



Island influence

Scene reviews the latest Cuban art exhibition now at The Snite, including Ernesto Pujol's "Maletas."

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Northern concerns

IRA guerrillas are not ready to disarm, moving the peace process in Northern Ireland toward a new crisis.

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MATT'S MELEE



Men's basketball coach Matt Doherty celebrates Saturday's win over St. John's with the crowd.

JOHN DAILY/The Observer

RAs struggle with ND financial aid

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Assistant News Editor

Resident Assistants don't have glorious jobs. They give up two weeks of summer for training. They sacrifice Friday and Saturday nights to be on duty.

They clean up after sick freshmen.

They do receive \$6,022 from the University for their duties. But of Notre Dame's 164 RAs, many of the 108 who receive financial aid admit that when they applied they didn't understand how the University adjusts aid packages to compensate for RAs income.

An RA applies for financial aid in the same manner as other students, explained Sue Brandt, associate director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame. The aid package is awarded without taking into consideration that the student is an RA.

Then, the RA benefit is deducted from the self-help portion of the aid package, reducing loans and the work-study component.

However, many prospective RAs mistakenly believe that their families pay less or that room and board is free.

For example, a student who receives a financial aid package containing work-study, loans and grants with a family contribution of \$15,000 will not see a reduction in the cost the family must pay.

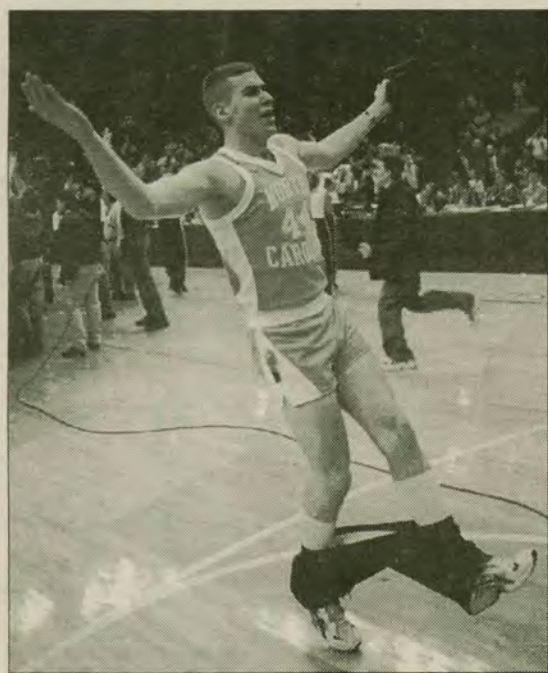
After the student becomes an RA, the family contribution stays the same, but loans and work-study components are reduced by \$6,022.

The system has proven confusing for prospective applicants.

"It is misleading," said Pangborn RA Heidi Eppich, who was surprised to receive a new financial aid statement after being accepted as RA last spring. "My understanding was that my financial aid package wouldn't be affected."

Some criticize the logic of the

see RA/page 4



A zealous fan recognizes Coach Doherty's background with North Carolina.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Victory

Men's basketball coach Matt Doherty waved fans out onto the court to celebrate Notre Dame's 73-60 victory over #25 St. John's Saturday, a win that keeps the Irish in the NCAA Tournament hunt.

It was Notre Dame's third win over a ranked opponent this season, and their first before the Joyce Center crowd.

Read about the game on page 28.



Matt Carroll and Jimmy Dillon embrace.

JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Dog missing after fire

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Since Jan. 18, when fire destroyed the house they rented in the 900 block of Notre Dame Ave., third-year law students Chris Castro and his fiancée Michelle MacArthur have been searching for their four-year-old Dalmatian.

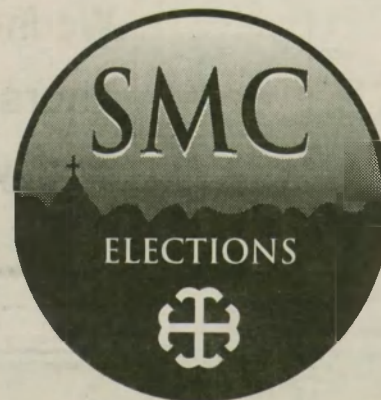
One of the couple's two dogs made it out of the fire safely and is now staying with the couple at another location. The fire department told Castro late last week that his other dog, Scarlet, must also have escaped the fire; the cause of the blaze is still undetermined.

Castro is offering a \$1,000 reward for Scarlet's return. She has an almost entirely white

face and a solid black tail.

"She's a member of the family. She's not just a dog to us. They're both like our children," said Castro, adding that the money he is offering for a reward is from the couple's savings they planned to use to move back to Dallas.

Anyone with information about Scarlet should contact Castro at 246-1338.



Off-Campus:

OC lounge, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

On-Campus:

Dining Hall, 7-9 a.m., 12-2 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

SCOTT HARDY/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Robbed

Saturday night, my housemates and I invited over a few friends. More than a hundred people showed up. We weren't surprised. The five of us who share a three-story Kramer house on East Washington Street are like the center of a wheel; our spokes lead to, among other things, The Observer, the ski team, Hall President's Council, London Program spring '99, Austria program '98-'99, the senior CHEG class and the art department. When we each invite a few friends, we expect a hundred people.



Michelle Krupa

But some idiot Saturday night made us rethink ever hosting a party again. See, somebody took \$200 in cash from my roommate's second-floor bedroom. The loot wasn't exposed; it was deliberately hidden in a sock drawer. Sure, she probably shouldn't have had a giant wad of liquid assets bumping uglies with her knee-highs, but that certainly is not the point. Someone simply should not have been snooping for dough in a dark room behind a closed door.

We left our bedrooms open so people could put their coats aside. We allowed access to our upstairs bathroom so the small-bladdered wouldn't be forced to write their names in the snow. We trusted our friends and our friends' friends not to take advantage of our hospitality. Most people didn't; you are the ones we trust with our home and our friendship.

It was just one person — probably someone we don't even know — whom we trusted a bit too much.

Editor in Chief

It's not the money, really. It's the vomitous feeling that our vulnerability was exploited. Do we realize how open we leave ourselves to theft when we blast Bruce on the stereo and don't post a bouncer at the door? Sure. Do we half-expect a pool cue or a bar stool to be missing or broken in the morning? Of course. But we also expect the people we host to have the decency and dignity to stay out of those things that obviously are personal — the things we stuff away in closed drawers.

To whomever took our money: If it was a couple bucks you needed for a cab back to campus, we would have paid. But if it was the thrill of finding a stash, you disgust us. You took our sense of safety and ruined the memory of our night. Instead of chatting about which crazy dancer strutted across the picnic table, we retraced our steps, wondering when our guard fell and we allowed a thief through our collective defense.

We aren't the only ones. Cameras, movies, CDs, coats and jewelry disappear from off-campus houses and apartments all the time. Police reports seem illogical; we invite the robbers, show them the goods and let them walk out unscathed. We don't know who they are, but we will not stop trusting our friends because these thieves can't respect the gracious hosts who let them sing, dance and hang out until the sun rises or the well runs dry.

To our friends: We hope you had a wonderful time Saturday night.

To our robber: We hope you buy yourself something real nice.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Student film festival: Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. ◆ International film festival: "My Father's Glory," Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune, 8 p.m.	◆ Nuclear weapons lecture: Hesburgh Center Auditorium, 4:15 p.m. ◆ Film/discussion: "Dr. Strangelove," Hesburgh Center Auditorium, 7 p.m.	◆ Whaddyathink Luncheon: Noble Family Dining Hall, noon. ◆ Interracial dating discussion: CSC, 5:30 p.m.	◆ Medieval seminar: 614 Hesburgh Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m. ◆ Keenan Revue: O'Laughlin Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Faculty may supervise Texas Tech newspaper



AUSTIN, Texas
A proposal by a Texas Tech administrator could place the school's independent student newspaper under the supervision of the mass communications department.

Jerry Hudson, chairman of the Texas Tech department of mass communications, said in a statement that mass communications faculty members should have control over the university's student publications, including The University Daily and KTXT-TV. Hudson did not return calls Thursday.

Texas Tech faculty members do not currently hold authority over the content of student publications, said Jan Childress, director of student publications.

"The constitution guarantees your right to free press," Childress said. "I really believe in the independent

editor and freedom of the press. This would be detrimental."

Under the proposal, The University Daily newsroom editor position would be filled by a non-student staff member, who will teach a section of a reporting class. The staff member would use the students enrolled in a reporting class to write stories published in the newspaper.

The president of Texas Tech University and other university offi-

cials will discuss the issue at a Feb. 3 meeting.

Wayne Hodgins, editor in chief of The University Daily, said the faculty would be supporting censorship if the students aren't allowed to decide on content of student publications.

"It's bullshit, and everybody is against these changes," said Hodgins, an English/journalism senior.

Mark Goodman, a representative of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., said any student publication in which the content is decided by faculty is a "censored publication."

"It is a mouth-piece for the journalism department to say what they want to say," Goodman said. "The Constitution does not allow censorship in student publications."

Stabbed LSU dean returns to work

BATON ROUGE, La.
Interim dean of students John Baker is "doing okay" just two days after his stabbing, according to an official from the dean of students office. "He is back at work a little bit," said associate dean of students Wanda Hargroder. "He's physically okay. He's lucky to be alive." Marques Smith, a junior in philosophy, allegedly stabbed Baker in his driveway Monday morning, after Smith received notification from the office of the dean of students that he was being investigated for grade tampering. Hargroder told the student senate Wednesday night that Baker is beginning his healing process, and asked the senators for their thoughts and prayers. "A very important part of his work life is Student Government," she said. She encouraged those present to visit Baker, and offer him a "hug or a handshake" for support. Baker met with members of the SG Executive Staff Wednesday to assure them he was okay, and so members would not worry about him, said Sterling Foster, SG president. "It was really good to see him," Foster said. "He had high spirits for someone who just encountered what he did."

Former coach to run for House

HASTINGS, Neb.
It didn't take Tom Osborne long to break a roomful of reporters' suspense about whether he'd make a run for the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday morning. The former Nebraska football coach walked into the temporary pressroom housed in the student union of Hastings College — his alma mater — as reporters clung to their cell phones, giving on-the-spot updates to their news directors and on-air reports to radio stations. All wondered one thing: would he or wouldn't he? Then, he walked up to the podium to make his announcement. "The reason we're here in Hastings is because I am announcing my candidacy for the 3rd District Congressional race," he said. After making the announcement, Osborne told the audience he would enter the political arena in a somewhat non-political fashion. His campaign and potential term would not be driven by party leanings. "I'm not a partisan person, and I don't understand party politics at all," he said. His campaign will be closed to individuals and organizations expecting to influence him through large contributions.

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Cincinnati	36	26	Jacksonville	58	35	New York	38	31
Dallas	53	47	Kansas City	41	25	Wash DC	37	28

Opening ceremony models the globe



Saint Mary's student body president Nancy Midden addresses the audience at Play of the Mind's opening presentation on Thursday night.

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Participants at the opening presentation of Play of the Mind Thursday realized that they are part of a very elite group.

Each was handed a glow stick on his or her way in to the auditorium. Near the end of the presentation, the audience was asked to break open their glow sticks. Little neon lights penetrated through the dark auditorium as Sister Ann Oestreich explained what it represented.

"Our conventional globe is one model of the world," she said. "But it only shows us landmasses and physical or political characteristics of the world. Tonight we are going to turn this auditorium into a model of the world.

intellectual life, is reserved for so few?"

Fourteen colleges, including Saint Mary's, were challenged this weekend to think intellectually about their interactions with the global world. Students, professors and administrators all listened intently as different guest speakers spoke of how intellectual relations with the world are so important.

"Is your life a product or a performance?" student body president, Nancy Midden, asked the participants.

A product is something tangible, but if it's a performance, there is no tangible product left over.

"I think everyone's life is a performance," Midden said. "But the challenge is to make a product out of life."

Intellectuals need to interact with the rest of the world.

"You have an obligation to help shape the new century," said Dr. Marilou Eldridge, president of Saint Mary's College.

"All in this room are educators," said Patrick White, one of the directors of the conference. "All of us have a responsibility to educate one another, to call ourselves to strong action as intellectual and to as leaders. To inspire our sisters, our daughters, ourselves."

Photographs by Mariana Cook, from her book Generations of Women, were shown to "help us understand the way we are linked to the women who have gone before, to whom we owe respect, from whom we carry a legacy of thought and action," said Margaret Roma, English College of Saint Elizabeth's.

The conference was held to challenge everyone to become intellectuals, engaging in thought and action with the world around them, according to Oestreich.

Who would we be if all the people in the world were here tonight, if all the people in the world represented by the people here in the proportions that they exist in the globe we are modeling."

Every program had a number on it, and as Oestreich asked different numbers to stand up, she explained what each represented in the world.

"Now would just the number 72s stand up. You are the only persons in this room in this globe who have completed a college education. Think about this. What is your responsibility to the rest? In this mini world we all have a college degree or hope to have one. What does our responsibility become when this one ticket, not the only ticket, but an important ticket to the

Weekend draws several colleges

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Students, professors and administration from Saint Mary's and 13 other private colleges considered how to influence global and local communities at the Play of the Mind conference.

Throughout the weekend, participants determined that the need for global awareness on environmental and economic problems, technology,

family values and education are important challenges which intellectuals need to face in the new century.

Another portion of the conference focused on the person as an intellectual

Saint Mary's graduate and former student body president, Nicole Milos, spoke to participants.

"It was absolutely a fantastic experience. I met so many women and learned so much," Milos said. "I learned we are linked in our concerns for our community, ourselves, and our future."

Participants also generated ideas of improvements they'd like to see on their college campuses. Ideas included beginning a multi-cultural club to increase diversity, finding effective ways to use technology through the Internet for campus events, promoting school

spirit through recruiting by familiarizing students with tradition and history of their colleges, dealing with apathy regarding activities on campus and establishing mentoring programs.

Saint Mary's director of Student Activities, Georgeanna Rosenbush, was pleased with the events of the conference.

"I think it went real well," said Rosenbush. "I enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many fantastic women and get to know

women from Saint Mary's College better."

Although there were not as many participants from Saint Mary's as there have been in the

past, both Rosenbush and White felt the conference was worthwhile. It will be continued.

"I was very pleased with the number of first-year student participants from Saint Mary's College," said Patrick White, Play of the Mind director. "It's always exciting to see the seriousness and good humor of students, faculty, and administration bring to the work. People come up with really interesting ideas."

Jaimie Ade, a conference participant from Saint Mary's of the Woods College, plans to return.

"I will definitely come back," she said. "I think all the ideas are definitely do-able. All it takes is a few people to get a lot of people involved."

"It was absolutely a fantastic experience. I met so many women and learned so much."

Nicole Milos
former student
body president

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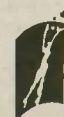
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policy.

"Since you're doing a service to the University, I don't think it should be deducted from the aid they give you," Wagner said.

Prospective RAs said the financial aid policy has kept students from applying.

"It should not go to the people who can afford to do it — it should go to the most qualified students," said junior Casey McCluskey, who applied for RA in Pangborn Hall.

Financial Aid representatives, however, said they make every effort to assist RAs.

"We think the RA position is very important and we would want to help them secure it," explained Sue Brandt, associate director of financial aid at Notre Dame. "The value of the aid package will be the same, but the components may be different."

Although some students believe scholarships decrease after becoming RAs, Brandt cautioned this is a misconception; scholarship awards are determined separately.

"Nowhere in our aid policy would an RA position reduce the student's scholarship

assistance," said Brandt. "The factor that might be overlooked [by the RAs] is financial need."

Scholarship assistance could be reduced if parental income increases significantly, or a family has one child in college instead of two.

Students said more straightforward information from the University would be beneficial.

"I wish there would have been a question-and-answer session by Student Affairs," said McCluskey, noting that if students understood the process before applying, they would face fewer unpleasant surprises.

Wagner did note a positive aspect of Notre Dame's RA compensation policy.

"It helps them find people who are in it more for the dedication of serving others and not in it for the money," she said.

Although 93 current RAs had jobs last year, having another job is virtually impossible while serving as RA. The RA benefit does not help pay for the personal expenses that arise.

"None of us really have spending money," said Lyons RA Heather Schomann. Lyons RAs have suggested a small wage for the hours spent on duty, Schomann said.

"We think the RA position is very important and we would want to help them secure it."

Sue Brandt
associate director of
financial aid

Rivals put lecture notes online

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Debra Wright either is an example of free enterprise naturally blending with academia or a threat to the fabric of higher education. It depends upon whom you ask.

Wright, a sophomore communications major at the University of Houston, is paid to post lecture notes from three of her courses to StudentU.com, which offers class notes from universities across the country on its Web site.

"I think my notes are good. I make good grades in all my classes," Ms. Wright said. "For other people to trust them, that's their responsibility."

Houston-based StudentU.com, along with rivals Versity.com, based in Palo Alto, Calif., and Miami-based Study24-7.com, have gone nationwide with their lecture notes. They're free for anyone who surfs their sites, which generate revenue by selling advertising.

Oran Wolf, who began a campus note-taking business at the University of Houston after seeing the success of Paradigm Books' operation at the University of Texas at Austin, said the notes on StudentU.com are designed to augment — not replace — students' own work.

"I'm hoping it opens up an avenue for students to go and participate in lectures," said Wolf, 28.

Net Strategy Corp., an Internet venture capital firm based in Houston, took Wolf and his concept to the Internet this fall. Students at dozens of schools across the country are paid about \$300 to audit their

classes for the service.

The online notes concept has stirred ethics debates at campuses nationwide and professors' reactions have been mixed.

Peter Wood, associate provost at Boston University, calls note-takers "a problem nibbling at the edge of higher education for a long time." He said he's concerned that attendance will drop in classrooms monitored by online note-takers because students will feel less pressure to show up.

"No matter how much Mr. Wolf and other entrepreneurs say it's beneficial and harmless, the fact remains that it puts the temptation in the way of students who are less motivated and already, perhaps, in peril," Wood said.

But Robert Berry, an assistant professor of finance at the University of Houston, vouches for Wolf, saying he's had the best interests of both students and educators in mind since he opened his business.

"Students always have borrowed notes from friends and classmates," Berry said. "This is a little more formal than the informal network."

Paradigm Books owner Robert Pyeatt said his company's 26 years of experience has proved that a student's motivation to attend class is independent of the presence of note-

takers. But he criticized Wolf's operation, saying Paradigm and other traditional services are in a different league because they use higher-paid graduate students as auditors and get the professors' permission.

"We're totally opposed to all these people," Pyeatt said. "I call them bootleg lecture notes. They do it without professors' approval. I'm kind of horrified by that."

Wolf said the students who use the notes establish the quality control by rating the monitors' work. He acknowledges that his note-takers may work without permission, but he's willing to back off if a professor demands that the note-taking cease.

"We don't want to step on any toes," Wolf said. "I love talking to professors and love meeting with them. One of the things we're building is a network of professors so they have a place to put their own notes online."

The idea of sharing notes was nothing new for Sally Cole when she worked at Stanford University. Now executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke, Cole said online notes have made waves in the North Carolina academic community.

"The only issue I've heard that may have some real substance is the issue of intellectual property rights of faculty," Cole said.

"Students have always borrowed notes from friends and classmates. This is a little more formal than the informal network."

Robert Berry
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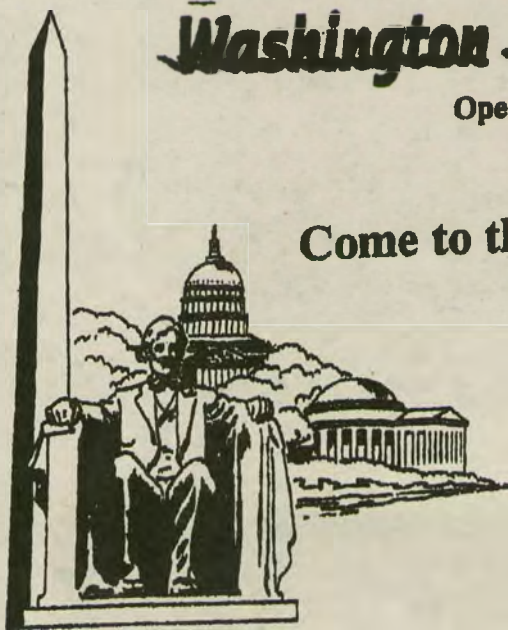
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Drug use among athletes taints Australian record

SYDNEY

Australia's high-profile anti-doping stance was tarnished Monday when national figures revealed that nearly 400 athletes have been caught using drugs in the past decade. The recent ban on cyclist Tim Lyons brought Australia's total number of athletes caught using illegal substances in 10 years to 376, the Australian Sports Drug Agency said. The figures were disturbing for the Australian Olympic Committee, prompting calls for stricter penalties for drug cheats. "There is always the prospect of extenuating circumstances but the general rule is that no athlete should be pleading 'I didn't know,'" AOC secretary general Craig McLatchey said.

