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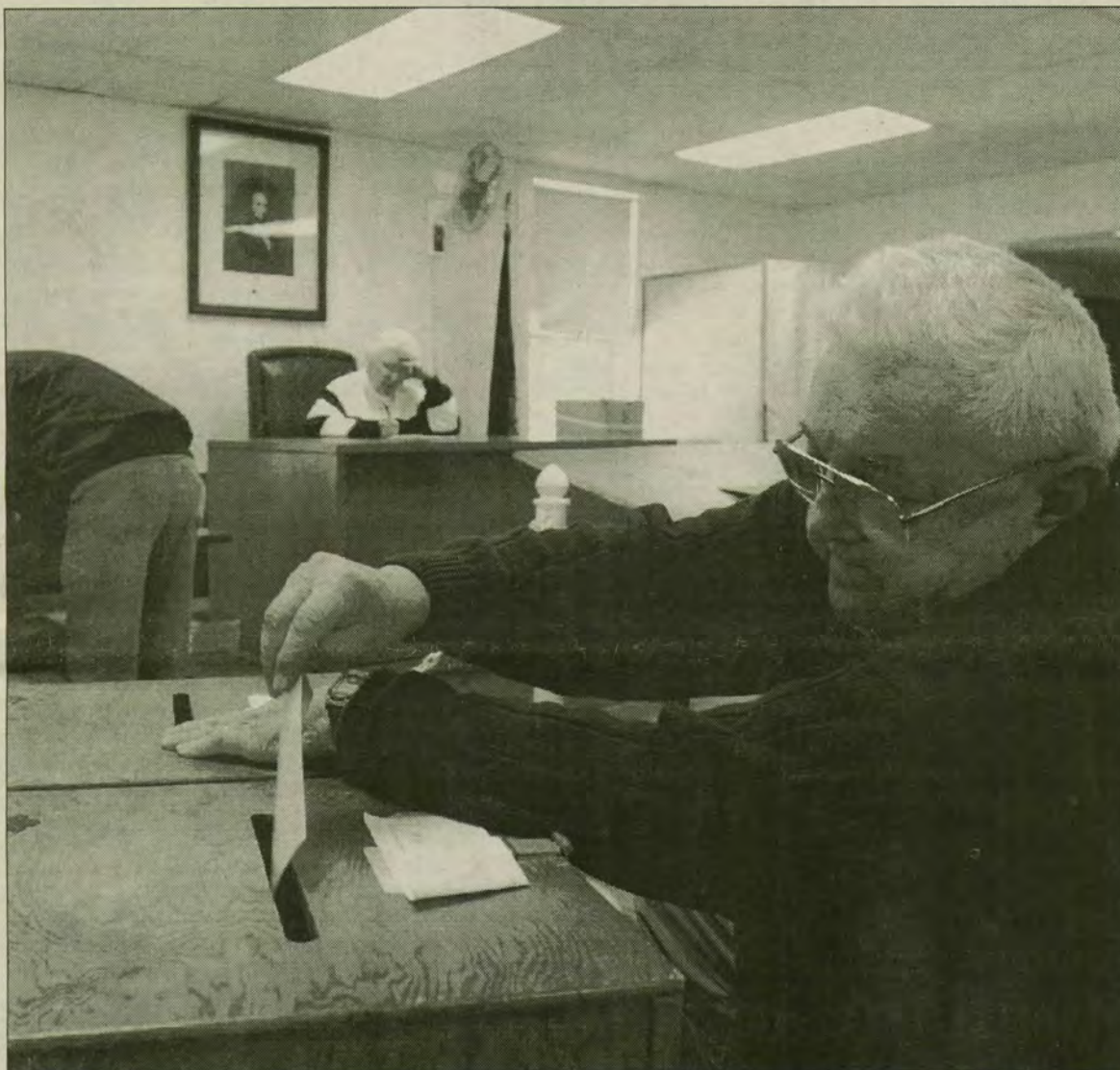
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ELECTION 2000

McCain, Gore win New Hampshire primary



A New Hampshire voter casts his ballot Tuesday in the state's primary. Senator John McCain was the landslide winner for the Republican Party, while Vice President Al Gore and former Senator Bill Bradley ran a tight Democratic race.

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

MANCHESTER

Arizona Sen. John McCain scored a landslide victory over George W. Bush on Tuesday in New Hampshire's leadoff primary, puncturing the aura of inevitability that had buoyed the Texan's drive for the Republican presidential nomination. Vice President Al Gore staved off a toe-to-toe challenge from Democratic challenger Bill Bradley.

"We have sent a powerful message to Washington that change is coming," McCain told cheering supporters. He watched returns with his teary-eyed wife, Cindy, who put a trembling hand to her mouth and said, "It really happened."

With returns from almost all New Hampshire's 300 Republican precincts, McCain had 49 percent of the vote compared to 31 for Bush. Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes was a distant third at 13 percent and former Amb. Alan Keyes was at 6.

McCain's 18-point margin recast the GOP race for the larger states ahead. He won 10 of the 17 GOP delegates at stake, Bush 5 and Forbes 2.

Of necessity, Bush took the long view, telling AP,

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners and this year will be no exception." After calling McCain with congratulations, Bush told supporters, "I am better candidate for having come to New Hampshire and waging this campaign and because of this competition."

Gore was winning 52 percent of the Democratic vote and 13 delegates, Bradley 47 and 9.

"We're going to march all the way down the field — from state to state, from coast to coast — all the way to victory in November," the vice president told supporters, as Democrats and Republicans alike looked to upcoming primaries that could determine the nominees by mid-March.

The night's winners, Gore and McCain, were flying from New Hampshire for middle-of-the-night victory rallies — Gore in New York, McCain in South Carolina.

Bradley lost badly in Iowa last week and surrendered the lead he once held in New Hampshire polling, but Tuesday night he found solace in the narrower margin and he vowed to continue his challenge. "We're moving forward," Bradley told AP and indeed he has enough money to remain competitive in an expensive

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's initiates new ethnic diversity commission

By MOLLY MCVOY
News Writer

Diversity has become a key issue on Saint Mary's campus, and Board of Governance took its first steps to address the issue Tuesday, approving a new student diversity board as part of student government.

The board will bring together ethnic minority groups already present on campus with the hope of giving them a more united and powerful voice on campus.

"I felt the need for [something like this] before," ethnic diversity commissioner Akmaral Omarova said. "In my freshman year, I saw there was not enough of a network of support for underrepresented groups on this cam-

pus. When this idea was presented, I thought, this is it."

BOG delayed acceptance of the new board's constitution after Omarova presented a preliminary draft. After offering a few minor suggestions, the board tabled the issue, electing to vote on it next week, when it is expected to pass.

Omarova and Student Activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush researched constitutions of other similar boards from other universities, and from those example created an organization to fit the specific needs of Saint Mary's.

With the inclusion of the board, BOG members hope to improve faculty diversity and propose a world religions class as part of the core curriculum.

"The main goal of this board is for the

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Members of the board address a novel proposal for an ethnic diversity commission Tuesday.

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Give Bond
a break

Saturday night. Two guys. Two girls. And Bond. James Bond.
I don't mean the movie. I really, really wish I did mean the movie.
Unfortunately, my friend and I fell victim to a Notre Dame man's best friend: Goldeneye, the Nintendo 64 game.

No one initially intended to crowd around a television screen to watch a video game. But, as the boys grew tiresome with our "girl" entertainment (LFO, of course), they threatened revenge by means of their own amusement. As the N64 sprang to life, the guys became suddenly entranced in Bond's struggle to hunt out his foes and conquer some bunker-type structure.

This, however, is not what I saw.
I watched a little man with a gun, supposedly the "acclaimed" Bond, (although he looked more like an awkward conglomeration of digital shapes) run aimlessly in circles, desperately shooting at anything that didn't resemble the listless gray background of digital rocks and stone. After finishing the level, the Bond figure proceeded to bungee jump off a cliff. I inquired as to how jumping off a cliff related to the game. The boys, however, failed to supply anything that even resembled a satisfactory response.

So now it was two guys, two girls, Bond and random occurrences of extreme sports.
I shook my head and retreated to my boy bands.

Eventually, after suffering through what seemed to be the exact same level 15 times, the boys finally overcame the attraction of Bond. Of course, its spell was only able to be broken provided that they had first earned all of their "cheats." (Though I was left thoroughly confused at the time, I believe "cheats" are one of the main objectives of such games. They consist of secret levels and modes hidden to the normal player. And though personally I question their importance, I do know a boy who spent three days straight, "missing class and all," to attain these "cheats," so, apparently, they must have some meaning.) The video game remained on, however, despite the fact that no one was actually still playing. I think this is because they were afraid of suffering from withdrawal.

Sitting on the couch, watching the cast of characters flash upon the television screen, I casually mentioned Pierce Brosnan's good looks. One of the guys immediately matched my comment, citing the girl currently on the screen. I glanced upwards and noticed only a digital character.

"Her? She's not *real*. She can't be attractive," I explained.

"Yeah, she is. And, you said *he* was hot," he retorted.

"But Pierce Brosnan is an actual person."
"So?"

I could only formulate one conclusion: guys spend so much time playing these video games, they can no longer distinguish the real from the digital.

Nintendo should invest in creating a Notre Dame video game; blow up North Quad, topple Stonehenge and dodge fellow students in South Dining Hall.

Girls will cringe. Boys will rejoice. And eventually, with the best times and the right "cheats," the "hot" digital chick will bungee jump off of the Dome.

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

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Film: "Rousseau: Surprised;" Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; noon.	◆ Art: "Martina Lopez: Passage of Time;" South Bend Regional Museum of Art, Century Center, South Bend; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	◆ Comedy: Rita Rudner; Mendel Center Mainstage, Lake Michigan College, Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; 8 p.m.	◆ Charity: Adopt-A-Pet Day, Pet Refuge Inc; 2300 W. Sixth St., Misawaka; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
◆ Art: "In Praise of Nature;" 18 Artist Gallery, 564 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton; 10 a.m.		◆ Dance: Singles dance; Elks Club, 3535 KcKinley Blvd, South Bend; 8 p.m..	◆ Sports: Ice Fishing Derby, Fish Lake American Legion Post 400, (219) 369-9237

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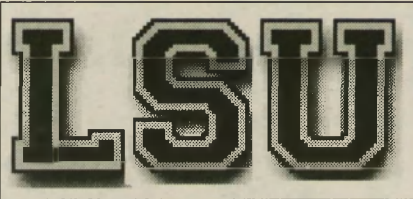
Court rules LSU in violation of Title IX laws

BATON ROUGE, La. A court of appeals ruled Thursday that the Louisiana State University Athletic Department intentionally violated a federal law when it denied several female students the same access to sports as men.

A lower court judge, Rebecca Doherty, ruled in 1996 that while LSU's athletic department was "archaic," the University did not intentionally violate Title IX.

The panel of judges from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Doherty's ruling, allowing the five students who originally sued to seek "unlimited" damages from the university.

"We conclude that LSU violated Title IX by failing to accommodate effectively the interests and abilities of certain female students and that its discrimination against these stu-



dents was intentional," Judge Carl Stewart wrote.

Title IX is a federal law passed in 1972 that says no person should be excluded from participation in any federally-funded program or activity on the basis of sex.

Three female students filed the original lawsuits in 1994 after they approached the LSU Athletic Department several times requesting to form a women's varsity soccer team, said Nancy Rafuse, a lawyer for the students.

Following the university's denial of that request, the students hired a lawyer, she said.

In meeting with Athletic Director Joe Dean about forming the new team, Dean allegedly repeatedly referred to student Lisa Ollar as "honey," "sweetie" and "cutie," and said the University should consider the formation of a varsity soccer team because players "would look cute running around in their soccer shorts," according to the court's written opinion.

These statements added strength to the Court of Appeals' finding that LSU intentionally violated Title IX, according to the opinion.

Rafuse said the judge's ruling that LSU did intentionally violate the law backed up her clients' claims.

"It validates what they've been through," she said.

Investigators look into Aggie fire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas The students in charge of building the 1999 Aggie Bonfire at Texas A&M University will meet with investigators this week to demonstrate how the thousands of logs used in the stack were cut, assembled, and wired together. The consultants hired by the Special Commission on the 1999 Aggie Bonfire want to observe the human and behavioral sides of the building process, commission chairman Leo Linbeck told The Dallas Morning News Sunday. "How was it organized, how was it supervised, how they divided into teams — all the nonstructural elements," Linbeck said. "Did the people construct it in the way it was intended?" Linbeck could not be reached for further comment but released a statement about the demonstration. "This is just another piece of the research effort undertaken by the consultants. It is not open to the public. To my knowledge none of the Commission members, myself included, plan to attend," Linbeck said. The Texas A&M Board of Regents has already authorized the commission to spend up to \$1 million on the investigation.

Columbia accepts sweatshop policy

NEW YORK After an hour of often contentious debate, the University Senate passed Columbia's own code of conduct for manufacturers of licensed apparel on Friday. The decision of whether to adopt a University code against sweatshops dominated Friday's Senate meeting, as members of the drafting subcommittee defended the proposed code against concerns raised by other senators. The issues of the "living wage" and child labor, which had been the main points of contention at December's meeting, were again the focus of much of the debate. When the resolution was finally voted on, however, there were no dissenting voices. Members of the Senate Executive Committee met with members of the drafting committee on Thursday to make last minute revisions to the code, most of which were aimed at making the requirements for companies producing Columbia apparel clearer. Nevertheless, some senators expressed concerns over the feasibility of applying the code, which sets the standards that companies must follow in order to be licensed to make Columbia-logo apparel.

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Prof: Economic status doesn't determine need for democracy

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Political factors predict the future of democracy in Latin America more accurately than economic measurements, Scott Mainwaring said Tuesday in a lecture on modernization and democratization in Latin America.

"It's absolutely implausible," Mainwaring said, "that economic performance in Latin America has any explicability for democratic survivability."

Director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and a professor of

government and international studies, Mainwaring is on leave from the University this semester to further his research on democracy in Latin America.

"He is the most prolific scholar of our generation," said Frances Hagopian, the acting director of the Kellogg Institute during Mainwaring's absence.

In his lecture, Mainwaring

emphasized the significance of political factors such as international diffusion and modes of political competition.

"Democracy as a political regime in Latin America seems to be highly contingent," said Mainwaring. "These results find a largely

political explanation to democracy in Latin America rather than structural factors."

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Frances Hagopian
acting director of
the Kellogg Institute

This international diffusion effect refers to the increasing likelihood of a country to turn to democracy if that nation has the support of other democratic nations.

"The international context of regimes has a very powerful impact," Mainwaring said. "Where actors are committed to democracy, this will manifest itself in modes of political competition and contestation."

