MLK Day focus of committee

By LIZ FORAN

"Sharing King's Philosophies" is the main goal of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, according to member Roland Smith.

Smith, the executive assistant to University President Father Edward Molloy, is also the chair of the committee on college and university participation in the celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

The purpose of this newly formed committee is to survey college and university campuses across the nation to determine the extent of their involvement in King's commemoration.

The committee has recently mailed surveys questioning planned activities and level of involvement to more than 1200 colleges and universities across the nation. The results of these surveys should be in by Feb. 4.

The committee is especially interested in partial response to recent inclusion of King's teachings on college and university campuses.

The main focus of the committee is to increase the level of understanding of just the person Martin Luther King, Jr., which is important, but rather his philosophy of love and non-violence, said Smith.

The committee now wants to maximize campus participation in the day's activities, including a greater awareness of the importance of this holiday.

"Many schools hold one day only ceremonies or they might have a speaker," said Smith. These activities are usually limited to a small percentage of the campus population, he said.

"We instead wish to foster campus wide observance actively embracing King's philosophies and to include more of the campus population, including staff and faculty," according to Smith.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission was newly created by Congress to increase awareness across the nation about King's life and philosophies.

The Commission includes members such as Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, a 1960 graduate of Notre Dame, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas and members of the King family. It is chaired by Coretta Scott King, the widow of the civil rights leader.

The members of the committee, according to Smith, are not complete, according to Smith, but by the time survey results come in the committee will expand to include representatives from college and university presidents from across the nation.

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In the news conference, Assad declined to say whether Israel's demands would be met. He said that hinged on the negotiations and declined to be more specific.

Later Sunday, Clinton told reporters aboard Air Force One that he and Assad had discussed the question of whether there might need to be peacekeeping troops sent to the Gulf.

"He said that there needed to be a mutual security guaranty for the survival of both the Palestinians and the Israelis," Clinton said.

By ROBERT ANTHONY WATTS

Supporters hope to give momentum to holiday

ATLANTA

This ninth annual holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. still finds supporters of the observance struggling to win credibility for King Day.

All 50 states are observing the holiday Monday. But most companies do not give workers the day off. Supporters say part of the reason is the holiday is perceived as a day for blacks.

"That's a perception we need to change," said Alan Minten, director of the Martin Luther King Federal Commission in Atlanta, which was created to encourage observance of the day. "There's no need for the federal government, the state government and corporations to give off a day if it just belongs to just one group.

"The white community has not embraced the holiday as much as they possibly could, but they certainly are embracing it more and more," he said.

A survey in 1990 found that only 18 percent of Fortune 500 companies observed King Day. That number is slowly increasing, Minten said.

"Every year we do see some progress in the observance of the holiday," said Greg Moses, a spokesman for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the center led by Mrs. King.

"Considering that it's been less than 10 years since the holiday began, I think we're reasonably pleased with the progress but hope things can continue to improve."

A spot check of a several corporations found that General Motors and Atlanta-based Coca-Cola observe the holiday, while IBM, AT&T, and Turner Broadcasting System allow workers to take the day off as a personal holiday.

"Just as we think Columbus Day is an important day and Abraham Lincoln is an important day, so is Martin Luther King Day," said Burke Stinson, a spokesperson for AT&T. "Our employees seem to appreciate the option of picking and choosing what holiday of a religious nature or civic nature they may choose."

Stinson estimated that 10 percent of AT&T's workforce takes King Day off.

"King Day came after all these other days and how many days do you add before you deduct from vacation and sick days?" asked Jon Goodman, director of the Entrepreneur Program at the University of Southern California School of Business Administration and an expert on business practices.

"If you look at the 18 percent that do give the Martin Luther King Day off, you will find there is no another holiday they are not getting off."

Clinton praises Syrian efforts to work with Israel

By BARRY SCHWIEG

GENEVA

After marathon talks with President Clinton, Syrian President Hafez Assad Sunday offered Israel "normal, peaceful relations" in exchange for land, and called on leaders of the Jewish state to respond to the offer.

Clinton promptly hailed the offer and said Assad had decided to "take the risks" necessary for peace. He dispatched senior State Department officials to Brussels to confer with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Critical issues remain to be resolved, especially the question of Jewish settlements, peace and security," Clinton cautioned. He spoke at a joint news conference after meeting with the Syrian president during the final stop of an eventful, eight-day European journey.