New use for "the pill" now being advertised

NEW YORK

Demand for one brand of "the pill" is soaring, with a little help from sales to women who don't want it just as a contraceptive. Sales of Johnson & Johnson's Ortho Tri-Cyclen contraceptive pill have tripled in the last three years, making it by far the No. 1 brand, partly because it is the only oral contraceptive that also may be sold as an acne fighter. Ashley Wesson, 21, a college student in central Texas said she asked her doctor last month if she could try the pill to help fight her acne. She wasn't looking for birth control, she said adding, "Already, I've noticed small differences in how quickly my face heals." The Food and Drug Administration gave Johnson & Johnson the right to sell Ortho Tri-Cyclen for acne in 1997 after studies found it helped clear the skin of more than 80 percent of women who took it.

Jockey found in tree

HOLLYWOOD

A decomposing body found hanging from a tree at the Hollywood Park race track was identified as a jockey who committed suicide, a coroner's investigator said. John Suarez was found Thursday by track security guard, Los Angeles County coroner's investigator Dana Bee said Saturday. Suarez, who was injured and lived at the track, had been dead about a month, Bee said. He was hanging from a tree by a noose in a secluded area of the track grounds. Suarez was wearing only long underwear. He was identified by his Hollywood Park identification, which was found in a jacket nearby, Bee said. Jockeys and trainers had been complaining for more than three weeks about a foul odor on the east side of the practice track, Bee said. Family members said he was depressed about a worker's compensation claim he had trouble collecting, Bee said.

NORTHERN IRELAND



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams greets a fellow marcher Sunday during a Bloody Sunday rally in Londonderry. The march memorializes 14 people killed by British paratroopers in the city in 1972. Recent unwillingness among Adams' followers and those in the IRA to disarm has complicated their dealings with the Ulster Unionist party and has put the peace process in Northern Ireland in jeopardy.

IRA's refusal to disarm risks peace

Associated Press

BELFAST

Northern Ireland's peace process lurched Sunday toward a new crisis as rival parties stepped up a war of words on the eve of a make-or-break report on disarmament in the British province.

Monday's report by Canadian General John de Chastelain, head of the province's independent disarmament body, is widely expected to say Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas have produced no concrete evidence of being ready to disarm.

Northern Ireland's main Protestant political group, the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), has threatened to pull out of the province's fledgling, power-sharing government with Roman Catholics if the IRA fails to start disarming.

It has called a top-level party meeting for February 12 but UUP leader David Trimble and the British government could come under pressure from the majority Protestant community to act earlier against the IRA's political ally Sinn Fein.

"People want a genuine peace, with an absence of paramilitarism, with an

absence of paramilitaries and their weapons," said Trimble, First Minister in the province's home-rule government.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said: "I understand why unionists want decommissioning [disarmament]. It is just not within my grasp to deliver it on their terms, and neither is it my responsibility."

Britain is under mounting pressure from Trimble and the UUP to suspend the power-sharing government if Monday's report shows no firm signs of the IRA giving up weapons used in a 30-year guerrilla war against British rule.

Political sources said Britain and the Irish Republic sponsors of a landmark 1998 peace accord for Northern Ireland hoped the report would contain some positive elements so any fallout would be limited.

The Ireland Sunday newspaper said de Chastelain would tell the two governments that the IRA had put most of its weapons in sealed secret dumps in the Irish Republic.

It quoted senior republican sources as saying there would be no actual arms handover by February 12.

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RUSSIA

More Chechen rebels continue to surrender

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia announced a new wave of surrenders by Chechen rebels Sunday, but top generals said fierce battles lay ahead in their bid to capture the separatist region's capital and remote mountain areas.

The generals got solid backing for their four-month-old campaign from the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox church, who said their battle against "terrorism" was a just one.

In Grozny, shrouded in thick smoke and all but left in ruins by a stalled Russian assault, snipers kept Russian troops in check despite stepped-up bombardments by Russian warplanes.

Interfax news agency quoted the press service of pro-Russian Chechen leader Bislan Gantamirov as saying the 70 rebels had given up over the last 24 hours. He said that matched Saturday's total number of surrenders.

The numbers were at odds with the 95 surrenders announced by

Russia's new spokesman on the conflict, Sergei yastrzhembsky, on Saturday. That report was swiftly denied by the Chechen rebels.

"[The surrenders] have a psychological impact and constitute a breakthrough in events," Gantamirov was quoted as saying.

"They serve as an example for those hundreds of fighters, including youngsters who have been tricked into warfare, or forced under fear of death to fight on the side of the bandits," Gantamirov, who com-

mands 800 paramilitaries, said he expected further surrenders in the coming days.

Russia's ORT public television reported that 128 fighters, including three women, had given themselves up, but offered few details and there were no official announcements to that effect.

Orthodox Patriarch Alexiy II told reporters after bestowing awards on generals and politicians that the army was right to proceed with the war.

CUBA

Elían's grandmothers return to celebrations

Associated Press

HAVANA

Elían Gonzalez's grandmothers arrived back in Cuba on Sunday without the child they had hoped to bring home, but they were greeted as heroes nonetheless with an enormous government-organized parade through the streets of the Cuban capital.

"It's very sad," said the boy's maternal grandmother, Raquel Rodriguez, breaking down in tears before President Fidel Castro and 1,700 schoolchildren who greeted the grandmothers at Havana's Convention Palace.

"You are here and Elían cannot be because we could not bring him," she said.

Before leaving Dulles International Airport in suburban Washington on Sunday, Elían's paternal grandmother, Mariela

Quintana, said the boy would never be happy growing up in the United States "because he grew up in Cuba. ... He is a Cuban boy. He has a father. He has four grandparents and an entire family back there."

The boy's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, embraced the women as they stepped off a business jet at Jose Marti International Airport, then rode with them in a convertible as they waved at the crowds of hundreds of thousands of people holding Cuban flags in a scene reminiscent of the 1998 greeting for Pope John Paul II.

After an hourlong, 16-mile trip through Havana by motorcade, the two women wept as the children greeted them with cheers of "Free Elían!" at the Convention Palace.

Flanked by their extended families, the women heard children chant poems and sing songs in their honor.

Government television and radio stations, which broadcast the event live, had repeatedly announced the route of the "caravan of dignity," and newspapers published schedules for special buses to take people to it. The event had been announced less than 24 hours before it took place.

Even the national soccer championship game, which had been scheduled for Sunday in Havana, was postponed for a week so players and spectators could attend the event.

The grandmothers were returning after "brave and extraordinary work in the United States, overcoming great obstacles and transmitting a persuasive message to the U.S. people," said a government statement published on the front pages of all

newspapers here Sunday.

Elían was found floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast on Nov. 25 after a boat wreck that killed his mother and 10 other people. He has been staying with a great-uncle in Florida ever since. His Florida relatives are seeking to keep Elían in the United States, while his father and other relatives in Cuba are fighting to get him back.

The little boy also is caught in the midst of a major propaganda battle between Castro's communist government and some Cuban-American exile groups. Some of the exile groups have complained that the boy should not return to his father because it would be a victory for the Cuban leader.

The struggle over Elían has become one of the largest government campaigns in

recent Cuban history, with daily events, some drawing massive crowds, to demand the child's return to his father.

Since the two grandmothers left Havana on Jan. 21,

the government has given increasingly massive television and newspaper coverage to their tour of the United States, crediting them with helping sway U.S. public opinion toward Elían's return.

"The heroic behavior of these humble and good-natured grandmothers has gained the respect, the admiration of the people who will await them with a warm and massive reception," the government's statement said.

The women — until recently obscure housewives from the provincial city of Cardenas — have found themselves on worldwide television meeting congressmen, senators and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"We think we have a step forward but still my grandson is here," Rodriguez, the maternal grandmother, said before leaving Washington.

"I would like to thank the American people and the Cuban Americans who are here and who have helped us," she said. "We would like to remind them to keep helping us, because Elían is still here."

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has ruled Elían should be returned to his father. But officials are awaiting the outcome of a federal court challenge filed by Miami relatives before trying to return the boy.

U.S. District Judge William Hoeweler will hear arguments Feb. 22 on whether the Miami relatives' lawsuit should be dismissed.

AUSTRIA

Minister: Haider must ease up

Associated Press

VIENNA

The man negotiating a possible coalition government with Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party called Sunday for the party to soften its opposition to European integration and to prove itself ready for the responsibilities of power.

Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel, head of the Austrian People's Party, defended his decision to enter coalition talks with Haider's party despite Haider's past remarks against immigration, against the European Union and in sympathy with aspects of Adolf Hitler's regime. Schuessel said he would never let Austria be branded a "neo-Nazi country."

Schuessel and Haider are scheduled to inform President Thomas Klestil on Monday whether they believe they will succeed in forming a new government. Klestil could accept a government with the Freedom Party in it or he could call for new elections.

The prospect of Haider joining the government has stunned European leaders, many of whom face their own domestic challenges from radical right-wing groups which might be emboldened by the success of the Freedom Party here.

"Austria must see to it not to isolate itself politically," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

During an interview Sunday on Austrian televi-

sion, Schuessel, who is expected to become chancellor in the new coalition if it succeeds, said he would "not let Austria simply be stamped as a 'neo-Nazi country' with a new Hitler image."

Schuessel sought to ease fears abroad that Austria, which was absorbed into Hitler's Germany in 1938, had forgotten its role in the crimes of the Nazi regime.

"In the dark period of the Nazi era, many Austrians were responsible for terrible crimes," Schuessel said. "Any state which wants to be credible and to have a future simply cannot wipe that away and say, 'it didn't happen.'"

Schuessel said that if coalition talks were to succeed, "a large portion of the Freedom Party must change. They must move away from the fundamental opposition to Europe."

Schuessel's remarks did little to silence critics, especially Social Democrats who blame him for the collapse of the 13-year center-left coalition following inconclusive Oct. 3 parliamentary elections. The Social Democrats and the People's Party tried unsuccessfully to renew their coalition afterward.

Caretaker Finance Minister Rudolf Edlinger, a Social Democrat, said the country finds itself at the center of controversy "because our foreign minister apparently doesn't take the situation seriously."

"Schuessel is apparently prepared to pay any price so that he can become chancellor," Edlinger said.

There was also no sign that Haider was backing down in the face of international outrage. Asked by the Austrian Press Agency about French and Belgian criticism, Haider said French President Jacques Chirac should "mind his own business" and called the Belgian government "corrupt."

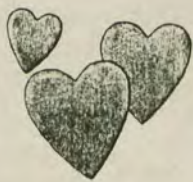
Haider won international notoriety a decade ago after praising Hitler's "orderly employment policy," and later for lauding veterans of the Waffen SS as "decent people of good character." He has been apologizing ever since.

On Saturday, Haider predicted that a government featuring his party would impose a nearly complete ban on immigration.

Immigration has become a contentious issue in a country that considers itself the frontier of the European Union. Many of those who voted for the Freedom Party in October were young men who fear that EU expansion and a liberal immigration policy will cost them their jobs to a flood of immigrants from the former Communist countries of central and eastern Europe.

Elsewhere Sunday, a German talk show said it had uninvited Haider after other guests scheduled on the program with him said they wouldn't show up. Haider was to have appeared Sunday night on ARD television's "Sabine Christiansen" with German Interior Minister Otto Schily and Michel Friedman, a vice president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

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Report: Priests dying of AIDS

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Roman Catholic priests in the United States are dying from AIDS-related illnesses at a rate four times higher than the general population and the cause is often concealed on their death certificates, The Kansas City Star reported.

In the first of a three-part series, the newspaper said death certificates and interviews with experts indicated several hundred priests have died of AIDS-related illnesses since the mid-1980s and hundreds more are living with HIV, the virus that causes the disease.

"I think this speaks to a failure on the part of the church," said Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Archdiocese of Detroit. "Gay priests and heterosexual priests didn't know how to handle their sexuality, their sexual drive. And so they would handle it in ways that were not healthy."

The Star received 801 responses to questionnaires that were sent last fall to 3,000 of the 46,000 priests in the United States. The margin of error of the survey was 3.5 percentage points.

Six of 10 priests responding said they knew of at least one priest who had died of an AIDS-related illness, and one-third knew a priest living with AIDS. Three-fourths said the church needed to provide more education to seminarians on sexual issues.

"How to be celibate and to be gay at the same time, and how to be celibate and hetero-

sexual at the same time, that's what we were never really taught how to do. And that was a major failing," Gumbleton said.

Asked about their sexual orientation, 75 percent said they were heterosexual, 15 percent said they were homosexual, and 5 percent said they were bisexual.

The Rev. John Keenan, who runs Trinity House, an outpatient clinic in Chicago for priests, said he believes most priests with AIDS contracted the disease through same-sex relations. He said he treated one priest who had infected eight other priests.

The Star said precise numbers of priests who have died of AIDS or become infected with HIV is unknown, partly because many suffer in solitude. When priests tell their superiors, the cases generally are handled quietly.

The newspaper cited the case of Bishop Emerson Moore, who left the Archdiocese of New York in 1995 and went to Minnesota, where he died in a hospice of an AIDS-related illness. His death certificate attributed the death to "unknown natural causes" and listed his occupation as "laborer" in the manufacturing industry.

After an AIDS activist filed a complaint, officials changed the cause of death to "HIV-related illness," the Star said, but the occupation was not corrected.

The newspaper said the death rate among priests from AIDS appears to be at least four times that of the rate for the general U.S. population.

Some priests and behavioral experts believe the church has scared priests into silence by treating homosexual acts as an abomination and the breaking of celibacy vows as shameful, the Star said.

Catholic cardinals in the United States and high-ranking church officials in the Vatican declined requests to discuss the newspaper's findings, The Star reported. The Vatican referred questions to local bishops.

Bishop Raymond Boland of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph said the AIDS deaths show that priests are human.

"Much as we would regret it, it shows that human nature is human nature," he said. "And all of us are heirs to all of the misfortunes that can be foisted upon the human race."

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Four injured as train crashes into home

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Md.

A coal train derailed Sunday morning near the Maryland-West Virginia border, sending one of its cars plowing into a house and raining coal and debris on the five people who lived there. One woman was seriously injured and her teenage son was missing, state police said.

Scores of rescue workers with dogs continued searching through spilled coal, rubble and heavy snow Sunday evening for the missing boy, State Police Cpl. David Broadwater said.

Thirty-six of the train's 80 cars, all carrying coal,

derailed shortly after 6:30 a.m., CSX spokesman Gary Wollenhaupt said.

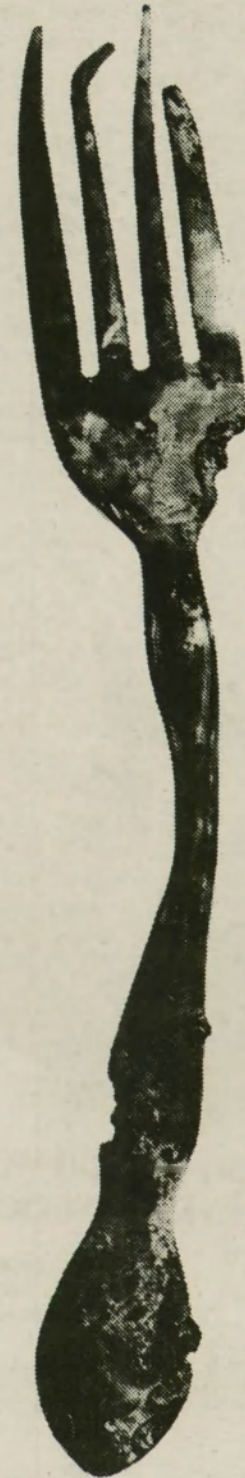
At least one rail car crashed into the two-story wooden house, which was pushed 25 feet off its foundation.

The cause of the derailment was not immediately determined.

Rescue workers extricated Libby Holstein, 35; her daughter Brandy Holstein, 18; Eugene Liller, 32; and his daughter Amanda Liller, 13. Mrs. Holstein was in serious condition at Cumberland Memorial Hospital. State police said the others were not seriously injured.

The two crew members on the train were not hurt.

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RUSSIA

Albright urges for an end to Chechnya military offensive

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Sunday that Russia's acting president is "riding a tiger" by pushing a military offensive against rebels in Chechnya.

"There is no question the war is popular," Albright told

reporters as she flew here to size up Vladimir Putin and push arms control.

Albright noted that casualties are mounting and said Russia faces more isolation in the international arena as the war drags on. "They have to hear over and over again that this is not working for them," Albright said.

She said he was "hoping to have a meaty session" with Putin when they get together this week.

Persistent U.S. appeals to Russian leaders to end the conflict and negotiate with the Chechnya separatists have failed. Albright did not predict success this time, either, and she ruled out U.S. economic sanctions if persuasion does not work.

Still, Albright said, "It is very clear to me that Russia is hurting itself because of Chechnya."

In what could turn out to be a tradeoff, Albright was ready to discuss sharp cuts in U.S.

and Russian long-range nuclear arsenals while urging Putin to approve "modest adjustments" in a ban on missile defenses.

Just before landing in Moscow, she said talk of such a tradeoff is "hypothetical."

A deal would make it easier for the Clinton administration to go forward with a \$6.6 billion plan for a defense against missiles fired from Iran, North Korea or other countries the United States considers rogue states.

Before taking off, Albright warned in a speech to the World Economic Forum that "economic anxieties" in countries with democratically elected governments were prompting the people to turn to authoritarianism and other failed remedies.

She said life in parts of the former Soviet Union often is tougher for ordinary people than when Communists ruled.

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Madeline Albright
Secretary of State

unfulfilled."

Her scheduled meeting with Putin will be the first by a top-ranked U.S. official since Boris Yeltsin quit as president New Year's Eve and named the former KGB domestic intelligence chief as his successor. Elections are due in three months.

Albright "wants to get a firsthand assessment of how he intends to operate now that he's the acting president, which brings additional responsibilities," the State Department spokesman James Rubin said last week.

Albright has described him as a leading reformer, but also said the administration was not "starry-eyed" about Russia's future.

Russia has registered its opposition to missile defense systems as potentially fueling a race to develop more powerful nuclear weapons to overcome them.

A 1972 U.S.-Russia treaty bans missile defenses, but the Clinton administration wants to make changes in it to go ahead with its program.

At the same time, Russia wants to go further than the United States has proposed in cutting nuclear missile stock-

piles.

Albright intends to renew a U.S. pitch that the Russian parliament ratify the 1993 START II treaty, which calls

for reducing the U.S. and Russian arsenals of long-range nuclear warheads to 3,000 to 3,500 apiece.

But even Yeltsin's endorsement failed to convince nationalists in the parliament to approve the agreement. It also did not persuade some

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The Clinton administration has proposed a follow-up START III treaty, setting a ceiling for both Russia and the United States of 2,000 to 2,500 warheads. Russia wants even deeper cutbacks, possibly to 1,500 strategic warheads on each side.

That could ease the economic strain of building up to allowable ceilings in some weapons categories.

Rubin said these approaches have been under discussion with Russia for several months, and the talks will continue during Albright's visit.

At the same time, he said, Albright would like to see Russia agree to "modest

adjustments" in the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that banned national missile defenses on the theory that the prospect of devastating retaliation would forestall a nuclear attack.

"Any recognition by Russia that amendments to the ABM

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Albright also

is bound again

to register strong U.S.

condemnation of the Russian

military assault on Chechnya,

even while supporting

Russia's authority to counter

terrorism and secession in the

rebellious republic.

On Monday, she is to have

three meetings with Foreign

Minister Igor Ivanov and to

see Israeli Foreign Minister

David Levy and Prince Saud,

Saudi Arabia's foreign minis-

ter. They will be in Moscow

for a meeting Tuesday of Arab

and Israeli officials on ways to

promote economic develop-

ment of the region.

King Abdullah of Jordan

said at the economic confer-

ence on Sunday that economic

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Shuttle's engines declared safe to fly

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. With only hours remaining before liftoff, NASA on Sunday declared space shuttle Endeavour's engines safe to fly despite lingering uncertainty over two fuel pump seals.

The announcement kept Endeavour on track for a Monday afternoon launch on an Earth-mapping mission. Thick clouds, however, could still force a delay.

Shuttle managers ordered an exhaustive review of seals in Endeavour's fuel turbopumps late last week after a defective seal turned up in one of the shuttle's main engines.

The bad seal should have been thrown away as a factory reject, but instead was installed in a fuel pump that flew on Discovery six weeks ago. It also flew on Discovery in October 1998 — the flight that returned John Glenn to orbit — and on Endeavour earlier that year.

NASA was able to determine, through documents, that 16 of 18 seal segments on Endeavour's three fuel pumps are certified and good. The paperwork on the two remaining seals is missing.

Even though shuttle managers cannot prove the two seals are certified for flight, shuttle managers concluded Sunday afternoon that Endeavour's engines are safe and voted unanimously to proceed with the launch as planned.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said the likelihood of another defective seal turning up on one of Endeavour's three

engines is "very, very, very low."

"It goes back to, how likely is it that you'll have a defect? Very low. And what is your test experience? Overwhelmingly positive," Dittmore said Sunday. "Then you look at your design, and your design is to be very safe. And you look at those, and it's a compelling story."

Dittmore said NASA will continue to search for the paperwork detailing the history of the two seals. NASA also will review the paperwork for seals in all its other fuel pumps before clearing any more shuttle engines to fly, he said.

