Jamie Moyer (14-6) allowed seven hits, none after the fifth inning, to improve to 6-0 when pitching on six days rest.

The complete game was the third this season and second in the past three starts for the left-hander, who also went the distance on Sept. 3 to beat Boston on six days rest. He walked one and struck out seven.

Brian Hunter singled and stole second before Griffey, who was 1-for-1 with two

walks against Arrojo, lined a pitch 446 feet to right-center for a 2-0 lead in the third.

## Rangers 5, Twins 4

Rafael Palmeiro's two-out RBI double in the ninth led the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 victory Tuesday night over Minnesota, extending their winning streak against the Twins to 12.

Minnesota has lost the first 11 games to Texas this season and hasn't beaten the Rangers since Sept. 6, 1998.

Royce Clayton led off the ninth with a walk off Hector Carrasco and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. One out later, left-hander Eddie Guardado (2-5) intentionally walked Ivan Rodriguez.

Palmeiro, who is hitting .337 with 43 homers and 136 RBIs, doubled off the wall in right center, to give Texas the lead.

Danny Kolb (2-1) pitched one and a third inning, for the win.

Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 42nd save in 49 chances.

## Tigers 7, White Sox 0

C.J. Nitkowski allowed just two hits in seven innings for his first win as a starter since 1996, and Karim Garcia homered twice Tuesday night as the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-0.

Garcia hit his 11th and 12th homers and also had a single and double. Dean Palmer added his 33rd homer.

Nitkowski (3-5), winning for the first time in four starts since coming out of the bullpen, earned his first victory as a starter since July 30, 1996, when he beat the California Angels at Tiger Stadium.

Before joining Detroit's rotation Aug. 29, the left-hander made 104 straight relief appearances for the Houston Astros and Tigers.

He walked two, struck out four and matched the longest outing of his career with seven innings.

Matt Anderson and Nelson Cruz pitched the last two innings and allowed one hit each to complete the four-hit shutout.

## Orioles 13, A's 6

Cal Ripken hit a three-run homer and Mike Mussina won his first start in three weeks as the resurgent Baltimore Orioles snapped the Oakland Athletics' five-game winning streak with a 13-6 victory Tuesday night.

The loss, combined with Boston's 12-3 win at Cleveland, left Oakland three games behind the Red Sox in the AL wild-card race. Both teams have 17 games left.

Charles Johnson went 4-for-4 to help Baltimore extend its winning streak to a season-high eight games. The Orioles had 16 hits, half for extra bases.

Ripken's second homer in two nights and 18th of the season highlighted a seven-run fifth inning that staked the Orioles to an 11-3 lead. Ripken, who also singled, has 11 hits in his last six games and needs 16 over the next 17 games to get his 3,000th career hit this season.

## Yankees 10, Blue Jays 6

That big lead was about to be cut to 2 1/2 games. Then came the power barrage.

Bernie Williams hit a game-tying grand slam in the eighth inning and Paul O'Neill hit another slam in the ninth as the New York Yankees ended a four-game losing streak by beating the Toronto Blue Jays 10-6 Tuesday night.

With second-place Boston about to beat Cleveland, the Yankees trailed 6-1 in the eighth inning and were on the verge of matching their longest losing streak of the season.

Roy Halladay took a three-hitter into the eighth and Chili

Davis appeared to hit into an inning-ending double play. Ricky Ledee, who was on first, dropped to the turf to avoid a tag by second baseman Homer Bush, who then threw to first. By the time Carlos Delgado's throw reached second, Ledee had slid in safely.

## Angels 8, Royals 6

Tim Salmon's three-run homer in the ninth inning completed Anaheim's comeback from a five-run deficit as the Angels beat the Kansas

City Royals 8-6 in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday night.

Alvin Morman (2-4) gave up back-to-back singles to Darin Erstad and Jim Edmonds to open the ninth and was replaced by Jeff Montgomery. Salmon then hit his 14th homer, giving the Angels their seventh win in eight games.

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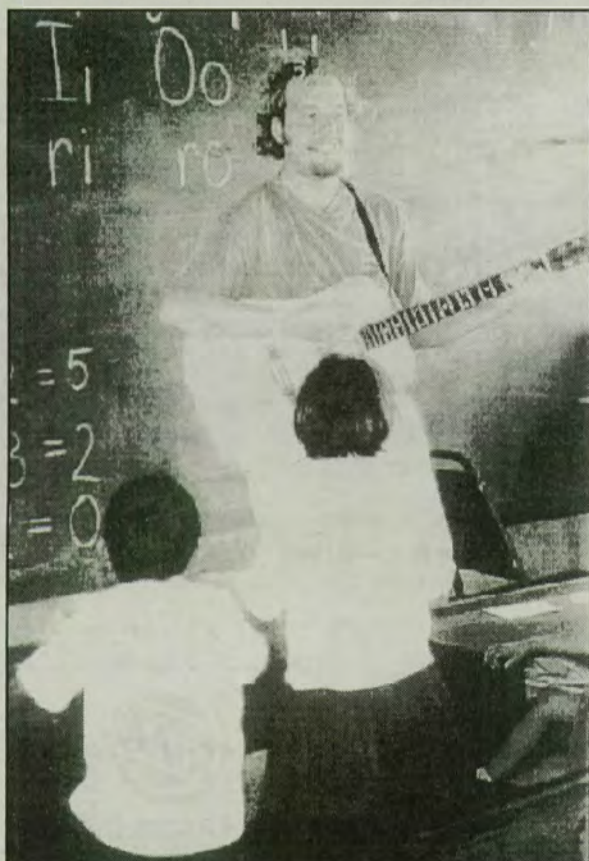


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Please contact Andrea Smith Shappell, Director of Senior Transition Programs at 631-5779 or Shappell.1@nd.edu for more information. Registration for the Discernment Sessions is requested.