Mideast peace negotiations are due to resume in Washington on Jan. 24. They have been suspended since a deadlock developed in September over Syria's demand that Israel surrender the Golan Heights — won in the 1967 Six-Day War and Israel's demand for a specific peace offer. Since then, though, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic have reached a breakthrough agreement, increasing pressure on Syria to be more forthcoming.

"He wants Syria to agree to an exchange of embassies, free travel and other openings. He has hinted it would give us a large win in the 1967 war, ending cruel occupation of territories, and return to it," according to Smith.

"Syria seeks a just and comprehensive peace with Israel as a strategic choice that secures trade and open borders. In exchange, there would be a strategic choice that secures a strategic choice that secures a strategic choice that secures the survival of both the Palestinians and the Israelis," Clinton said.

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Braving the cold

Cavanaugh resident senior Adam Ward bundles up to beat the cold weather on campus. This Cape Elizabeth, Maine native looks prepared for the bitter cold temperatures.
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Water main falls victim to cold

By ROGER PETTerson
Associated Press

Water mains and power lines snapped and people stayed indoors across parts of the East on Sunday as temperatures fell to record lows as far south as the Carolinas.

About a fourth of the residents of Hallock in northwestern Minnesota trudged to neighbors' homes and the city hall for water Sunday after a water tower pipe froze and was a victim to cold temperatures.

Canadian Hank Noel, the hall for water neighbors' homes and the city, said city clerk Hank Noel.

The town of about 1,300 people 20 miles south of the Canadian border, where temperatures have been below zero for days, was waiting for crews to arrive in a day or two with equipment to thaw a pipe from an underground storage tank, Noel said.

Temperatures hit record lows Sunday from the Great Lakes to the Carolinas, including 28 below zero at Alpena, Mich.; 17 below at Syracuse, N.Y.; 18 below at Elkins, W.Va.; 1 below at Asheville, N.C.; and 6 above at Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C.

Watertown, N.Y., chilled out at 43 below, matching lows Saturday in parts of northern Minnesota. A combination of a temperature of 20 below and 22 mph wind made it feel like 69 below Sunday at Greenville, Maine.

The northern North Dakota town of Adams, population 250, was also without water after four water main breaks since Thursday.

"We're melting snow," city auditor Linda Grove said. "Some people have stores of water... People are driving out of town to get water at friends' and relatives' houses."

Temperatures fell below zero as far south as Kentucky. In the town of West Point, about 1,325 people were without water Sunday because the well that supplies the water treatment plant froze, said assistant fire chief Jeff Wright.

Most of West Virginia fell below zero and Appalachian Power Co. set up at the courthouse, said fire department spokesman Mike Davis. "But you know how stubborn some people are," Davis said. "There are a few people here, some have electric heat and some are toughing it out."

People crowded shelters elsewhere. Philadelphia's Ridge Avenue homeless shelter for men had "more than a full house" Saturday night, about 411 men compared with the usual 250, said supervisor Aubrey Stone.

Workers in the District of Columbia spent the weekend driving around the city distributing blankets and hot chocolate to homeless people who refused to go to shelters.

In eastern Kentucky, about 330 South Williamson residents lost gas heat early Sunday when a pipeline from, said Ziad Shaeen of Columbia Gas Distribution Co.

In nearby Belfry, Ky., a shelter for people without heat was set up at the courthouse, said fire department spokesman Mike Davis. "But you know how stubborn some people are," Davis said. "There are a few people here, some have electric heat and some are toughing it out."

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GM, union reach an agreement to end strike

SHREVEPORT, La. Picket lines around a General Motors Corp. assembly plant came down Sunday after the automaker reached an agreement on a proposed contract for 2,300 striking workers.

A vote on the contract was set for Monday afternoon, said Warren Danford, financial secretary for United Auto Workers Local 2166. Details of the contract were not released, but Danford said he expected it to be ratified.

"Picket lines are down," Danford said.

The agreement was reached after 40 hours of negotiations. The strike began Jan. 11.

GM spokesman Linda Cook said workers could return Tuesday if the agreement is ratified.

"The agreement is equitable for both GM and UAW," she said.