The nickel-plated seals, each made of six segments, help direct hot gas into the turbine blades to increase

engine performance. If a seal should fail, an engine could shut down during launch and force an emergency landing.

Dittmore said the defective seal worked fine, but during the last launch, the nickel plating came loose in one spot and the turbine blades gouged a groove into it.

He said the odds that it ended up in an engine, rather than in the garbage, are extremely small.

On Saturday, Dittmore said the defective seal had flown on six space shuttle launches. He corrected himself Sunday, saying it flew on three launches and was test-fired three times at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi.

Endeavour's radar-mapping mission originally was scheduled for September, but was held up by damaged wiring found throughout the shuttle.

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Ron Dittmore
Shuttle program manager

Class teaches weight management

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

To students in Tracy Tighe's weight maintenance class, dieting is about more than merely looking good in a bathing suit or dropping an inch off their waists.

For most, struggling with obesity and trying to dodge cardiovascular disease, diabetes or cancer, it's a matter of life and death.

Each of the 16 men and women who attended Tighe's class on a recent Monday evening had already completed an intense weight-loss program run by doctors at the University of Kentucky Medical Center and Health Management Resources, a private, Boston-based company.

For weeks, months even, they fasted under a doctor's supervision, subsisting on a diet of five weight-loss milkshakes or three shakes plus two low-calorie packaged meals per day — 800 to 900 calories total. Patients lose an average of 65 pounds over five months in the program.

Now, having come through an ordeal of self-denial that most people cannot even imagine, they face an even tougher challenge: keeping the weight off.

"It's one of the hardest things I do in this program, is the day-in and day-out maintenance," said Lynne Cassidy, who lost 85 pounds in the HMR-UK program in 1988 and now serves as the program's coordinator.

However, a new study by Dr. James Anderson, the program's director and a professor of clinical nutrition at the University of Kentucky, suggests that patients who participate in very low-calorie diets and in follow-up classes like Tighe's fare significantly better than other dieters in the battle to maintain weight loss.

In an article published in December in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition, Anderson reported on a follow-up study of 112 people who entered the UK-HMR program in 1989 and 1990 and stayed with it through at least 12 weeks of rapid weight loss. After more than five years of follow-up, he wrote, patients

maintained an average of nearly 23 percent of their initial weight loss.

That may not sound like much, but consider that national health authorities at the federal Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, judge a weight-loss treatment to be successful if participants

maintain a loss of 5 percent of their initial body weight. By this standard, 40 percent of the individuals studied by Anderson achieved success after five years.

At seven years, 25 percent of the people studied had successfully maintained a weight loss of at least 10 percent of their initial body weight.

"I think our data points out that many people are keeping the weight off long-term," Anderson said. "Not everyone's being successful, but people are being successful."

Anderson said his results at least point toward a solution to what he terms an epidemic of American obesity that is fueling increased rates of diabetes, hypertension and coronary heart disease. According to Anderson, more than half of American adults are overweight and obesity is responsible for more than 300,000 early deaths in the United States each year.

HMR currently contracts with the University of Kentucky and more than 400 other medical institutions around the country to provide medically-supervised weight management programs. The programs can cost up to \$400 a month for shakes and low-calorie meals, blood tests and medical supervision. They frequently are not covered by health insurance plans.

However, programs like Anderson's are often the only choice for severely overweight patients.

"If someone needs to lose 80 pounds, and they lose a pound a week, they'll have to diet for 80 weeks. That's more than a year and a half," Anderson

said. "That's very hard to do. So we think it's better to bite the bullet and go on, if you will, starvation rations under medical supervision."

That's what 43-year-old Janet Whitaker, a producer at the Kentucky public television network KET, did in October 1998, breaking an unhealthy cycle of stress-fueled junk food

consumption by enrolling in the UK-HMR program.

"I never really got the concept of healthy eating," Whitaker recalled.

She lost 35 pounds in the program and now is in maintenance. Last fall, she ran a 5-kilometer road race, something she never would have dreamed of 15 months ago.

Weekly attendance at follow-up classes like the one taught by Tracy Tighe is crucial to keep the weight off, Whitaker said.

"I like it," she said, "I like the people I went through it with."

The classes are more than a support group, however. The petite, energetic Tighe is more coach than cheerleader, holding her students accountable in their efforts to comply with the program's "triple imperative" for maintaining weight loss: at least 2,000 calories of physical activity a week, at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day and consumption of at least 14 meal-replacement shakes a week.

Careful planning is essential to preventing weight gain, Tighe tells the class. They must make sure they empty their homes of unhealthy foods and keep enough meal-replacement shakes and fruits and vegetables at hand.

For these dieters, eliminating choices about what to eat is key. After the class, Tighe discusses what she and her students call "the gap" — the chasm between the lifestyle that UK-HMR are patients are trying to lead and the daily temptations offered by America's drive-thru, super-sized, deep-fried culture.

"It's one of the hardest things I do in this program, is the day-in and day-out maintenance."

Lynn Cassidy
HMR-UK program coordinator

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LEBANON

Pro-Israel leader killed in house bombing

Associated Press

MARJAYOUN

The assassination of a second-highest ranking pro-Israeli militia leader Sunday has dealt a severe blow to Israel's allies in occupied South Lebanon.

Lebanese security officials said Col. Akl Hashem of the South Lebanon Army militia was working in an orchard near his house in Dibel village when a bomb went off killing him instantly. The SLA said in a statement the bomb exploded outside his home, but did not elaborate.

Earlier reports erroneously said Hashem was killed by a roadside bombing of his convoy.

Hashem, 48, was regarded as the likely successor of Gen. Antoine Lahd, the commander of the Israeli-backed militia.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrilla group claimed responsibility. Its Voice of Al-Noor radio broadcast statements calling Hashem a criminal and adding that his assassination was "a great qualitative achievement in the framework of dismantling the militia."

The SLA's 2,500 soldiers help 1,500 Israeli soldiers control a swath of South Lebanon occupied by Israel. Israel calls the area a security zone, using it as a buffer against guerrilla attacks on its northern towns. Hezbollah is leading the war to liberate the area.

SLA militiamen sealed off the site of the attack, a few miles north of the Israeli border and 20 miles southwest of Marjayoun, the main town in the occupied enclave.

Witnesses said civilians in areas outside Israeli control celebrated Hashem's killing.

The attack came amid rising tension in southern Lebanon in recent days in which two guerrillas and an Israeli soldier were killed in separate clashes. Israel has warned that the hostilities could undermine the Syrian-Israeli peace talks, which are already on ice.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak told reporters in Cairo, where he held talks with Egypt's

President Hosni Mubarak, that Israel would retaliate.

"I believe that this incident emphasizes the potential for a deterioration in the atmosphere in Lebanon. We will do everything so that those who harmed Akl Hashem will receive their just punishment and I expect that the situation won't deteriorate," Barak said.

Ephraim Sneh, Israel's deputy defense minister and a former commander of Israeli forces in South Lebanon, accused Syria of ordering the bombing. "This shows that Damascus is not really interested in the success of the [peace] negotiations," he told Israeli radio stations.

Syria is the main power-broker in Lebanon.

Hashem was commander of the Western Brigade of the SLA, in charge of about 1,000 men from areas west of Marjayoun all the way to the Mediterranean coast.

A Maronite Catholic, Hashem was a former Lebanese army sergeant who joined the ranks of Israeli-allied militiamen in 1976.

Lahd, the SLA leader, was reported to be considering quitting and moving to France and Hashem was billed in the local press as the best hope to keep the heavily armed SLA unified.

Hashem's death is expected to reduce the morale of the SLA, which has been shaken by guerrilla attacks and by Barak's pledge to withdraw from Lebanon by July, with or without a peace agreement with Lebanon.

But pulling out without an agreement could leave the SLA facing the wrath of the Lebanese government and the guerrillas, who consider allies of Israel to be traitors.

Elsewhere in south Lebanon, Israeli warplanes conducted three raids Sunday. In one raid, the jets fired eight missiles, destroying a house apparently used as a guerrilla hide-out.

In another raid, the planes damaged an outpost of Nepalese U.N. peacekeepers in south Lebanon, U.N. spokesman Timur Goksel said.

No casualties were reported from the raids.

TURKEY

Muslims focus on women's rights

Associated Press

ANKARA

Even in death, Konca Kuris was denied her last wish — that women be allowed to pray alongside men. It was a desire that cost the religious feminist her life at the hands of Islamic radicals.

Police dug up Kuris' naked body from the basement of a hideout used by Islamic militants who videotaped weeks of abuse they inflicted before suffocating her. The bodies of dozens of male victims also have been found and a second female victim was discovered Friday.

The killings have horrified the country, but Kuris' slaying also has focused attention on the role of women in Islam, a flashpoint that was underscored when male relatives at her funeral last week refused to allow her eldest daughter to pray beside her coffin.

"Who are the real Muslims, those who have killed Konca or those who go to mosque together, women and men?" asked Necati Dogru, a columnist for the newspaper Sabah.

"One more person paid with her life for being different and searching for her own voice," Sibel Eraslan, a female commentator, wrote in the Islamic newspaper Akit.

But at Ankara's main Kocatepe mosque, worship-

per Nese Ince spoke out against Kuris' feminist brand of Islam. "I don't want the Islam that I have believed in for years to be changed," she said.

Kuris at first was a member of the militant group Hezbollah, which seeks to establish an Islamic state in southeastern Turkey and which is not related to the Lebanese militia of the same name.

She traveled to Iran with a delegation from the organization but gradually became disillusioned with the group's attitude toward women.

She demanded the right to pray alongside men and that prayers be said in Turkish and not the traditional Arabic, which few Turks understand. Although Kuris wore a traditional Islamic head scarf, she said head scarves or the full black robes worn by some religious women were optional and not required in Islam.

Kuris' feminist views infuriated Hezbollah, which is dominated by traditional, rural Kurds.

In early 1998, she began to receive anonymous telephone calls. "Are you inventing a

new religion?" the voices asked, according to the newspaper Milliyet.

In July of that year, three militants kidnapped Kuris from in front of her home in the southern port of Mersin, and she was never seen again.

Tapes of Kuris' interrogation were discovered about two weeks ago during a

police raid on a Hezbollah safe house in Istanbul, Sabah reported. It said they showed militants stuffing a picture of Mustafa Kemal

Ataturk, the founder of secular Turkey, into her mouth.

The newspaper also said the militants accused Kuris of seeking to become a Salman Rushdie or Taslima Nasrin, secular Muslim writers considered heretics by Muslim radicals.

Kuris was apparently suffocated with a pillow or clothing in the basement of a house in the central Anatolian city of Konya. In death, she also was kept from her goal of equality. Her body was buried in a different corner of the basement than those of the murdered men.

At her funeral, the dispute over her views erupted in full force.

"One more person paid with her life for being different and searching for her own voice."

Sibel Eraslan
female commentator

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea wants terrorism off list

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea indicated Sunday that it would send a high-level delegation to the United States if Washington removes it from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

Removal of North Korea from the U.S. list is necessary to create "favorable conditions and atmosphere for the Washington high-level talks before anything else," the

North's foreign news outlet, KCNA, quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

The two issues will be high on the agenda when less senior officials from the two countries resume talks in New York in late February, KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying. The sides met in Berlin from Jan. 22-28, but failed to reach agreements.

A high-level North Korean official's visit to Washington would be seen as a sign of the country's practical readiness to improve ties with the United States. Such a visit would reciprocate former Defense Secretary William Perry's trip to Pyongyang last May in his capacity as presidential emissary.

North Korea sent shock waves through Asia by testing a multistage rocket that sailed over Japan and landed in the Pacific in the summer of 1998.

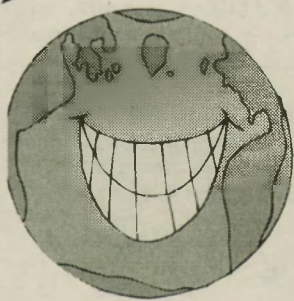
The United States agreed to open talks on improving relations after the communist country halted plans last summer to test-fire another missile which experts said could reach Hawaii and Alaska.

As part of the deal, the United States partly lifted economic and other sanctions in place since the 1950-53 Korean War. But the North complained that the U.S. concessions fell short of its expectations. Removal from the U.S. list of terrorism-sponsoring countries has been a long-standing Pyongyang demand.

The United States identified North Korea as a terrorism-sponsoring state after it was found to have been involved in the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner that killed 115 people.

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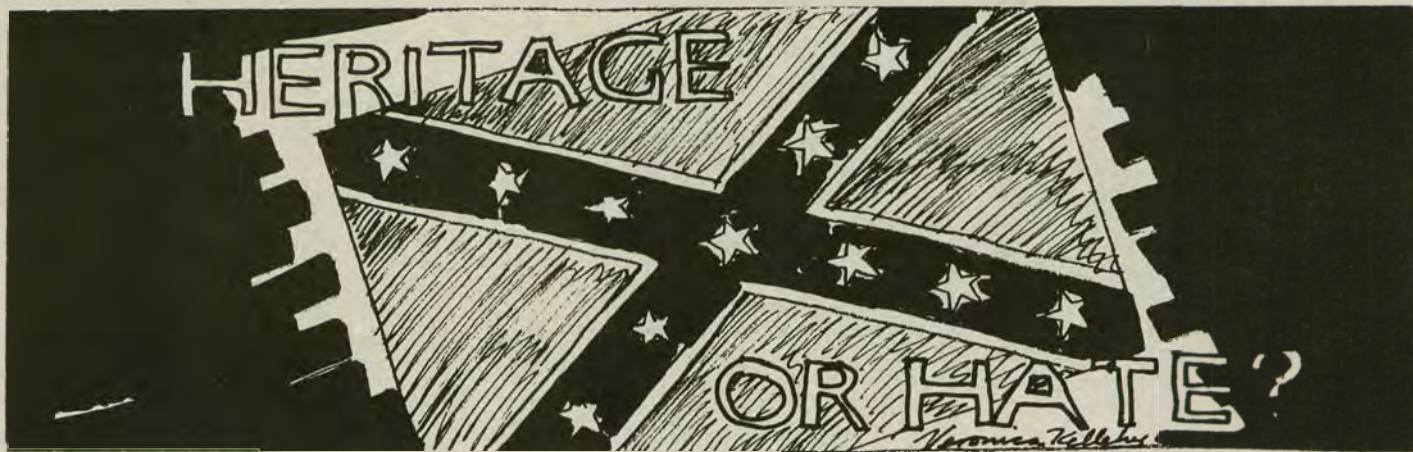
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The Confederate Flag should not fly

While the Confederate battle flag is now widely recognized as a symbol of hatred, it wasn't always so controversial. It is, after all, the same flag that unceremoniously graced the roof of Bo and Luke Duke's 1969 Dodge Charger. As James Tuck's recent commentary demonstrated, to some the flag truly symbolizes the peculiar independence many Southerners cherish. Yet, for the key decisionmakers on both sides, the battle to remove it from atop the statehouse here in South Carolina is more of an opportunity for ego gratification, constituency building and getting quality time in the limelight than it is the pressing moral concern perceived by most South Carolinians.

The background facts are straightforward: The flag was merely one of many "battle flags"—not the official flag of the Confederacy. In fact, the battle flag isn't even our official state flag. It was first raised over our statehouse in 1962. Lawmakers from 1962 now claim it was raised to commemorate the Civil War centennial, not to show contempt for pending civil rights initiatives or African Americans. (They haven't explained why they were a year late.) It was to come down on the centennial of Lee's surrender at Appomattox ... but the lawmakers—true to their poor sense of history—say they forgot.

Armed with that information, you're hopefully asking, "So why not just take it down now?"

The problem is that none of the antagonists on either side wants it down just yet. That's right. The NAACP, which—like the flag—was on the verge of being an irrelevant artifact, is driving the flag movement with its boycott of state tourism. Favorable national attention on this issue has rejuvenated the NAACP constituency so much so that it would be foolish to seek a quick resolution. It even taunts and embarrasses those who might be its strongest allies while provoking its opponents into recalcitrance—preferring publicity over achieving its stated goal.

In 1997, our Republican governor tried to remove the flag, but he failed to first build a consensus. Then he blundered by not giving the NAACP a chance

to share credit. With nothing at stake, the NAACP withheld support. So, does the NAACP truly regard the flag as a key moral concern? Well, when explaining why they didn't support the former governor, the NAACP says the flag wasn't part of their 1997 and 1998 agenda. But after a sudden change of heart, the NAACP claimed the flag removal initiative. In July 1999, it announced its boycott effective Jan. 1, 2000. The NAACP's timing is suspect. The 1999 legislative session had adjourned in June and the 2000 session wouldn't commence until, well, 2000—which was too late. The deadline ensured a boycott, controversy and national attention. Plus, it gave the false impression of feet dragging by legislators who weren't in session.

But the NAACP is no more to blame for this shameful mess than the reactionaries who blindly oppose its every move. To flag supporters, it was obvious that supporting the governor was the best strategy for preserving the flag's reputation. Now, conservative Republican leaders are stalling not so much to defend the flag (while it's vilified daily in the national media) as they are scrambling not to appear to be surrendering to the NAACP's "economic terrorism." That's because many people actually care less about the flag than about the Lost Cause of preventing the NAACP from prevailing and getting too "headstrong." My "representatives" play to this anti-NAACP sentiment with commentary in the media that easily could have been borrowed from news coverage of Governor Orval Faubus (who used the National Guard to keep nine kids from going to school in Little Rock) or Bull Connor (who blasted fire hoses at children leaving church in Birmingham).

The other problem with the continued defense of the flag is the specious argument that there are many people who legitimately cherish the flag. I don't disagree with that fact, but battle flag lovers come in two flavors: those who legitimately revere the flag and those who flaunt it in hostility.

And it's impossible to tell the two apart. Even more damning is the fact that the "sincere" flag supporters have been poor custodians of their cherished symbol. Just as the NAACP has only recently found interest in the flag, flag supporters are only just now acting to

protect it.

Even those who cherish the flag recognize it's become a symbol of hatred towards African Americans, Catholics and anyone else not eligible to join a White Citizens Council. Its use by our legislature as a banner of intolerance and oppression and in support of the Klan is documented to the 1930s. Sure, the once revered battle flag is taking a public beating today, but that's because the flag lovers were silent when it was appropriated by Klan groups to promote policies of hate. Where were these people then? And why don't they attend Klan marches today to protest the the Klan's desecration of their symbol? The NAACP isn't desecrating the flag by demanding its removal—they're merely pointing out its current state of disrepair. Anyone sincerely concerned about protecting the flag's rapidly deteriorating image ought to strike it—instead of trying to prove the white man's still in charge.

Moving the flag to the Confederate soldiers' memorial on the statehouse grounds is a sensible compromise. Even though it would be more visible, the location's less meaningful and that's precisely where a Confederate battle flag belongs. In fact, to recognize all the battle flags of the Confederacy, they should rotate them on a daily basis—de-emphasizing the negative impact of the "Dukes of Hazzard" flag while reemphasizing its legitimate historical context. Don't expect any compromise, though, while the decisionmakers prosper from the status quo.

Meanwhile, the many people of South Carolina who just want the thing hauled down without regard to whether there's "peace with honor"—we shake our heads, hope the rest of y'all aren't paying too close attention, and sigh our standard refrain in times like these: "Thank God for Mississippi!"

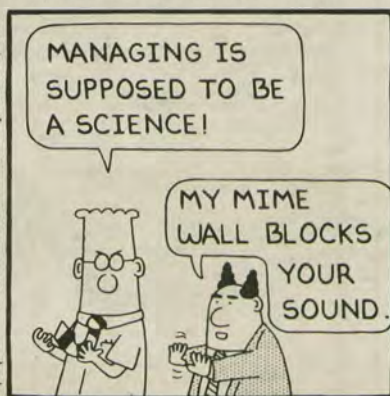
Jim Hennigan, Class of 1984, usually practices commercial and international law, but he's currently practicing how to extinguish burning crosses in his front yard in the event certain of his neighbors see this or, worse, if someone reads this to a Mississippian.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A whale-ship was my Yale college and my Harvard."

Herman Melville
American author

Keeping up in a weird, wired world

LINCOLN, Neb. — "Just click on this icon, and then wait for it to dial-in," Mrs. O'Brien told me. I watched the screen and listened to the modem connect, those touch tones and that static noise that accompanies your entrance onto the information super-highway.

Jacob
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Daily
Nebraskan

Once connected, I used the arrow keys on the keyboard to jump from link to link, specified by bold letters on a black and white Mac screen. Having found the link to a search database, I clicked "Return" and spun in my chair as I waited for the connection to register a change in the screen.

An hour later, I will have downloaded an executable or two and a few files. I will have used another hour of Mrs. O'Brien's free minutes. I will have concluded my first online experience.

That was all of six years ago.

Now, the very fabric of my existence is threatened by the Internet. By being exposed to so much information, and so quickly, I seek such stimulation in real life and find real life to be lacking. Classes drag on, and the simple commutes between classes take a surprising amount of time.

Because of e-mail, I now expect to be able to communicate with anyone at any time. Whether it's seven in the morning or midnight, I use e-mail throughout the day to "talk" to people, and they similarly respond whenever they choose.