Mainwaring, an expert in Latin American politics, countered theories that say countries with higher levels of economic development have a better chance of becoming a democracy. "Whereas global studies based on large numbers of countries show that modernization affects democracy," Mainwaring said, "the correlation between modernization and democracy is much weaker in Latin America."

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Scott Mainwaring
professor of government and
international studies

Guillermo O'Donnell, is that democracy continues to become more likely as per capita income rises, but at a certain point, this likelihood of democracy tapers off or even declines.

Mainwaring argued that a significant number of Latin American countries do not fit such global models for predicting democracy and cited three principal anomalies to such theories. The last wave of democratization in Latin America was led by several poor countries, while wealthier countries, like Argentina

and Brazil, actually reverted back to authoritarian regimes during the 1960s and 1970s. Also, periods of economic growth have not led to increased democratization, as political scientists

espousing modernization theories had predicted.

Mainwaring placed most Latin American countries within the range of middle development, where it is difficult to predict the political regime.

"If you take a global scale," Mainwaring said, "Latin American countries, most of them fall within a certain band, and this band is precisely the band where regime type is most indeterminate."

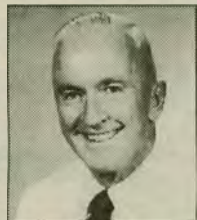
Fellowship named for law professor

By KATE DOWNEN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Law School has established a fellowship in honor of law professor Charles Rice, thanks to an anonymous gift from a 1972 graduate.

The benefactor hopes the fellowship will attract additional contributions from other Notre Dame law graduates and class members.

"I think it's a fine thing if it gives someone the opportunity to go to school here," Rice said. "I'm grateful someone chose to name it after me."



Rice

Rice, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1969, is a specialist in constitutional law, jurisprudence and torts. He has written eight books, including "50 Questions on the Natural Law" and, most recently, "The Winning Side: Questions on Living the Culture of Life," which was published in 1999.

After graduating from Holy Cross in 1953, Rice earned his juris doctor degree from Boston College in 1956 and his master of juridical science degrees from New York University in 1959 and 1962, respectively. After practicing privately in New York City, he taught at C.W. Post College, New York University and Fordham University before joining the Notre Dame faculty.

Rice was coeditor of the American Journal of Jurisprudence from 1970-97,

served as a member of the Educational Appeal Board in the U.S. Department of Education from 1981-93, and has been a consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and currently serves on the board of trustees of Franciscan University in Ohio, and the board of governors of Ave Maria School of Law.

A staunch pro-life advocate, Rice has also served as co-chair of Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life, and has co-authored numerous briefs involving right to life and right to die issues.

The anonymous gift is a component of Notre Dame's \$767-million "Generations" campaign, the largest capital campaign in the history of Catholic higher education.

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Election

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sprint of followup primaries, a luxury McCain could not have afforded.

The vice president cast his victory as a bad omen for Bradley, whose laid-back style and pledges of political reform were tailor made for independent-minded voters of New Hampshire.

"If he cannot win here, then that's a devastating blow to him," Gore told reporters.

Bradley shifted strategy immediately. For weeks he refused and ridiculed Gore's request for frequent debates, but now faltering on Tuesday night he proposed weekly debates starting Sunday through March 7, Gore aides said the vice president would look at the proposal.

Nearly four out of every 10 New Hampshire voters do not declare a party affiliation, and these independents were a potent attraction to insurgent candidates McCain and Bradley in a state with a proud history of knocking front-runners offstride.

McCain credited his agenda of political and campaign finance reform for his victory. "The Republican Party recovered its heritage of reform. And it's the beginning of the end of the truth-twisting politics of Bill Clinton and Al Gore," he said.

Voter interviews showed McCain winning in every demographic and income group. As expected, he was well ahead among independents in a state that allows its non-partisan voters to cast ballots in either primary. And he defeated Bush among Republican voters, a constituency that Bush had expected to dominate. McCain advantage over Bush among GOP voters bodes well for their next confrontation in South Carolina, a state that tends to back establishment candidates like Bush.

Social conservative Gary Bauer barely registered in the returns and was struggling to survive. "I'm a fighter but I'm not delusional," Bauer said, before flying home to Virginia to take stock of his candidacy.

Forbes had to be disappointed, too, finishing little better

than he did in the 1996, after investing four years and millions of dollars for a second GOP bid. Yet Forbes said he would stay and fight for conservative voters who might be tempted to peel away from the suddenly vulnerable Bush.

"I make this appeal to those who may have backed others because of inevitability, I plead with you, please come home," he said.

"I will congratulate John McCain on his victory," said Keyes, "but I cannot agree with the stands he has portrayed on the issues in this election." Specifically, he claimed, "His heart is not pro-life," though McCain says his voting record has been exactly that.

McCain's gargantuan victory was certain to raise questions about Bush's strategy, relying on photo opportunities and scripted speeches while McCain held dozens of free-wheeling town hall meetings, appealing to finicky New Hampshire voters who expect a personal touch.

Bush aired TV ads that said he was the most likely candidate to be elected president, but voter interviews showed that less than 10 percent of GOP voters in New Hampshire said they considered a candidate's ability to get elected a top factor in their decision. Voter interviews showed that the top quality sought by Tuesday's GOP voters was a candidate who "stands up for what he believes in." Nearly as many voters were looking for a "strong and decisive leader."

After New Hampshire, Democrats turn their attention to an unprecedented mountain of primaries from New York to California on March 7. Republicans will compete in several states before March 7, including Delaware on Feb. 8, South Carolina on Feb. 19 and Arizona and Michigan on Feb. 22.

Bush has held a wide lead in South Carolina polls, but McCain has more than two weeks to chip away at the lead and hoped to marshal support from military veterans among Republican voters.

The Arizonan invested most of his pre-primary time and money in New Hampshire, gambling that the state's independent-minded voters would

N.H. PRIMARY RESULTS

Democrats

Al Gore	52%
Bill Bradley	47%

Republicans

John McCain	49%
George W. Bush	31%
Steve Forbes	13%
Alan Keyes	6%

with 94% of precincts reporting

Source: Associated Press

be drawn to his reform agenda. Though his campaign is more national in scope, Bush also invested millions of dollars in hopes of winning New Hampshire and stopping McCain's insurgent candidacy.

Bush brought in his parents, former White House residents George and Barbara, for a sentimental rally that apparently did not resonate.

The tangible primary yield was 22 delegates to the Democratic convention and 17 delegates to the GOP convention, a tiny fraction of the totals needed to win the nominations. The true rewards of New Hampshire are momentum or simply validation of a candidate's campaign.

Voters seemed to be looking for character more than policy pronouncements.

Charles Baron, 51, an accountant from Manchester, said he typically votes Democratic but went for McCain. "I have the sense he's telling the truth," Baron said.

In the past two weeks, the Democrats shed almost any talk of issues to exchange bitter personal attacks. Bradley accused the vice president of stretching the truth on abortion. Gore, a hard-knuckle campaigner himself, indignantly accused the former New Jersey senator of breaking his promise to run a clean campaign.

One personal note had political implications: Bradley acknowledged just before the primary that his irregular heartbeat had required more treatment than he had previously said.

Board

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minorities to have a forum to get together and feel support," Omarova said.

Elections for the board's president and vice president will be held on Feb. 23, the same day as class elections.

In other Board of

Governance news

♦ BOG voted to reimburse members of a group who went on an Urban Plunge to Denver over winter break. Senior Jo Ellen Jeselnick was one of four Saint Mary's students who participated in the program sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns.

The \$700 cost was originally paid by students themselves, but the board voted to reimburse each student \$250 at Jeselnick's request.

♦ Allison Webb has been selected as the new Student Activities Board coordinator, Janet Horvath reported.

Applications for chair positions are due on Feb. 25; chairpersons will be selected before spring break. The board also heard updates from class officers and discussed the details of this semester's budget.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Groups push for opening of Pinochet's medical records

LONDON

Six human rights groups on Tuesday joined Belgium in formally requesting a review of a judge's decision to leave Gen. Augusto Pinochet's medical records confidential. Amnesty International and five other organizations filed an application seeking a judicial review before a panel of senior High Court judges. It is expected to be heard next week. The move follows a High Court judge's decision Monday to reject a request by Belgium and the human rights groups to challenge the secrecy of the medical report, which found the former Chilean dictator unfit to stand trial in Spain on allegations of human rights abuses.

AIDS may date back to 1930

SAN FRANCISCO

The worldwide AIDS epidemic has been traced back to a single viral ancestor — the HIV Eve — that emerged perhaps around 1930. Earlier research had suggested that the epidemic began in the first half of the 20th century, but the latest analysis, done at the Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico, appears to be the most definitive so far. Bette Korber, who keeps a database of HIV genetic information at the lab, calculated HIV's family tree by looking at the rate the virus mutates over time. She assumed these genetic changes happen at a constant rate, and using a supercomputer she clocked the mutations back through time to a common ancestor. Korber estimates that the current epidemic goes back to one or a small group of infected humans around 1930, though this ancestor virus could have emerged as early as 1910 or as late as 1950. From this single source, she suggests, came the virus that now infects roughly 40 million people all over the world.

U.S. looks to speak with China on human rights

BEIJING

The new U.S. ambassador to China said Tuesday that the United States wants to open wide-ranging talks with the Chinese government on human rights issues. Joseph Prueher, speaking to U.S. business executives in Beijing, said Washington welcomed the release last week of Song Yongyi, a librarian at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania who had been detained in China since August. But Prueher said a meaningful dialogue on human rights would have to go further. "I think it's important that human rights discussions with China not be a series of spikes, of individuals, but rather a broader dialogue where we get more philosophically in tune," he said to the American Chamber of Commerce-China. "A secure, stable and prosperous China is what's in the interests of the United States," Prueher said.



AFP Photo

Ventura County Fire and Rescue officers search the Oxnard beach Tuesday for debris or remains from the Alaska Airlines MD-83 that crashed into the Pacific Ocean Monday. U.S. Coast Guard and Navy officials are still referring to the situation as a search and rescue operation, despite not locating any survivors of the 88 passengers aboard the plane.

Rescuers continue dim search

Associated Press

PORT HUENEME, Calif. The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for at least six minutes before the jetliner plummeted into the ocean with 88 people aboard, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The last minutes of the MD-83's flight Monday may have been witnessed by pilots aboard four other aircraft, and the National Transportation Safety

Board is seeking to interview them.

The plane plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down in the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators at the crash site also said Tuesday they heard a pinging from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorders, which could reveal what went wrong with the stabilizer.

The search was concentrated on a debris field about 10 miles offshore and about 40 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport. Coast Guard, Navy and private vessels were joined by military airplanes.

Nearly a day after the accident, searchers had pulled four bodies — one man, two women and an infant — from the calm sea, which is 300 to 750 feet deep in the area. Hopes dimmed that anyone aboard Flight 261 survived in the 58-degree

water.

"This is still a search for human life," Coast Guard Adm. Tom Collins said. "The challenge is time. As time ticks off, risks go up."

On shore in Port Hueneme, passers-by paused to bow their heads in prayer.

"It just feels so good to stand out here and pray. It sort of cleanses you out," said Diane Adame, 39. "You don't realize when you put someone on a plane and give them a hug that you might not see them again."

AUSTRIA

Haider reaches tentative deal in Austria

Associated Press

VIENNA

Outspoken populist Joerg Haider on Tuesday negotiated a deal to allow his far-right party to share power in Austria's government — despite warnings from the United States and the European Union that such a move could lead to diplomatic isolation.

Haider, leader of the rightist Freedom Party, and Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel reached the agreement late Tuesday on a proposed coalition government between Haider's

party and the conservative People's Party.

"We have decided to try this path," declared Haider. "This government will happen."

Haider and Schuessel offered no details on the composition of their government or details of their program. But in an attempt to defuse international criticism, both politicians pledged that tolerance would be high on their agenda.

"There is no evidence to indicate that anyone is going to have to leave this country," Haider said, referring to charges that

his party's stance on immigration is discriminatory.

The deal can still be rejected by President Thomas Klestil, who could call new elections or propose other alternatives. But he is unlikely to do so. Haider and Schuessel planned to meet with Klestil on Wednesday.

Earlier, while talks were still under way, the Clinton administration warned that the United States would carefully examine its relations with Austria if Haider's party moved into a leadership position.

There was no immediate State Department response

to the agreement, but earlier Tuesday, spokesman James Foley said the United States is "continuing to keep the situation under review" and added that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had called Schuessel on Tuesday.

Suspicion of Haider's party stems in part from his past hostility to the EU, his opposition to immigration and remarks sympathetic to aspects of Adolf Hitler's regime. The EU's 14 other members have threatened to isolate Austria politically if Haider's party gains power.

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RUSSIA

2,000 more Chechen troops abandon Grozny

◆ Federal soldiers try to maintain blockade of capital

Associated Press

ALKHAN-YURT

Several hundred Chechen fighters have abandoned positions in their embattled capital of Grozny and escaped despite a Russian blockade. Two senior rebel commanders along with scores of their fighters stumbled into a minefield and were killed.

About 2,000 Chechen fighters broke out and tried Tuesday to head south to join up with fellow rebels, battling federal forces attempting to prevent their escape with tanks and artillery. Russian reports estimated there were about 3,000 rebel fighters in Grozny last week.

Other rebels stayed in the battered Chechen capital to keep up the fierce resistance they have mounted to months of air and artillery attacks and a five-week Russian push to take the city center.

There was no sign that any of the estimated 15,000-40,000 civilians trapped in Grozny had left with the rebels.

At least two prominent rebel commanders remained in Grozny with their forces, rebels said. It was unclear how many rebels remained under their command.

A large group of rebels got caught in a minefield on the outskirts of Grozny on Monday, and several prominent Chechen commanders were killed or badly wounded, witnesses said. Russian artillery then opened fire on the field, killing and wounding scores more fighters, they said.

Chechen field commander Shamil

Basayev reportedly had his leg torn off when his car was blown up by a mine as he escaped Grozny; he was spirited away, rebels said, and his whereabouts was unknown.

Among the Chechen commanders reportedly killed were Aslanbek Ismailov, who had headed Grozny's defenses, Khunkar-Pasha Israpilov, and Grozny Mayor Lecha Dudayev.

Russian commanders denied that the rebels escaped; a main goal of the Russian offensive had been to wipe out the fighters in Grozny. The rebels who left Grozny are expected to join thousands of comrades in the south to go on fighting.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said Russian troops clashed with rebels Tuesday in the Argun and Vedeno gorges, which lead

through the mountains. The Interfax news agency cited a rebel spokesman as saying fighting continued in Grozny on Tuesday evening.

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev insisted Tuesday that federal forces were successfully blocking rebels trying to flee Grozny.

"Nobody will ever allow the rebels to leave the city other than under a white flag and after laying down their weapons," he said.

The rebels did not announce that they had given up the fight for the capital. Their strategy in Grozny was to inflict as many losses as possible on the Russians while avoiding heavy casualties that would harm their ability to continue the war.