The strike at the pickup truck assembly plant was the first at a GM factory since the au­tomaker signed a national agreement with the UAW in October.

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Key member quits Yeltsin's party

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press

MOSCOW

Yegor Gaidar, first deputy prime minister and architect of Russia's market reforms, announced Sunday he was leaving President Yeltsin's government because its recent decisions threaten the course of reforms.

Gaidar's abrupt step and the looming departure of other reformers could shake international confidence in Russia's economic modernization, despite Yeltsin's pledge at last week's summit with President Clinton to continue reforms.

Officials quickly offered assurances that Gaidar's resignation will not change the government's policy.

"The government has been, is and shall remain a reformist one," said Valentin Sergeyev, a spokesman for Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Still, anti-reform groups cheered the departure of the 37-year-old economist.

Despite his departure from the government, Gaidar will remain a major player on the political scene as head of the State Duma, the lower house of parliament.

His resignation ended months of schism within Yeltsin's Cabinet, which has been split between those favoring faster reforms and those wanting a slower approach with an emphasis on social protections.

It was the second time Gaidar has left the Cabinet. The first time he was forced out as acting premier in December 1992 under pressure from hard-liners in Russia's old parliament.

This time, however, he left after being undercut by his former champion, Yeltsin.

Yeltsin is expected to reshuffle his Cabinet this week, and reformers are worried that the balance of power is shifting to the go-slow forces.

Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin have been sending mixed signals on reforms since last month's parliamentary elections, which were dominated by Communists and extreme nationalists who capitalized on widespread discontent with government policies.

Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin said the government's course had to be "corrected" to soften the painful social effects of reforms, associated with Gaidar's name.

Gaidar's resignation, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher suggested that December's elections had produced a "new sensibility" toward the hardships faced by ordinary Russians.

"I'm not sure it's a bad thing that there are one or two changes," he told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Economically, an emphasis on social support would probably lead to higher inflation due to massive subsidies for ailing state factories and military enterprises, and increased spending on populist measures that Gaidar opposes.

Gaidar said he rejected an offer to keep the same position in the new Cabinet, fearing he would have no real say in economic matters. He said recent government decisions sacrificed reforms for the sake of short-term political gains.

He particularly objected to Yeltsin's budget-hunting plan to build a $500 million new parliament headquarters, which "equals one-fifth of last year's social spending," Gaidar said.

"I cannot serve in the government and at the same time be in opposition to it," Gaidar said in a letter to Yeltsin. "I cannot be responsible for reforms... without having the necessary levers for consistent implementation of an economic policy which I am convinced is correct."

Gaidar told reporters he discussed his departure with Yeltsin on Thursday. "There was a calm conversation with the president of Russia, and he understood my position," he said.

Yeltsin spokesman Vyarshilov Kostikov voiced hope for a compromise. The Interfax news agency said Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin are likely to ask Gaidar to reconsider his decision on Monday.

Legislator and reform-minded economist Grigory Yavlinsky said Gaidar's departure would have little effect because he has long been a figurehead with no real power.

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Hussein warns of Iraqi reaction to sanctions

By FRANCIS D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME

Scared by scandal, parliament was sent packing Sunday, clearing the way for elections that could lead to a half-century of Christian Democrat dominance.

A new parliament without the cloud of corruption also is likely to add momentum for drastic changes in Italy's politics and economy.

But while the move was hailed as a milestone in Italian history, for some the new era was off on the wrong foot. Jewish leaders protested the vote, which was carried by Iraqi states who joined the allied fight against Iraq.

On the eve of the third anniversary of the start of the Persian Gulf War, Saddam Hussein lashed out at the West Saturday, saying he would retaliate for an abortive plot to assassinate him.

Saddam has proclaimed a "moral victory" in the 1991 war, which ended Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, an oil-rich emirate it invaded in a dispute over oil, money and territory.

He was not specific during the 80-minute-long speech, which was carried by Iraqi media monitored in Cyprus.

His remarks apparently sought to shore up his government's image at home. Iraq is dogged by economic woes stemming from U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

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Salinas offers amnesty, begins talks with rebels

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari stopped up pressure Sunday on rebels in southern Mexico, unveiling a promised amnesty but only for those who surrender immediately.

It was the president's latest move to end the rebellion that started New Year's Day in Chiapas, the country's poorest state. Earlier, the president offered a unilateral cease-fire in the region.