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## NFL

# Sanders mulling return to football

Associated Press

Barry Sanders is interested in returning to the NFL but not with the Detroit Lions, ESPN reported Tuesday on its Web site.

The star running back, who retired in July, has offered to repay \$5.4 million of his signing bonus if the Lions release or trade him this season, ESPN said. David Ware, Sanders' agent, said he made the offer to Detroit on Monday but that the team rejected it.

"I think he's ready to consider it, in the right situation," Ware said. "But the right situation is not the Detroit Lions. His career is finished there."

"We're trying to get him back on the football field, where he belongs."

The 31-year-old Sanders "definitely would return," if the Lions would accommodate him, a source close to the running back told ESPN.

The Lions would not confirm whether Ware had contacted them on this matter.

"Our position remains the same — that we honored his retirement wishes and we expected the repayment of the prorated portion," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said Tuesday.

Detroit filed a grievance last week to recover \$5.4 million of the \$11 million signing bonus Sanders got when he signed a five-year contract in 1997. Sanders, who needs only 1,458 yards to break Walter Payton's career rushing record, disagrees with Detroit's claim that he is required to repay a portion of the bonus if he doesn't play.

Sanders did not collect a \$1.7 million deferred payment due this fall on the original bonus.

"We think this thing could go either way with an arbitrator," Ware said. "The fact that the Lions have pursued this course has burned any bridge, any possibility, that he would return to the club. But Barry will write the check right now if they'll let him go or trade him."

Ware told ESPN he has contacted three Lions officials, including club owner William Clay Ford, asking to be released or traded if he repays the portion of the bonus.

"They've told us that if Barry ever plays again, he'll play for the Lions or nobody," Ware said. "That's not going to happen, so we're offering a pretty good deal: more than \$5 million, plus they can get compensation for him."

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Foster arrested in Baton Rouge

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La.

Larry Foster, a captain on LSU's football team, was arrested Tuesday on a purse-snatching charge after being chased down and identified by several students.



Foster

The starting wide receiver was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, LSU Police Capt. Ricky Adams said. Bail was set at \$10,000.

A student said her purse was stolen Monday as she sat on a campus bench. Several other students said they saw the theft and chased Foster into a bathroom in the music building about a half-mile from the bench.

Foster was confronted as he left the bathroom and he identified himself before walking

away, Adams said. The purse, missing about \$20, was found in the bathroom, he said.



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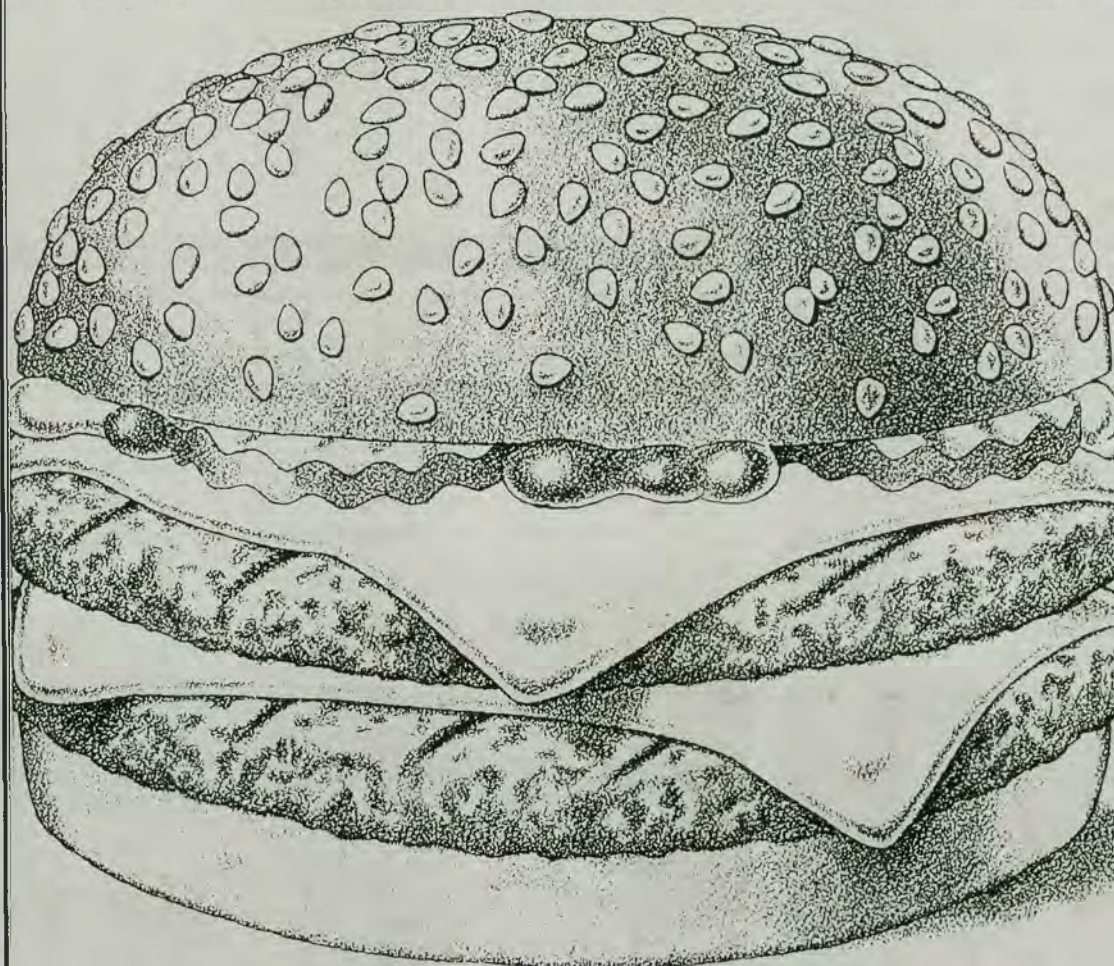
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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## Vazquez, Expos beat Brown, Dodgers in pitchers' duel