In the last Chechen war, the rebels lost Grozny in 1995, but kept fighting until they retook the city in 1996.

The fighters' exodus began Monday as groups of rebels broke out of the western edge of the city along a railway line. The rebels continued to flee overnight, rebel commanders and residents of nearby villages said.

"Nobody will ever allow the rebels to leave the city other than under a white flag and after laying down their weapons."

Igor Sergeyev
Russian Defense Minister

ISRAEL

Summit talks stall as deadline nears

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

No progress was made in the first two rounds of a 10-day marathon of intensive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, a Palestinian negotiator said Tuesday.

Saeb Erekat would not say what issues the two sides raised over the past two days, but he indicated that Israeli negotiators were pushing to keep east Jerusalem and West Bank water sources under Israeli control.

"There is a serious gap between the two sides," he said.

Israel and the Palestinians are trying to meet a Feb. 13 deadline for formulating the outline of a peace treaty, addressing hotly contested issues such as borders, Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees and Jewish settlements. A final treaty is due in September.

It is unlikely the sides will make much headway before a summit Thursday between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Barak's office on Tuesday said the meeting would take place at noon at the Gaza Strip's Erez Crossing.

The office said in a statement that Barak would also meet with Jordan's King Abdullah on Sunday in Amman "as part of the prime minister's intensive activities to advance the peace process

on all its tracks."

President Clinton's Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, was to arrive Wednesday to be briefed by negotiators. Arafat said Secretary of State Madeline Albright might be coming to the region as well.

Erekat said both sides were genuinely trying to meet the February deadline, but that Ross' intervention would be necessary.

In a push toward a framework treaty, the two sides decided to hold 10 days of intensive negotiations in secret locations. The first round was held Sunday, and a second session was convened Monday in the West Bank town of Jericho.

A meeting between Erekat and his Israeli counterpart Oded Eran, set for Tuesday, was postponed to Thursday, Erekat said. He did not give a reason for the delay.

The two were expected to discuss an Israeli withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank that was to have taken place Jan. 20. Israel has asked for an extra three weeks to get organized.

Barak aide Gadi Baltiansky on Tuesday said that Israel would carry out the withdrawal by Feb. 10.

The Palestinians want to gain control of West Bank suburbs of Jerusalem in the upcoming withdrawal, but Israel apparently wants to keep those areas as a bargaining chip for talks on the status of disputed Jerusalem, claimed by both sides as their capital.



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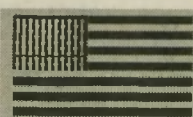
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CUBA

Dispute causes procedural delays in attaining U.S. visas

Associated Press

HAVANA

Cubans applying for U.S. visitor visas in Havana will have to wait up to 15 days because of a dispute with the Cuban government, the U.S. Interests Section announced Tuesday.

The mission said the Cuban government had backed away from an earlier agreement on a more efficient visa application process. But U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said later they had reached a new, verbal pact with the Cubans to implement the system within 15 days.

The problem affects most Cubans try-

ing to visit relatives in the United States or take part in academic, cultural or other events.

U.S. officials said the problem was procedural, not political, and was not related to the custody battle over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez or other disputes.

Under the old system, Cubans seeking such visas had to send a letter to the Interests Section, which then had to send them a letter inviting them to apply for a visa. With that letter, they were allowed to enter the diplomatic mission's compound to apply. The old process could take months.

The new system, which U.S. officials hoped to start Monday, would have let Cubans come directly to the mission and

drop an application into a box. Officials said most applicants would have an interview and a reply to their request the next day.

But on Tuesday, Cuban police blocked streets near the mission, preventing about 200 people from entering. The crowd waited peacefully, hoping police might change their minds.

"There are people who have been waiting here for three days," said Isabel Rodriguez Cruz of the central Cuban city of Matanzas, who had waited for several days.

Another of those waiting, Isabel Monsibaez, said Cuban officials had told the crowd on Monday that the old system would continue. But she said U.S. offi-

cials told them Tuesday that it would not.

The Interests Section will continue to receive applications from people who have already received letters from the mission under the old system but will issue no more letters. In preparing for the new system, U.S. officials said consular officials in Havana had already destroyed letters sent to them under the old method.

A statement said the mission "no longer has the ability — nor is it willing — to revert to the inefficient and easily corrupted system of issuing application letters."

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FRANCE

Truckers strike for better conditions

Associated Press

PARIS

The French government put on a brave face Tuesday as its new 35-hour workweek law came into effect against a backdrop of public transport strikes in Paris and nationwide blockades by truckers.

For a second day, truckers brought traffic to a standstill at ports and cities, blaming the government for caving in to employers' demands that trucking companies be exempted from the law. In Paris, 50 percent of buses, suburban train and subway services were hit by a strike. Many commuters were forced to walk or drive to work.

In the southern port city of Marseille, 10,000 people rallied to protest what they also saw as poor implementation of the law.

By Tuesday evening, only a handful of barricades remained in place and all were expected to be lifted by morning.

The Socialist-led government played down Tuesday's protests. Labor Minister Martine Aubry told lawmakers they were a result of workers simply "assuring that they get

the best possible conditions." She denied the program was unpopular.

The government says reducing the workweek from 39 hours to 35 will help reduce unemployment since companies will have to hire more staff.

Business leaders have criticized the cost of the program, accusing officials of unnecessary meddling in the economy. Many employers say they will demand more productivity from workers.

Trade unions are concerned about exactly how the law will be implemented, and are keen to ensure workers do not see their salaries shrink.

Only 20 percent of the 82,000 companies nationwide that are supposed to fully adhere to the new law have reached agreement with their employees, officials say. But Aubry says tens of thousands of jobs have already been created by the law.

Tuesday's strikes coincided with the symbolic Feb. 1 deadline for French companies with more than 20 employees to comply with the law. Other companies have until 2002.

The shorter workweek is the centerpiece of Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's efforts to reduce a stubborn unemployment rate which, despite edging down since he took office in mid-1997, is still hovering above the 10 percent mark.

On Monday, French truckers blocked traffic at international borders and around major cities to demand that their hourly rates and bonuses rise to soften the impact of a shorter week.



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Homeless kids face school segregation, discrimination

Associated Press

At Thomas J. Pappas Elementary school in Phoenix,

pupils learn to read and count. They also get new clothes if theirs are tattered and dirty, onsite medical care, breakfast and lunch. Also, they get boxes

of food from the school's pantry to take home to their families.

Despite such efforts, however, advocates for the homeless

contended in a report released Tuesday that Pappas and other schools for homeless children across the country unfairly segregate their charges. The schools violate a 1987 law aimed at educating more than a half-million homeless youngsters by depriving them "of the chance to develop normal relationships with their peers," the report said.

"There is no reason why homeless children should not be in the same schools as everyone else," Sarah McCarthy, a staff attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, said in releasing the report.

A trend toward teaching homeless children in shelters, community centers and separate schools is the latest in a list of barriers to such children's legal rights to an equal education, the report said.

Thomas Corwin, who deals with schooling the homeless for the Education Department, said separate schools are not in direct violation of the law, but they're not the ideal.

"We are very much in agreement with the general spirit of the report," he said, including many of the advocates' recommendations for changing the law this year. Suggested changes include requiring a homeless specialist in every district and informing homeless parents of their rights. Corwin said Congress has repeatedly turned down administration requests to increase funding to help homeless students.

Almost 50 schools such as Pappas educate homeless children separately, many little more than one-room school houses, the report said. The first was established in 1984 in Utah.

The report, based on a 1998 survey of homeless service providers and advocates, also charged that long-standing school district policies requiring proof of residency, immunization records and documents from other schools place unfair burdens on homeless families.

Almost eight in 10 of the surveyed organizations that provide services for the homeless said their clients' children could not ride district school buses because they lacked permanent addresses.

The Education Department says roughly 12 percent of homeless children are not enrolled in school, compared with more than 50 percent not in school in 1990.

McCarthy and other advocates urged the department to increase monitoring of states' compliance with the law,

especially focusing on states where separate schools exist.

"Until this is done, homeless children will continue to have an unequal education," McCarthy said.

Many school districts contend the separate classes and schools help homeless children by giving them additional social services that regular schools can't afford. The districts say separate schools also can protect the children from the ridicule of more affluent pupils, give them stable places to attend school and provide extra protection for children in families fleeing domestic violence.

Pappas Elementary educates homeless children in kindergarten through 10th grade. The public school provides its 750 students with bus transportation, breakfast and lunch, clothes, hygiene products, a library and computer lab, medical and dental care and therapy.

It comes the closest to resembling "a real school," the report said.

"It is not equal," said Sandra Dowling, superintendent of the Maricopa County School District, which runs the school. "It is superior to anything we've seen in public education to date, whether it's for homeless children or not."

Dowling, who said Pappas children would never get the services they need from other schools, believes the school

should remain exclusively for homeless children and supports a bill passed by the House last year to keep established

"There is no reason why homeless children should not be in the same schools as everyone else."

Sarah McCarthy
attorney

schools like Pappas in business but ban creation of new ones.

School districts can provide the same services in regular schools, and some districts have done just that, advocates say.

In Charlotte, homeless children are placed in regular classrooms and allowed to stay and get transportation even if the family moves out of the immediate area or change addresses several times in one year, McCarthy said.

Because the relatively small \$30 million pool of federal money tends to get concentrated in urban areas, states must help suburban school districts address its homeless problems, said Walter Varner, who coordinates special program policies for the Maryland education department.

"You can't look at all homeless children as poor and downtrodden," said Varner. "You will also find them in affluent communities where families living beyond their means might lose a mortgage and they end up ... homeless."

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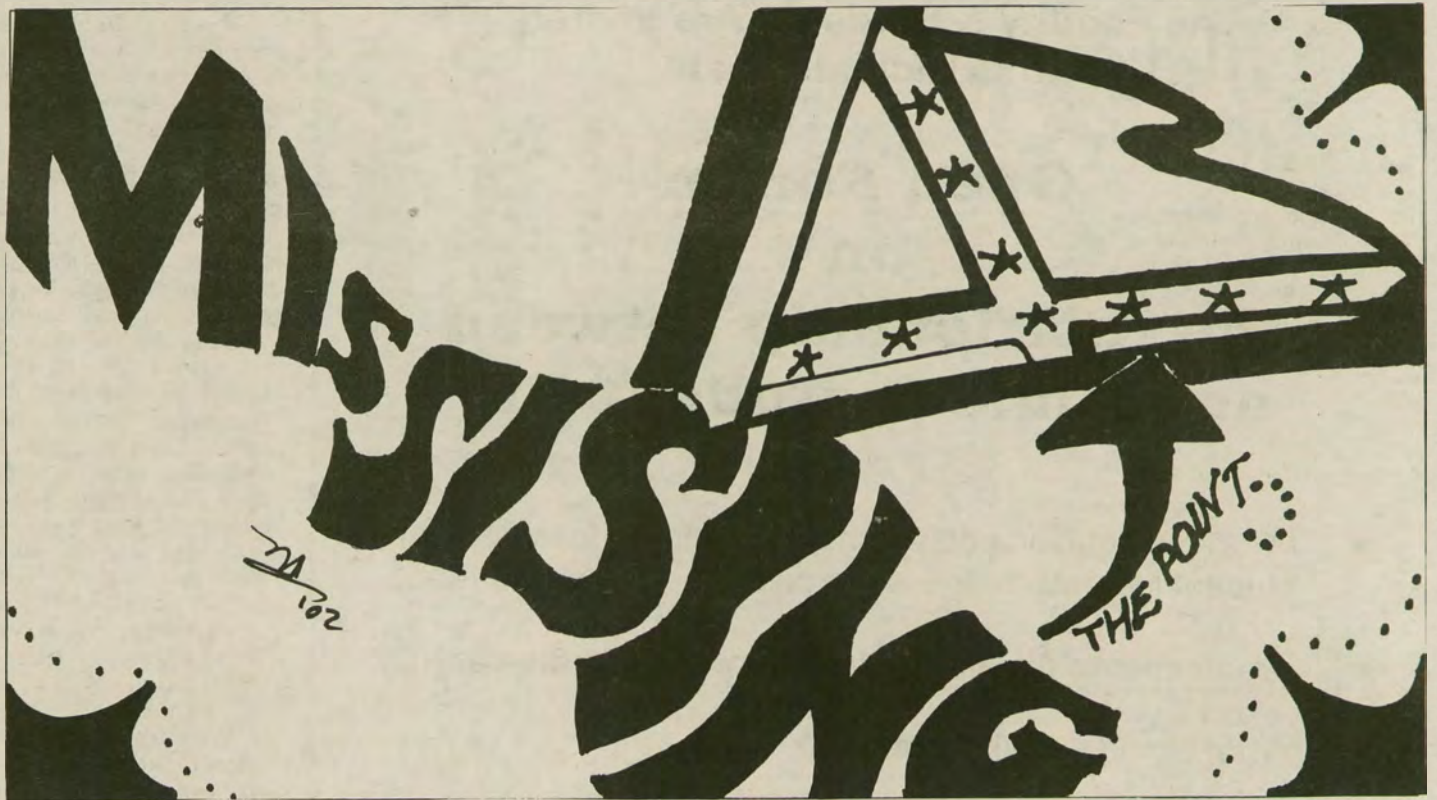
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Missing the point about Mississippi

As a life-long resident of Mississippi and a Notre Dame senior, I find the recent column from Jim Hennigan on Monday, "The Confederate Flag Should Not Fly," offensive.

It is not his argument that troubles me, as I am inclined to agree with his statements about not flying the Confederate Flag over the South Carolina State Capital. Rather, I find it disheartening that he can make a claim about the belittlement of a group of American citizens and the wrongs committed against that population while at the same time making a subliminally bigoted statement about another group of the American population. It is also a worthy note that Hennigan's presentation of the historical facts regarding the Confederate Flag is not completely truthful.

To begin, let me give a more accurate account of the Confederate Flag. Though it is true that the flag was never the official flag of the Confederacy and that it was only one of the many battle flags flown, there is a little more to its history. During the first Civil War battle at Manassas, it was discovered that the Confederate Flag was indistinguishable from that of the Union Army. As a result, several high-ranked Confederate Army officials designed a new battle flag and submitted it to the Confederate government for approval. The flag was never approved because the government was more concerned with making critical political and strategic decisions in the middle of the Civil War. The "many" other flags Hennigan refers to were two modifications of the most popular version of the Confederate Battle Flag in which the original design was used as the canton corner. I do not believe

this discredits Mr. Hennigan's argument in any way, but the facts of an argument should be presented in the most truthful way.

Why then, does Mr. Hennigan's column dishearten me? The simple reason is the last sentence. He encourages the "many people of South Carolina" to continue in their struggle for equality and morality by "sighing our standard refrain in times like these: 'Thank God for Mississippi!'" I hope this statement disturbs the good people of South Carolina and Notre Dame as much as it does me.