A government-appointed mediator sent by Salinas to Chiapas said Sunday "real negotiations" had begun with the guerrillas. And workers continued to dig Sunday in a mass grave found near Ocosingo, a town that saw some of the fiercest fighting.

In his address, Salinas said the amnesty covers all participants in violence from Jan. 1 through Sunday. "Any criminal action against the people or against the Mexican army after this period will not have the benefit of amnesty," the president said.

An estimated 1,000 to 2,000 Zapatista fighters — including many Indians — seized San Cristobal and several other towns in Chiapas on New Year's Day to highlight the plight of the poor in Chiapas.

The government says 107 people died in the fighting, which died down in early January after a military assault led by 14,000 troops forced the rebels back into the mountains and jungles of Chiapas.

Church officials say the death toll is far higher, possibly in the hundreds. In San Cristobal de las Casas, the government-appointed mediator, Manuel Camacho Solis, said he had exchanged messages with the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army.

"We have begun real negotiations through messages being sent by both sides," Camacho Solis said, declining to elaborate. "We hope the messages increase."

He said the president's amnesty unveiled Sunday covers not only rebels, but also the military and "everyone" involved in the Chiapas conflict.

After maintaining a public silence for several days, rebels were quoted Sunday in the newspaper La Jornada as saying they were abiding by the cease-fire, but would fight back if attacked by the army.

One guerrilla, who identified himself only as Maj. Mario, said the rebels had numerous demands for ending the misery of the 3.2 million, mostly indigenous people in Chiapas.

"We are not going to stop the war until we have a satisfactory response," the rebel said.

The guerrillas began their rebellion the day the North American Free Trade Agreement between Mexico, Canada and the United States took effect.

They said they had sounded a "death knell" for Indian peasants and other poor in this country of 84 million who remain untouched by Salinas' free-market reforms. Indian farmers depend largely on corn and coffee crops, whose prices are expected to drop due to duty-free U.S. imports.

In other developments, government investigators continued digging at a mass grave in Ocosingo Sunday, a day after exhumating six bodies. At least three more corpses could be seen below.

Human rights activists and some church officials accused the army of human rights abuses in its efforts to quell the unrest.

A Canadian team returning from Chiapas stated Sunday that it had recorded testimonies of disappearances, summary executions and other human rights abuses by the army.

The Defense Department called the charges unfounded and inflammatory.

Early has support for nomination
Republican chairman leads pack of Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS

An informal poll shows that former state Republican chairman Rex Early has support to be the 1996 gubernatorial nominee, but either Dan or Marilyn Quayle could change that, a newspaper reported.

Edward Feigenbaum, publisher of the weekly Indiana Legislative Insight newsletter, sent the state's 92 chairmen letters, asking for their predictions and preferences in the gubernatorial campaign. Forty-five responded.

Their own preferences aside, the Indianapolis Star reported, the 19 percent - three votes each.

The survey results could help Early if he decides to run, Marion County Chairman Karen Sweezy said.

"I run into a lot of people who refer to 1996 and a lot still say, 'Do you really think he's going to do it?' They still don't see him in that role," Sweezy said.

But Early's standings could be changed by the Quayles. Sweezy and Hudnut said "Either Quayle would knock everyone else out of the box immediately if they decided to go for it." Hudnut said.

Happy 21st Katie!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Johnny, Pat & Tommy
Casino companies set sites on Michigan City

By ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press

MICHIGAN CITY
Circus Circus, Hilton and Caesar’s World already have made their mark in Las Vegas, now they are setting their sites on the Midwest.

The three already jointly own and run a casino in Windsor, Ontario, which is just across the river from Detroit. They pitched a combination casino and theme park in Las Vegas, and now they are setting their sites on a similar project in Michigan City, Mo.

Caesar’s Casino and resort developer Hemmeter Organization also are seeking a Michigan City license, but the three-firm consortium could be an attractive suitor because of its resources, experience and existing commitment to the region near Detroit.

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With riverboat casinos on the horizon in Indiana, the three companies are making plans to get a piece of the action. Circus Circus had cut an exclusive deal with officials in Portage, but Porter County voters rejected a riverboat gambling in a November referendum.

Voters in nearby LaPorte County approved the casinos, so Circus Circus teamed up with Caesar’s and Hilton’s, who are trying for a license in Michigan City.