Because of Internet chat, my normal social barriers are being taken down. The anonymity of chatting allows me to fearlessly assert my opinion, on trivial things like politics and on subjects normally considered taboo, like sex, no matter how right or wrong I may be. This seeps into real life, when I might accidentally make an inappropriate comment, or when I feel, inexplicably, the need to say "lol."

These effects, as noted in my own personal existence, are hardly significant. What interests me is what will happen to the next generation.

There is already talk about how exposure to TV has affected the younger generations. Trying to find ways to interest students in learning, educators are incorporating more and more entertainment into their curriculums. But that's just TV, a multi-channelled, non-interactive source of entertainment and news.

The Internet poses an entirely new problem. What will happen as a generation matures, having grown up in a point-and-click culture? How can a professor lecture to a student who has lived a life full of interaction? How will one satisfy the ever-pressing need to

be stimulated?

The Internet has pushed life to a higher speed. Can you imagine junior high and high school at light speed? My sisters are temperamental enough; it doesn't help that they have the Internet to prolong their juvenile squabbles and inflame their crushes.

The next generation, I expect, will push life even faster than it is going now. Their language will be laced with influences from chat-talk to speed up communication. Emoticons may pervade the culture — a culture already lacking in eloquence of the written word.

They will be an unruly sort. They won't understand why it takes so long for a senior check. They won't be so willing to wait for a long-winded professor to get to her point. They won't be as patient with their elders — those of us used to using a computer without a mouse.

These changes worry me.

Not that there is any great, romantic, Walden-like beauty to the way our world is now. I will regret the passing of full sentences about as much as I regret the passing of hand-written letters. It will be simply a changing of the guard, like from hard rock to hip-hop-influenced rock. I am not afraid of a high-strung, technology-obsessed culture. I welcome it for the same reason everyone younger than me does: it's more exciting than real life.

I am worried because I have come to it too late. I may never be able to change fast enough to deal with my youngest sibling, now nine years old, who will have grown up with the speed and entertainment of the Internet. I was introduced to the Internet when it

was young, when e-mail was still unusual and not free. My mind is hard-wired like an Atari game console, not like a Sega Dreamcast. I'll never be fast enough.

I'm worried because, someday, when I'm old and gray (read: 30), I'll look at all the kids and I won't understand how they live their lives; the Internet will be such a part of their existence.

I'll look back to the day when the Internet was still primarily a research tool, a tool for communicating with peers. I won't miss the slower pace of life, but I will miss my ability to keep up with the pack.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God does not exist — why invoke the name?

I read Elizabeth Bauer's letter last week, and I haven't seen such pompous nonsense in a long time.

The issue with which she concerned herself was premarital sex. While I believe it is perfectly fine for men and women to have sex without marriage, I also respect the decisions of those who choose to "save themselves" for their special person.

However, she totally discredited her entire argument with her mindless comments about God.

First of all, there is no God. Bringing God into any argument is ludicrous because there are no solid facts that some divine entity exists.

I worked at Harvard University over the summer and everyday on the way to lunch, my friends and I had to pass through the neighboring children's hospital. And everyday, we saw children who were never going to make it out of that hospital whether it was because they had some form of cancer or AIDS, or any of a slew of other incurable diseases.

How can you tell me there is a benevo-

lent God when "He" lets all of these children suffer and die everyday? How can there be a God when billions of people suffer, starve and die needlessly everyday? This "God" apparently thinks it quite all right for innocent women and children to be beaten, raped and tortured everyday. This "God"

allows wars to rage and famines to spread and allows for newborn babies to live for just a few years, just long enough to torture and scar the babies' parents.

Well, if that's your God, I sure as hell do not want to go to your heaven. By your very argument you are silly and nonsensical.

Finally, our bodies ARE ours to do with as we please. Who else would lay claim to them if not the

very people who have to live with and use them everyday? Please think rationally before inserting simple, mindless opinions into our school newspaper.

Mike Dillon

Sophomore

O'Neill Hall,

January 27, 2000



Candidates: Prove your pride

Last Saturday the Belle's Basketball team won its first game. I was proud to share in this moment as they celebrated to "Hallelujah!" They played with their hearts and the crowd knew how much this meant to them. As the clock ticked, the crowd became louder chanting "defense" along with the bench. It may have seemed minor to the students seated next to me that we begin to bellow out a cheer, but as an athlete myself, I know that each chant, clap or spectator means a great deal.

In the midst of all the excitement I looked around and was stunned! Why? Simply that Saint Mary's is in a period right now that everything is based upon "Pride." Admissions on how wonderful a community we have, athletics on how the "pride is on the rise" and mostly this year's student body election platforms. Each platform focused on building "Pride" in some way on campus. They need to begin with things that exist. The issue? There is no "real Pride" on this campus. When you are proud of something, it isn't conditional; pride is a feeling, not an expression of how you feel.

Most of the student fans on our side were close friends and fellow athletes. But among the crowd where were, those candidates want to bring "pride" to us. There were three of the six candidates in attendance: Renner, Nagle and Koelsch. I'd like to see support or evidence for your claims. I know there are three candidates who are ready to support their "pride" platform, and I know that another two, whom I witnessed when I returned from the game, were more concerned about sliding campaign materials

under resident's doors. Take an hour or two and go support your student body!

As student body president and vice president, you represent us. As athletes, we represent Saint Mary's College every time we partake in an event whether at home or away. So why should I care about your election if you do not care enough about a large number of us on this campus who represent not only the students but the College as a whole? It's depressing to look into the stands during a competition and see the visiting team with more fans!

I ask you, how long does it take to walk over to Angela? How much does it hurt for athletes to ask that you take a minute away from that Saturday afternoon Lifetime Special to share in our triumphs and losses? To not only say you have Saint Mary's Pride, but to have it and feel it. I did! I felt proud to be a classmate of these women and part of Saint Mary's at a time when I was wondering why I came here.

To the entire Saint Mary's community — I challenge you. When you preach of "pride" at Saint Mary's, you better mean it. As athletes, we are only as good as what we put into practicing. What is it to say this doesn't apply to everyone. If I'm going to say I'm the best swimmer on the team, I better be able to prove it.

So if you say you are the candidate with the most pride, you better be able to prove it!

Janel Miller

Sophomore

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January 30, 2000

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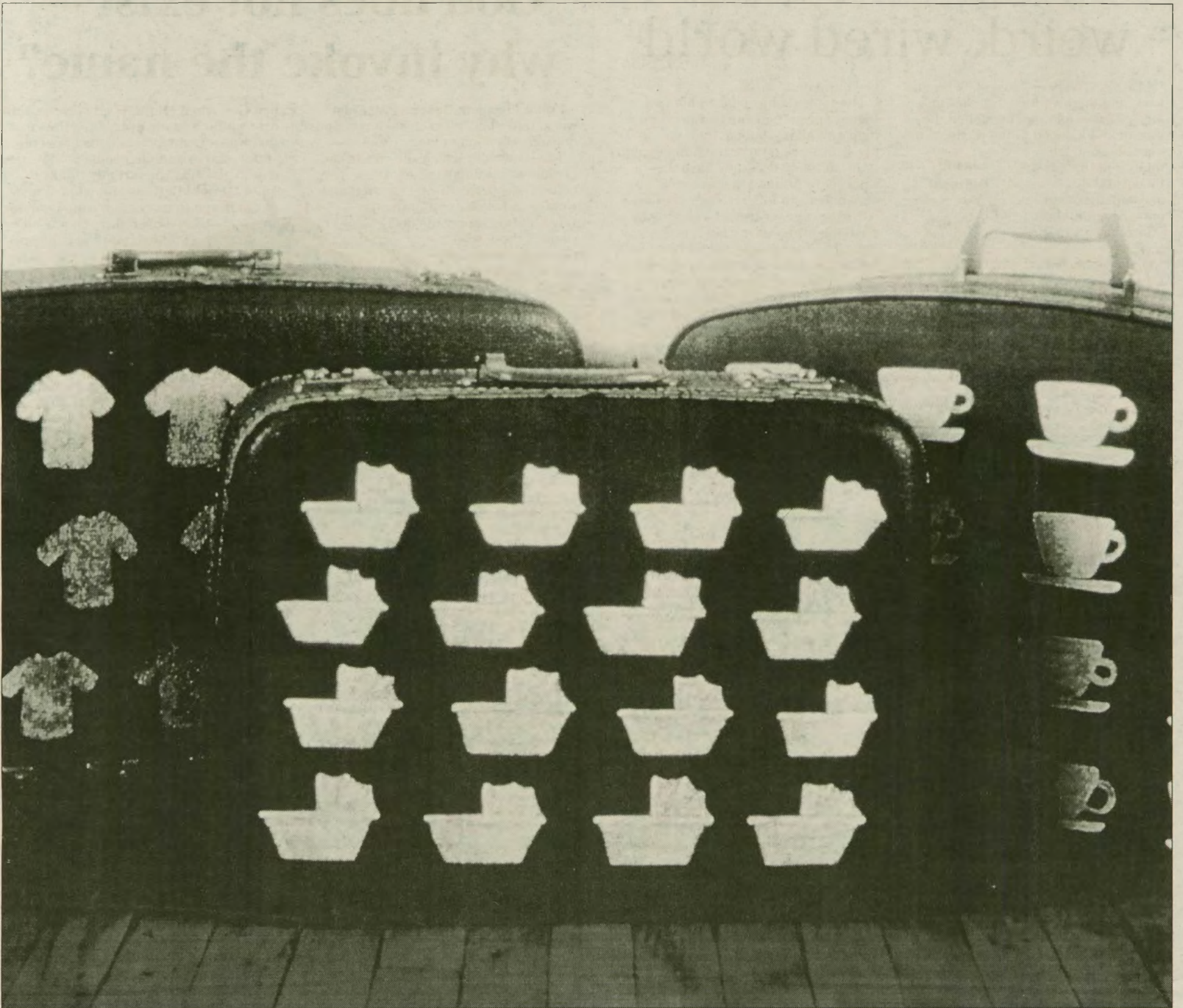


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Ernesto Pujol's "Maletas" can be seen currently at the Snite Museum in "Breaking Barriers: Selections from the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale."

Cuba and Cambodia on display at Snite

◆ Celebration of Cuba and destruction of Cambodia provide contrasting art styles

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Writer

"Breaking Barriers: Selections from the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale"

Do not let the monsters scare you off. If the first painting you see upon entering "Breaking Barriers," the Snite Museum's newest exhibit of Cuban art, isn't enough to frighten you away, the length of its title may do the trick: "Monsters That Will Prevent People Like Sidney Tillim From Becoming Famous Artists." In this brightly colored painting by Pedro Pérez, two giant creatures bare their teeth and claws like ferocious monsters from a child's nightmare. Although it may seem flashy or chaotic, this painting, like many other pieces in "Breaking Barriers," is a serious commentary on the oppression faced by

Cuban artists under Fidel Castro's Communist reign.

The artwork in the exhibit's next gallery is made up of dark, earthy tones, reflecting a more sorrowful side of the modern Cuban experience. Weary of years of oppression, thousands of Cubans have tried to flee from their homeland, many unsuccessfully. Luis Cruz Azaceta depicts the sad death of many of these balseros (boat people) in a painting entitled "Dead Rafter II." Even for those balseros who succeeded, the difficulties are many.

The uncertainty of life in a new land and the longing for the familiarity of loved ones is the subject of Glexis Novoa's work "Te fuiste (You Left)," which is a unique collage and drawing that the artist has extended onto the walls of the Snite. In the center of the gallery stands another unusual piece — Alejandro Aguilera's "History and Its Representation" — made up of two wooden figures with halos, representing two dead revolutionaries now viewed as Cuban heroes.

This intertwining of religion and politics is one of the themes of the third gallery, as shown in Emilio Falero's

painting, "Redemptor Hominis." In this statement on capital punishment, a portrait of the dying Christ is surrounded by four stark images of a lone electric chair and a passage from the Book of Wisdom condemning man's use of death as punishment. Equally unsettling images are found in the gallery's many photographs, such as Andrés Serrano's "The Morgue" — a shot of the body of a murder victim which serves as a grisly reminder of violence's aftermath. On a sadder note, Tomás López's "Glenda" shows a beautiful, wide-eyed child gazing at the camera, utterly unaware of her fate as an AIDS victim.

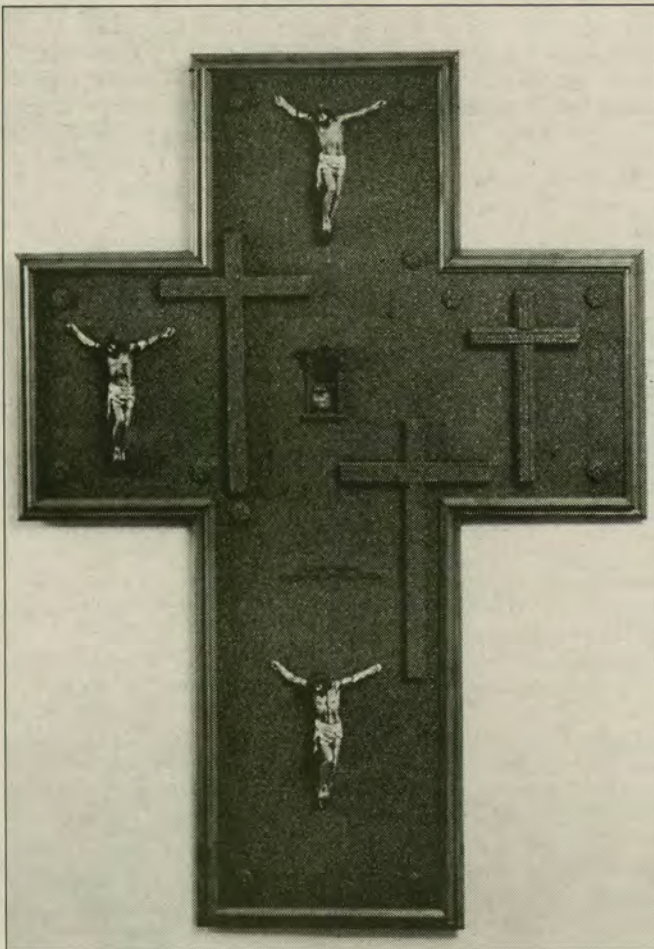
After exposure to so many of the harsh realities of Cuban life, stepping into the final gallery of the exhibit feels as refreshing as the clear blue swirls and seas of Carlos Cárdenas's large "Untitled." Here, the human spirit triumphs in a land of rich beauty. Tomás Sánchez's "Orilla (Riverbank)" leads to a peaceful world of untouched rainforests, cool and lush, spreading out to the horizon. In an untitled painting by Arturo Rodríguez, a young girl's jump-rope game allows her, for an instant, to leap off the earth to which she is bound, cele-

brating the fiery exuberance of hope. The lasting impressions from this gallery are as uplifting as the powerful bursts of color in Paul Sierra's abstract, "Epiphany."

During these days of cold dreariness, visiting the rich, warm colors of "Breaking Barriers" is a welcome escape from the stark whiteness outside. Upon entering, the soft sounds of Cuban music draw in and lead one throughout the galleries. The music rolls from frenzied dances to quiet, mellow reflections, much like the shifts in tone and theme throughout the exhibit. Although the eye may first be caught by the vivid colors of many works, each piece deserves a moment of contemplation in this lesson on life in modern Cuba — a life often overwhelmed by the giant monsters of sorrow and oppression, yet a life full of irrepressible beauty, celebrated here by artists strongly tied to their homeland.

"Facing Death: Portraits from Cambodia's Killing Fields"

An afternoon spent in the Snite Museum during these winter months



Ruben Torres Llorca's "Saber Rezar Creer Es Otra Casa" is now on display at the Snite Museum of Art. The piece is from the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale.

Photo courtesy of the Snite Museum

will find one exposed to drastic extremes. Directly across from "Breaking Barriers," a celebration of the beauty and strength of the Cuban people, lies another new exhibit, "Facing Death: Portraits from Cambodia's Killing Fields." This exhibit consists of 100 gelatin silver prints, photographs of prisoners of S-21, a secret Cambodian prison during the reign of Pol Pot.

From 1975 to 1979, Pol Pot led the Khmer Rouge in a violent revolution that took the lives of millions of Cambodians. Two hundred thousand were executed as enemies of the state in secret prisons like S-21. These "offenders," who were thought to have betrayed the Khmer Rouge movement, were brought to S-21, tortured until they confessed to whatever charges were brought against them, and finally executed. The photographs taken of these prisoners and their families upon their arrival make up this powerful exhibit.

From the long wall of black and white photographs, 100 faces stare silently back. Tagged and numbered like animals, the subjects show a range of emo-

tions: confusion, fear, shock, anger. There are peaceful children with the quiet gaze of innocence, old men weary from years of pain and mothers clutching their babies in protection. When viewed from a distance, the faces seem to blur together into a single overwhelming image. But up close, the numbered subjects become human and their faces familiar. Their haunting eyes seem to follow one's movements — some terrified, some bewildered, the children's still calm and trusting. Sitting alone in the spacious gallery, it is suddenly apparent that each one of these people was captured, tortured and killed. There is no lofty, artistic interpretation to be done here. This is raw reality, a deed of humanity that must be dealt with, no matter how disturbing.

As its title states so obviously, "Facing Death" is not an exhibit to visit for amusement or entertainment. It is not an exhibit to be wandered through, but one that demands a few silent moments of thought. Nevertheless, it is something important to see: a powerful reminder of how fortunate we are merely to be alive.

Eduardo Aparicio's "Untitled" is from the Cuerpo Publico Series at the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, now on display at the Snite.

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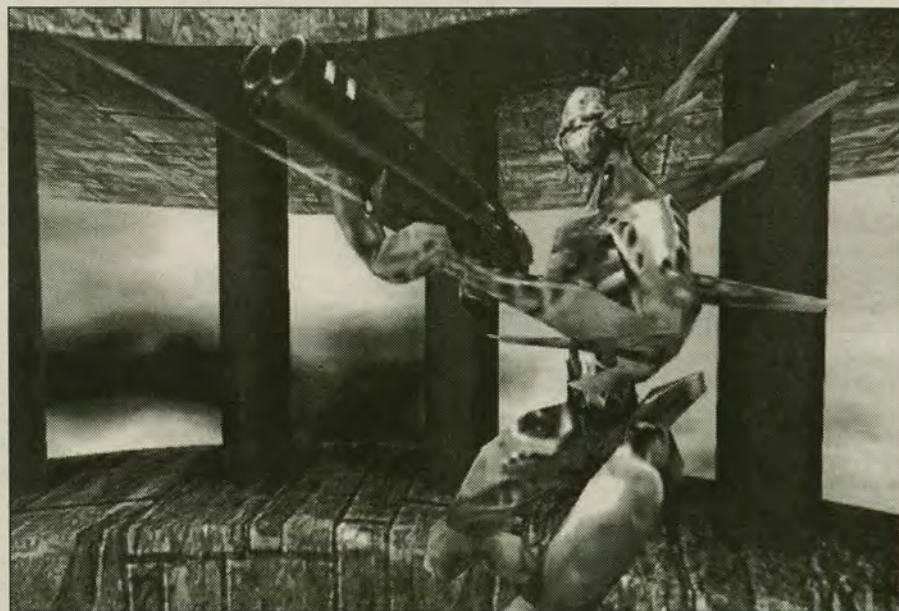


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Traditional gaming powerhouse "Quake III" (above) falls short of the exciting gameplay of "Unreal Tournament Edition."

'Quake III' battles 'Unreal Tournament' in game world

If you are familiar with the first player shooters for the computer, then you are no doubt a fan of the "Quake" series from Id Software. The series quickly surpassed its predecessors, both in game play and strategy, but also in just plain fun.

For those of you who were fans of the first two versions of this series, the good news is that the third installment, "Quake III Arena," does not show signs of disappointment. Many things have been improved upon, such as the game's main graphics engine that really improves the frame rate and image quality. But perhaps the most important feature of the release is the built-in game modes that we have all come to know and love. Capture the flag, team deathmatch and a new spin on things — king of the hill — has been added to the classic. On top of that, the weapons have changed with the familiar favorites still in tow like the railgun, rocket launcher and shotgun.

While "Quake III Arena's" focus may be its multi-player deathmatch component, it does have a single-player mode. When playing alone, you can go up against artificial intelligence-controlled bots. The bots do their best to act like human players, and on the higher difficulty settings, they put up an excellent fight. The AI in this game is excellent, and therefore each bot has different characteristics that govern the way it fights. You'll move through several different competitive tiers, each with different arenas and bots. At the end of each tier is a one-on-one showdown; these fights take place in smaller, tournament-style arenas and also tend to be more challenging.

The bots are downright chatty. A bit of an annoyance in the game, they'll hold small conversations with each other, which are displayed in text onscreen. In team games, you can order bots around or even let a bot take control of your team and tell you what to do. Although this game is fun to play, it is not the only word in first-player shooters. This is because "Quake III" has a new rival that pre-

viously was ignored by hardcore gamers, "Unreal Tournament Edition."