It is hard to believe that Mr. Hennigan thinks it appropriate to perpetuate an incorrect stereotype of a group of American citizens while at the same time arguing for the abolishment of a symbol that perpetuates a stereotype of another group of American citizens.

Let me clarify. I am not disagreeing with a need for a more sensitive display of Southern heritage or pride. I am saying that Mr. Hennigan needs to take some time to reflect upon his own beliefs before chastising others. I sincerely hope that every Notre Dame student believes it is important to create an environment of respect for all people. I also hope every Notre Dame student believes this can be accomplished without making ignorant and asinine statements about certain other groups of people in the process.

Another interesting point of the column from Mr. Hennigan is the disclaimer he added at its conclusion: "Jim Hennigan, Class of 1994, 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

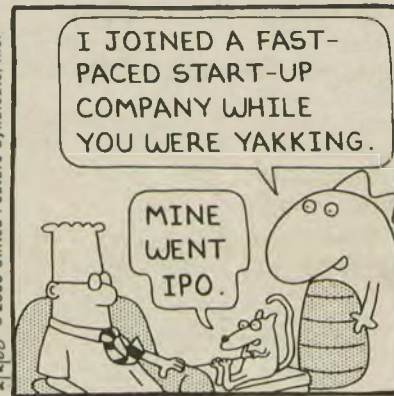
his neighbors see this or, worse, if someone reads this to a Mississippian." I wonder if I am to infer from this statement that Mr. Hennigan's column would infuriate me. Or rather, am I to infer that I, along with other Mississippians, am incapable of reading this and need someone to read it for me?

In conclusion, I would like to ask Mr. Hennigan what he expected the readers of his column to learn? If it was that South Carolina should remove the Confederate Battle Flag from above his state's capital (a noble cause), the message was clouded. It was clouded with his own ignorant and bigoted statements about Mississippi and the people that call Mississippi home. I am proud to say that I am from Mississippi. I am also very proud of the steps the people of my state have taken since the 1960s to rectify the injustices done to the African-American citizens who rightfully call Mississippi home also. I am not trying to make the claim that Mississippi has completely washed itself of the attitudes that plagued our image for decades, but we are trying. Mississippi learned from the rest of the country how to work toward a better society, a society that enables all its citizens to take advantage of the true opportunities our country can provide.

I guess, if nothing more, I hope those of you from South Carolina and the rest of the country can learn a little bit from those of us in Mississippi.

Jody Penton
Senior
St. Ed's Hall
January 31, 2000

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking."

H.L. Mencken
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avoid 'Last Temptation' as matter of conscience

This weekend, the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ" will be shown at the Snite Cinema. I consider this film sacrilegious and wouldn't be at all disappointed if the showing were cancelled. But this is not a letter about cancelling the film. I'm writing rather to the individual Christian, and what I have to say this: If you're planning to see "Last Temptation," be sure you make it a matter of conscience.

You see, Notre Dame can make the film available, push you to see it and perhaps even make you feel "out of it" if you don't. But no one can decide whether or not you'll actually see it — no one but you.

At this point some readers may say, "I won't make a decision about 'Last Temptation' just based on the fact that Hollywood likes it and Notre Dame is showing it. But I don't want to take your word for it either. I want to make my own decision."

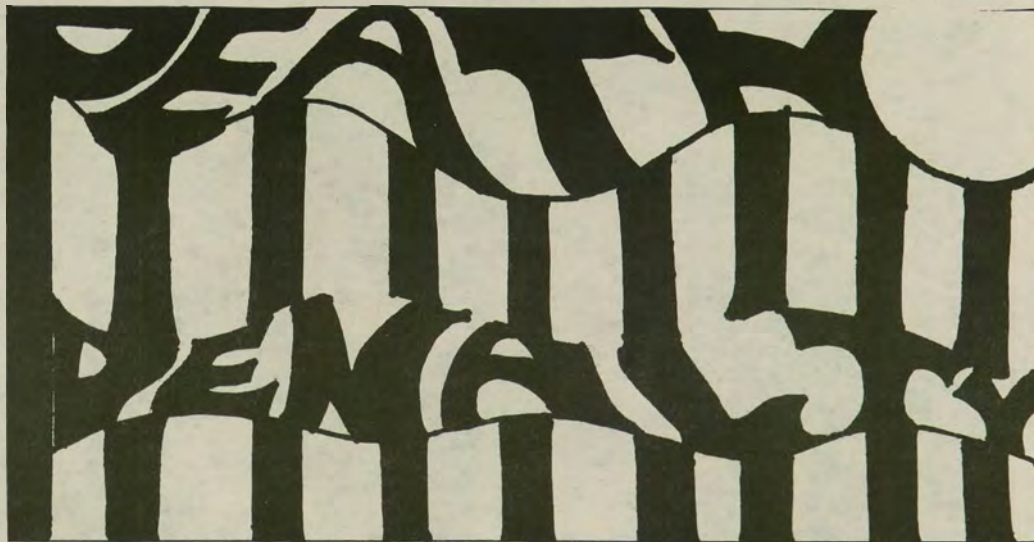
I agree. If you want to get informed about this film, then by all means get informed and investigate. But don't make watching it the first step of your investigation. If you have friends who have

already seen the movie, ask them about it. Be specific. If there's no one you can ask, you can still easily get information about the movie's content — after all, this is the "Information Age."

If, at that point, you still think "The Last Temptation of Christ" falls within the limits set by your conscience, then go ahead and watch. I can't exactly say I'd be happy for you, but I won't try to stop you.

Although this letter is not about trying to prevent the movie from being shown, I would like to conclude by saying a word to those who are showing the movie. The Notre Dame theology department is sponsoring the film and holding a lecture afterwards. I would like to request that, in a token of fairness to your customers, you give a lecture BEFORE the film — at least let people know what they'll be participating in if they watch "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Peter Byers
Graduate Student
January 28, 2000



States must enact death penalty moratorium

As a lifelong Hoosier, I am mindful of the identity of my home state. Expansive cornfields, unmatched high school basketball and "singing" sand dunes are but a few of the things that make Indiana unique and great. I have always been proud yet wary of comparisons with any other state — especially comparisons made with our larger neighbor to the west, Illinois. This week, however, the "Land of Lincoln" made a decision so admirable it made me take notice. Illinois' decision makes me hopeful that Indiana and 36 other states will follow the example it has established.

At a press conference Monday afternoon, Illinois Governor George Ryan announced a moratorium on all executions in the state. This decision temporarily spares the life of Patrick Wright, who was scheduled to be executed March 28, as well as the 259 other inmates of Illinois' death row. Ryan was prompted by a Chicago Tribune investigation that exposed systematic flaws, including the use of questionable jailhouse informants and incompetent defense attorneys. The Tribune's investigation exposed so many errors that 130, or half, of all death penalty cases were recently overturned (Chicago Tribune, Jan. 22). In the last 23 years, Illinois has actually cleared more death row inmates of their crimes, 13, than it has executed, 12. Governor Ryan said in his statement that he "can't support a system which in its administration has proven to be so fraught with error and come so close to the ultimate nightmare — the state's taking of innocent life" (Chicago Tribune, Feb. 1).

Hoosier death penalty supporters might argue that Indiana does not need to follow Illinois' lead. After all, they might say, little evidence exists that the Indiana system has the same errors that have characterized Illinois' death row. This, however, is untrue. Indiana's use of the death penalty is outrageous. The execution of D.H. Fleenor last month in Michigan City was so despicable that it should make even the most ardent death penalty supporters cringe. The Indiana Supreme Court recently decided that mentally handicapped individuals

should no longer be placed on death row. Though a commendable decision, it was not retroactive and therefore did not effect individuals, like Mr. Fleenor, who were on death row at the time. Indiana went through with the execution in spite of Mr. Fleenor's delusional behavior and diagnosed IQ of 70. Father Joe Lanzalaco, possibly the only man who had an extensive relationship with Mr. Fleenor, remarked that Mr. Fleenor was perhaps the most insane person on the state's death row, a man who had no touch with reality whatsoever.

If that were not enough, the state botched Mr. Fleenor's execution. It took three attempts and 37 minutes to stop his final breath. The experience was so moving that it brought state spokeswoman Pam Pattison to tears.

Importantly, Governor Ryan's announcement comes only in response to extensive investigations of the state's capital cases nonbiased sources like Northwestern University professors and the Chicago Tribune. In Indiana, there has been no comparable investigation. Should a similar investigation take place in this state, the same mistakes would surely be uncovered.

Illinois' response to extensive investigation was to impose a moratorium so that the issue could be researched even further. Indiana must dedicate similar resources into its cases. An immediate halt to executions in Indiana would allow the state time to appropriately review its death penalty cases.

It is time for Indiana, and the other 36 states with death penalty statutes, to follow Illinois' example and establish a moratorium on the death penalty. As Governor Ryan said Monday, "There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death." Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon should heed his colleague's advice and conform to his decision.

Matthew Monberg
Senior
Dillon Hall
February 1, 2000

Stolen coat spoils Senior Bar fun

Michelle Krupa's Inside Column on Jan. 31 got me thinking about the one person who can ruin an otherwise fun night. For the past two and a half years, I've had nothing but positive thing to say about my experience under the Dome. I've continually bragged to my friends back home about how beautiful the campus is, how great the people are and the comfort level that I feel while at school. It's the spirit that surrounds this campus that no other campus in the world can reproduce or match. Although I still feel strongly about all these things, an incident that occurred last week slightly reduced the level at which I hold these things to be true.

Last Wednesday, for the first time, I could partake in the Notre Dame tradition of spending Wednesday night at Senior Bar. Having just celebrated my 21st birthday, it was a great night of celebration with friends that lasted until the DJ said, "Senior Bar is now closed. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here."

Reluctantly, my friends and I headed to the coat room, where throughout the night hundreds of coats had been hung or dropped on the floor for safe keeping. The unfortunate thing was that my coat was no longer in the room. Someone was either trying to be funny or too drunk to remember had stolen my silver and black

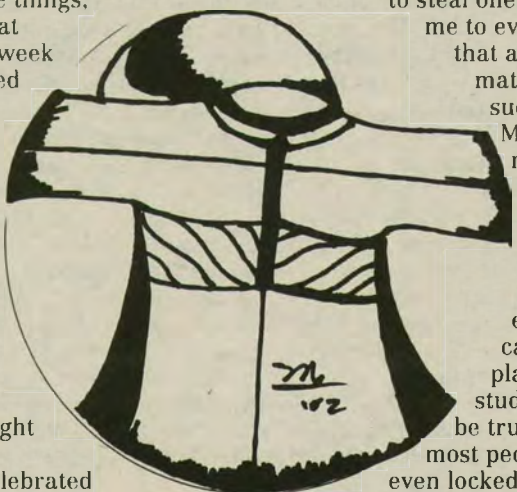
Columbia coat that I had just received as a Christmas gift from my parents.

I was in shock. Not as much from the fact that my coat was missing, but the fact that it was more than likely a Notre Dame/Saint Mary's student that took it. I reported what had happened to the police officer on duty and he informed me that a couple of coats usually disappear on a busy night at Senior Bar.

It is still hard for me to imagine that someone on this campus needs a coat so badly that they had to steal one. It's hard for me to even believe that a fellow classmate would do such a thing. Maybe I'm naive in thinking this way, but I've always thought of and considered our campus a safe place where students could be trusted. Heck, most people don't even lock their doors when they go to class. I just keep hoping that there is an explanation for what happened.

Maybe my coat looked like one you have or you got confused after a long night, but I just hope that this is an exception and not a common practice. Don't get me wrong, I'll still brag to my friends back home, but I just might keep my coat with me next time.

Nick Rosato
Junior
Siegfried Hall
February 1, 2000



*We can never get enough letters.
Really.*

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

The Keenan Revue, perhaps the most anticipated annual event on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, returns to Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium for its 23rd annual variety show. As usual, the show will be a mix of comedy skits, music and other entertaining silliness.

Keenan shows up at SMC, again

By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

The Keenan Revue of 2000 promises to be an extremely entertaining and humorous spectacle that will successfully animate our little Notre Dame bubble. Mike Romanelli, the director of the Revue, said that this year it will be very impressive and that "even the people from The Observer will be amused."

At Monday night's first official rehearsal in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's, the atmosphere was buzzing with camaraderie, excitement and a little stress as the Keenanites prepared to enliven Notre Dame with their annual variety show.

Guys cracked jokes and reminisced about the Revue's past and whether or not this year's show would top some of the other great shows of the past. Ryan Cunningham, Matt Johnson and Kevin Carney sat looking at slides for the famous "Revue News," a sort of "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update skit.

Four guitarists, two saxophonists, a

drummer and two singers stood on the stage, not really knowing what to do with themselves, as the hired tech crew took its sweet time setting up for the first band to begin the rehearsal. Meanwhile, Johnson, the producer of this year's show, thought out loud to himself: "I can't believe I'm paying them this much money to stand around."

For those who are new to Notre Dame this year, sophomore Cunningham, one of the Revue's head writers, described the Revue as "a virtual cacophony of talent, humor and especially attractive men. It strives to continue the tradition of class, dignity, delight for people of all ages and fart jokes."

When the Revue started as an innocent variety show in 1977, it was held in the basement of Keenan. Its original purpose was to give back to the Notre Dame community through entertainment and of course, to make fun of it too. The budget was low, and the show was free. Life was simple.

Now, 24 shows later, a total of about 4,000 people come on three nights to see what has evolved into one of Notre

Dame's biggest, and in recent years, more controversial, student-run events. The budget has grown to \$11,000, but the tickets are still free — and that's the

way Keenan wants it to stay — thanks to donations given by Keenan alumni. In fact, Johnson has been working since August to raise money.

A large amount of the money that is

raised is spent on renting O'Laughlin Auditorium, hiring a professional technical crew, making T-shirts, advertising, printing the programs and throwing the dorm's SYR after the last show on Saturday night. Keenan tries to be resourceful with its budget, though. All props and costumes are borrowed or homemade. All of the participants in the show, including any "girls," are members of Keenan.

This year's show will include performances by the Keenan Band, vocalists and a pianist, about 20 comedy skits, four musical acts (look for a commendable rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson"), magic and other weird stuff that should make for a highly jocular and infinitely entertaining Revue. Although 80 different skits, and

many hopeful Keenanites, tried out for the Revue this past weekend, less than 20 are actually part of the show.

What does Carney think of this year's show? "It rocks. Go Irish! Keenan rules," he said.

The Revue will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at O'Laughlin Auditorium. The show should last about two and a half hours, because, as Johnson said, "We're not funny enough to go for three hours."

He also said to look forward to the following skits: "Little Oscar's Big Talent," "Five Finger Discount at NDH," "Jesus at the Backer," and of course, the producer and director's message. He added: "These are the highlights of this year's Revue, in my unbiased opinion as producer."