Circus Circus already operates casinos in Las Vegas, Laughlin, Nev., and Reno, Nev., Caesar’s World hosts major boxing matches at its Las Vegas casino and also operates a casino in Atlantic City, N.J., and five resorts in the Pacific.

Hilton Hotels Corp. runs two riverboat casinos in Kansas City, Mo.

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The administration, meanwhile, stressed that Clinton is cooperating fully with a probe, and a Senate Democrat accused the GOP of rehashing the issue once again. Clinton agreed that a special counsel should investigate.

“The information has been turned over, every scrap of it. A special counsel is being appointed. What do you want?” Vice President Al Gore asked Sunday on ABC’s “This Week with David Brinkley.”

Attorney General Janet Reno is expected soon to announce the name of a counsel to investigate the ties between Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and James McDougal, owner of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan that failed in 1989 at a cost to taxpayers of $17 million.

McDougal and the Clintons also co-owned the Whitewater Development Corp., an Arkansas real estate venture. Investigators are trying to determine whether Madison S&L funds were illegally diverted to Whitewater or to help Clinton repay a $50,000 loan for his 1984 gubernatorial campaign. Clinton denies any wrongdoing, saying he lost $68,900 in the Whitewater venture.

McDougal’s attorney, Sam Houpt, said, “I would suspect if there were some secrets, we would have known about them long ago.”

“I know about everything,” he said. “Jim McDougal was a savings and loan executive, which is akin to being a consultant in the McCarthy era.”

But Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, the ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee, repeated his call for a bipartisan congressional hearing, saying the special counsel would look into illegal activities while Congress needed to air an issue of “public trust.”

“This isn’t the largest issue. It’s somewhere between much ado about nothing and something might be a little rotten in part of the Ozarks,” he told CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

There are possible breaches of law, but more importantly there’s a public ethic here that’s at issue.


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Martin Luther King's birthday gives purpose in life

Dear Editor:

I remember walking into the house after school one day, and the volume on the television was up real loud. My parents would talk about him around the dinner table in ways that made me understand that he was just another "sick people's doctor". He was the kind of doctor that tried to heal the hearts and minds of a sick society.

At age 13 I didn't know that King died proving to the world that I was just as valuable to God as those who told me I wasn't. And little did I know that 16 years later, the memories of his death would sadden me more as I pause to recall that things really haven't changed much. In fact, if anything, things have gotten worse.

People of African descent are God's gift to the world. Although it's obvious that some non-Blacks have not understood or believed this truth, Black folks have no excuse. If one knows anything about the history of humankind and its origins, it is clear that God's recreation of God self began on African soil. For me, this concept alone places me in a position of power — the kind of power that teaches me how to think, act, and be.

King taught me the realities of not being God's gift to humankind. His unwavering stand on racism, prejudice, and societal injustice confronted the oppressor, and unlocked the shackles of hate and wishful thinking. His fearless decision to sit America's dirty laundry on the world was the key to King's success, and his ability to rally whites and blacks in support of his movement exposed his inherent wisdom and leadership. His undaunted charisms stirred the hearts of many people, and changes were made. He knew what he had, and he knew how to use it.

But what has happened since then? Each year, America steps to commemorate the life of King, reflecting on the impact he had on the world during his lifetime. The "Eyes on the Prize" marathon is shown on PBS, little children are required to memorize and recite King's "I Have A Dream" speech at the annual Martin Luther King Jr Day at school, and Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" song is played on hundreds of radio stations throughout the country.

On Jan 17, African Americans at Notre Dame will stand ready to jump on the civil rights bandswagon, speaking loudly in churches and in the dinning halls about what we still haven't done because white folks won't let us have it. And every year, I stop and examine my own life, trying to discern whether I, too, stand poised and ready to fight the racial battle on issues that never seem to go away because I won't let them.

We have got to stop waiting for white folks to give us permission to recognize our God-gifts. We must cease giving white America approval to mold our characters into ones that accept apathy, segregation, and forced submission. We are an African American way of life.

As African American students at Notre Dame, we will leave here with degrees that we have been trained in an educational system that is among the best in the country. We will be able to walk through doors that ordinarily would be closed to us were it not for such a prestigious degree. And this is not mere conjecture — ask any African American alumnus around the country and you are certain to hear success stories that began after the completion of four years of racism and struggle at Notre Dame.