Associated Press

## LOS ANGELES

Javier Vazquez pitched a one-hitter for his first career shutout to outduel Kevin Brown as the Montreal Expos beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-0 Tuesday night.

Vazquez (8-7) retired the final 17 batters to complete the 22nd one-hitter in Expos history and the first since July 13, 1997, when Pedro Martinez beat the Reds 2-0.

Vazquez, who had a career-high 10 strikeouts, allowed only a leadoff single to former Expo Mark Grudzielanek in the fourth inning to a Dodgers lineup that totaled 31 runs in their previous three games against Montreal.

Grudzielanek advanced to third with one out on a stolen base and a passed ball by Chris Widger. Vazquez issued his only walk of the game to Gary Sheffield, but Eric Karros popped out to second and Raul Mondesi grounded out to third to end the threat.

## Braves 11, Padres 4

Kevin Millwood struck out 12 in seven innings and hit his first career homer as the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres to snap a three-game losing streak.

The Braves pushed their lead in the NL East back to two games after the New York Mets lost 7-2 at Colorado.

Millwood (17-7) matched his victory total from last year, his first full major league season. He improved to 5-0 in his last seven starts after holding the Padres to one run on five hits. He walked two.

After being held to four hits in Monday night's 3-0 loss to San Diego, the Braves had 14 hits in piling it on against the team that beat them for the NL pennant last year.

With two outs in the fourth and a runner on first, Millwood hit the first pitch he saw from rookie Buddy Carlyle (1-2) into the first row of seats in left field for a 4-1 lead.

## Giants 3, Marlins 0

Shawn Estes pitched a four-hitter for his fourth career shutout and Brent Mayne homered as the San Francisco Giants beat the Florida Marlins.

Estes (11-8) struck out eight and walked two in going the distance for the first time since blanking Florida 8-0 on May 4, 1998. He is now 4-0 with a 2.00 ERA six lifetime starts against the Marlins, who have dropped the first five games in their 10-

game road trip.

The Giants were without slugger Barry Bonds, who sat out with an inflammation in his left knee. He was listed as day to day.

Ryan Dempster (6-8) went seven innings and allowed three runs on seven hits. He struck out nine and walked five.

San Francisco won for the 12th time in 16 games, but remained 8 1/2 games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West with 18 games left. The Diamondbacks beat Pittsburgh 2-1 earlier Tuesday.

## Diamondbacks 2, Pirates 1

Hanley Frias singled and scored the winning run on Pittsburgh first

baseman Kevin Young's fielding error, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Pirates.

Erubiel Durazo had a solo homer and a single in three at-bats for the Diamondbacks, who won for the ninth time in 10 games — the last five in a row — and reduced their magic number to 10.

Any combination of 10 Diamondbacks victories or San Francisco losses, and Arizona will clinch the NL West title and become the first second-year franchise to reach the playoffs.

Mark Wilkins (2-3) gave up Frias' hit and one unearned in the ninth.

Brian Anderson, in his first start in four weeks because of manager Buck Showalter's decision to rest Armando Reynoso, allowed one hit and two walks, and struck out two in his seven-inning stint that ran his scoreless-inning string to 16.

In his last start before being sent to the bullpen to make room for Todd Stottlemyre's return from the disabled list, Anderson threw a three-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs.

But Anderson came out after throwing 77 pitches through seven innings.

## Rockies 7, Mets 2

Vinny Castilla hit his 200th career home run and Neifi Perez tripled twice and drove in a run as the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Mets 7-2.

The Mets, who began the day one game behind Atlanta in the NL East, had won nine of their last 11. New York remained 2 1/2 games ahead of Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

Castilla's two-run homer was his 30th of the year, the fifth straight year he has hit at least 30 homers. Edgard Clemente added a home run for the

Rockies, who won for the third time in their last five game.

Jamey Wright (3-2) gave up one run and five hits in seven innings to win his second consecutive start.

Octavio Dotel (7-2), who hadn't lost in 12 starts since his major league debut June 26 against Atlanta, gave up six runs and seven hits in three innings.

The Rockies took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Perez led off with a triple and, one out later, Terry Shumpert walked. Dante Bichette then hit a two-run double of the center-field wall.

Ben Petrick hit an RBI double in the second and Castilla and Clemente hit back-to-back homers in the third.

## Astros 12, Phillies 2

With their 12th consecutive win, the Houston Astros set a team record and widened their NL Central lead.