In past years, the Revue has run into a little controversy over some of the satirical material in their skits. However, Romanelli, Johnson and Father Chamberland, Keenan's rector, stress that everything is meant only as entertainment, in good fun and lightheartedness. Though, just to assure that the humor is in relatively good taste this year, there will be censors at rehearsals, two from Saint Mary's and one from Notre Dame, keeping the Keenanites in check.

As Cunningham stated: "When you're going to the Keenan Revue, and you're asking yourselves what time it is, the answer is 'It's wacky time!'"

"[It's] a virtual cacophony of talent, humor and especially attractive men. It strives to continue the tradition of class, dignity, delight for people of all ages and fart jokes"

Ryan Cunningham
sophomore, Keenan

Keenan Revue

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Big Red of Dillon ain't no stick of gum

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By BRIDGET MAHONEY

Scene Writer

Big Red. The gum that "lasts a little longer."

Wait a minute, wrong Big Red. This Big Red is Dillon Hall, and it is anything but a thin pink strip of gum bursting with cinnamon flavor. But still, one question immediately comes to mind — what in the world is it?

Actually, it is the nickname for Dillon Hall, although its mascot is the moose. With approximately 350 men living within its walls, "big" is a good word to use when talking about Notre Dame's largest dorm on campus.

So where did they come up with Big Red? "No one really knows where it came from," said dorm co-president Brian McCabe. "That's just the way it is. These mysteries simply add to the greatness of Dillon Hall. We may not know where they originated, but we believe them to be superior."

Virtually every student on campus will make that same claim respective to her or his dorm, but Dillon Hall does have its perks. Its namesake, Father Patrick Dillon, was a past president of Notre Dame. Famous Big Red alumni include the quarterback for the 1988 national championship team, Tony Rice, Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung and Bill Laimbeer, who won two NBA Championships while playing for the Detroit Pistons.

In addition, Dillon is conveniently located near South Dining Hall, Main Circle, the Hammes Bookstore, ATMs, Reckers and DeBartolo, which means that residents can spend their money and flex points more easily and never have an excuse to be late to class. On the other hand, perhaps those are disadvantages.

A major asset to Dillon Hall is its rec-

tor, Father Paul Doyle. "[He is] tall, thin, good looking," according to dorm presidents McCabe and Geoff Rahie. "He is a character, like most of the men of Dillon Hall. Bottom line: He takes care of his own."

In fact, they all take care of their own, especially when it comes to their rivalry with the Alumni Hall Dawgs. Since their twin birth in 1931, these neighbors have shared a "fun and serious" rivalry. Besides such pranks as the pulling of fire alarms during dances and other events, the Big Red successfully apprehended Alumni's banner and proudly replaced "Alumni" with "Dillon" as the "Center of the Universe."

Not as well known, the Big Red have another point of rivalry with Notre Dame's other red colored male dorm, Zahm Hall. They claim that Zahm stole the moose for its mascot as well. In order to settle the claim, Dillon has tried to challenge Zahm to compete for the mascot, but they have continuously refused.

What Dillon Hall is most famous for is the Dillon Hall Pep Rally the Thursday before the first home football game each fall. Past rallies include "The Dillon Kid" and "Back to the Future." As a kickoff to the festivities of the first football weekend, its residents provide entertainment for campus on South Quad with skits, songs, impersonations and speakers. Amid the crowd of rowdy men dressed in red surrounding the stage, diving offstage has become popular; Father Doyle has even joined in himself.

Speaking of diving, various sporting events, both usual and unusual, are popular among the Big Red. Provided for all students, they sponsor the Irish Iron Classic, which is an opportunity for the strong to show off their muscles, and the Dillon Walk. In the spring, they have an "Opening Day" baseball celebration. And when it comes to interhall sports, they have a successful volleyball team, a competitive football team and an intrahall hockey event called "Wuss Hockey."

A truly enthusiastic bunch on and off the playing field, the Dillon Hall Fight



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Jesse Dang (left), Mike Bradt (center) and Ryan Van Tiem stop before their Big Red home, Dillon Hall.

Song unites the dorm's residents. However, "These lyrics will never be published," said its presidents. "They only live on in the minds of the men who have graced these halls. It is passed on from year to year. The only way to learn it is to ask a Dillonite."

A Dillonite. One of those randomly selected to live in the biggest dorm on

campus who can call himself a part of the Big Red.

Appropriately summing up what it means to them to be one of the relative few, the freshman orientation guide states: "In 20 years, you can tell people you went to Notre Dame, but more importantly that you lived in Dillon Hall."

At corner of world, Lyons Hall serves all

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By BRIDGET MAHONEY

Scene Writer

Like most of the older women's dorms on campus, Lyons started housing male residents in 1927.

Along with Morrissey and Howard, Lyons was designed by Architecture faculty to house incoming students after the post-World War I college boom. According to Thomas Schlereth, a Notre Dame historian, the famous Lyons arch was designed so a pedestrian could have numerous views of the lake from various points around South Quad. One of the arch's main "claims to fame" was its incorporation in the movie "Rudy." Lyons was the only Notre Dame dorm shown in the film.

The dorm was named after Joseph Lyons, a member of the English faculty and Notre Dame graduate who died in 1888. He is said to have been the heart and soul of the Notre Dame faculty, a man whose greatest concern was his students.

In 1974, Lyons was chosen to be one of the six dorms to initially house women. Since then, new traditions have sprung

up, taking the place of the old. Every fall, Lyons hosts the Mara Fox Fun Run. Named after a Lyons freshman who died in 1994 as an innocent victim in a drunk driving accident, the run raises money through T-shirt sales, entrance fees and donations. This money is then placed in a scholarship in Fox's name. Last fall, more than 300 members of the Notre Dame community participated.

Other annual activities include a spirit week in the fall, a retreat each spring, and the naming of the "Women of the Year" every spring. This title honors any woman within the Notre Dame community who has had a great influence on the



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Katie King (left), Chrissy Scotti (center) and Kristin Ryan chat on the famous Lyons arch.

residents of Lyons during the year.

Sister Kathleen Beatty has been a strong and influential figure within the Lyons community since coming to Notre Dame in 1991. Known as an effective rule enforcer, she also motivates Lyons women to succeed and make the most of their time at Notre Dame.

According to SKB, as the residents affectionately call her, "One of the things Lyons has been known for is service. A good proportion of women participate in summer service projects and post-graduate service work."

This reputation has been attached to Lyons for quite some time.

"Historically, there have been times

when Lyons residents were extremely involved in social justice issues," Beatty said, mentioning a time when more than 25 Lyons residents made the trip to Michigan City to protest an execution.

Besides having a reputation for service, Lyons Hall prides itself on its sports tradition. Lyons residents compete annually in more than seven interhall sports. From 1994-1996, Lyons captured the women's football championship and continues making the playoffs almost every year. Last spring, Lyons competed in Dillon's Irish Iron Classic, capturing first place in the women's A division.

Lyons Hall also boasts its Annex, the only all-senior private living space on campus. The Annex comes complete with separate bathrooms, a common room and a functioning fireplace.

"We're separated from the dorm, so it has the feeling of being off campus," said senior Kelly McGeever. "But it's still easy to roll out of bed and head to class." McGeever's roommate Katie King added: "It's fun to be able to roast marshmallows every night".

Situated at the end of South Quad and overlooking St. Mary's Lake, Lyons lays nestled in a small piece of heaven. Although not one of the most boisterous or most talked-about dorms on campus, Lyons enjoys a quiet serenity and strong internal spirit.

For many, this is just the way they like it.

NFL

Ram's Vermeil announces retirement

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Dick Vermeil is going out on top. On Tuesday, two days after winning his first Super Bowl and after a long talk with his wife, the 63-year-old coach of the St. Louis Rams announced his retirement.

His eyes filled with tears and his voice choked with emotion, Vermeil said it was "an unbelievable feeling" to leave as a champion.

"I think the time is right," he said, the Super Bowl trophy sitting on a table to his right. "Very few people in this profession get this opportunity."

This exit was a lot different than the first time he walked away from NFL coaching, complaining of burnout when he left the Philadelphia Eagles.

The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to head coach. The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's top-rated offense and produced 526 points — third highest in league history — to a new two-year contract in December that assured he would inherit Vermeil's job.

Martz, who is scheduled to undergo surgery for a neck problem that bothered him all season, did not attend the news conference.

Vermeil coached two Super Bowl teams 19 years apart. He led the Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl in 1981, and that 27-10 loss fueled his return to the profession in 1997. He leaves the Rams with two years to go on a five-year contract.

Vermeil led the Rams to a 13-3 record this year after going winning only nine games his first two years combined.

Vermeil was close to missing the 1999-00 season because of his disastrous beginning with the team. After the Rams went 5-11 and 4-12 in his first two seasons, there was talk that he could be fired.

The players weren't happy, either. Most of it was only grumbling because of extremely hard practices that often left the players exhausted before they stepped on the field on Sundays.

But four prominent players, including cornerback Todd Lyght, boycotted the final team meeting of the 1998 season. That sent a message to the coach, who described it at the time as a "shot in the back."

Vermeil, however, weathered the problems and led the team to an incredible turnaround.

In his first stint as an NFL coach with the Eagles from 1976-82, Vermeil called the plays and basically ran the whole show with an iron fist. He left the game with burnout, and when he returned he became a benevolent overseer.

During the Super Bowl buildup, Vermeil hedged on his future. On one hand, he loved coaching. On the other hand, Carol Vermeil, his wife of 44 years, told him: "What else do you have to prove?"

After a day to digest the Rams' 23-16 victory in perhaps the most thrilling Super Bowl finish, Vermeil decided Carol Vermeil was right.



St. Louis Rams' head coach Dick Vermeil, shown here with the Vince Lombardi trophy, announced his retirement Tuesday.

'Skins re-sign Centers

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va.

Larry Centers, a late summer pickup who led the Washington Redskins in pass receptions, signed a four-year contract with the team Tuesday.

The 31-year-old fullback caught 69 passes for 544 yards and also provided veteran leadership as the Redskins won the NFC East and made their first postseason appearance in seven years.

"Larry liked it here. He wanted to be here," director of player personnel Vinny Cerrato said. "He's a very important part of the whole scenario, both on the field and off the field."

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

After nine seasons with Arizona, Centers was cut for salary cap reasons last summer. The Redskins signed him to a one-year deal in July.

Centers has 604 career receptions, six shy of Keith Byars' NFL-record 610 for a running back.

Centers was among five starters the Redskins targeted to re-sign before they become free agents Feb. 11. The others are running back Stephen Davis, center Cory Raymer, guard Keith Sims and defensive end Marco Coleman.

Negotiations with Davis have been slow. The Redskins are offering a five-year deal, and Davis is asking for a contract covering 6-10 years. If no deal is reached by Feb. 11, Davis will be designated the team's franchise player, meaning another team would have to give up two first-round draft picks to sign him.

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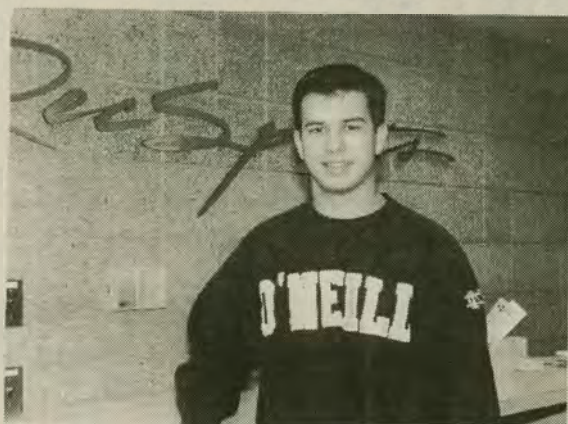
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
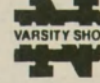
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NFL

Lawyer: Lewis in wrong place at wrong time

Associated Press

ATLANTA

NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Baltimore Ravens linebacker, his hands shackled in front of him, appeared in court on two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday. No bail was set and he will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

The murder charges carry life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors pursue it.

Lewis is the second NFL player in less than a month accused of murder. Former Carolina Panthers receiver Rae Carruth was charged with murdering his girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time of the drive-by shooting.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had no comment, but Gene Washington, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, called Lewis' arrest "devastating."

"We've had a tough year as it goes anyway with the Rae Carruth situation," he told One-on-One sports radio network in Chicago. "We certainly, for his own good, hope that it's not true, and for the good of the NFL."

The Ravens said they have not taken any action against Lewis and have not spoken with the 24-year-old player.

Asked if the team was considering releasing Lewis, Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said,

"Ray is doing fine. He believes the system will ultimately show that he is innocent of these heinous crimes."

Max Richardson Jr.
Lewis' lawyer

"Until due process of the law is completed, that will not be addressed."

Several of Lewis' teammates reacted with disbelief at his arrest.

"That's my man," Ravens cornerback Rod Woodson, whose locker is next to Lewis', said from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I hope it ain't true. That's all I can say."

The victims were stabbed repeatedly during a fight about 200 yards from a bar where a party had emptied into the street.

According to witnesses, six men fought and argued with the victims before fleeing in a black limousine, firing at least five shots as they drove away. Police found the limousine a few hours later.

"We're taking the position that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Lewis' lawyer, Max

Richardson Jr., said outside court. "From what I've gathered from law enforcement officers, they know Ray didn't kill these unfortunate victims."

He said police were searching for other suspects.

"They don't know where the other two men who were involved are, so they arrested Ray," Richardson said.

Police spokeswoman Marion Lee would not comment on whether other suspects were being sought or why murder charges were filed.

Lewis was questioned Monday and postponed a flight to Hawaii, where he was to have appeared Sunday in his third straight Pro Bowl after leading the NFL in

tackles this season.

"I cooperated fully," Lewis told The [Baltimore] Sun before his arrest. He wouldn't comment

further.

Richardson said he had spent only a few minutes with Lewis before the hearing.

"Ray is doing fine," he said.

"He believes the system will ultimately show that he is innocent of these heinous crimes."

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Seau to replace Lewis in Pro Bowl

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Six weeks after being snubbed in the balloting, San Diego Chargers linebacker Junior Seau got a Pro Bowl berth because Baltimore's Ray Lewis is jailed in Atlanta, charged with a double murder.



Seau

Seau, who will play in his ninth straight Pro Bowl, found out about Lewis' arrest when he got up early Tuesday to watch television coverage of the Alaska Airlines crash off the Southern California coast. When he returned from working out, his wife, Gina, told him that he would replace Lewis on the AFC roster.

"Obviously it's a bittersweet invite to the Pro Bowl," Seau said at a news conference at his restaurant, less than two hours before he and his family flew to Honolulu. "My heart goes out to Ray Lewis and his family, first

of all. What has happened is unbelievable. I hope that it's not true, and we must go on."