Whether they admit to it or not, they made it, and their lives have been enhanced because they used their God-given gifts to weather the storm. Graduating from Notre Dame means we survived a system that we will be forced to work in for the rest of our lives, and surviving this system means that as a people, we bear the odds and didn't perish in the process. But has our success expedited our ability to focus on what our responsibilities are away from the Golden Dome? Have we become part of the problem as to why things have gotten worse for African Americans in America?

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ND's new foreign study program in Chile

By KAREN SHOFFF

For any Notre Dame student looking for an exciting yet very different semester-long foreign study program, Santiago, Chile may be the academic and cultural experience you are looking for.

Seven Notre Dame students participated in the program this past semester.

Marcie McNeill, a junior at Notre Dame and one of the seven participants, described the program in Santiago as "an amazing experience.

McNeill, who has also been to Spain and Mexico, chose to participate in the program in Santiago as she found the people there very warm.

"I got so much out of it. It's given me a whole different point of view," she said.

"The Chilean people are very happy people. It's really neat to be around them," said McNeill.

"It was hard to adjust and realize that I couldn't really change their lives, but my life was very changed by it," she said.

"I would really like to go back sometime," she said.

McNeill said that the integrated classes, not offered in most of the other foreign study programs, were a distinct advantage of the Chile program. The integrated classes were a welcome challenge to McNeill.

"The classes are as hard as you want them to be," she said.

"Perhaps the most unique facet of the semester in Chile is the opportunity for Notre Dame students to participate in a seminar entitled, Poverty and Development." The exploratory course is like an extended urban plunge in a foreign country, according to McNeill.

"Going into an economically poor section of Santiago allowed the Notre Dame students to experience poverty and learn a lot about their experiences," she said.

The seminar is offered through Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, and was developed by Father Don McNeill, director of Latin American studies at Notre Dame.

Marcie McNeill participated in the Poverty and Development seminar during her stay in Chile.

"It's the best thing I could have done at Notre Dame," said McNeill.

"There is a desert in the north and lakes and glaciers in the south," McNeill said.

"Santiago is also located within an hour and a half of ski slopes and beaches."

Despite the cultural and physical differences between the United States and Chile, McNeill realized that "we're very similar people." she said.

"I enjoyed the experience, and thought that I let her see and learn a lot about Chile. "I would really like to go back sometime," she said.

McNeill and several other Notre Dame students who participated in the Chile program last fall will be holding a question-and-answer program this Thurs., Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the basement of Fisher Hall.

The foreign study program in Santiago is a joint venture with the Universities of Wisconsin and Michigan.

Career and Placement helps students find the way

By BEVIN KOVALIK

It's that time of year again when seniors begin interviewing for jobs and preparing to enter the professional world. Your parents say they are breathing down your neck, you have no clue what you want to do with the rest of your life and you've got to find a job in a weak economy.

Who do you turn to? Career and Placement Services.

Located in the basement of the Hesburgh Library, Career and Placement Services is an on-campus office that helps to bring employers and prospective students together.

Each year approximately one thousand employers contact Career and Placement with Career and Placement, according to Paul Reynolds, associate director of the office.

"Career and Placement Services is also geared toward underclassmen seeking internships, summer employment and advice concerning future career opportunities," Reynolds said.

Students from all majors and all class levels may seek assistance from this professional staff member and group workshops that guide students through interviewing techniques, resumes and other employment strategies.

The Career Library contains books and reference guides to steer students in the right direction.

"For those students undecided in careers, interviews and resumes, the Career Library offers tips for getting into the job force," Reynolds explained.

The office offers resources and references that are a lot of assistance to students, especially sophomores and juniors," he added.

"As for undergraduates, we cannot emphasize the importance of relevant summer jobs and internships to aid them in future employment," he said.

The most prominent service offered by Career and Placement is the on-campus interviewing program. The bulk of the interviewing begins around the end of January, according to Reynolds.

"Career and Placement has helped me to get a job and their services have been really good for me," said senior Kevin Butler, a government and CAPP major.

Career and Placement serves as an excellent way for students to get their foot in the door. "It helped me a lot. I wouldn't have really known where to get started," said senior Beth Rhodes, an accounting and CAPP major.