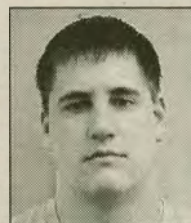
To put it bluntly, "Unreal Tournament" is a blast! One might argue that there isn't much to the single-player game, but I'd beg to differ. In fact, the single-player game is so much like the multi-player that, aside from the largely acceptable lag, you'd be hard-pressed to tell the difference.

The bots are smart. They're fast. They make good use of their weapons and, perhaps most important of all, if they're on your team, they follow orders. That's right. Tell them to defend or attack and they'll do just that, and do it to the death! You really feel like you're part of one cohesive unit working toward a single goal. You can also adjust the intelligence of the bots to match your skill level and make the game as easy or difficult as you like.

Variety is the bread and butter of "Unreal Tournament." There are dozens of maps in different sizes, and several different types of game play. I love the assault mode, but it can be frustrating, especially the "overlord" map, which seems to heavily favor the defending team. In another assault map, the attacking team tries to blow up a huge Tyridium shard while the other team must defend it. When playing on the defending team, I found it hideously easy to defend once I snagged a sniper rifle from a downed attacker.

This version of the popular game "Unreal" blows the previous versions away! The number of modifications to the original game is too great to list, but this game certainly doesn't disappoint. The result is a game rich with built-in game play modifications like assault — my favorite — where two teams face off in a D-day like game where one team attacks the other's fortified defenses. After 10 minutes, the game restarts with the two teams flipping roles, and the hunter becomes the hunted.

The sounds are excellent, as is the music. The graphics are gorgeous, as you might expect. I would have liked to see more variety in the textures used in the levels, as a lot of them use drab textures and rely on colored lighting for color effects. But those are minor complaints. Guaranteed to be a big success in multi-player mode, this game is up and coming and giving a reason for Id Software to start quaking in its proverbial boots!



Mike Revers

Scene tech writer

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Robinson, Virginia upset Duke in ACC action

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. Renee Robinson scored 15 points as No. 25 Virginia beat No. 9 Duke 61-49 Sunday and moved into sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Virginia (16-5, 8-1), which led 18-0 but saw Duke get within 44-37 with 8:11 remaining, regrouped to win its eighth straight ACC game. It also was Virginia's 12th victory in 13 games since an 83-62 loss at Duke Dec. 5.

Duke (18-3, 7-2) shot only 30.8 percent and was held to its lowest scoring output since a 71-45 loss to the U.S. national team in an exhibition Nov. 10.

The Blue Devils played without forward Peppi Browne, their second-leading scorer and rebounder.

Browne hurt a knee in a victory against North Carolina Thursday night and did not make the trip to snowy Charlottesville.

The game came a year after one of the most difficult losses of Virginia coach Debbie Ryan's 23-year career.

Last Feb. 4, Virginia led Duke 51-33 with 12 1/2 minutes left, then was outscored 33-5 and lost 66-56 at home.

This time, the Cavaliers again dominated early, leading 28-12 at halftime and 34-16 early in the second half, but the Blue Devils again made a charge.

Duke outscored Virginia 21-10 to get within seven on Michele Matyasovsky's two free throws with 8:11 left.

Virginia then outscored Duke 7-2 as Robinson hit a 15-footer and a free throw, Svetlana Volnaya had two free throws and Chalois Lias scored on a putback.

That gave Virginia a 12-point lead, and with the Blue Devils having to foul and Virginia in the double bonus,

the Cavaliers held on for the victory.

During its winning streak, Virginia has beaten North Carolina, North Carolina State and Duke, all ranked in the top 10 at the time of the games.

Schuye LaRue added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Virginia, which shot 36.8 percent and made 17 of 27 free throws in the second half.

Matyasovsky scored 14 points and was Duke's only double-figure scorer.

Illinois 86,**Michigan State 66**

Allison Curtin scored 24 points to lead No. 21 Illinois to a victory over Michigan State on Sunday.

Susan Blauser added 16 points for the Fighting Illini (16-7, 6-3 Big Ten), and Tauja Catchings and Karen Hagberg had 15 points apiece.

Maxann Reese led the Spartans (14-5, 5-3) with 16 points. Kristen Rasmussen added 15 and Becky Cummings scored 12.

Illinois led 30-27 at halftime but fell behind 44-39 with 14:06 to play.

The Illini went on a 27-11 run over the next 10 minutes to go up 76-55 at 4:03 to put the game away.

Arizona 60, Arizona State 58

Tatum Brown scored 13 of her 18 points in the second half as No. 18 Arizona beat Arizona State on Sunday, the Wildcats' 13th straight victory over the Sun Devils.

Brown, who also had 13 rebounds, was the only player to score in double figures for Arizona (16-3, 5-2 Pacific-10).

Arizona State (11-6, 4-3) had a chance to tie the game, but Kitch Kitchen's short jumper fell off the rim with a second left.

Kristine Sand finished with 25 points for Arizona State,

which last beat Arizona 75-58 in Tempe on Feb. 19, 1993.

The victory was coach Joan Bonvicini's 150th at Arizona and her 475th overall.

Tennessee 77,**Northwestern 48**

Kara Lawson scored 22 points, tying a school record with six 3-pointers, to lead No. 4 Tennessee to a victory over Kentucky on Sunday.

Lawson, who tied Abby Conklin's team record against Texas Tech in 1996, scored 19 points in the first half as Tennessee (16-3, 5-1) rolled to a 47-27 halftime lead.

Kentucky (11-9, 3-5), led by LaTonya McDole with 12 points, never got on track offensively and shot just 33 percent from the field.

Kentucky's hopes of a second-half comeback were thwarted quickly, as Tennessee outscored the Wildcats 14-4 in the first seven minutes. Lawson and Tamika Catchings, who had 15 points and 15 rebounds, each hit 3-pointers in the spurt.

LSU 64, Mississippi State 58

Katrina Hibbert had 22 points and seven rebounds to lead No. 12 Louisiana State to a 64-58 Sunday over Mississippi State, ending the Bulldogs' record 17-game home winning streak.

Marie Ferdinand scored 16 points, and DeTrina White added 13 and nine rebounds.

Louisiana State (16-3, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) trailed the Bulldogs (16-3, 5-3) only once in the second half before shutting down Mississippi State's inside game.

Jennifer Fambrough made a pair of free throws to give Mississippi State a 5-0 lead, but a jump shot by April Brown started the Tigers on a 17-5 run to give them a seven-point lead with less than 12

minutes left in the first half.

Louisiana State led 35-32 at the break.

Mississippi State's LaToya Thomas scored 14 points, but only two during the first half.

Purdue 70, Northwestern 31

Katie Douglas scored 20 points and Kelly Komara added 17 as No. 17 Purdue won its fifth straight game by routing Northwestern on Sunday.

Purdue (14-5, 6-3 Big Ten) took control from the outset and pulled away from the Wildcats in the final 13 minutes of the first half with a 29-7 run that gave the Boilermakers a 37-12 edge at the break.

Northwestern (6-13, 3-6) went scoreless from the 6:44 remaining in the first half until 16:26 was left.

During the Northwestern drought, Purdue scored 22 points, including the first eight points of the second half, and led 45-12 with 16:43 remaining on Camille Cooper's 5-foot jump shot.

Six different Boilermakers scored in Purdue's 22-0 run as Douglas led the way with seven points.

Purdue's largest lead in the second half came on Candi Crawford's layup that made it 63-19 with 7:37 to go.

Tulane 78, N.C.-Charlotte 68

Janell Burse scored 20 points and had nine rebounds Sunday as No. 22 Tulane beat North Carolina-Charlotte.

Tulane (18-2, 7-2 Conference USA) dominated the 49ers at the foul line in the second half to overcome a 40-36 deficit.

The Green Wave connected on 17-of-21 free throws in the period. N.C.-Charlotte went 11 for 13 from the foul line for the game.

Sarah Fisher and Tonya Phifer each scored 18 points

for N.C.-Charlotte (7-13, 2-7).

Fabrecia Roberson scored 18 points for Tulane and Sarah Goree added 14.

The 49ers held Tulane star Grace Daley to six points, the first time she failed to finish in double figures in a year. She is four points shy of 2,000 points in her career.

Tulane has won the last nine meetings between the two teams dating back to 1994.

Auburn 55, Florida St. 52

Tasha Hamilton had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 11 Auburn to a victory over Florida State.

Trailing 47-45, Auburn (16-4) forced three consecutive turnovers and scored six straight points to take a lead the Tigers wouldn't relinquish.

Brooke Wyckoff scored 18 points to lead the Seminoles (8-11) and Latavia Coleman added nine points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Penn St. 68, Wisconsin 54

Maren Walseth had 15 points and eight rebounds, and No. 7 Penn State scored the game's first 15 points while extending its home winning streak to 12 games with a victory Sunday over Wisconsin.

Helen Darling and Lisa Shepherd added 12 points apiece for Penn State (18-3, 9-1 Big Ten) for the Lady Lions. Penn State held Wisconsin scoreless over the first 5:18.

Wisconsin (10-8, 4-5) was led by Tamara Moore with 15 points and LaTonya Sims with 14 points and 17 rebounds.

Andrea Garner led the Lady Lions on the opening run with five points and one blocked shot.

Garner had a block on Wisconsin's second possession, then ran down the court and scored an easy layup on a pass from Shepherd.

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Frasso, are you too good for your
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Noreen,
Last time I said I hated you, I was
out of line. But not this time. I hate
you. I want you to die. You gave me
the death stomach flu. "Oh, don't
worry, we'll just wash this cup out
with warm water, that will sterilize
it." Wrong! While I have no proof
that this death flu came from that
cup, I am still blaming you. So to
recap, I hate you. I want you to die.
Connolly

The world is spinning

round and round and round it goes

where it stops, nobody knows

She cuts right...
Goes back left...
Makes her move...
SHE SHOOTS AND SCORES!!
Beat him like a rented mule!

hat trick

yeah, I'll fight

note to self: smashing plastic on
head is painful

Yup!

Quick summary:

1. Hate you

2. want you to die

Yabba Dabba Doood!

There is no way I am getting to
class

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Harvard coach keeps going despite chemotherapy

Associated Press

BOSTON
Cancer patient? Four days after her first chemotherapy treatment, Kathy Delaney-Smith simply looked like a perturbed basketball coach. "They are toying with you!" she yelled at her Harvard Crimson team after they'd blown a 19-point lead against Albany on Saturday. "Move the ball!" she said, looking each player in the eye. "Go after the boards! Be smart!" Then she sent them back on the floor, free from any doubts that cancer had changed their coach. "It was just like Kathy," said senior forward Laela Sturdy. That was the point for Delaney-Smith, who didn't want the Crimson or their fans to think her first game after treatment for breast cancer was about anything but basketball

for her. They seemed to get the message. No banners from well-wishers or shaved heads on players expressing solidarity were seen at Lavietes Pavilion. There was only an intense coach leading another good Harvard women's basketball team to another win, as Delaney-Smith has for 17 years. "She doesn't want anything from us," Sturdy said. "And we just want to be there for her." Delaney-Smith found out she had cancer after a checkup in early December. Telling the team about the cancer has been the toughest part of the ordeal, she said, aside from telling her husband and son. Since the diagnosis, Delaney-Smith tried to make sure her cancer doesn't become the team's focus. "Some say 'We're playing for Kathy'" she said. "I don't want them to. It's not right."

Jokes about losing her hair and the other indignities of chemotherapy have become commonplace at Harvard practices, but Delaney-Smith knows the seriousness of her disease hasn't been lost on the Crimson. When she returned to practice Thursday after the chemotherapy Tuesday, she noticed the players were wide-eyed and cautious, unsure what to expect. "She let us know she was OK," Sturdy said. Delaney-Smith admits the treatment has made her feel lousy. The worst of it came Friday, but it was precisely because she felt so bad that she forced herself to show up for practice that day. As for missing Saturday's

game, it was never an option, even though she again felt ill. "I would die a thousand deaths if I had to miss a game," she said. On the sidelines Saturday, there was little sign that Delaney-Smith felt sick. Dressed sharply in a crimson blazer and black skirt, she constantly popped off the bench, lobbying referees, instructing her reserves and calling plays. In the stands, Harvard fans familiar with her energetic style said they'd be shocked if she acted differently. They also supported her decision to make her battle with cancer public. "I think it's really good she's not trying to hide it," said Linda

Collins of Charlton, a regular at Harvard games for about five years. "It's a good thing to show what an exam can do for you, and that life goes on." Ross Barnard, father of player Laura Barnard, called Delaney-Smith "courageous," and said her approach to cancer and her profession are similar. "Maybe what the coach is doing is taking this like a basketball game, with a beginning and an ending," he said. The end of Delaney-Smith's fight with cancer is a long way off. Her next chemotherapy is scheduled for the end of February, and more will follow. But her plans for the upcoming months are no different from the plan she took into Saturday's game. Keep focused, get tough if you have to, and walk away on top. "I guess I would say I'm a fighter," she said. "I've always been an optimist and I like to win."

WORLD CUP

U.S. women end boycott

Associated Press

The American team that won the women's World Cup will be back on the field this week after agreeing to a five-year contract that ended its boycott. Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and the rest of the American players will begin training Tuesday under new coach April Heinrichs. They play an exhibition game against Norway on Feb. 6 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The women boycotted this month's Australia Cup because they felt they were not getting paid enough. The U.S. Soccer Federation sent a team of college-age players that won the tournament. The settlement Saturday will enable each player to earn about \$130,000 this year in salaries and

bonuses, The New York Times reported Sunday. The players also would have the right to hold their own indoor victory tour, which paid each about \$100,000 after last summer's World Cup. The players agreed to the contract with the USSF during a conference call with their lawyer, John Langel. The contract is in part contingent on the formation of a women's professional league in 2001, the Times said. The deal runs through the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. The USSF did not sign the contract Saturday, but scheduled a news conference for Tuesday in New York to "discuss the progress" of negotiations. The federation did say it has called in 35 players, including 17 of the boycotting players

from the World Cup team, to practice this week. During the World Cup, each player on the roster was paid \$3,150 a month. At the end of the hugely successful tournament last July, the contracts expired. The women had sought a new contract as early as September, but the federation preferred to begin negotiations Dec. 1. When the USSF asked the players to compete under the old contract — but without any bonus money after each received \$7,500 for winning the World Cup — Langel proposed \$5,000 a month for January and February, plus \$2,000 per game. Several players called the federation's original proposal "insulting," and Hamm, the sport's career scoring leader, said it was a step backward.

NHL

McCleary recovering from slap shot to throat

Associated Press

MONTREAL
Trent McCleary, who came within minutes of dying after being hit in the throat by a slap shot, felt well enough Sunday to write a note to his Montreal Canadiens teammates. "Doing great, everybody," said the handwritten message delivered by team doctor David Mulder. He said he would be listening to Sunday's game, in which Montreal beat Carolina 3-0. "Battle hard," the note said. "Go Habs." It was signed, "Trent No. 6." McCleary is unable to speak but he is no longer in danger of dying, Mulder said Sunday. He is recovering from a fractured larynx and collapsed lung. Doctors expect him to spend at least a week in hospital, but it is not clear if he will be able to play again. The 27-year-old player, his skates still on, underwent an emergency tracheotomy Saturday night after being hit flush on the throat on a shot from Philadelphia's Chris Therien during a 2-2 tie. "He's much better now," said Mulder, who treated the popular fourth-line winger from the time he was helped, limp and gasping for air, from the Molson Centre to Montreal General Hospital. "Anyone on a respirator is considered in critical condition, but in terms

of danger to his life, he went through that (Saturday) night," Mulder added. "Certainly, his life is not in danger now." Ear, nose and throat specialists will decide Monday whether they should operate immediately on his larynx or wait several days for the swelling to subside. McCleary might be left with a raspy voice. The only NHL player to die from an injury in a game was Bill Masterton, whose head struck the ice in 1968. Mulder said McCleary came close to dying. "It was as close as I think you could come," Mulder said. "It was a matter of seconds. If we had been held up along the way..." McCleary helped himself by skating to the bench. He gestured to his throat that he couldn't breathe before he collapsed and went unconscious. Mulder was at the boards, and associate Dr. David Fleiszer, a spectator, rushed to help. When they couldn't get a breathing tube down the player's throat, McCleary was placed in an ambulance. There was little traffic for the five-minute ride. Mulder and Fleiszer gave him an oxygen mask and tilted McCleary's head during the trip to let air into his body. Dr. Vincent Lacroix had called ahead, so hospital staff had an elevator waiting and an operating room ready. A senior anesthesiologist, Dr. Michel Germain, was on duty. There was no time to remove equipment, so they cut away the front of his jersey and operated.

Mulder performed the tracheotomy — a hole cut into the base of the throat that opens an air passage — and ran a tube to reinflate the right lung. With his oxygen source restored, the worst danger was over. It all took less than 45 minutes. "It's the first operation I've done where I looked down afterwards and the patient still had skates on," Mulder said. When Mulder returned a few hours later, McCleary's vital signs were normal. When the doctor returned Sunday morning, the player was even better.



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn ends Seton Hall streak

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn.

Seton Hall was riding a three-game winning streak when it ran into a somewhat lame, but very game No. 6 Connecticut on Sunday.

The Huskies (15-4, 4-3 Big East) rallied behind scoring leader Khalid El-Amin, who had been nursing a deep thigh bruise, to beat the Pirates 66-56. El-Amin said by Sunday morning he wasn't sure if he could play.

"I just wanted to go ahead and give it a shot," said El-Amin, who led the Huskies with 16 points. "I was able to run, I was able to compete and I wanted to come out here and play."

The junior point guard leads the team with 17 points per game. He injured his right leg three days ago in the win against Providence and has practiced only lightly since.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said he could tell from the shoot-around that El-Amin was up to the task.

"His juices were flowing," Calhoun said. "He was more than ready to play."

Seton Hall (13-4, 5-2 Big East) kept it close early behind the 3-point shooting of sophomore guard Darius Lane and post defense of 6-foot-11 freshman center Samuel Dalembert.

Lane was 5-of-5 from 3-point range in the opening period. After UConn (15-4, 4-3) began the game with baskets by Edmund Saunders and Jake Voskuhl, Lane went to work from long range. He scored 11 points in the Pirates' 16-4 run over a four-minute span to stake Seton Hall to a 16-13 lead.

Dalembert had five blocks in the first half, two more than the entire UConn squad in the period.

The Huskies regained the lead for good on a 12-8 run, fueled by El-Amin's six points. Albert Mouring's 3-pointer with 8:35 left capped the spurt to give UConn a 25-24 lead. The Huskies took a 36-32 lead at the break.

El-Amin sparked a 10-4 run to open the second half. UConn led 58-43 with 6:17 left to play on El-Amin's 3-pointer. Seton Hall would get no closer than seven points thereafter. El-Amin also had team-high five assists.

Calhoun said El-Amin's determination was contagious.

"I thought our mindset was real good," Calhoun said. "In a game of wills like that we got the edge."

UConn's smothering defense gave Lane few looks in the second half, allowing him only four points in the period. Lane finished with a team-high 21. Ty Shine had 14 for the Pirates.

"They weren't allowing our guys to get good looks," said Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker. "We need to be quicker and faster to offset what we will face in powerful teams."

The Huskies won the battle of the boards, 39-31, led by Souleymane Wane's nine. Voskuhl had 11 points before suffering a cut on his head when he took an elbow from Dalembert as they battled for a rebound with 1:07 left.

Michigan State 91, Illinois 66

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo told Charlie Bell to start shooting more. Bell took him seriously.

Bell scored 20 points and Morris Peterson 18 as the No. 9 Spartans gave Izzo a 91-66 win over Illinois on his 45th birthday Sunday.

"I wasn't looking too much for my shot," Bell said. "After Mateen [Cleaves] got back, I still had the point guard mentality. Coach told me I had to start looking for my shot."

"Since then, he hasn't told me I've taken a bad shot yet."

Bell was forced to run the offense the first half of the season while Cleaves recovered from a broken foot. This was only the seventh game since Cleaves, a two-time All-American, returned Jan. 5.

"That's maybe as well as we've played," Izzo said. "We're seeing the results of Mateen getting his physical conditioning back, and Charlie Bell looked for some shots."

It was the 23rd straight home victory for the Spartans (15-5, 6-1 Big Ten), tying a school record set in the early 1930s and matched during the mid-1960s.

The Fighting Illini (11-7, 3-4), playing without Marcus Griffin,

sidelined since Jan. 21 with a knee injury, went without a field goal for the first 10:42 of the second half. By that time, Michigan State had built a 36-point lead.

"There is a big gap between us and Michigan State," Illinois coach Lon Kruger said. "We have a long way to go and hard work to do to try and bite into that gap a little."

Cory Bradford, hounded by Bell and Cleaves, scored 13 points for the Illini, hitting 5 of 11 shots, only one from 3-point range.

"We put a few guys on him and took away a few of his shots," Izzo said.

The Spartans took the lead early and never let up.

Bell, who scored 13 points in the first half, had seven points and Peterson hit three of his five 3-pointers as Michigan State broke to a 27-14 lead with 9:55 left in the half.

Illinois, with Frank Williams hitting a 3-pointer and three free throws, narrowed the gap to 32-26 with 5:34 left, but Michigan State held the Illini scoreless for the next 3:23.