Seau, the first alternate at inside linebacker, had played with Lewis in the last two Pro Bowls. Lewis was voted the starter for Sunday's game, and Miami's Zach Thomas was picked as the backup.

"He was looking forward to making his mark in the National Football League," Seau said of Lewis, a third-year pro. "He started off great. I just knew that he was going to be something in this league, someone that we'd all be watching in awe in the years to come."

Lewis was charged with killing two men in a post-Super Bowl brawl early Monday. At a court appearance Tuesday, no bail was set and Lewis will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

Seau and his family returned Monday from a skiing trip to Utah.

"Hopefully that will be enough cardiovascular to go run down kicks, because being a second-teamer, you're always on the special teams," Seau said. "I'm going to be one of the most-expensive special teams players in the history of the National Football League."



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NHL

Hasek returns, Sabres tie Ducks

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Dominik Hasek returned to the Buffalo Sabres lineup Tuesday night after missing 40 games with a groin injury.

Hasek started for the Sabres in their game against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, made 29 saves and was selected as the game's first star as the teams skated to a 2-2 tie.

The two-time NHL MVP and five-time winner of the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie, stopped all 13 first-period shots he faced.

Hasek, injured while allowing a goal in the final minute of regulation Oct. 29 against Florida, was tested early. His first save came 43 seconds in on a slap shot by Pavel Trnka.

By the 3:10 mark Tuesday he had made six saves — including an impressive sliding stop on Teemu Selanne.

Hasek, who turned 35 last weekend, was voted by fans to start for the World team in this Sunday's All-Star game at Toronto. It is unknown if he will play.

In his absence, the Sabres were 17-19-4-1 and were led by rookie Martin Biron, who had a 16-14-2 record with a league-leading five shutouts. Hasek had a 1-4-1 record prior to his injury.

Hasek announced prior to the season that he would retire following this campaign. However, there has been speculation that he might reconsider that decision.

Senators 4, Bruins 4

Radek Bonk's goal with 33 seconds remaining in regulation gave the Ottawa Senators tie with the Boston Bruins.

Bonk, who also added an assist, deflected Igor Kravchuk's point shot past Bruins goalie Byron Daboe with Ray Bourque in the penalty box for slashing. Bourque had given Boston the lead at 12:33 of the third period with a power-play goal.

Vaclav Prospal, Andreas Dackell and Andre Roy also scored for the Senators, missing defenseman Wade Redden, goalie Patrick Lalime and forwards Marian Hossa and Shawn McEachern due to the flu. Defenseman Patrick Traverse added to the injury list when he left midway through the game with an undisclosed ailment.

Bourque, P.J. Axelsson and Rob DiMaio each had a goal and assist for the Bruins, who remain nine points behind Ottawa for second place in the Northeast Division. Anson Carter added his 22nd goal.

Hurricanes 4, Panthers 2

Sami Kapanen and Tommy Westlund scored in a two-minute span in the second period as the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Florida Panthers.

The Southeast Division-leading Panthers are 2-4-1 in seven games since going a season-high 13 games over .500 two weeks ago.

Florida's Pavel Bure, who had 28 goals and 20 assists in his last 27 games, was held without a point.

After trailing 2-0, Florida tied it as Mark Parrish and Viktor Kozlov beat Arturs Irbe from the slot 1:50 apart.

But Kapanen scored his 20th goal 27 seconds after Kozlov's tally on a great move, warding off three defenders and beating Mike Vernon with a shot through traffic.

Less than two minutes later, Martin Gelinas, a victim on Florida's first two goals, fed Westlund in close and he beat Vernon up high for his fourth. The Panthers fell to 0-11-1 when trailing after two periods.

Penguins 3, Capitals 2

Martin Straka scored twice and the Pittsburgh Penguins halted the Washington Capitals' 11-game unbeaten streak — the NHL's longest this season.

The Capitals took 15 shots in the first period, then managed only 12 more against Jean Sebastien-Aubin in their first loss since a 3-1 defeat to Atlanta on Jan. 6. They were 10-0-1 since then, improving from three games under .500 to seven games over.

The Penguins, 2-1 winners Monday in Atlanta on Robert Lang's overtime goal, have won twice in as many nights after going 1-7-1 in their previous 10 games.

Lang scored again Tuesday and Jan Hrdina assisted on both of Straka's goals as the Penguins beat the Capitals for the eighth time against a tie in Washington's last 10 games at Pittsburgh.

The Capitals made it 2-2 on Adam Oates' eighth goal at 10:22 of the third, but Straka restored the Penguins' lead by taking Jaromir Jagr's pass and directing a shot between Olaf Kolzig's pads from the high slot at 12:41.

Straka had given Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead in the first period with his 10th goal of the season, a backhand on a breakaway set up by Hrdina's up-ice pass. Hrdina also assisted on Straka's second goal.

Pittsburgh held NHL player of the week Sergei Gonchar to one assist — he has 10 goals and 23 points in 14 games — as the Penguins' defense tightened up after Aubin kept them in the game in the first period. He turned away 25 of 27 shots, one night after starting goalie Tom Barrasso beat the Thrashers.

The Penguins, 7-1 losers to Anaheim on Saturday in their last previous home game, twice lost leads but rebounded to retake the lead each time.

Washington made it 1-1 at 17:35 of the first as Peter Bondra grabbed his own rebound and fed it across the crease to Andrei Nikolishin for his seventh goal.

But Pittsburgh regained the lead at 2-1 as Lang one-timed Brad Werenka's across-the-slot pass from the right circle by Kolzig, who otherwise stopped 19 of 22 shots. The goal was Lang's 16th.

Maple Leafs 5, Lightning 3

Wendel Clark had two goals, including the go-ahead tally with 5:45 left in the third period, as the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Clark, who rejoined the Maple Leafs as a free agent Jan. 14, got his first Toronto goal since Apr. 4, 1998 on a 3-on-1 break at 9:23 of the third that got Toronto within 3-2.

NFL

Steelers lay first beam

Construction begins on new stadium.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Iron workers in sweatshirts caught the first pass at the Pittsburgh Steelers' new stadium Tuesday by easing into place a steel crossbeam that will hold up seats in the north end zone.

Darryl Beton and Bob Ullom bolted the beam onto two others for an "H" shape, freed it from a crane and gave their wrenches to Steelers president Dan Rooney and his son, vice president Art Rooney, as keepsakes.

"I'm nervous. I'm not used to working with this many cameras around," said Beton, who works for Century Steel of suburban Pittsburgh.

The stadium along the Ohio River is expected to open in

fall 2001 after nearby Three Rivers Stadium is torn down.

The younger Rooney said construction is on schedule, though slightly over its \$233 million budget because holes for some of the 280 steel supports were first drilled in the wrong places.

Not far away, the Pittsburgh Pirates' new ballpark has been rapidly taking shape along the Allegheny River.

"A lot of people have been anxious to see something that looks like a stadium," Art Rooney said.

They include officials at the University of Pittsburgh, whose football team will share the 65,000-seat stadium, the younger Rooney said. He said the stadium can handle home games by both teams on the same weekend but said he would prefer schedules that alternate Steelers' and Panthers' home games.

The stadium frame that represents the Steelers' name

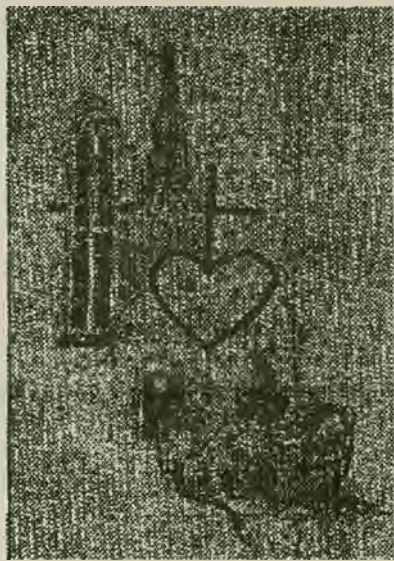
actually comes from Cowboys country. Hirschfield Steel of San Angelo, Texas, is supplying 12,000 tons of steel — the equivalent of 7,800 Jeeps.

Art Rooney said Three Rivers still has several good years left in it but said the economics of sports have changed drastically since it opened in 1970.

For one, the Steelers will sell luxury seats not found at Three Rivers, and Rooney said baseball and football teams no longer want to share space, as they once did.

Also, the Steelers compete in the AFC Central with Cleveland, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Tennessee and their new stadiums and are trying to rebound from a 6-10 year, their worst since 1988.

"This is going to help us win, number one, but it's also going to be something special for the fans," said Dan Rooney, who was elected to the NFL Hall of Fame last weekend.

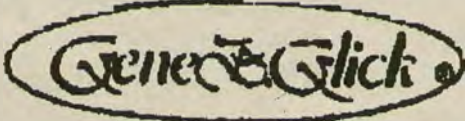


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NBA

Spurs doctor clears Elliott for comeback from surgery

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO
Sean Elliott received clearance Tuesday from team doctors to resume practicing with the San Antonio Spurs, marking the latest step in his comeback from kidney transplant surgery. He said it could be one or two

months before he is ready to be activated.

"I knew this was coming. I kept saying it," Elliott said. "I'm not going to be afraid to at least go out there and try."

Elliott received a kidney from his brother, Noel, in the transplant operation last summer following San Antonio's run to the NBA championship. He was

cleared in December to run and get in shape, and he has been taking part in one-on-one and two-on-two drills with the team.

He will begin full-scale practices Wednesday, and Tuesday night's game against the Lakers marked the last one Elliott planned to work in his temporary job as a color commenta-

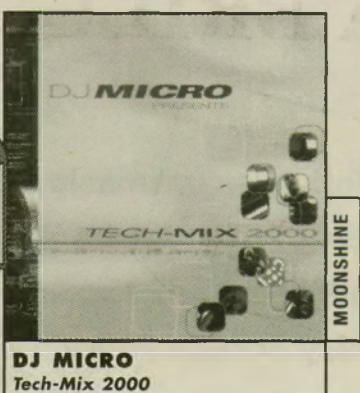
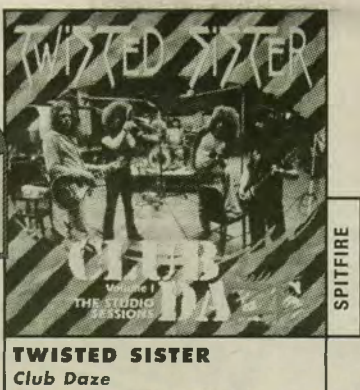
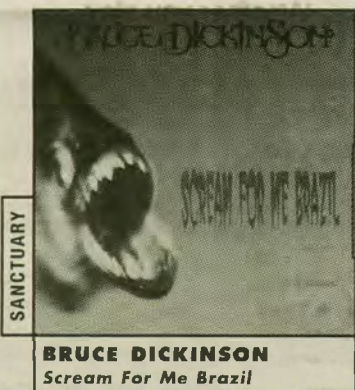
tor on the team's broadcasts.

Team doctors plan to run a series of tests on Elliott before and after each practice.

"First I want to make sure he's safe, that he maintains his health," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We'll see if the grind changes his health, then it'll be a question of whether he can help the basketball team."

"It's a basketball decision now, not a medical decision, as to when he can play."

San Antonio entered Tuesday's game with the fourth-best record in the Western Conference. Last season, the Spurs had the best record in the league thanks in part to Elliott's play at the small forward spot.



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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles to host first MIAA Championship

By NICOLE HADDAD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will host its first MIAA Championship Feb. 10-12 when it hosts the MIAA Swimming Championships at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Notre Dame's campus.

"It's a great honor to show the MIAA our commitment as well as our outstanding swimming facility," said Lynn Kachmarik, director of athletics. "We have a first-class meet as well as a great response from the community."

"For Saint Mary's, joining the MIAA was a huge step," said Gretchen Hildebrandt, swimming coach and assistant director of athletics. "Not only does it open the eyes of the MIAA to see our commitment to athletics, but it also fosters pride in our community."

Saint Mary's has been planning for the championships since it agreed to host them more than a year ago, according to Kachmarik.

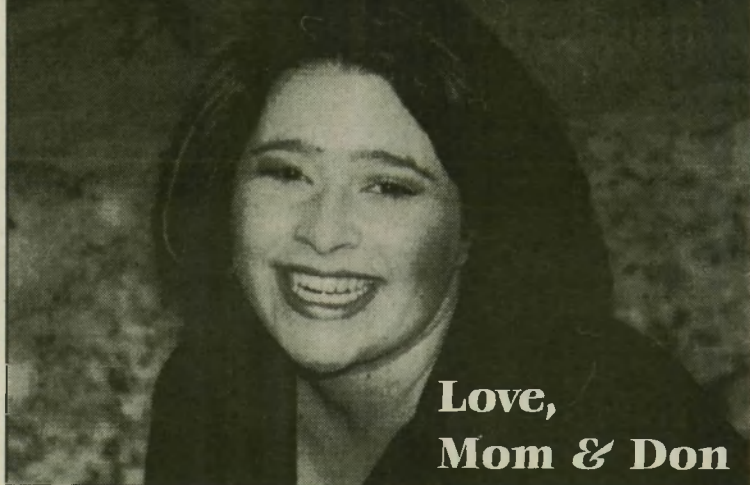
"As a member of the MIAA for a second year," Hildebrandt said, "Saint Mary's is given the opportunity to host a first-class championship, and the schools are given a first class event."

"It is nice to be here with fans showing support," said Janel Miller, sophomore MIAA representative for Saint Mary's, "but it's mostly adrenaline."

"Hosting the MIAA championships here not only shows our commitment but it also shows that we're serious about staying," Miller said.

Saint Mary's hopes that the championships will draw a lot of fan support and show that Saint Mary's is a serious member of the MIAA.

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Casey

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where every February the Irish are as certain to haul in one of the top recruiting classes in the nation as we are to celebrate Valentine's Day.

So why haven't these string of top classes translated into on-field success? Who's to blame?

It's easy to look at the usual suspects, the coaches, especially the King Scapegoat — Bob Davie — and blame them for not developing the talent. Certainly they deserve some of the fault. This year's team should not have been 5-7, even if they played what Davie referred to as one of the toughest schedules in Notre Dame history.

Yet on several occasions last year, after he knew his team had no shot at the postseason, Davie referred to his team as having to play perfect to win, that they didn't have the talent to coast to victories. After the Tennessee game, Davie confirmed to the public what he always believed in his heart, saying the Irish don't have the athletes to compete with the likes of the Volunteers. That the "game was played at a different speed by the team in orange."

He all but admitted that maybe these top recruits that make up the core of the Irish lineup are not as good as once thought.

We finally saw that amid the positive exterior — the "we've got another great class of players" — that Davie is almost guaranteed to say today lies a coach that knows that he's losing the recruiting war and getting a lower caliber of players.

We know that for every Julius Jones, there are five players that won't live up to expectations.