"Career and Placement has a pretty defined and efficient program for accounting majors," Rhodes added. "I sent them my resume and employers contacted me to set up interviews.

"The job market is improving, but companies are being cautious because they do not want to over hire," Reynolds said.

"Still, with students with technical backgrounds like mine, employers are doing well in their job search.

A summer Job Fair will take place Jan. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Monogram Room of the J.A.C.C. to give students ideas for a worthwhile summer experience.

Career and Placement Services is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library. Students can contact the office at 631-5200.
Vancouver's Courtnall ends personal 11-0 drought

Associated Press

Babych earned his 500th NHL assist on Linden's 24th goal, which came before the rink was completely lit. The Pacific Coliseum is always pitch black during the National Hockey League's annual Kraft Hockeyville tour.

The score puts Vancouver one point behind Detroit in the race for the top spot in the NHL Western Conference. The Canucks are 13-0-0-2 at home, including a perfect 7-0-0-2 at the Coliseum.

The Associated Press

BRUCKNERFORD, Colo. Philippe Larocque of Canada registered his first World Cup win in more than a year, winning the senior men's giant slalom in Breckenridge, Colo., on Saturday.

The win was a momentous one for Larocque, who has been struggling with injuries and a lack of form. He had not won an event since the World Cup tour in 2003. Larocque's latest victory was a significant step forward in his recovery from a hip injury that had hobbled him for much of the season.

The Associated Press

Laroche compiled 243.03 points to 231.56 for Canadian teammate Lloyd Langlois in the final day of the Alamo Freestyle Classic. Switzerland's Sonny Sercherkoff finished a distant third with 218.30.

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DeBartolo

The Philadelphia 76ers didn't bother searching for a bright side. Their worst offensive performance in three decades was little more than a night to forget.

"It's over. It's past. There's nothing positive from it," Philadelphia's Dana Barros said after the Cleveland Cavaliers routed the 76ers 110-67 Saturday night in a game that set team records on both sides. The 67 points were the fewest they've scored in 21 years, the 110 the fewest they've yielded by a Cleveland team. They also marked a season-high 32 turnovers.

Scores in the 60s were common before the 24-second clock was established, but they're extremely rare in today's NBA. The lowest total in an NBA game last year was 69 by Washington at Houston in March. Until Saturday, Cleveland had never surrendered fewer than 74 points in a game. But the trapping, rotating defense installed by new coach Mike Fratello - with mixed results earlier in the season - seemed to be taking hold. The Cavs have won three straight and nine of their last 13 games.

"We're communicating real well on defense," Brad Daugherty said. "Everybody's talking. Nobody's afraid to rotate. When you do that, it makes you so much better. Sometimes, you want to be a little hesitant, but we're not being hesitant at all."

Even so, there was more at stake Saturday than good defense. Philadelphia limped into town with three players missing and the other nine worn out from an overtime win against Indiana the night before. Moses Malone and Johnny Dawkins were sidelined by injuries, and Eric Keckler had the flu. Given the circumstances, Sixers coach Fred Carter wanted to slow the pace as much as possible, aiming for a low-scoring game that would let his tired team stay close.

For one quarter, it worked. Clarence Weatherspoon scored 15 of his 18 points in the first period, helping the Sixers build leads as big as eight points, and they led 22-19 after one.

But a 15-0 Cleveland surge early in the second quarter, highlighted by Gerald Wilkins' 3-pointer, took the energy out of the Sixers. They managed just eight points in the period - another defensive record for Cleveland - and never recovered.

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Kenny Gant's tackle knocked the ball away from Green Bay returner Corey Harris on the ensuing kickoff and Joe Fishback of the Cowboys recovered after a wild scramble on the Green Bay 14. Two plays later, Alkman hit Jay Novacek wide open in the end zone from six yards away with five seconds left.

Alkman, who completed 28 of 37 passes for 302 yards, hit Michael Irvin with a 19-yard scoring pass as Dallas built a 24-3 lead in the third period.