Shane Reynolds homered and allowed six hits in seven innings, and Ricky Gutierrez went 4-for-4 as the Astros routed the Philadelphia Phillies.

Houston increased its division lead to four games over second-place Cincinnati, which lost to Chicago 4-3, and sent Philadelphia to its 11th straight loss. The Astros have outscored the Phillies 25-4 in the first two games of the series and outthit them 26-14.

Reynolds (16-11) allowed both runs, struck out three and walked one. He is 2-0 with a 1.25 ERA in three September starts.

Paul Byrd (14-9) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in three-plus innings. The losing streak is the Phillies' longest since an 11-gamer from June 24-July 7, 1997.

Houston, which outthit Philadelphia 16-8, took a 3-0 lead in the second. Gutierrez, who has 12 hits in his last 20 at-bats, hit an RBI double to left on a ball Ron Gant misjudged. Reynolds then hit his third

career homer, his first since Sept. 8, 1996. He is 11-for-63 (.175) this season with 14 RBIs.

## Brewers 4, Cardinals 1

Scott Karl pitched seven strong innings and Marquis Grissom and Jeff Cirillo had key hits in a three-run seventh as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 Tuesday night.

Grissom's two-out, broken-bat single off Manny Aybar (4-5) snapped a 1-1 tie. Cirillo, batting .417 against the Cardinals this season and .388 for his career, added a two-run double. Cirillo was 2-for-4 and has five hits in the last two games.

The Brewers have won three in a row and are 40-37 on the road, but are just 24-43 at home. The Cardinals, without injured Mark McGwire, have lost six of seven and are a season-worst nine games below .500.

McGwire missed a chance to gain on Sammy Sosa in the home-run race because of a sore left groin. McGwire, who has 55 homers, left Monday night's game after 4 1/2 innings and may not be back in the lineup until Friday.

Cardinals starter Rick Ankiel,

a 20-year-old rookie who is the organization's top pitching prospect, got a no-decision and is 0-1 in five starts. Ankiel, who singled in the second for his first career hit, worked five innings and allowed one run and four hits with five strikeouts.

## Cubs 4, Reds 3

Sammy Sosa again came up empty in his quest for homer No. 60, but Henry Rodriguez hit his first in nearly a month as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Sosa failed to get the ball out of the infield against Pete Harnisch (14-9), then completed an 0-for-4 night with a groundout in the ninth against Denny Reyes, who gave up Mark McGwire's 60th homer last year.

Rodriguez's solo homer to center field, his first since Aug. 18, broke a seventh-inning tie and ended the Reds' seven-game winning streak. Jose Nieves added a two-run triple in the ninth.

The Reds had won 10 of their 11 previous games and began the night three games behind Houston in the NL Central and 2 1/2 games back of New York.

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## NFL

# Mirer gets one more chance with New York Jets

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.

Jets coaches have no choice but to go with Rick Mirer. Jets players have no choice but to have faith in Mirer as the replacement for injured quarterback Vinny Testaverde.



Mirer

And Mirer need look back no further than last season to see a similar situation involving none other than Testaverde.

Before the 1998 season, the Jets signed Testaverde so they'd have a veteran backup for Glenn Foley. When Foley faltered, Testaverde was elevated to starter and responded with the best performance of his dozen NFL seasons.

Now Testaverde, an under-achiever for much of his first 11 years as a pro, is sidelined with a ruptured Achilles' tendon. Mirer, acquired three weeks ago, has been thrust into the spotlight far sooner than he expected.

How will Mirer, who has been with four teams in the last four seasons — he did next-to-nothing for the Seahawks, Bears and Packers — handle it?

"It's a pretty big challenge," Mirer said of replacing the AFC's leading passer of last season and one of the Jets' prime leaders. "There are high expectations for this

team. I need to do my best to do what Vinny would have done and pick up where he left off.

"I could be in a little more of comfort zone. I understand it is a tough situation for me, but good things could happen. It's just a matter of getting off to a good start."

That's not something the Jets have done. They will be without Testaverde and running back-kick returner Leon Johnson (torn knee ligaments) for the rest of the season. Star receiver Wayne Chrebet won't be back until mid-October and starting cornerback Otis Smith is out for another few weeks. Nose tackle Jason Ferguson's ankle almost certainly will sideline him for Sunday night's game at Buffalo, and tight end Eric Green has a pinched nerve in the back.

Somewhat, they claim they will put all that aside and prosper with Mirer at the helm.

"We're going to keep rolling and Rick is going to get it done," Keyshawn Johnson said.

"Rick has obviously had some bad times in the past as a quarterback, but he is starting new. He has the weapons and the players who want to play for him. As long as he realizes that, he'll be fine."

Mirer struggled in Sunday's opening loss to New England, going 4-for-11 for 28 yards and being intercepted twice in the fourth quarter, which was all he played because he was listed as the third quarterback.

Those numbers were in

keeping with a career in which he went from the No. 2 overall draft pick in 1993 to a bust in Seattle and Chicago and virtually unused in Green Bay.

"I've been waiting for an opportunity to fix some things," he said, "but this hap-

pened before I thought it would. I'd like more time to get comfortable, but that is not true right now. I feel pretty good about a lot of things we are doing; it is reacting at game speed. But I can't hesitate, and that is what happened [against the Patriots].

"Right now, it is time to play. Every head coach and city is different, and this is a coach who does not hit the panic button like others I have been with who were on the hot seat."

Actually, it is Mirer who is on a very hot seat.