Maybe these so-called top recruits are not as good as advertised.

Maybe they are a product of the hype generated by recruiting analysts.

Don't believe me? Do you think it's a coincidence that Notre Dame continues to be ranked among the top 10 schools in recruiting while their on-the-field performance has been steadily declining?

Recruiting is a business. So-called "experts" make a living off of their 900 numbers, Web sites and brochures.

It would be foolish to say that recruiting rankings are totally unbiased, that the only influence on a player's ranking is his talent. It's more complicated than that — the state they play in, their "potential," and what schools are looking at them all factor into these rankings.

Especially the latter.

If Notre Dame is looking at a player, these recruiting analysts think he must be a star. And once Notre Dame offers a scholarship, the recruit suddenly seems to rise in the rankings, even though his ability has not changed.

And what better way for these recruiting analysts to make a buck than to target

Notre Dame fans? Many live and die by their Irish, want to read about how next year will be better than the last, and are willing to pay up for their services.

The fans will spend their hard-earned cash to hear that Notre Dame is involved with a top recruit. And the analysts also know that there are more Irish followers than at any other school in the country.

Being a Notre Dame fan during recruiting season is similar to what Boston Red Sox fans experience in the summer, before their team actually has a chance to lose in the playoffs.

Otherwise sane Red Sox fans truly believe this is the year that they'll finally win a World Series.

Nevermind that their beloved Sox haven't won a World Series since owner Harry Frazee sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees on Jan. 5, 1920, for \$100,000 in cash and a \$300,000 loan for a mortgage on Fenway Park. Nevermind that fate always seems to interfere with post-season success, most notably when the ball dribbled through Bill Buckner's legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

It's kind of like how each year Notre Dame fans believe that this recruiting class may bring them back to the good old days, when they competed for national championships, not television ratings.

The aura and the unknown drive Irish fans. The possibility, however so faint, that maybe, just maybe, this will be the class that brings us back some on the field national respect. No matter how bad the year before, we always hold out hope that next year will be the year we return to national prominence.

And the recruiting analysts know this better than anyone. Just like the Sox always look better in July than October, for the past few years the Irish have always looked best in February.

For the Irish it's only been a little over six years, since Boston College's David Gordon kicked the field goal with no time remaining to deny the Irish their 12th national championship. They haven't endured 80 years of frustration like Red Sox fans.

It only feels that way.

Tomorrow, after Davie officially announces the Class of 2004, you'll read some raving reviews in this and other papers about each one of these players.

You'll read recruiting analysts' predictions on how player X could be an All-American, how another is "very athletic," one is "a terrific talent" and every other positive adjective that can be found in Webster's.

But until they put on their pads, step foot on this campus and bring us back to the top 10 in the real rankings, it really means nothing.

Don't believe the hype.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans win intrastate rivalry

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Michigan State (No. 6 ESPN/USA Today, No. 8 AP) won its fourth straight game as Morris Peterson had 32 points and 10 rebounds in the Spartans' 82-62 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Mateen Cleaves, playing his eighth game since recovering from a broken foot, had 19 points and six assists for the Spartans (16-5, 7-1 Big Ten). Andre Hutson added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the two-time defending Big Ten champions.

It was the third straight loss for the Wolverines (12-6, 3-4), who were playing without freshman Jamal Crawford, their leading scorer. Crawford was told just before warmups that the NCAA was investigating his living arrangements before enrolling at Michigan.

Freshman LaVell Blanchard scored 16 points for the Wolverines.

This was trademark rough and tumble Big Ten basketball with plenty of bumping, flying bodies and floor burns as Michigan's predominately freshman lineup tried to hold off the bigger Spartans who are hoping to repeat last season's NCAA tournament Final Four appearance.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Cleaves, Peterson and A.J. Granger helped Michigan State open a 19-8 lead midway through the first half. But Brandon Smith had six points in a 10-0 run as the Wolverines closed the gap to 19-18.

Another 3-pointer by Cleaves gave Michigan State a 37-27 lead with 3:14 left in the half,

but the Spartans, turning the ball over three times, made only one free throw the rest of the way for a 38-32 halftime lead.

Peterson, with two 3-pointers, scored eight points to help Michigan State open the second half with a 12-2 run for a 52-34 lead with 14:30 remaining.

Michigan closed to 52-41 on a three-point play by Chris Young with 11:28 left, but the Spartans — getting five from Cleaves — responded with an 8-0 burst for a 60-41 lead with 9:21 to play. Hutson's basket inside gave Michigan State a 66-47 lead with 7:00 remaining.

Peterson's 3-pointer with 1:57 left made it 80-60 and the Spartans, who outrebounded Michigan 39-29, called timeout to clear the bench.

Crawford, averaging 16.6 points per game, was on the court at Crisler Arena about an hour before the 7 p.m. tipoff for a casual shootaround. But he was missing when the teams came out about 20 minutes before the game for warmups.

When the Wolverines took the court just before tipoff, Crawford wore a warmup suit, his trademark headband, and street shoes.

The school "must declare any athlete ineligible when there is a question of potential NCAA rules violation," Michigan said in a release. "Tonight, the NCAA reinstatement committee called to inform the Michigan Athletic Department that they were not going to reach a decision in regards to this question. The case is still under review by the NCAA."

No. 14 Kentucky 81,

No. 6 Tennessee 68

Keith Bogans scored 25 points, including 16 in the first half, and No. 14 Kentucky extended its winning streak at Rupp Arena to 15 games with a victory over No. 6 Tennessee.

The Wildcats avenged their last home loss, a 47-46 setback to the Volunteers last season, and took over first place in the Southeastern Conference's East division.

Kentucky (16-5, 6-1) got 17 points from Tayshaun Prince, 14 in the second half, and a 12-point, five-assist performance from point guard Saul Smith. Prince and Smith each had six rebounds.

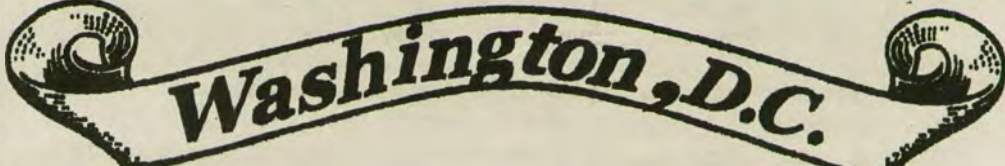
Vincent Yarbrough scored 17 points and Tony Harris added 16 for Tennessee (18-3, 6-2), while Isiah Victor had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

With the fired-up Wildcats getting an assist from a raucous Rupp Arena crowd, Kentucky ended Tennessee's six-game SEC road winning streak, as well as a two-game winning streak in the series by the Volunteers.

With 1:20 remaining and Kentucky leading by double digits, the Rupp crowd began chanting, "Over-rated."

Kentucky has won 12 of 13 games since starting the season 4-4 and dropping temporarily from the national rankings.

Bogans followed a 16-point performance in Kentucky's win over Miami with a career high against the Vols. The freshman shooting guard was a threat from everywhere on the court, going 4-of-8 from 3-point range and finishing three Kentucky fast breaks with layups.



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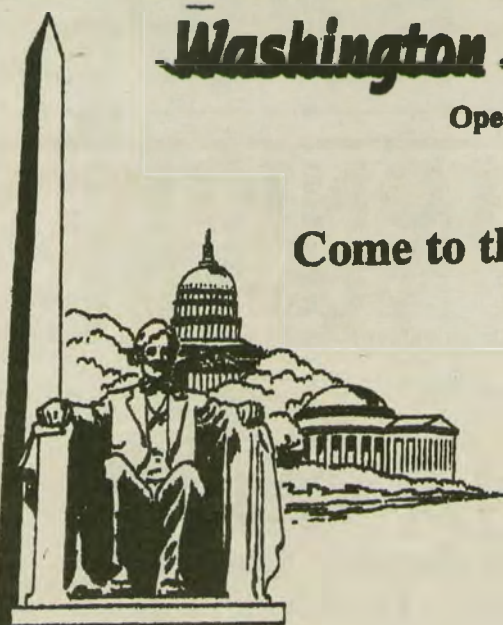
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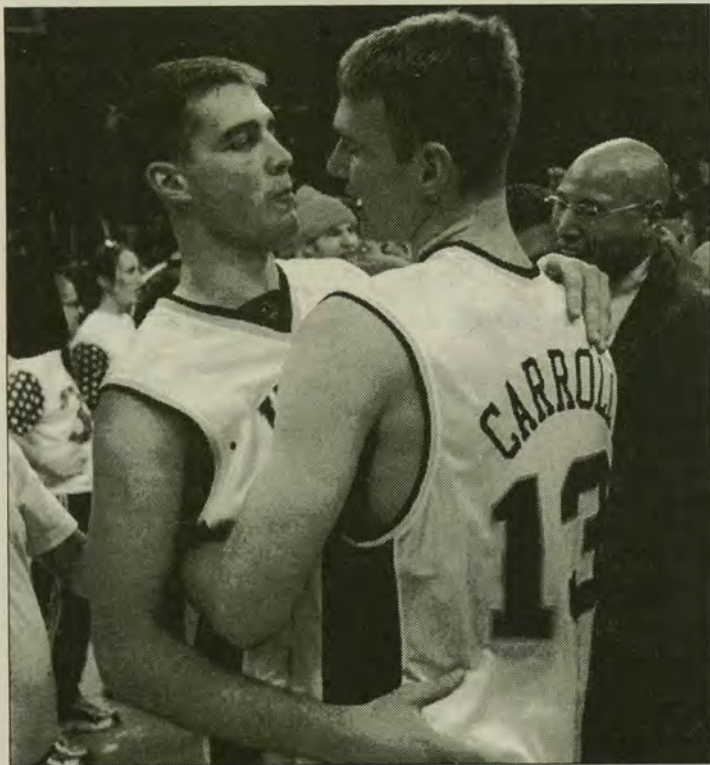
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Doherty, Irish conduct class on court against Red Storm



David Graves (left) and Matt Carroll celebrate Notre Dame's 76-60 victory over St. John's. The victory over the Red Storm was the third for the Irish over a ranked opponent this season.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

In case you missed it, there was a one-day course offered last Saturday. It met at the Joyce Center from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and attendance was an impressive 11,418.

It could be found in your DART book under the call number 7360, or its title: "Basketball Basics and Principles." Taught by the Notre Dame men's basketball team and its coach, Matt Doherty, the class also featured as guest lecturers, the St. John's Red Storm.

The class opened with a lesson in coping with intimidation. The Red Storm, ranked 25th in the nation, entered the JACC as a group more esteemed by their colleagues than the unranked Irish.

Acknowledging this reputation, the visitors raced out to a 9-2 lead a little more than four minutes

into the game. This cushion was made possible by their effective use of a trapping defense — a design that draws its strength as much from its mental intimidation of the opposition as its execution.

This attack held the Irish scoreless on their first seven possessions.

Our Notre Dame staff, however, demonstrated the three-step process to drive away this intimidation:

1. Have confidence.
2. Make good passes.
3. Apply the same pressure to those who are pressuring you.

This effective strategy showed us how the Irish could make an 8-point swing and take a 1-point lead, 26-25, into the break.

The next point to be covered on the agenda — one that was actually emphasized by the whole class — was "How to be an All-American." Sophomore forward Troy Murphy provided the demonstration here, scoring 30 points (including the 1000th in his short career) and grabbing 18 boards.

With only about five minutes left in the presentation and the two groups debating to a 58-58 draw, senior guard Jimmy Dillon gave us another lesson: "How to Swing Momentum In Your Team's Favor."

While Notre Dame seemed to be losing ground and the senior point guard's critics growing restless, Dillon, who at 6-foot-2 is by no means huge, knocked away a pass, ran the ball down, and finished with a two-handed dunk while being hacked from behind.

All 11,000-plus fans erupted. The Irish were energized, and Dillon's critics were silenced.

Once the horn sounded, the lec-

ture ended with an Irish win, 73-60. Now, one of the most important topics for the day was finally covered: "How to Beat Three Ranked Opponents In One Season" — a lesson that hasn't been taught around here in a while.

What stuck with me most, though, from this learning experience, occurred after the final bell sounded.

With the JACC packed and his team celebrating the program's biggest accomplishment on that floor in years, Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty didn't try to act like someone trying to conceal a poker hand, showing no emotion and speaking only in riddles.

He didn't even stop at going out to center court and celebrating with his team.

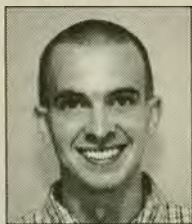
Instead, he got out there, looked up at the still full bleachers, said "Why are they all still up there?" and began waving his team's pupils onto the floor.

When the small group on the floor turned into a mob with him at the center, he, along with everyone else, celebrated even more. Coach D. showed us not only "How to be an Effective Coach" but also that it's OK to have fun while being effective.

So, on behalf of all those in attendance, thanks to the men's basketball team for taking time out to teach us a little about the hardwood.

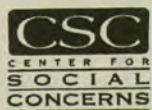
We're all looking forward to seeing this lecture series in the national spotlight come March.

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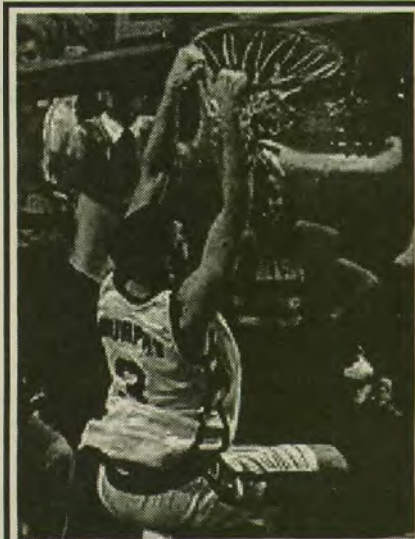
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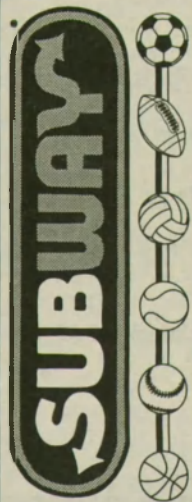
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TONIGHT! Men's Basketball



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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 22 Irish sweep Spartans, 7-0

Special to The Observer

The 22nd-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis won the doubles point and swept the singles to beat 56th-ranked Michigan State 7-0 on Tuesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish improve to 2-2 with the win, while the Spartans fall to 1-2. Notre Dame returns to action when senior All-American Ryan Sachire competes at the Rolex National Indoor Championships this weekend in Dallas in the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association grand slam.

Sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico clinched the doubles point with an 8-3 win over Mark Findling and Ken Kigongo at No. 1 doubles. Sachire and Ashok Raju claimed Notre Dame's first doubles win with an 8-2 victory over Jason Chen and Ivica

Primorac at No. 2 doubles. Michigan State's Goran and Robert Topalo beat sophomores James Malhame and Casey Smith 8-3 at No. 3 doubles.