Meanwhile, Cleaves went the length of the court for a driving layup that triggered a 17-4 burst that sent the Spartans off with a 49-30 lead at halftime. Cleaves had six of his 13 points during the spurt and Bell also got back into it with a 3-pointer and a three-point play during the run.

Bell scored 10 points to help the Spartans open the second half with an 18-1 run to lead 67-31 with 11:33 remaining.

"That was important that Charlie came out early like that," said Cleaves, who finished with a season-high 12 assists.

Michigan State, which had a 41-16 rebounding advantage, began clearing its bench with 4:32 left, following two free throws by David Thomas that gave the Spartans an 82-46 lead.

"We were a step behind all day," Kruger said. "As a result, they were shooting shots they shoot in practice. We didn't do much to disrupt them or get

them out of their rhythm."

Oklahoma State 67, Baylor 51

Just because Eddie Sutton's team won the game doesn't mean he had to like it. And he didn't, at least not the second half.

Sutton found little to be happy about the final 20 minutes of No. 15 Oklahoma State's 67-51 victory over Baylor. After playing crisply in taking a 41-19 halftime lead, the Cowboys were sloppy and got outplayed during much of the second half.

"We lost our intensity and it shows up in rebounding ... but we won the game," Sutton said. "I think it bothers any coach who's been in the game very long. It shouldn't happen to a senior ballclub."

One of those seniors, Brian Montonati, scored all 13 of his points in the first half, when the Cowboys (16-2, 5-1 Big 12) took control. A freshman, Andre Williams, was one of the bright spots of the second half, scoring all his 11 points.

Oklahoma State shot 53 percent in the first half and 50 percent for the game, while Baylor (10-8, 1-6) was held to a season-low 26 percent (17-of-65).

"We came up here and we had to do all we could to slow the game down a little bit," coach Dave Bliss said. "They're a great full-court team, whether it's defense or offense. We went through a period of about seven minutes of the first half or so where we lost control of the game."

The Cowboys didn't score a basket until nearly three minutes had elapsed, but that started a 20-5 run that ended any doubt about the outcome. Montonati scored seven during that time, and Baylor went 11 straight trips without a basket during a portion of that spurt.

Oklahoma State closed the half with an 8-0 run that made it 41-19 at halftime. Baylor slowed the tempo in the second half, and the Cowboys appeared to lose interest, and as a result Baylor was able to keep the final score respectable.

The Cowboys were outscored 32-26 in the second half, when they committed 12 of their 18 turnovers.

"I thought we played really good basketball the first 20 minutes," Sutton said. "Second half, different story."

He called a timeout in the first minute of the second half to scold his team, and later came out of his seat and yelled "What in the world's going on?" as he called another timeout.

He and his players took a little longer than usual to make it to the post-game interviews.

Oklahoma State's best player, Desmond Mason, said the Cowboys' inability to turn big leads into blowouts is a concern.

"You should have that killer instinct like some of these big men like Duke," he said. "They put people away. I think we should have that same killer instinct, but we didn't show it today."

Baylor was forced to do most of its shooting from the perimeter and it didn't work. The Bears had five first-half 3-pointers, but wound up just 8-of-34 from beyond the arc.

Glendon Alexander and Andre Williams scored 11 each for Oklahoma State. Mason had just 10 points, nine below his average, but grabbed 10 rebounds and had four steals.

PRO TENNIS

Agassi could be among best ever

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia

Is Andre Agassi now to be considered superior to Pete Sampras, better than Grand Slammers Rod Laver and Don Budge, the best of all time?

Heretical notions, perhaps, especially Down Under in Laver country, but one not without merit as Agassi barrels through the Grand Slams.

Champion at the French, U.S. and Australian Opens, and runner-up at Wimbledon in the past eight months, Agassi is playing at a level so high, on such varied courts, and against such deep draws that he is arguably the most talented man ever to pick up a racket.

At the rate Agassi is going, he could challenge Sampras for the most major titles before they're done, even if Agassi is far behind at the moment, with half as many as Sampras' dozen.

The cold beauty of Agassi's game, built on brute force with touches of finesse, sparkled in his march to the Australian Open title Sunday in a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 victory over defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Agassi bludgeoned groundstrokes with metronomic regularity to wear down Kafelnikov, and threw in enough evilly angled slices and drop shots to harass the weary Russian into submission.

In a tournament on a speedy, rubberized Rebound Ace court, Agassi rebuffed the two best servers in the sport, Sampras and Mark Philippoussis, and the next best baseline player, Kafelnikov. With his sleek, toned, muscular physique and his uncannily quick reflexes, Agassi was able to cut down bigger opponents like a body puncher in boxing.

When Laver completed the Grand Slam in 1962 and 1969, and when Budge did it for the first time in 1938, they played on grass everywhere except on

the French red clay.

Neither that nor the fact that they also faced less fierce competition and smaller fields — 64-man draws at the Australian, for example — diminishes their achievements. In the context of their eras, they were the best.

So, too, were Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe in their glory days. Yet, none ever won all the majors, Borg shooting blanks at the U.S. Open, and Connors and McEnroe at the French Open.

But consider what Agassi has done. At a time when tennis is a high-paying sport loaded with great athletes attended by coaches and trainers from around the world, he has beaten everyone but Sampras at Wimbledon in the majors the past year. That's a 27-1 record on clay, grass and the different hardcourts of the U.S. and Australian Opens.

Though Sampras has won six times at Wimbledon, the oldest and most prestigious of the majors, his annual torture at the French exposes the limits of his game. Not even a career-high 37 aces against Agassi in the semifinals here could save Sampras once Agassi got him into a rally mode.

"Every time with Pete it's a big challenge," Agassi's coach, Brad Gilbert said. "If you think you're too good, you just get knocked out. And deep down Andre thinks he has to get better to stay where he is."

Getting better is what it's all about now to the 29-year-old Agassi. His resurgence to the top from No. 141 a little more than two years ago was built on a commitment to fitness and a belief that if he were in peak shape nobody could beat him. If it meant running up hills on Christmas Eve or pumping iron all day, he did it, and he's enjoying the payoff.

"I feel like I'm stronger than I have ever been, I'm fitter than I've ever been, I'm moving better than I've ever moved," Agassi said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame falters in dual meet at Bloomington

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a school record-tying hurl in the 35-pound weight throw by senior Matt Thompson, the men's and women's track and field teams fell short of victory in a dual meet at Indiana University.

The men's squad won seven of the 15 events, but it wasn't enough to beat Indiana, as Notre Dame lost, 89-73.

"We had good performances, and just a couple of people didn't perform up to their capabilities, and it cost us," head coach Joe Piane said.

The Irish competed without All-Americans Marshaun West and Ryan Shay, both of whom are out with injuries. West led the Irish at their home opener with an NCAA qualifying leap in the long jump, but injured his hamstring last week and is day-to-day. Shay, a distance runner, has not yet competed this season due to Achilles tendonitis.

"We could have scored a few more points if Marshaun had been there," Piane said. "You put Marshaun back, and you run what we were capable of in the 3,000 [meter run] and the 800 and we're right back in it."

Thompson threw 58 feet, 3 1/4 inches to tie his own school record and win the 35-pound weight throw.

Freshman Tom Gilbert scored his first collegiate win. He leapt 23-6 3/4 to give Notre Dame the win in the long jump,

despite West's absence.

The Irish men won five running events in the losing effort against the Hoosiers. Three of the five winners were repeats from the home quadrangular last week.

Senior Chris Cochran again came out victorious in the 200-meter dash, and helped the Irish 400-meter relay team to its second consecutive victory with a time of three minutes, 20.10 seconds.

Senior Phil Mishka had his second straight win in the 600-meter run.

Sophomore Luke Watson returned from winning the 3,000-meter run last week to beat out a tough field in the mile with his time of 4:11.76.

"Anytime you go out and set a personal record, you got to be happy with it," Watson said.

Notre Dame also brought a new winner to the victory stand — junior Terry Wray had his first win of the season with a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash.

But the seven event victories couldn't put the Irish over the top.

"I think that we were pretty inconsistent across the board," Watson said. "There were a few good performances that came up, but overall, we were pretty average. We kind of trained through it."

The women were not able to match the Hoosiers, as the Irish only won four events in the dual meet.

"A lot of our performances were flat," senior Jen

Engelhardt said. "Even though we're trying to pull off the meet in terms of points, we basically train through them. We're really looking towards the bigger meets like the Big East and the Meyo and the Alex Wilson."

Sophomore Liz Grow dominated the field in the 400-meter dash, finishing more than a second ahead of the second-place runner.

Junior Leanne Brady came into her own, winning her second consecutive 800-meter race in a time of 2:15.20.

All-American Jen Engelhardt was short of her 5-10 season-opening jump, which met provisional qualifications for the NCAA Championships. But her mark of 5-7 3/4 in the high jump kept her undefeated for the season.

"I was pretty happy with the performance," Engelhardt said. "It just shows that I'm looking to improve. I'm looking forward to this next meet at home."

The fourth and final win for the women came from freshman Jennifer Handley, one of the cross country team's top performers this fall. Handley won the mile in a time of 5:03.28.

"I didn't run as fast as I wanted to run," Handley said. "But I personally think I ran pretty smart. I didn't try to control most of the race."

The Irish return home Friday for the Meyo Invitational, with hopes that the home crowd will inspire them to victory.



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Chris Cochran, shown here at last weekend's home quadrangular, won the 200-meter dash at Bloomington, Ind.

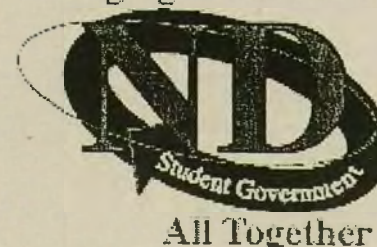
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HOCKEY

Icers remain in CCHA hunt with victory in Alaska

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team came away from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks with a win and a tie, giving them three points for the weekend, with every point from here on out crucial in the positioning for the CCHA playoffs.

The Irish (11-13-6, 8-5-5 CCHA) are currently in fifth place, but trail the two third place teams by only four points. Michigan State and Lake Superior State hold on to the third position, but the Spartans are slumping, while Lake Superior is surging ahead.

The Nanooks rallied for two goals in the second game of the series to earn one point in the weekend by forcing a tie. The two goals came within the final five minutes of the game, denying the Irish a two-win weekend.

Jay Kopischke opened the scoring for the Irish in the first period, knocking the puck in for his fourth goal of the season. UAF answered right back when junior right wing Ryan Reinheller tied the game with a power-play goal later in the first period.

Irish sophomore David Inman then converted two power play goals to give Notre Dame a commanding 3-1 lead over UAF. The goals came midway through the second period and early in the third period.

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, UAF LW Kevin McNeill ignited the

comeback with an unassisted goal at the 15:34 mark. McNeill broke down the middle and split the Irish defense with several tough moves before beating Zasowski for the four-on-four score.

Freshman Blaine Bablitz set up the game-tying goal, with sophomore Bobby Andrews sending home a low power-play shot from the center of the blue line with 1:55 left to play.

The two teams had great scoring opportunities with less than a minute left in the overtime period. Dan Carlson set Joe Dusbabek for a great shot, but Nanook goaltender Lance Mayes turned him back.

Then with less than seven seconds remaining, Reinheller broke free for one last shot. Irish goalie Tony Zasowski was there to make the save with his pad and preserve the tie.

In Friday night's game, the two teams played another close game, but the Irish found a way to survive for the win. Juniors Dan Carlson and Ryan Dolder scored goals for Notre Dame within a six-minute stretch of the second period and Zasowski was able to hold off UAF to earn a 2-1 victory.

Notre Dame was down first in this game. UAF sophomore defenseman Daniel Carriere converted on the power play early in the second period for a 1-0 lead. The Nanooks had most of the opportunities in the scoreless



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Junior right wing Ben Dolder knocked in the first goal for Notre Dame in Friday night's game against Alaska-Fairbanks. The Irish won 2-1.

first period but failed to capitalize on three power plays, including a 37-second stretch of five-on-three play. But the Nanooks managed just nine shots on goals the rest of the way, with the Irish owning a 19-6 shot edge during the decisive second period.

Dolder's goal came first for the Irish, off a play setup by Inman and Andy Jurkowski. The two linemates found Dolder at the top of the slot, where he quickly beat the UAF goaltender.

Carlson scored his third game-winning goal of the season mid-

way through the period. His goal was setup up off of a deflection from right wing Michael Chin's shot from the top of the circle. The puck came loose between the circles and Carlson found the net for his team-leading seventh power play goal.

PGA

Lehman plays up to expectations in Phoenix Open

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

The statistics said Tom Lehman was playing superbly this year. So did Lehman.

He had a chance to repeat himself again Sunday, when he broke his four-year tour victory drought by winning the Phoenix Open by one stroke when Robert Allenby bogeyed the last hole.

Lehman won the Williams World Challenge on Jan. 2, but the Phoenix Open was his first official title in 58 starts since he won the British Open and the Tour Championship in 1996 and was the Tour's Player of the Year.

Both men had difficult putts on the final hole.

Lehman saved par with a 10-foot putt for a score of 4-under 67 and a 72-hole total of 14-under 270.

"I played pretty scrappy," he said. "I didn't hit the ball well very often. I hit a lot of shots off-center, off-line, but I made a couple of really good putts."

Allenby, who has never won on the PGA Tour, missed a 5-footer when the ball made a right turn on the rim and rolled a foot away.

"Those are the breaks," he said. "I know I'll win down the road."

His final-round 69 landed him in a tie for second with defending champion Rocco Mediate, who had the best next-year performance at the TPC of Scottsdale.

Johnny Miller won back-to-

back titles in 1974-75, when the tournament was played at the Phoenix Country Club.

Lehman lives in Scottsdale, and his fifth career title was the first hometown win by anyone since David Duval won the 1999 Players Championship in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

The \$576,000 first prize vaulted Lehman to second on this year's money list (\$673,150) in two PGA Tour events. His strong start includes a tie for sixth in Hawaii two weeks ago.

He credited watching Tiger Woods with his improvement. He was inspired by the way Woods remained cool even when struggling.

"He didn't throw away shots," Lehman said. "So during the offseason, I thought about it, 'What is it that I do? I throw away shots.' That's kind of the reason I felt so good going into this year N that's something you can correct. You know, if I couldn't drive it out of my shadow, and if I couldn't chip or putt at all, then I'd be worried."

"But I've been beating myself for three years."

Allenby, a 28-year-old Australian, had his best finish in the United States, improving on a tie for fourth in the 1998 B.C. Open.

Brandt Jobe, Kirk Triplett and Hal Sutton tied for third at 272, with Edward Fryatt, Mark Calcavecchia and Steve Flesch in the next trio a shot back.

As painful as Allenby's finish

was, it couldn't have been as sharp as the anguish of third-round leader Frank Lickliter and 1996 Phoenix champion Phil Mickelson, who began the day one shot behind.

Lickliter, who was 13-under to start, shot himself out of contention early, bogeying the first hole and taking a triple bogey-8 on the third, and finished with a 74 after previous rounds of 67-64-69.

Mickelson reached 14-under and held the lead until he bogeyed the 11th and 12th holes. He carded a 73 to join Lickliter and six others at 274.

Casey Martin, who battled the PGA Tour for the right to ride in a golf cart between shots because of a medical condition that is killing his right leg, made the cut in this event but struggled the last two rounds (71-75) and finished at 287.

Lehman shot a 63 in the first round to share the lead with Mickelson, and led everyone after a 67 the next day. But on Saturday his putter deserted him and he carded a 73, which left him 10-under and three shots off the lead.

"It would have been easy for me to have gone out and shot 71 or 72 or something and let my negatives feelings about my putting carry over, but they didn't," Lehman said.

He started the round with a birdie on the first hole, bogeyed the fifth when he drove into the rough, had to chip up on his third shot and

two-putted.

But Lehman got the shot back with another birdie on No. 6, went to 12-under with an 18-foot birdie putt on the 11th hole, and caught up with Allenby with birdies on the 14th and 15th holes.

Allenby played 17 holes without a bogey. He drove off the 18th tee with a 3-wood,

and hit a 9-iron approach shot that bounced hard and rolled over the back of the green. He chipped up, but it didn't bite and rolled past the cup.

"Obviously, the chip was the worst thing I hit," Allenby said. "Well, I guess you could also say the putt. But I felt confident out of the chip, but it just went a little bit long."



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NCAA SWIMMING

UWO swimmers injured in crash

Associated Press

BROOKSTON, Ind. — A van carrying members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's swimming team overturned Sunday on icy Interstate 65, injuring two students, Indiana State Police said.

Deana Ritzman, 18, was ejected from the van after it slid into the median and rolled over about 5 miles west of Brookston in White County.

Ritzman, of Brookfield, Wis., was listed in fair condition Sunday night at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, where Amy Stair, 21, of Sussex, Wis., also was in fair condition.

Ten other students, including the van's driver, John A. Franke, 22, of Oshkosh, Wis., were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

UW-Oshkosh athletic director Allen Ackerman said the students were returning from a nine-day training trip, including a meet in Florida.

Cpl. Mike McCormick said that about 20 minutes before the accident state troopers pulled over three Oshkosh vans traveling in a northbound caravan and warned their drivers to slow down because heavy snow had fallen just hours before.

About 8:25 a.m., the middle van in the caravan slid on the roadway and rolled over once. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Brookston is about 75 miles southeast of Chicago.

This was the second van accident involving a college swimming team in the last month and the fourth with a college

team.

On Jan. 13, Molly Hatcher, co-captain of the Kenyon College women's swim team, was killed when the school van slid on an icy road into a highway guardrail and rolled several times.

Hatcher, a 21-year-old senior, was thrown from the van and died in the crash on U.S. 36 about 65 miles east of Columbus, Ohio. Ten other swimmers were injured.

Nine days later, five women from DePaul's track team were injured, one critically, when a school van they were riding in rolled over on Interstate 65 after hitting a patch of ice.

On Dec. 29, a van carrying the men's basketball team from Urbana University slid on ice and crashed into a tree, injuring five people.

NFL

Montana enters Hall on first ballot

Associated Press

ATLANTA

It is easy to understand why Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott were such good friends, their closeness extending beyond winning four Super Bowls together with the San Francisco 49ers. They appreciated that both were perfectionists on the field. There were some practices in which Montana was quarterbacking and the football never hit the ground. If Lott blew a coverage scheme, it made the evening news.

More than 40,000 passing yards later for Montana and eight Pro Bowls at three different positions later for Lott, the two men stood and hugged each other today after being told they had just been elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

This was about as much of a mystery as the end of a "Columbo" rerun. Both were first-time nominees, and there was little doubt that they would be chosen. Montana may have been the best football player ever, and one could easily argue that Lott was the toughest and most skilled defensive back to play the game.

"The thing I'll most take from all my years — and I was on some great teams," Montana said, "but the thing I'll remember the most are my friendships."

The Hall of Fame added three more members.

The two additional players are Howie Long, who played 13 seasons with the Oakland Raiders and had 84 career sacks, and Dave Wilcox, who played 11 seasons with the 49ers and was considered by many to be the best outside linebacker of his day.

Also voted in was the Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney, one of the classiest men in football, who has spent 45 years in various capacities with the team. His father, Art, who died in 1988, entered the Hall of Fame in 1964.

The Hall of Fame panel consisted of 38 writers and broadcasters, and election required 80 percent of the

vote. Inductions will take place July 29 in Canton, Ohio.

As usual, there were debates about both the players who got in and the ones who did not. A minority in football wonders if Long is truly Hall of Fame material, despite making it to eight Pro Bowls.

The former Giants middle linebacker Harry Carson, who is one of the best run stoppers in team history and who played in nine Pro Bowls, was shut out for the seventh time.

The biggest argument centers on Lynn Swann and John Stallworth, the former Pittsburgh stars. Swann, in his 13th year of eligibility, played nine years with the Steelers, winning four Super Bowls and catching 53 touchdowns. Stallworth, in his eighth year of eligibility, also won four titles and had 63 touchdowns.

Few receivers have put up those kinds of numbers, especially on a team that had two great pass catchers, still, they continue to be shut out. Part of the reason may be the voters do not feel both should go in; since both players were close in ability, the votes are most likely being split.

There was never any doubt with Montana and Lott. Montana played through a variety of injuries, and despite his model-like appearance, he was one of the tougher quarterbacks to play the game. His best attributes were an incredibly accurate arm and coolness under pressure.

Montana's eight Pro Bowls remains a record for quarterbacks, and several of his drives are legendary, especially the one in Super Bowl XXIII, when he led his team 92 yards in the final minutes to beat the Cincinnati Bengals. In all, Montana directed 31 fourth-quarter comebacks, and he holds six Super Bowl passing records, including 11 touchdowns and 357 passing yards. Lott was the epitome of a defensive back: he was able to cover the swiftest receiver while playing cornerback but could make a devastating hit from the safety spot. Lott made the Pro Bowl at cornerback as well as at free and strong safety.

No one was tougher. In the final game of the 1985 season, Lott seriously damaged his left pinky. Doctors told Lott that he needed surgery immediately or he could lose the finger.

That operation would have required him to miss the coming playoff game against the Giants. So Lott made a decision that demonstrated how much football meant to him.