## NBA

## New Jersey loses centers until 2000

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

The New Jersey Nets will be without two of their centers until at least January.

Center Jayson Williams underwent arthroscopic knee surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City on Tuesday morning to remove loose particles and a tiny kernel of bone from his right knee.

Nets general manager John Nash said Dr. Russell Warren, Williams' surgeon, advised that Williams shouldn't place any weight on his knee for another

month, and gave a tentative date for Williams' return of Jan. 1. Williams will miss training camp and the first two months of the season, which begins Nov. 2.

The Nets will also be without backup center Evan Eschmeyer until January. Eschmeyer, the 34th player pick in the draft, ruptured a shoulder muscle while working out in Illinois last month. Team officials said he would be out for four months.

The team re-signed 37-year-old center Michael Cage to a one-year deal late Monday to fill in, coach Don Casey said.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Cubs re-sign Hill to one-year extension

Associated Press

CINCINNATI  
Outfielder Glenallen Hill agreed to a one-year contract extension Tuesday with the Chicago Cubs, hoping he can be part of a turnaround in 2000.

Hill has been one of the Cubs' most important backups, starting 52 games in left field, right field and as a designated hitter. Hill has hit .332 with 14 homers and 42 RBIs as a starter, and contributed three pinch homers.

"I like where I'm at," said Hill, who also got a contract option for 2001. "I love Chicago as a city. I love the stadium. I love the direction the team's trying to establish. I'm convinced they're moving in the right direction."

After making the playoffs last season, the Cubs have fallen to last in the NL Central at

56-87.

Hill is interested in seeing how many players the Cubs retain during the offseason.

"We've got some good players on this team," he said. "I think it's going to be a really a tough decision on what players they bring back. It's going to be very difficult."

Hill thinks the Cubs started to struggle in large part because Lance Johnson went on the disabled list June 20 with a strained abdomen. The Cubs were in second place at the time.

They went into a tailspin after losing Johnson, their leadoff hitter and center fielder. When he was activated on Aug. 21, the Cubs had fallen into last place.

"What really hurt this team was when we lost Lance Johnson," Hill said. "When we lost Lance, it took the sail out of our ship."

NCAA FOOTBALL

# Baylor baffled by crazy losses

Associated Press

WACO, Texas  
Joe Jackson is trying to avoid contact with football fans this week, and not because he's afraid of being taunted about Baylor's two last-second losses.



Jackson

Instead, Jackson said he and the Bears fear something much worse than ridicule — pity.

"You get tired of being consoled," the sophomore center said. "You hear 'get 'em next time' a lot, but that's not something that you want to hear."

People are finding it easier than ever to feel sorry for Baylor after Saturday's bizarre 27-24 loss to UNLV. With less than 20 seconds to play, Baylor had a three-point lead and the ball inside the Rebels 10.

Instead of having his quar-

terback take a knee and run out the clock, first-year coach Kevin Steele elected to go for one more score by calling a running play. The Bears paid the price when Darrel Bush fumbled into the end zone and UNLV's Kevin Thomas returned it for a game-winning touchdown.

"It was kind of weird to hear 30,000 jaws drop at the same time," Jackson said. "That was really tough."

Baylor kicker Kyle Atteberry, who missed an extra point on the last play of overtime in the opening-week loss to Boston College, said it has taken several days for the reality of the sudden UNLV loss to sink in.

"Everybody was just shocked," Atteberry said. "You've got to go through some personal time of mourning, but you've only got a short while to think about it because we play again this week."

The Bears are trying to pick up the pieces in time to salvage what they insist can still be a successful season. Players and coaches all said that process starts with forgetting about the past two weeks, even though questions about the losses are sure to follow them the rest of the year.

Steele, who took full responsibility for the defeat Saturday and called it "a stupid mistake on my part," said Tuesday he no longer will talk with the media about the final play of the UNLV game.

"We have rectified it as a team," Steele said. "We've challenged each other, it's been a great bonding experience and it's over with."

Although Steele has received criticism from the public about his decision to run the ball on the last play, he has received nothing but support from the Baylor players and assistants.

Even defensive coordinator Brick Haley, whose unit wasn't on the field when the game-winning touchdown occurred, said he agreed with Steele's call.

"If you question what happened on that last play, that's like taking the sword out of these guys' hands," Haley said. "We say we want to build an attitude, and you can't do that by taking a knee."

Atteberry said the players all wanted the team to go for the extra touchdown, and said he knew Steele would give them that chance.

"It didn't surprise me," Atteberry said. "We talked all week about finishing the job. The crowd would have been cheering if we had scored. It was just a one-in-a-million thing."

Despite the crushing finishes of their first two games, the Bears have already shown dramatic improvement from their 2-9 season in 1998. Last year, Baylor ranked 98th or lower nationally in five major categories, including total offense and total defense.

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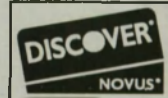
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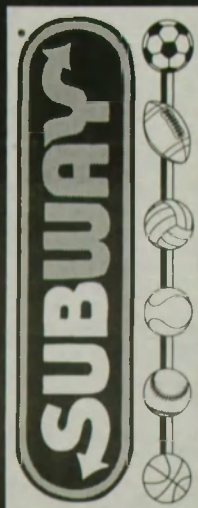
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# Soccer

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after coming off the bench midway through the half. A pivotal player in the win, he knocked a shot past Cleveland State goalkeeper Geoff Mauch with 7:43 remaining in the half to put the Irish on top 1-0.