Talarico gave the Irish a 2-0 lead with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Goran Topalo at No. 4 singles. Sachire then beat Kigongo 6-3, 6-1 to for a 3-0 lead. Sophomore Andrew Laffin clinched the win with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Jimmy McGuire at No. 5 singles.

After freshman Brian Farrell won his dual-match debut 6-3, 6-2 at No. 6 singles over Todd Townsend, Smith used a break of serve at 5-5 in the second set for a 6-3, 7-5 win at No. 2 singles over Primorac. Taborga closed out the match by rallying for a 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) win over Robert Topalo at No. 3 singles after Topalo served for the match at 5-4 and then saved a match point at 5-6 to force a tiebreaker.

VOLLEYBALL

Treadwell returns to ND as coach

Special to The Observer

Former Irish standout Lindsay Treadwell has been named an assistant volleyball coach at the Notre Dame, head coach Debbie Brown announced today.

Treadwell, who replaces another former Irish player Jessica Fiebelkorn-Kerr, will help with recruiting, team practices and travel, in addition to other



Treadwell

administrative duties.

"Jessica is going to be hard to replace, but I feel like both she and Lindsay bring similar things to our program," Brown said. "Lindsay's an intense competitor, she's familiar with our program and has excellent leadership skills."

Treadwell, 22, was a four-year monogram winner with the Irish from 1995-98, and spent the last few months working at Velocity Sports and Entertainment in Westport, Conn., after graduating from Notre Dame in 1999 with a degree in American studies.

A native of Austin, Texas, Treadwell was one of the most versatile and consistent players in Irish volleyball history.

W. Bball

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effort.

The Irish dominated on offense in the first half, distancing themselves from the Friars with a 25-point lead at halftime.

Despite playing through a scoring drought that lasted several minutes, the Friars were able to come up with 31 points before the buzzer sounded signaling the half.

Notre Dame's 56 first-half points came just three points shy of a school record.

The Irish took their biggest lead of the game with 8:08 remaining on the clock, increasing the gap to 34 with a 78-44 edge.

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw used her squad's double-digit lead in the second half to give her reserves some playing time.

Freshman forward Amanda Barksdale took advantage of the opportunity and had her second-straight impressive outing of the season in the paint. Barksdale stood tall on defense with seven blocked shots, two more than her previous high of five over Georgetown on Saturday.

Despite seeing action on the floor for 24 minutes, starting point guard Niele Ivey was quiet on offense. Shooting 1-5, the senior co-captain tallied only four points. She did play true to form on defense, however, snatching the ball from the Friars four times to increase her season total to 57 steals.

Providence center Monika Roberts led the Friars in the losing effort with 13 points, as forward Meghan Hinds and



PHOTOGRAPHER/The Observer

Junior center Ruth Riley, shown here against Georgetown, scored eight points in Notre Dame's 90-60 win over Providence.

guard Farrah Thomas each added 10. Suffering their fourth loss in a row, the Friars fall to 9-10 on the season and 4-5 in the Big East.

Turnovers plagued the Friars all night; they gave the ball up 25 times to Notre Dame's 11.

The Irish, who shot 64.5 percent from the field, held the Friars to just 30 percent.

Notre Dame returns home for the first of three games at the Joyce Center on Saturday when it takes on its toughest Big East rival of the season, Boston College.

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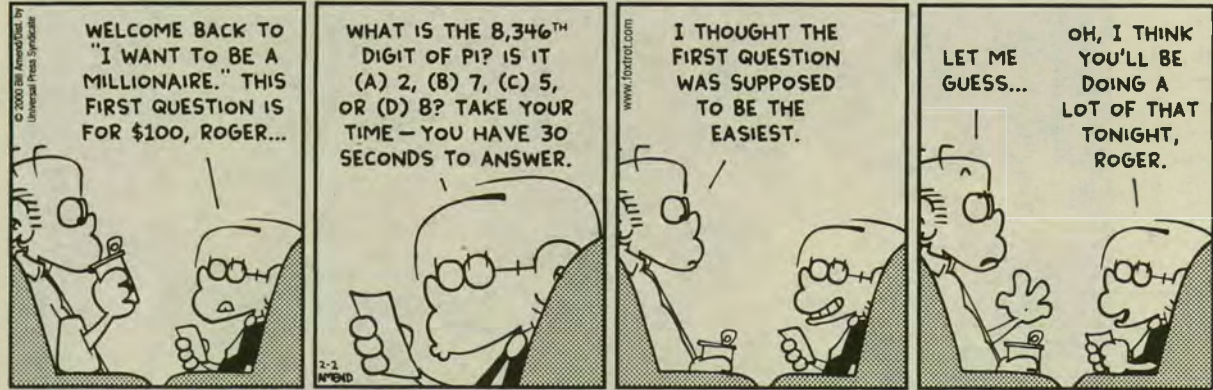
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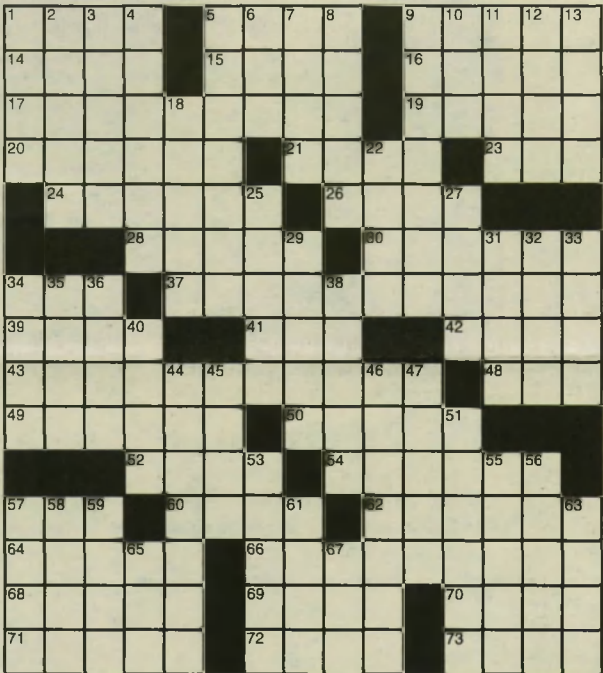
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- 1 "___ long story"
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 - 17 Character in "The Wizard of Oz-trich"?
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 - 20 Happens repeatedly
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 - 26 Tech course
 - 28 Playwright Jones
 - 30 Out for the night
 - 34 Tight spot
- DOWN**
- 37 Sir Francis Drake's Indian ship?
 - 39 Corn product
 - 41 June honoree
 - 42 City on the Rhine
 - 43 A whale of a 60's singer?
 - 48 Two cents worth
 - 49 Rated XXX
 - 50 Signs of the future
 - 52 As soon as
 - 54 Hilarious person
 - 57 "Sketches by ___" (1836 book)
 - 60 Show's partner
 - 62 Paesano's land
 - 64 African antelope
 - 66 Bill of fare at Rick's?
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Made even
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 - 5 Orchestra leader
 - 6 Kensington quaff
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 - 8 Double's job
 - 9 Hardly feminine
 - 10 Literary scraps
 - 11 Windshield option
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 - 13 Cameo stone
 - 18 Discount rack abbr.
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 - 33 Insignificant
 - 34 Slugger Canseco

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Puzzle by Richard Silvestri

- 35 Orchard no-no
36 Staff note
38 Dutch exports
40 Camp Swampy canine
44 Suggesting indirectly
45 "___ homo" (declaration in John 19:5)
46 Occupations
47 Agreement
51 Philatelist's collection
- 53 Kind of room
55 Sports shoe attachment
56 Pivotal point
57 Order (around)
58 Spoken
59 Rigatoni relative
- 61 It means nothing to some people
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christie Brinkley, Farrah Fawcett, Tom Smothers, Dexter Manley, Graham Nash, Brent Spiner, Kim Zimmer

Happy Birthday: What you put out, you'll be sure to get back. If you are only interested in benefiting yourself, you will find it difficult to get ahead. You will be energetic when it comes to achieving your goals and working progressively in order to get the results you want. However, you must be considerate in your dealings with others in order to make the greatest gains. Your numbers: 8, 14, 22, 28, 35, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can raise the value of your home if you do some renovations. Colleagues may be deceptive regarding their intentions. Avoid gossip. **OO**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Discard that which is no longer needed. Re-evaluate your intentions and eliminate those holding you back. Put your cash into safe long-term deposits. **OOOOO**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ideas to improve on work efficiency will win you points. You can apply for better positions or ask for a raise. Don't let friends cost you money. **OOO**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Travel for business will pay off. You can mix work with pleasure and possible new relationships will develop through peers or clients. **OOO**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finish off projects that will enhance the beauty of your personal environment. You can do well with property investments. Take care of the needs of

older individuals. **OOO**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your discipline will enable you to retain important knowledge. You may fall heir to secret information. Talk to your lover about future plans. **OOOOO**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Opportunities will come through females. You can take advantage of money-making projects. Help older individuals solve dilemmas that they are having trouble dealing with. **OO**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Drastic changes regarding your personal life are evident. You will not be in the right frame of mind to make hasty decisions. Take some time to re-evaluate your motives. **OOOOO**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's a good moneymaking day. You can change jobs, go after advancement, or look into your own business successfully. Don't overspend or your gains will be fruitless. **OOO**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotionally you are not too sure what you want. Confusion and turmoil will mount if you don't face the problems you have with partners. **OOO**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Deception is evident in areas concerning colleagues or employers. Do not believe everything you hear, and keep your eyes and ears peeled for hidden clues. **OOO**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone may not be telling you the whole truth. Don't get involved in organizations unless you have had them checked out thoroughly. **OOOO**

Birthday Baby: You have great insight and a terrific imagination. You are quite capable of choosing your direction and following it through to the end. You're strong, loyal and dedicated to whatever and whomever you feel is interesting and worthy of your devotion.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)
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Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Quitting while he's ahead

St. Louis Rams head coach Dick Vermeil announced his retirement Tuesday — just two days after leading the Rams to the Superbowl title.

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Don't believe the hype

The day of hype has arrived.

A day when college football coaches get up at the crack of dawn, stand around the office fax machine, waiting for signatures from 17

year olds, who have yet to receive a high school diploma.

A day when even the most cynical Irish fan can be seen with a smiling face, when the seven losses from a year ago suddenly fade from memory.

It's the first official day for recruits to sign letter-of-intents for the college of their choice. The day of hype.

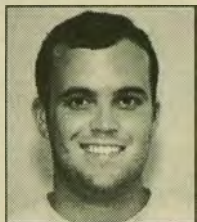
That's really all this day is. For the past two months, since that late November loss to Stanford, the hype has been in full gear. In newspapers covering the Irish (including this one) and on numerous Web sites you've read about how Notre Dame has landed another solid recruiting class. How the NCAA violations didn't really impact recruiting. You've read how some recruit is going to be the next Jerry Rice. Or this recruiting class is ranked in the nation's top 10.

On paper, this year's recruiting class looks good — although the number of verbal commitments to this point, 16, is lower than usual. The Irish are expected to land some highly touted players on this Groundhog Day. Three of recruiting analyst Tom Lemming's top 25 players — linebacker Mike Goolsby, defensive lineman Greg Pauly and wide receiver Jovan Witherspoon — have verbally committed to wear the Blue and Gold next year.

The Irish are also involved with some other top recruits, most notably quarterback Carlyle Holiday, from San Antonio, Texas. Holiday has apparently narrowed his choices to Nebraska and Notre Dame.

But it's like this every year.

This is nothing new. We've seen this before, especially here under the Golden Dome,



Tim Casey

sports writer

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame win pushes streak to 14

By KERRY SMITH

Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish winning streak got a little hotter Tuesday as the No. 5 women's basketball program delivered its 14th-straight victory with a 90-60 routing of the Providence Friars.

At 18-2, the Irish increased their conference record to 9-0 as they knocked off another Big East rival with ease.

Forward Kelley Siemon was a surprise off the bench, leading the Irish squad with the best performance of her three-year career.

Siemon went 10-12 under the basket and 3-6 from the charity stripe to notch a career-high 23 points. She also brought down seven rebounds for the Irish.

Guards Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay combined for one-third of Notre Dame's points with 16 apiece from the outside.

Ratay scored all but two of her points in the first half and provided the spark that sent the Irish on 29-2 run early in the contest.

Green was on fire from the line, hitting eight of nine free throws. With a game-high nine rebounds, Green came up big in the Irish defensive



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Senior point guard Niele Ivey, shown here against Georgetown, continued her strong defense Tuesday, picking up four steals to increase her season total to 57.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for Mountaineer challenge

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Editor

After a thrilling victory over nationally-ranked St. John's last Saturday, Notre Dame (13-8, 4-3) will look to avoid a let down and close out the four-game homestand with a victory over West Virginia (12-6, 4-3).

"We want to come out and set the tone in the first five minutes," sophomore forward David Graves said. "We don't want to let them think they can play with us. We need to play aggressive and knock them on their heels

and hopefully we'll have a good night."

West Virginia (12-6, 4-3) has won its last four games and is coming off a 70-60 overtime win against Providence.

"They haven't gotten much recognition this season, but they are a big, tough and athletic bunch of guys," Graves said. "It's going to be a big test for us."

The Mountaineers are led by Marcus Goree, who is averaging 14.6 points per game and 9.1 boards per contest.

"Goree is one of the best players in the league," Graves said. "He's 6-foot-9, so he's long and he can also shoot it. He's a talented player."

Shooting guard Lionel Amstead and center Calvin Bowman are also averaging

double figures in scoring for the Mountaineers.

As always, the Irish are led by sophomore forward Troy Murphy. Murphy is fourth in the nation in scoring (24.1 points per game) and fifth in rebounding (11 boards per game).

He poured in 30 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in Notre Dame's win over St. John's last weekend. Graves is second on the team in scoring with 12.7 points per game.

West Virginia is solid down low, so Notre Dame must crash the boards well if it hopes to get the "W."

"We have to be able to rebound," Graves said. "They are big in that back line with guys at 6-foot-9, 6-foot-9 and 6-foot-7. We have to box out and get to the loose balls. Rebounding is going to be the

key to this game."

Last year, the two teams split a pair of games. The Mountaineers took the first game at home by an 85-80 count. A week later, the Irish retaliated with a 71-69 victory at the Joyce Center. Murphy scored 32 points in the first meeting and followed it up with a 17-point effort.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series 12-7 and is 7-3 against the West Virginia at the Joyce Center.

The Irish have been strong at home this season, posting an 11-2 mark in the JACC.

After tonight's game, Notre Dame hits the road for a rematch with

Pittsburgh before taking on Villanova. These three games will be a crucial stretch for a team that has its sights set on a NCAA Tournament berth.

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