He told the doctors, "I'm going to have to let that finger go."

It was amputated, and Lott played against the Giants.

SUPERBOWL XXXIV

Warner wins another MVP

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Kurt Warner's storybook season ended with the ultimate exclamation point Sunday — a record-breaking Super Bowl MVP performance.

The quarterback who once tossed rolls of toilet paper around an Iowa supermarket, threw passes just as easily in the glare of pro football's most dramatic setting, picking apart Tennessee's secondary and leading the St. Louis Rams to the NFL championship, 23-16.

Warner completed 18 passes for 277 yards in the first half alone, with six straight completions in one drive, and set a Super Bowl halftime record for attempts with 35.

He constructed a 16-0 lead. Then, when Tennessee made a furious second-half comeback to tie the score, he won the game with a 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce.

That gave him a record 414 yards for the game, breaking Hall of Famer Joe Montana's record of 357.

Warner was following in the Super Bowl successes of high profile passers such as Bart Starr, Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw and Joe Namath.

The difference was that those guys were future Hall of Famers, expected to produce championships for their teams. Warner came out of football's shadows to bring this one to the Rams, who had struggled through nine straight losing seasons before finding him almost by accident.

This was a success story almost too corny to be true.

After playing at Northern Iowa — hardly a hotbed of NFL talent — Warner spent three seasons on the outskirts of pro football with the Iowa Barnstormers of the fringe Arena Football League, and one more in NFL Europe with the Amsterdam Admirals.

He was a backup with the Rams, an insurance policy that St. Louis cashed in when \$16.5 million free agent Trent Green was injured in training camp. And suddenly, the anonymous quarterback blossomed into a full-fledged NFL

star.

Warner directed a high-powered St. Louis attack to a 13-3 season, setting a team record for passing yards with 4,353 and throwing 41 touchdown passes. He joined Dan Marino as the only player in NFL history to throw 40 or more TDs in a season.

He was the regular season MVP, a most unlikely candidate for the award, given his humble football roots. A year ago, he said, even he wouldn't have dreamed of this.

"At the time, it wasn't very realistic to think I'd be the starter in the Super Bowl," Warner said. "They were trying to figure out if I was good enough to be the backup."

"I always believed in myself. There were no doubts that if I ever got the opportunity, that I could be successful. I continued to believe that through the times I worked in the supermarket and the times I played in Arena Football. I never lost sight of that. To me, that's what it's all about — believing in yourself, waiting for that opportunity and then seizing it when it came."

"I was just hoping I would get an opportunity throughout the season to play and to show people what I could do."

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SUPERBOWL XXXIV

St. Louis holds on for 23-16 victory over Tennessee

Associated Press

ATLANTA

The St. Louis Rams rediscovered their offensive firepower just in time, and the Tennessee Titans came up just 1 yard short.

Kurt Warner's 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce with 1 minute, 54 seconds left gave the Rams their first Super Bowl win Sunday, 23-16.

The TD capped an improbable turnaround for St. Louis, which was 3-13 a year ago and 13-3 this season as they scored 526 points, third best in NFL history.

But Steve McNair and Eddie George almost led Tennessee to another miracle finish, rallying them from a 16-0 deficit.

On the game's final play with six seconds left, McNair's pass was caught by Kevin Dyson at the Rams 5. He scrambled for the end zone only to be stopped just short by Mike Jones, as Dyson's outstretched arm held the ball toward the goal line in vain.

"I always believed in myself, and had a whole bunch of people who believed in me," said Warner, the Super Bowl MVP who did a victory lap around the Georgia Dome. "We're the world champions! How about the Rams!"

Warner, a former Arena League and NFL Europe quarterback, finished 24-of-45 for 414 yards and two touchdowns.

The Rams dominated for much of the game but had to settle for three field goals to take a 9-0 lead before finally scoring a touchdown.

St. Louis seemed to have put the game away when Warner threw a 9-yard pass to Torry Holt with 3:59 left in the third quarter to take a 16-0 lead.

But suddenly the Titans' offense came to life and the St. Louis defense began to wear down behind the battering of George and short passes from McNair.

Tennessee scored on its next two possessions, both on 1-yard runs by George to make it 16-13 with 7:21 left. It would have been 16-14, but the Titans chose to go for two points on their first TD and failed.

Al Del Greco's 43-yard field goal tied it with 2:12 left. Then the Rams' quick strike for a touchdown set up one of the most exciting finishes in Super Bowl history. The Titans, however, just didn't have enough at the very end.

"We've been doing this off and on during the year. We knew we had an opportunity to go on in and score," McNair said of the game's final play on Dyson's near-touchdown lunge. "We said on the sideline when they scored that the only fault they did was scoring too quick. We fell just short."

Dyson almost became a big hero for the second time this season. He was the key player in the miracle finish that beat Buffalo in the wild-card game, taking a lateral and going 75 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff return with three seconds left.

The Rams' victory was vin-

dication for coach Dick Vermeil, who returned to coaching in 1997 after being gone for 14 years. He had lost his only other Super Bowl appearance, in 1981 with Philadelphia.

"You know I'm an emotional guy but right now I feel so good and so proud of this football team and organization," said Vermeil, known for shedding a tear or two at times. "To be able to bring this home to St. Louis, such a wonderful city. I know they appreciate us a little more right now."

The Rams outgained the Titans 294 yards to 89 in the first half, but led just 9-0.

The first three possessions ended with field-goal attempts and the Rams holding a 3-0 lead.

St. Louis took the opening kickoff and drove from its own 31 to the Titans 17, twice converting third and long plays. But holder Mike Horan fumbled the snap on what would have been a 35-yard field-goal attempt and Tennessee got the ball at its own 29.

The Titans then moved to the St. Louis 26 on a 32-yard screen pass from McNair to George.

But a delay of game penalty stalled the drive and Del Greco missed a 47-yard field goal.

Warner then hit two quick passes, 32 yards to Torry Holt and 17 to Marshall Faulk. But that drive stalled at the 9-yard line and Jeff Wilkins hit a 27-yard field goal to give St. Louis the lead.

The Rams got another chance when Warner found Faulk all alone for a 52-yard completion to the 17. But Wilkins missed a 34-yard attempt 12 seconds into the second quarter.

The Titans kept the Rams out of the end zone again after St. Louis drove 73 yards from its own 16 to the Tennessee 11. This time Isaac Bruce dropped a pass in the end zone and Wilkins ended up kicking a 29-yard field goal to make it 6-0.

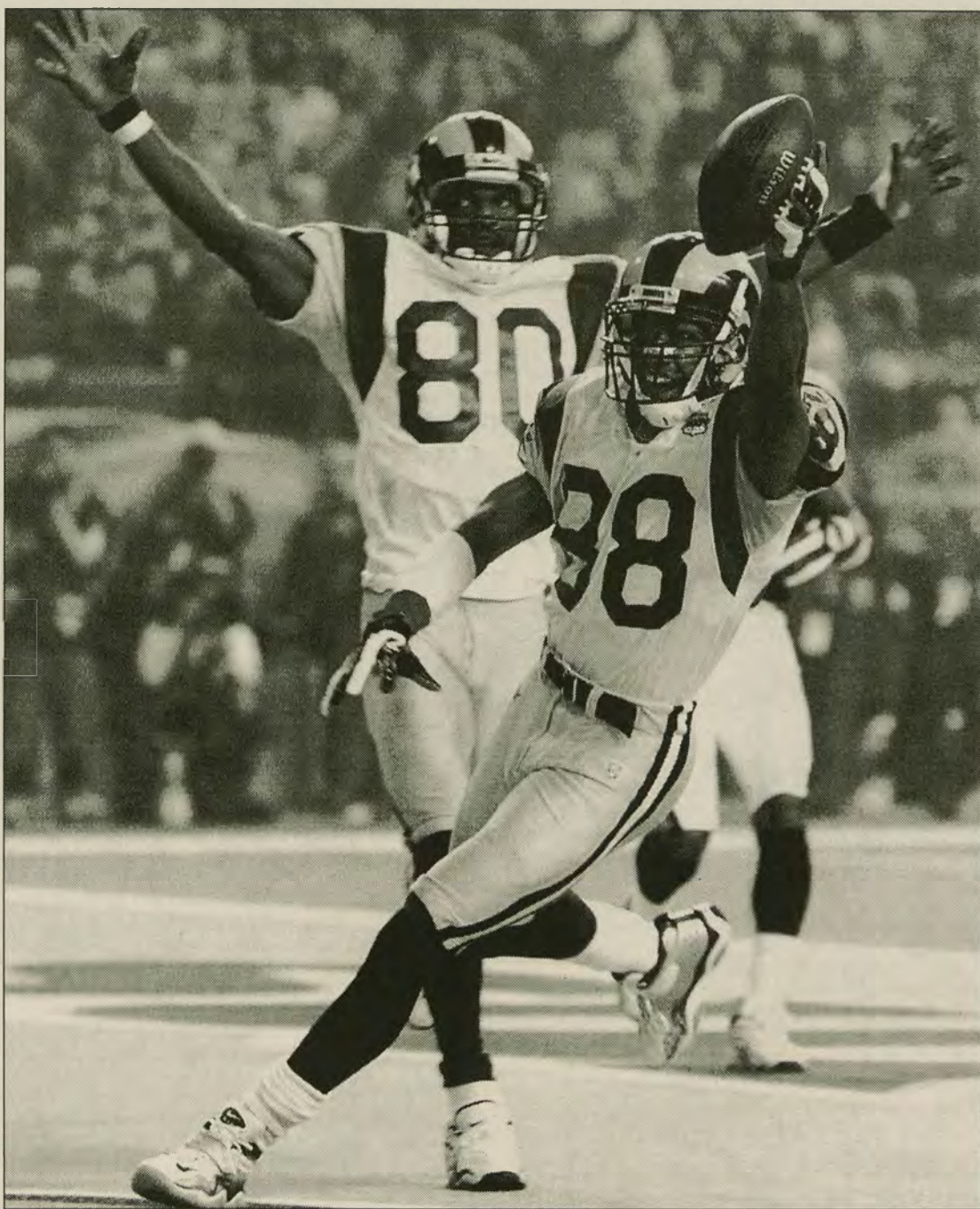
The Rams then went 67 yards in 13 plays but ended up again with just a field goal, a 29-yarder by Wilkins.

The Titans reached the St. Louis 27 on the opening possession of the second half. But Del Greco's 47-yard field-goal attempt was blocked by Todd Lyght.

The Rams followed the block with a 68-yard, eight-play drive for the game's first touchdown. It came two plays after the game was delayed for about 10 minutes while Titans safety Blaine Bishop was treated for a strained neck.

On third-and-goal from the 9, Holt slid inside of Dainon Sidney and Warner sidearmed the ball to him through the Tennessee pass rush and it was 16-0.

But the Titans came back, driving 66 yards for their first score, a 1-yard TD run by George with 14 seconds left in the third quarter. The key on that drive was McNair's 23-yard scramble to the 2, the first time he broke loose all day.



Wide receiver Torry Holt (88) and wide receiver Isaac Bruce (80) celebrate Holt's second half touchdown catch in Superbowl XXXIV. KRT

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame big man comes up "big time" in win



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Troy Murphy slams home two of his 30 points in Notre Dame's 76-60 win over St. John's.

The Irish basketball team needed a victory, and Troy Murphy delivered.

Big-time.

The sophomore forward scored 30 points and pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds in Notre Dame's 73-60 victory over No. 23 St. John's (13-5, 5-2) Saturday.

"Freaking guy gets 30 points and 18 rebounds," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "That's big-time. Big, big big-time. He's done that time and time again."

The Irish (12-8, 4-3) were down 6-0 before Murphy hit a jumper with 16 minutes, 5 seconds to play in the first half.

But Murphy changed that in a hurry. On the next Irish possession, the 6-foot-10 Murphy had a slam dunk. With that basket, he joined the ranks of Notre Dame players who scored at least 1,000 career points.

Murphy played down the role of his talent and hard work in reaching the 1,000-point mark, instead focusing on how his teammates helped him along the way.

"You have to have great teammates to get you the ball," Murphy said. "They're really not tough shots. A lot of people in my situation could do the same."



Kathleen O'Brien

Assistant Sports Editor

In the next five minutes of play, Murphy scored 11 points, keeping the Irish in the game almost single-handedly.

And he kept up the stellar play all day long, shooting 11 of 13 from the field and adding seven free throws to lead the game in scoring.

Murphy led the Irish on both ends of the court, with 13 of his 18 rebounds coming on defense. He also added two blocks and two steals, with only one personal foul.

Yet he didn't seek to think his performance was any big deal. When asked about his play, Murphy shrugged, grinned and gave credit for the victory to point guard Jimmy Dillon.

Murphy said it was Dillon's steal and slam dunk with 2:19 remaining that turned the game in Notre Dame's favor.

"It was a great play and that was what won us the game," Murphy said.

But no matter how key Dillon's play was, the Irish never would have been in the game without Murphy.

Irish opponents have a slightly different take on Murphy's impact than he has. They know that containing Murphy is a prerequisite for beating the Irish.

Ranked teams like Connecticut and St. John's learned that the hard way. Neither team found an answer to defending Murphy — a fatal error. Murphy snagged at least 16 boards and put up 30 or more points in both games, and the Irish went home victorious.

In eight Irish losses this season, Murphy has been held below his scoring average seven times. The lone exception was an 81-64 overtime

loss at Indiana, where Murphy scored 25.

"He can do so many things in so many different ways to hurt you," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said. "He's an exceptional player" an unbelievable competitor. He's having an All-American year."

Murphy is doing everything he can to make Jarvis's words ring true.

Murphy seems an obvious pick for All-American teams as the only player in the nation ranked in the top ten in both scoring and rebounding. He was named to midseason All-America teams by Dick Vitale, USA Today and The Sporting News.

And he's just a sophomore.

Big East teams know better than to overlook Murphy, who could drive the Irish into contention for a Big East title.

Although Notre Dame is tied for fifth in the Big East right now, only Syracuse is more than one game ahead of Notre Dame in the standings. If Murphy and the Irish play the way they did against St. John's Saturday, they may be able to make a run at Syracuse, if not in the regular season, in the Big East tournament.

Murphy leads the Big East in scoring and rebounding, and has been selected as Big East player of the week five times this season.

Doherty knows how lucky the Irish are to have a player like Murphy.

"One thing I don't want to take for granted is Troy," Doherty said. "I'm fortunate to be his college coach."

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ended the game.

"Unfortunately for us, Notre Dame took advantage of the opportunities when they were presented, whereas we didn't," St. John's head coach Mike Jarvis said. "They deserved it. As much as we would have liked to win the game, I certainly would never take anything away from the opposition because all these kids played hard. Notre Dame made some big plays when they had to and they won another big game."

St. John's didn't stick to its game plan and launched an uncharacteristic 29 three-point field goals. The Red Storm made just seven of them.

"[It was] totally out of character," Jarvis said. "I've always felt that the three-point shot is fool's gold and tonight we went after the fool's gold. Our game is attacking the basket, regardless of what type of defense the opponent is playing. The three is not a shot that we're going to live by, because most

of the time, just like tonight, we die by it."

The Irish out-rebounded the Red Storm 40-32 and shot 51 percent from the field. St. John's made just 35 percent of its shots and got five points from its bench.

Barkley and Bootsyt Thornton scored a team-high 15 points in the loss for the Red Storm. Matt Carroll had 10 points for Notre Dame, while David Graves had eight points and five assists.

Notes:

♦With the win, Notre Dame improves to 13-8 on the season and 4-3 in the conference. The Irish are now tied for fifth place in the Big East.

♦The Irish still have their hopes set on a NCAA Tournament berth. "I don't think it is out of reach," Dillon said. "We've had many key wins and a couple of losses to some good teams. Right now each game is important and we are focused on winning the Big East."

♦The victory marked the first time since the 1991-92 season that Notre Dame has beaten three ranked teams in one year.

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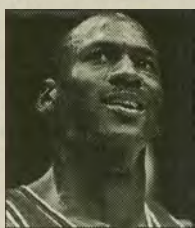
MJ hires new coach for Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan's first choice apparently didn't work out, so he reportedly turned to Darrell Walker to coach the Washington Wizards.

The Washington Post and several broadcast outlets reported Sunday that Walker, former coach of



Jordan

the Toronto Raptors, will be hired as the team's interim coach during a Monday afternoon news conference. Jordan's attempt to hire Golden State assistant Rod Higgins apparently fell through over the issue of compensation.

The reports ended a day of confusion surrounding the team. Gar Heard was fired after Saturday night's victory over Cleveland, and the players were told in the locker room that Higgins, a former teammate of Jordan's and one of his golfing pals, would be the new coach.

Last week, Jordan sought and received permission from the Warriors to talk to Higgins. Higgins did not attend the Golden State's practice Sunday, but coach Garry St. Jean told reporters that, as far as he knew, a deal had not been completed and that Higgins was still employed by the Warriors.

The Post reported that the Warriors' asking price for Higgins was too steep for the Wizards' liking, calling for alteration of a 1994 trade between the two teams in a complicated maneuver that could affect the Wizards' first-round draft choice this year.

Washington then turned to Walker, who played four seasons in Washington from 1987-91.

"I felt we should [make the coaching change] now while we still can salvage something of the season," Jordan told the Post in a telephone interview. "That doesn't guarantee anything, but I feel we've got to change the attitude on this team. We've got to kick-start the team and that starts with the coach."

However it turns out, Jordan's first major move as a member of NBA management hasn't gone very smoothly — or tactfully.

From the day he pledged to put his "imprints and footprints all over" the Wizards, Jordan gave Heard the cold shoulder. Jordan spent virtually no one-on-one time with the coach while negotiating in secret to replace him with an old buddy.

Jordan was not around when he fired Heard on Saturday night. He was in Atlanta for the Super Bowl, while Heard and his players were feeling good about a gritty victory over the Cavaliers. General manager Wes Unseld was left to deliver the news.

Heard saw the writing on the wall shortly after Jordan was made part-owner and president of basketball operations Jan. 19. Jordan met individually with several veterans and at length with Unseld, but never with Heard.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles earn first win of season at home

By KATIE McVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team claimed its first win of the season Saturday against Olivet College 67-63, breaking an 18-game losing streak.

Saint Mary's came into the game immediately behind Olivet in MIAA rankings and was looking for the win.

"We came into this game knowing that we could beat Olivet," freshman Kristen Matha said. "Knowing we were able to win gave us the edge."

The last time Saint Mary's and Olivet met, Olivet came out on top, winning in the last minute of the game. This time the Belles had home court advantage.

"We knew that this was do or die," sophomore Jamie Stouffer said. "If we didn't win this one we might not win one all season, so we felt the urgency to go out there and take this one."

"We knew we could go in there and win," junior Julie Norman added. "We were willing to give whatever it took to win this game."

Coach Dave Roeder started the game with a different line-up, starting Kelly Jones, Kristen Matha, Kelly Roberts, Julie Norman and Mary Campione.

"I started a taller line-up to see if we could rebound better," Roeder said. "If we could control the rebound, then we could control the game."

Saint Mary's did control the rebound with 47 total rebounds during the game.

"Trying something new got us off on the right foot," Norman said.

The Belles took the lead early in the game by scoring nine unanswered points. The rest of the game was a struggle, with Saint Mary's and Olivet exchanging the lead. Saint Mary's had a two point lead heading into the second half.

"The second half was ugly,"

Norman said. "But we kept our composure and that was what made the difference."

Ten minutes into the second half the Lady Comets made two three-point shots, taking the lead and forcing the Belles to fight back.

Saint Mary's responded with three straight scoring possessions that resulted in nine points. Julie Norman, Jaime Dineen and Jamie Stouffer made three consecutive three point shots and the Belles kept the lead the rest of the game.

With a minute and a half left in the game, freshman Kristen Matha made a three point play on a foul and Mary Campione sealed the win with 2 foul shots with 22 seconds remaining.

Saturday's win was a team effort.

"We played 11 women and all 11 women contributed," Roeder said.

Four women from the Saint Mary's team finished the game with total points in dou-

ble digits. Jones led the team with 14 points. Norman followed with 12 points, and teammates Roberts and Dineen both scored ten points. Roberts led the team with 11 rebounds with help from Matha and Jones who scored seven and six rebounds respectively.

"It was a total team effort," Matha said. "Every single person who came off the bench contributed to the win."

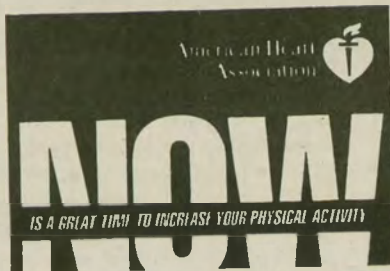
Following Saturday's game the Belles enjoyed the feel of victory, with hugs and high-fives.

"We swarmed them," Norman said. "It was really fun."

The Belles face Kalamazoo College this Wednesday and they are going to use this win to their advantage.

"We're going to play the people that got the job done," Roeder said.

Stouffer added, "This gives us more motivation to practice hard and to try to go out there and get some more wins."