The goal came after a minute-long struggle against a scrappy Viking defense in the box. Freshman forward Alan Lyskawa tried to take advantage of a cross from the right sideline — his shot sailed past Mauch, but was deflected off of the right post narrowly missing a score.

Cox, vying for position in front of the goal, capitalized on the rebound and kicked the ball into the back left corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"We've got a lot of team unity — we support each other well, where that hasn't been so much the case during the past couple of seasons," Cox said. "When everyone's unified and on the same page that makes the job a little easier to get done successfully."

Despite dominating on attack and putting much pressure on the goal in both halves, the Irish had trouble finishing their plays.

With 22 shots on goal and 11 corner kick attempts, Notre Dame only came away with one score on the night.

"We're still working on our attack," said Cox. "But I think it's coming along quite nicely."

Even with a one-man advantage after officials ejected Cleveland State's Kareem Reynolds with a red card at the 83:25 minute mark, the Irish offense couldn't put the ball in the net.

Failing to finish on scoring opportunities has plagued the offensive line all season — despite numerous attempts, the squad scored only four times in five games.

In the backfield, the Irish put on a strong performance in order to cling to the 1-0

lead. The starting defensive line of senior Matt McNew, junior Connor LaRose and freshman Andreas Forstner came up big, limiting Cleveland State to only two shots on goal and four corner kicks.

McNew and LaRose both stifled key attempts by the Viking offense at one-on-one situations with Irish goalkeeper Gerick Short in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Vikings' freshman Adam Camponelle on attack led the Vikings' offensive attempts.

"Cleveland State's a good team," Cox said. "The number 10 shirt [Camponelle] was a real strong player. They'll be an even tougher team in a couple of years because most of the team is pretty young."

The win against Cleveland State marks the last game on home turf for the Irish before a four-game road trip. Notre Dame faces formidable opponents this weekend in Big East rivals Seton Hall and Connecticut.



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Matt McNew (8) and the Irish defense swarm the Viking attack last night. Notre Dame held Cleveland State scoreless in its third victory of the year.

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## SOFTBALL

## Irish hire Wolverine as assistant

Associated Press

Two-time first team All-American and former Michigan standout Traci Conrad has been named an assistant softball coach at Notre Dame.

Conrad replaces Stephenie Henderson who took over the head coaching position at Loyola-Chicago.

Conrad, a native of Frankfort, Ill., will help coach the batters and infielders and assist Notre



Conrad

Dame head coach Liz Miller in all administrative aspects of the program.

The Big Ten career hits leader won numerous national awards while playing four years at first base under Wolverine head coach Carol Hutchins. As a senior in 1999, she was named a Honda Award Finalist and a third team All-American, while receiving her second nod as Big Ten Player of the Year and Michigan team MVP.

As a junior, Conrad, a four-time all district selection, helped the Wolverines to a national No. 2 ranking for 10 straight weeks, earning first team All-America honors. Her sophomore season, Conrad helped the Wolverines advance

to their third straight Women's College World Series, earning first team All-America honors and her first of three selections to the BIG Ten first team.

As a freshman, Conrad was named to the Women's College World Series all-tournament team and earned accolades as Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

Conrad also earned a gold medal while playing for the 1997 Pan Am Qualifier team in Medellin, Columbia, and was a participant in the 1997 and 1998 USA Softball National Team Festival.

Off the field, Conrad was a first and second team GTE Academic All-American in 1998 and 1999 respectively and a three-time academic all-district team selection.

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Striowski steps up in sophomore year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore cross country runner Marc Striowski went the distance Saturday, earning his first college victory in

the Valparaíso Invitational and hinting at the impact he will have on the Irish this season.



Striowski

"For me, personally, it was kind of nice because I won, but our team also ran very well without our top four guys," Striowski said. "It shows that we're pretty deep, and lots of guys are running well. It's just a starting point for the season."

Striowski is a native of Toronto, Ontario in Canada, where he competed for one of the top high school cross country and track teams in the province.

"I started running in high school because my high school team was pretty good," Striowski said. "I joined the team and did well so I kept doing it. After a while, I knew I wanted to run in college, so that was a motivator."

Striowski said that a number of runners come to the U.S. from Canada to run in college, including several from his team.

"He's a real solid distance man. He can run well at 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters," Notre Dame cross country coach Joe Paine said.

"I think he is going to make vast improvements and he already has between his freshman and sophomore years," added Paine. "He's going to get nothing but bet-

ter."

Last year, Striowski was usually Notre Dame's sixth finisher, but with others' graduations and his summer training program, he moved up in the Irish lineup. This summer, he practiced at high altitude in Boulder, Colo., working out with fellow cross country runners Sean McManus, Bridget O'Brien and Nicole LaSelle.

"It was a lot more focused training, which helps you not lose track," said Striowski. "We had kind of a disappointing year last year, so everyone's kind of motivated to get back to nationals."

Training at high altitude helps athletes get into top shape. Because the air is thinner, they have to work harder to get the oxygen they need. Then when the athletes return to a lower altitude, they are able to compete more easily. Striowski did long distance training all summer to prepare for the season.

This year, he has his mind set on team goals of winning the Big East championships, qualifying for the national championships with an automatic qualifier position (the top two finishers at districts receive these) and to place among the top ten teams at the NCAA championships in November.

One of the best aspects for Striowski of cross country is the team unity.

"It's a team sport," he said. "I love the team unity, team camaraderie and the competitiveness and rivalry with other schools."

In last week's meet, Striowski captured the title in 24:48 in the 8,000 meter race, 28 seconds better than his personal record last year.

Paine sees even more improvement in Striowski's future.

"I think he can run under 30:00 in the 10,000 meter run this year," said Paine.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Brown leads Irish into start of three-game stretch

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's soccer team hosts the Butler Bulldogs tonight at Alumni Field without junior captain Kelly Lindsey.

She has yet to recover from a knee injury she suffered against North Carolina two weeks ago.

Even without their top defender, the Irish defense has remained strong giving up just one goal to Duke and shutting out St. John's. A big reason for the continued strong play of the Irish defense has been senior Kara Brown.

Brown is a four-year starter for Notre Dame and was named Big East defensive player of the week for her play against St. John's.

Brown's award-winning play in Lindsey's absence does not surprise Lindsey.

"Kara Brown is a great defensive player," she said. "She plays great whether I am there or not so I don't think my absence effected her one bit."

While Lindsey has not seen Brown change her play since injury, she has noticed Brown become a better leader. Brown entered the 1999 season as the only senior on the Irish backfield.

In addition to Lindsey and Brown, the Irish defense features two starting freshmen Venessa Prusinsky and Nancy Mikacenic.

"She took on more of a leadership role in the back being the senior but she always plays a great game," she said.

With Lindsey still sidelined, the Irish face three games in five days.

After Butler, Notre Dame travels to Houston, Texas, to take on Texas A&M and Southern Methodist University. The three

games will test the fitness of the Irish.

"Coach [Randy Waldrum] has really stressed that we have three games this week," Lindsey said. "Three games in five days is going to be really difficult physically. I think we really want to go out against Butler and try to establish a good

rhythm in the game early so we can rest a few players for this weekend."

In addition to the physical tests, the Irish will also be tested mentally this week. With three games this week, Notre Dame has less time to prepare for each opponent.

"[The schedule] makes a dif-

ference because usually we have a whole week to focus on two teams," Lindsey said. "With the game this past weekend, we only had Monday to focus on three teams. I think basically coach is just going to stress that we go out and play our own game and don't worry about our opponent."

## Davie

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ing weeks.

"We may not be a 10-2 or 9-3 football team at the end," Davie said. "But we're going to play in a lot of different situations before the season's over."

## IRISH NOTES:

• Senior Eric Chappell was dismissed from the team. Davie referred to Chappell's departure as an "internal discipline matter." Freshman Gary Godsey replaces Chappell as the No. 3 quarterback behind Jarvis Jackson and Arnaz Battle.

• Strong safety Ron Israel (right ankle sprain), flanker Joey Getherall (right shoulder separation), tight end John Owens (torn calf muscle) and linebacker Ronnie Nicks (left ankle sprain) will all miss Saturday's game against Michigan State.

• Following the Purdue loss, Davie called for a practice on Sunday. Normally the team gets Sunday off, then reports to practice on Monday. The team watched the film of the previous day's loss then came back at night for practice. They had the day off Monday, then met Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. before returning for a night practice.

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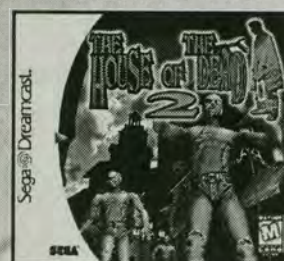
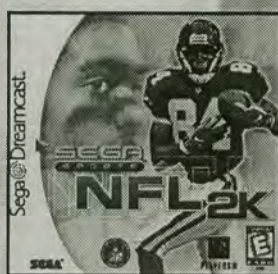
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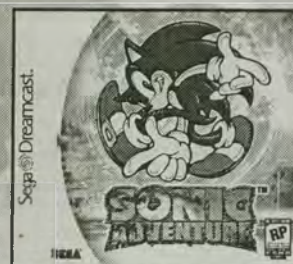
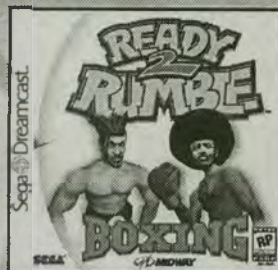
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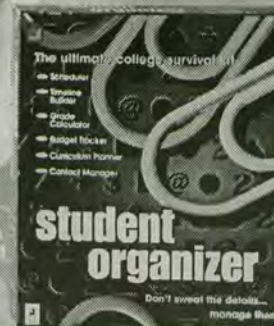
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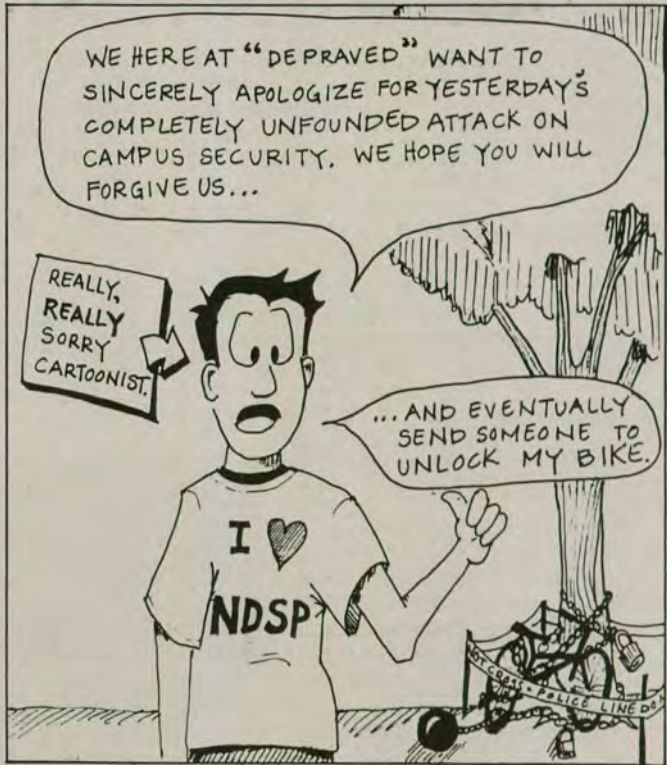
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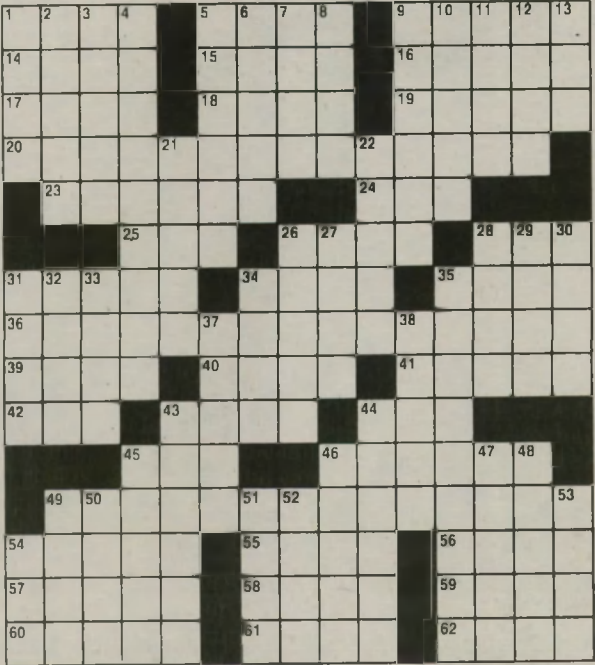
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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Cox's goal sends Irish to 1-0 victory over Vikings