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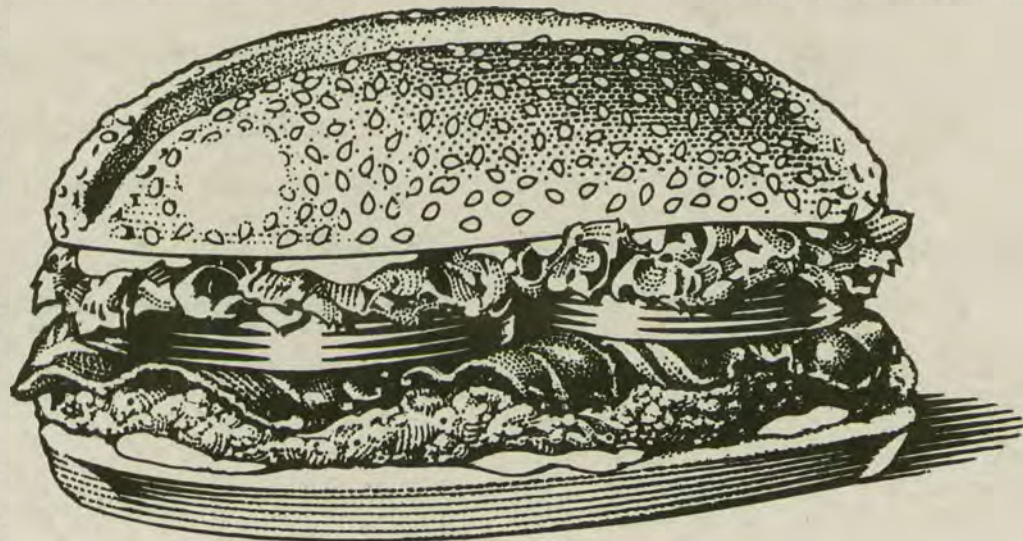
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivey points the way to Notre Dame victories

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Note to opposing players: Niele Ivey is watching you.

And when you have the ball, she will take it from you in a second.

Note to opposing coaches: when she has the ball, you can run the press, but she'll probably just break through the double team while passing the ball up court to her open teammate under the basket. And she will do it all with a smile.

"We're in the point of the season where basketball day-in and day-out is tiring," said Ivey, who leads the Irish in steals and assists, about her wide grin when she steps on the court.

"We're trying to bring some more enthusiasm on the court," continued Ivey. "I'm trying to be that person to do that. When our shots go in we start having fun."

As the Irish head into the final stretch of the season riding a 13-game winning streak with Ivey at the helm, the senior point guard has proven to head coach Muffet McGraw, her teammates and her opponents that she is a consummate leader on and off the court.

"She's our leader," said McGraw of the senior co-captain after Notre Dame's 87-56 win over Georgetown Saturday night. "We're a veteran team but we're a quiet team, too. It's a difficult position. She has a lot of responsibility but I think she's handling it real well."

Stacking stats

A quick glance at the team's statistics prove that Ivey is handling the responsibility well. She has guided her squad to its longest winning streak in nine years and its longest home winning streak since the program

began.

"She plays multiple roles on our team," said center Ruth Riley. "She's our captain, so she plays a big role as our leader. At point guard, she makes sure everyone is where they're supposed to be and doing what they're supposed to do."

Ivey, as the fourth leading scorer on the team, averages 11.5 points per game. She has led the team in scoring four times this year and is a scoring threat from in front of and behind the arc.

But her point production for the Irish goes far beyond putting the ball in the net. Ivey is the team's play maker. She is an unselfish member of the Irish offensive game. She leads the team with 127 assists this season — three times more than any other player on the team. Averaging almost seven assists per game, Ivey leads the Big East and is ranked ninth nationally.

Defensively, Ivey is quick with her hands and feet, coming up with more steals than any other Irish player. A menace to anyone on the court with the ball, Ivey made five steals in Saturday's meeting with Georgetown.

Ivey's leadership doesn't just come from her game performance. Her focused attitude during the team's practices pushes the rest of the squad to work harder.

"She dives, takes charges and really hustles all the time in practice," said guard Imani Dunbar. "She doesn't take off for even one drill. When she's tired she gets that look in her eye and she just pushes herself harder."

Battling back

It is that drive and intensity that has allowed Ivey to overcome much adversity to rise to the top of the Irish roster.

Saddled with injuries throughout her collegiate career, Ivey has had to push herself to return to the top of her game.

"It was hard coming back," said Ivey. "But I set many goals for myself when I was recovering from the injuries and I've worked hard through the months and the years to accomplish them."

Ivey suffered a torn ACL in the sixth game of her freshman year that left her sidelined for the season.

"When I was a freshman she had just overcome her first injury so even though she was a sophomore she was like a red-shirt freshman so we had the same court experience," said Dunbar. "She was the point guard, and so the whole team rested on her shoulders, and I looked at the way she responded to that and it was just amazing. She took us to the Sweet 16 that year."

Ivey tore her ACL again during the Big East tournament last season and was forced to watch her team in the tournament's championship loss to Connecticut as well as Notre Dame's two NCAA tournament appearances.

Working hard in the off-season, Ivey returned to the court better than ever for the 099-'00 campaign, determined to lead the Irish to the NCAA tournament.

"She has a spirit that will not die," said Dunbar. "She will not be denied — That's the Niele Ivey I look up to."

Ivey's combination of poise and precision on the court isn't the only reason her teammates see her as a leader.

"She brings so much enthusiasm to the team," said Riley. "She loves to joke around and is probably the funniest person you'll ever meet. Anyone that's



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Irish point guard Niele Ivey drives against her defender in Saturday's 87-56 win over the Hoyas.

met her knows she has a great personality and just loves basketball."

That love for basketball has propelled her this year to her most successful collegiate season. Ivey's leadership and skilled performance has been a defining feature of the Notre Dame team.

The Irish will look to her at tournament time to lead the squad to victory. And that's a role Ivey is willing and able to take.

"My role on the team is a leader," said Ivey, humbly

acknowledging her importance to the Irish. "I need to get everyone going and get them ready to play as well as getting myself ready to go. There are so many different talents on the team — any person might step up during any game and so we all need to be ready to play."

While many different players have stepped up to lead the Irish in their 19 games this season, one thing is certain: When Ivey steps onto the court, she is always ready to be the team leader and never disappoints.

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game.

"It was Notre Dame's night," Georgetown head coach Patrick Knapp said. "We ran into a team that shot very, very well today. They didn't miss many shots."

"I thought in the second half we worked hard to sustain a strong effort," Knapp continued. "But nothing went in for long stretches of time."

With the game in hand by halftime, McGraw was able to give the bench players quality minutes in the second half. For the game, 11 of the 12 Notre Dame players scored.

"I think it's important we play our bench and get them some time," McGraw said. "It would have been better if they could finish the game not turning the ball over or fouling as much but they played pretty well."

McGraw was especially pleased with the performance of two reserves, freshman

Amanda Barksdale (eight points, eight rebounds, five blocks) and junior Kelley Siemon (six points, five rebounds).

"We need to go eight deep [off the bench]," McGraw said. "Right now we have six players that could be starting and two or three more who are going to help us."

The last defeat for the Irish came on Dec. 8 when they lost 71-61 to Purdue. Notre Dame returns to action on Tuesday when they travel to Providence to take on the Lady Friars.

Though she maintains that the winning streak is not of major importance, McGraw

admitted she can see improvement from her squad.

"I think this is the best game we've played in a while," McGraw said. "Michigan State [an 84-54 victory on Dec. 11] was the best game we've played all year, but I think this one is right up there."

"From the start we came out hard and got them down and kept increasing the lead," added McGraw. "We really kept expanding the lead and that was important."



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Fencing

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is going to be a nice fight."

Last weekend, Notre Dame fell to Stanford 14-13 and St. John's 16-11.

The key to Saturday's win was the 7-2 trouncing the sabre squad dealt Penn State. Led by sophomores Gabor Szelle, Andre Crompton and junior Andrej Bednarski, the sabre team set the stage for the victory by winning its first six bouts.

Due to past sabre team success against Penn State, Morton was not surprised by the dominating victory.

"In the past couple of years, it has been 6-3, 7-2 and last year it was 8-1, so we know we have a pretty good squad that can beat them in sabre," Morton said.

In 1999, when the sabre team gave the Irish a good start, the foil and epee squads combined for just six wins in 18 bouts. 2000 was a different story as the foil squad defeated Penn State 5-4 and the epee squad fell just short — losing 5-4.

After falling behind 3-1 early, the foil team won four of

the next five bouts to take the match. Freshman Forest Walton's 5-4 victory in the eighth bout not only knotted the foil match at 4 but also gave the Irish their 14th and deciding victory over the Nittany Lions. No. 1 foil starter Ozren Debic cruised to a 5-1

victory to capture the foil match for the Irish.

"All year these guys have been battling," Harris said. "Every time we have put some pressure on them, they've responded in

a positive way for us. Forest fenced well. Oz was amazing and Steve Mautone stepped up when he had to. It was a group effort."

The epee squad enjoyed less success against the Nittany Lions. While freshman Jan Viviani won all three of his bouts, sophomore Brian Casas and senior captain James Gaither combined for just one win over Penn State.

"I didn't do so well," Gaither said. "I kinda put the blame on myself but we fenced ok. We fenced them tough. They are a good team."

The win over Penn State was just the highlight of a successful Saturday by the men's team. Notre Dame won 21-6

"It is going to be very close come March between us, Penn State, Stanford and St. John's. The title is really up for grabs. It is going to be a nice fight."

Jim Harris
men's foil captain



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Senior epeeist James Gaither parries an attack in Saturday's fencing meet. Gaither finished the weekend with a 7-6 record.

against Florida, 22-5 against Duke, 24-3 against Cleveland State, 20-7 against Air Force and 22-5 against Ohio State.

Individually, the Irish also performed well. Debic led the Irish with an unblemished 14-0 record while Jan Viviani's 10-1 paced the epee team. All three Irish sabre starters dominated with Szelle going 12-1, Crompton 11-3 and Bednarski 10-1.

Other than Penn State, the only challenge Notre Dame received came from a gritty Air Force epee squad. The Falcons

jumped out to a 4-3 lead. Wilburt Gettys took a 4-1 lead on sophomore All-American Brian Casas in the eighth bout before Casas stepped up and captured four straight points to tie the match at four.

The ninth bout was just as tight as Air Force's Robert Bremer and Viviani battled to a 4-4 tie in regulation. In overtime, Viviani scored the first touch to win the bout and the match, 5-4.

Gaither blamed the tighter than expected match on a lack of mental preparation.

"That was kind of weird," he said. "I don't think we were really awake."

The 4-0 record improves the Irish to 6-2 on the year. Despite the perfect Saturday record and win over Penn State, Notre Dame knows there is still room for improvement.

"For the most part we were where we needed to be," Morton said. "It was a great improvement over last week but we still had one or two mental lapses. It didn't cost us anything but we are still not 100 percent focused."

WOMEN'S FENCING

Notre Dame drops close bouts, falls to Penn State

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associate Sports Editor

The women's fencing team learned the hard way Sunday that little mistakes can add up to a big loss as the team fell to the defending national champion Penn State Nittany Lions, 21-6.

The Irish lost seven 5-4 bouts to the Nittany Lions. Notre Dame must win those close bouts to beat a tough team like Penn State, according to head coach Yves Auriol.

"It should have been a lot closer," he said. "There is a mental lack of experience. [Senior] Magda [Krol] should deal better with those kind of situations. It is a sign. When you win the 4-4 matches, it means you are sharp and focused."

Krol is the only Irish women's fencer with NCAA experience. Six of the Irish starters are competing for the first time at the collegiate level while two other starters rarely started before this year.

"Penn State has very experienced fencers," Krol said. "Their whole starting lineup has been fencing for several years and in the NAAs. Penn State has a good tradition of experienced fencers and our fencers are just beginning to step up."

Mental sharpness is critical for improvement and winning close bouts, according to epee captain Kim DeMaio.

"Fencing is such a head game," she said. "When we get to 4-4, it is just more of a mental thing. We get more worried about what our fencers are doing. We just have to focus on our game."

Against the other five teams the Irish faced on Sunday,

Notre Dame was sharp and picked up five wins. Only against the Nittany Lions was the Irish inexperience a factor.

"Overall we fenced pretty well," DeMaio said. "Penn State came in with all the hype and the experience and they are a lot deeper than us. But we pulled it out against the other teams."

The 5-1 record on Sunday improved the Irish to 10-1 on the season. Wins over St. John's and Stanford last weekend coupled with the loss to Penn State make Notre Dame arguably the second best women's team in the country.

"Between last week and this week, we know where we stand," Auriol said. "Overall though I think it was a good weekend."

Led by the women's sabre squad which improved its record on the year to 9-1 on the season, Notre Dame defeated Air Force 22-7, Duke 20-7, Florida 17-10, Ohio State 16-11 and Cleveland State 21-6.

Individually, several Irish fenced well. Freshman Anna Carnick dropped just two bouts en route to a 12-2 weekend and 20-6 overall. Carnick picked up the only two epee wins against the Nittany Lions.

"Anna Carnick was just outstanding today," DeMaio said. "She dropped a bout to [Penn State All-American] Stephanie Eim but she is always one of the top fencers in the country."

Krol once again led the foil team with a 12-4 record. Krol, however, struggled against the top foil fencers dropping two bouts to Penn State and one to both Ohio State and Cleveland State.

Krol chalked up hers and the team's overall struggles to the extra pressure of fencing at

home.

"I think one big part of it might be pressure to perform at home," she said. "It's almost like we are expected to win."

No one wants to disappoint the coaches or have a black mark on the record."

The women's sabre squad blanked both Cleveland State

and Duke. Freshman Natalia Mazur led the team with a 15-1 record while captain Carianne McCullough picked up 11 wins.

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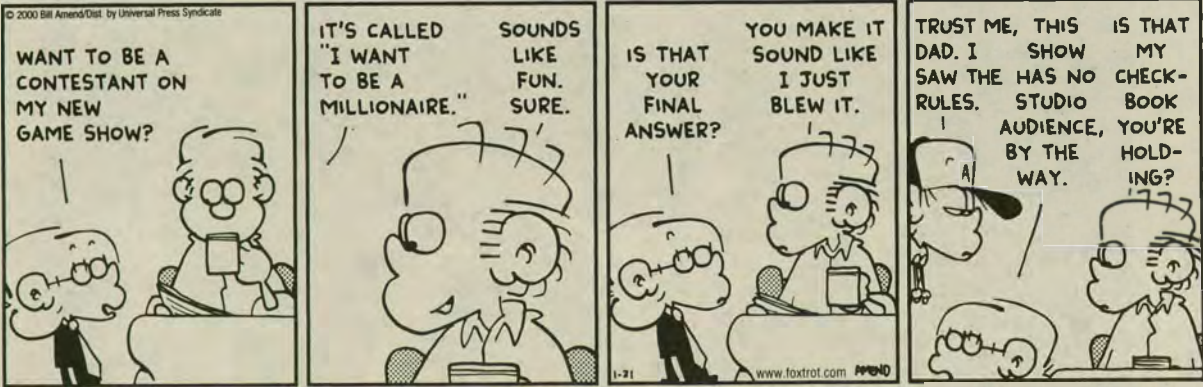
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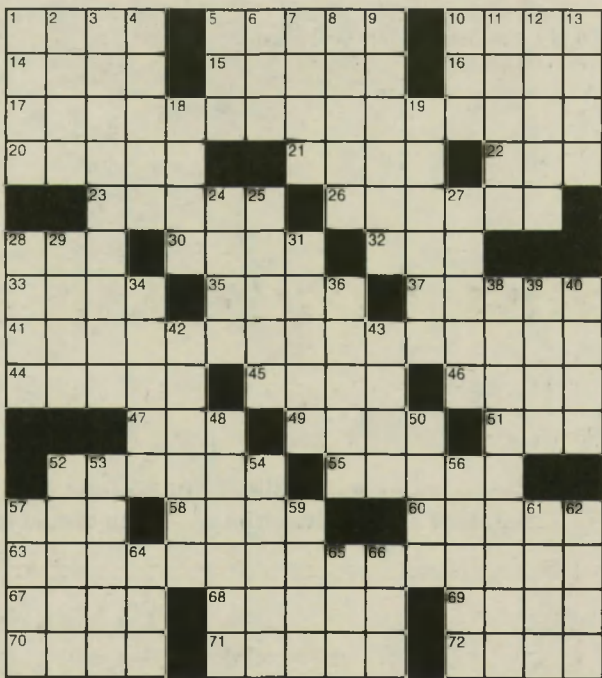
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dillon, Murphy slam dunk No. 23 Saint John's

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Matt Doherty made some key calls in Notre Dame's 73-60 victory over No. 23 St. John's on Saturday. He also made a big call after the game.

Notre Dame 67
St. John's 60

As the clock expired, Doherty headed to center court with his team and waved the students onto the floor to celebrate Notre Dame's first big home victory of the season.

"I felt a little corny waving them out," Doherty said. "I saw [North] Carolina beat Maryland and their students stormed the court, so I wanted ours to storm the court when we beat St. John's because they were a large part of this win. They are a big, big part of this program and we could not have won this game without them."

The Irish also couldn't have won the game without an All-American performance by sophomore forward Troy Murphy. The 6-foot-11 Murphy scored 30 points and grabbed 18 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes against a team without a player over 6-foot-8.

The unsung hero of the

game, however, was Jimmy Dillon. The senior point guard scored nine points, dished out five assists and was responsible for the most important play of the game.

After the Irish had squandered an eight point lead with just over two minutes remaining, the 6-foot-2 Dillon stole the ball from Erick Barkley, dribbled down the court, drew the foul and slammed it home.

"Jimmy [Dillon] went a little show-time on us with the dunk," Doherty said. "That was a big steal. We were sitting back in a zone at their mercy a little bit. Jimmy's a gutsy kid. That's why he played the whole second half. He looked at me after that dunk because I told him if he dunked it, it better go through the hoop. I don't want any to come back through."

"Jimmy is a great guy with a tremendous heart," Murphy said. "He's got some nerve though. He's always telling me he's going to tune somebody up, but he's had many breakaways in practice and games and has always laid it up. He surprised me with a dunk. It was a big play and really got the crowd into it."

Dillon made the ensuing free throw and the three-point play keyed a 17-2 run that



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon picks St. John's point guard Erick Barkley's pocket in Saturday's 73-60 Irish victory. Dillon turned the steal into a three-point play for the Irish

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish roll to easy win over Hoyas

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw sat at the press conference with point guard Niele Ivey to her right answering questions from the sparse media representation after Notre Dame's 87-56 victory over Georgetown on Saturday night.



McGraw

Her team had just won its 13th straight game, but the Irish head coach was not ready to boast.

"We don't really talk about the winning streak because we know it doesn't really matter," McGraw said. "We try to take it one game at a time. I

don't worry about it with this team. They're focused — they don't look ahead."

"If we were undefeated at this point, I'd be really happy," McGraw said.

"Right now we're beating the teams we're supposed to beat."

Saturday's victim was Georgetown.

Behind 18 points and seven assists from point guard Ivey, the Irish (17-2, 8-0) coasted to a 31-point victory over the Hoyas (11-8, 5-3 Big East) at the Joyce Center. The victory represented the largest winning margin for the Irish all season.

Danielle Green added 14 points for the victors, while center Ruth Riley had 12 points and four blocked shots despite sitting out most of the second half.

Notre Dame 87
Georgetown 56

Notre Dame raced out to a 20-7 lead with 13 minutes, 32 seconds remaining in the first half and never looked back. A lay-up by freshman forward Amanda Barksdale with 6:46 remaining in the game gave the Irish a 40-point lead at 79-39, their biggest of the game. The Hoyas' Katie Smrcka-Duffy scored nine points in the final 6 minutes to cut into the Irish lead.

The fifth-ranked Irish shot 63.3 percent from the field for the game; the Hoyas shot just 26.9 percent.

Smrcka-Duffy led Georgetown with 23 points on six of 14 shooting, including four for seven from three-point range. The junior guard also had a school-record 10 steals. Georgetown, which had won four straight games prior to Saturday's loss, also committed 30 turnovers for the

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MEN'S FENCING

Notre Dame defeats archrival Penn State

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

For years the Nittany Lions have been kings of the collegiate fencing world. Saturday, the men's fencing team sent them back to Happy Valley with their tails tucked between their legs after a 16-13 loss to the Irish.

"It was very big," sabre captain Clay Morton said. "It felt very good to defeat them in sabre and it felt really good to defeat them overall. It's been awhile since we beat them overall."

The win broke a four-match losing streak against Penn State. The Irish last defeated the Nittany Lions in the '80s when they won three straight.

The win, however, was not unexpected according to Irish head coach Yves Auriol.

"I was expecting the men's team to win," he said. "They did a good job. We have a very talented team and we have the talent to do it."

While Penn State remains the team to beat at this March's NCAA championships, Notre Dame served notice that it was a strong contender to break Penn State's four-year grip on the title.

"They fenced us very tough and there is a long way to go before NCAAs," foil captain Jim Harris said. "It is going to be very close come March between us, Penn State, Stanford and St. John's. The title is really up for grabs. It

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