By KERRY SMITH  
Sports Writer

The Irish looked for some confidence heading into this weekend's Big East matchups and found it Tuesday night with a 1-0 win over the Cleveland State Vikings.

"As for our confidence level, a win is a win," senior forward Ryan Cox said. "We got the goal we needed and then hung in there tight at the end. We're expecting some pretty decent results this weekend."

The Irish and the Vikings traded possessions early on and had trouble clearing the ball past the midfield in the opening minutes of play. After the initial struggle for control, the Irish went on the offensive at the seven-minute mark and dominated for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame, building from the backfield and utilizing a patient attack, delivered 11 unanswered shots on goal in the first half.

"Cleveland State's a tough team to play," Cox said. "They're coming in here thinking 'We're playing Notre Dame.' They get psyched wanting to beat Knute Rockne, Joe Montana, Rudy and the whole — so it's always a going to be a difficult game because they get pumped up."

Cox ignited the offense

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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Ryan Cox (13) battles with a Cleveland State defender in last night's 1-0 Irish victory. Cox scored the game-winner for Notre Dame in the first half.

## FOOTBALL

# Davie addresses pressure and tough Irish schedule

By TIM CASEY  
Sports Writer

When Bob Davie was appointed the Notre Dame head coach three years ago, he knew the pressure associated with his position.

He realized Irish fans expect to compete for a national championship every year and understood the tradition of Notre



Davie

Dame. He also knew the schedule wouldn't allow for any easy games.

"When you look at the next stretch of games, there's not many coaches licking their chops to go to that now," Davie said at Tuesday's press conference. "I don't care what they say. No one's looking forward to that. And then next year with [Texas] A&M at home Nebraska, Purdue and Michigan State. It's like that for the next four or five years."

"If we were looking for something easy, there's a couple head coaching jobs that I could have had that would be easier than this one," Davie said. "And we have players that

probably could have gone to easier places than Notre Dame."

"But to say all things are equal, I don't think that's really the case when you look at some of the teams the other schools play," he said.

Coming off consecutive last second losses, the Irish begin a stretch where three of the next six opponents are ranked in the top 25. Two others received votes in this week's Associated Press poll.

As defensive coordinator for three years before his position as head coach, Davie does not remember facing schedules as tough as the ones he has faced in his tenure.

In the 35 games contested in

Lou Holtz's final three years, the Irish schedule featured a total of 11 ranked teams. Including the first three games of this year, the Irish have played the same amount of ranked teams as Davie's first 28 games as head coach.

"Notre Dame's always played an extremely competitive schedule," Davie said. "To me, right now, it seems even more competitive than it did when I came to Notre Dame."

Along with the negatives associated with the difficult schedule, Davie also sees that opportunities abound.

"There's something about going to Michigan and playing in front of 111,000 people and

going down to Purdue and play against Drew Brees," Davie said.

"But it [the schedule] is a challenge and a concern particularly with the expectations as high as they are here and with trying to get into the Bowl Championship Series," Davie said. "It would have helped if we had played some directional schools as I call them, instead of playing Michigan, Kansas and Purdue. But the reality is that it's a challenge."

While national title and BCS aspirations disintegrated the last two weeks, Davie said his team will respond in the com-

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