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The Chiefs remain one away from the big game

By DAVE GOLDBERG
National Pro

HOUSTON

Joe Montana has the Kansas City Chiefs a game away from the Super Bowl, the place he was hired to take them.
He did it Sunday, with a lot of help from his defense.
Montana had three second-half touchdown passes, two of them 54 seconds apart in the fourth quarter to lead the Chiefs to a 28-20 win over the Houston Oilers.
That sends Kansas City to Buffalo for next Sunday's AFC title game, the first time the Chiefs have advanced that far in 24 years.
But as much credit goes to the defense that put Montana in position for the two TDs that gave him a 21-13 lead - an 11-yard pass to J.B. Birken and an 18-yarder to Willie Davis, who had dropped a sure TD in the first half.
The Chiefs sacked Warren Moon nine times while Dan Saleaumua and Joe Phillips shut down Gary Brown, holding the backup who gained 1,002 yards in eight regular-season games to just 17 yards in 11 carries.
The Oilers, who had an 11-3 record when they broke, haven't been to a title game in 14 years and haven't gotten past this stage in seven straight playoffs — an NFL high.

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Welcome Back Everyone!

KO BECK, the Chicago Bears' former fullback, won't be with them on the field in two weeks at San Francisco.
Beck, 24, who didn't play as a rookie in 1987, is coming back to the Bears after sitting out the last 16 games last season with a torn quadriceps muscle.
Beck's return has been delayed as he continued to suffer from the injury Monday.
By STEVE WILSTEIN

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No Experience Necessary!

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Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore.

Tonya Harding has denied all accusations that she was involved in the assault on Nancy Kerrigan, the lawyer for the U.S. figure skating champion said Sunday.
Asked if Harding might quit the Olympic team even if she is not linked to the alleged plot to injure Kerrigan, her coach, DiANE Rawlinson, said Harding "wants to represent her country in the Olympics" in Norway next month.
"Tonya is innocent," Rawlinson said. "She won nationals. She trained hard and she deserves to go.
"The U.S. Olympic Committee met Sunday in Durham, N.C., to discuss the Kerrigan attack but took no action against Harding.
"It did, however, again indicate it could remove Harding from the Olympic team even if she is not linked to the alleged plot.

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Olympic torch lit for winter games

By PATRICK QUINN

THE OLYMPIC Flame that will burn at next month's Winter Games was lit at this ancient site Sunday and began an odyssey through European towns and cities before reaching Lillehammer, Norway.

Maria Pambouki, a Greek actress playing the role of high priestess, held a silver torch down to a concave mirror on an altar to Hera, an ancient Greek goddess worshiped in Olympia during the original Games held from 776 B.C. to the year 394.

"Apollo god of the sun bring flame," Maria Pambouki, holding an olive branch in one hand and a signed kerosene lamp in the other, chanted as the flame was transferred to a torch. "We carry the flame here for the Olympic Games in 1994."

"The dispute ended last week after Greek and Norwegian officials agreed that the flames could not be adulterated."

The Norwegians had planned to "merge" the flame and use a third torch to light the cauldron at the Games. Greek officials protested, saying that the Olympic flame could not be adulterated.

"We are satisfied with the solution," Audun Tron, the mayor of Lillehammer, said. "It's important to keep these traditions of the Olympic spirit."
Leary's timely comeback was much needed in 82-72 victory

By HANK LOWENKRON
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Todd Leary made a timely return to the big picture for Indiana, who missed the 11th-ranked Hoosiers' first two Big Ten games with a sprained right knee, rescued a sluggish offense with 16 second-half points Sunday, rallying Indiana from a 15-point deficit to an 82-72 victory over No. 10 Michigan.

"When I went down in Indianapolis (Dec. 28), I thought it was a much worse injury than it really was," Leary said. "They said two-to-four weeks and it wasn't quite as bad. ... I was shooting for the Iowa game (last Tuesday). ... I was probably 75 percent (ready) for Iowa (Saturday)."

"It was," Leary said. "When they are making a run, we didn't convert and we let up. We didn't make any defensive plays. Our defense was up to the challenge, and the offense was enough for the victory.

The Irish scored single goals in the first two periods and kept the Falcons off the scoreboard until the third period. Nursing a one-goal lead, it was sopho­more goalie Wade Salzman who came through with the big stops.

"Wade really made the saves, which we needed," said Schaefer. "Brent Lamparas did the night's first goal just 4:42 into the game. It seemed to spark the struggling Irish for the rest of the game.

Ben Nelson did his job and beat goalie Bob Petrie at 7:53. The defense made that lead last. Only 20 shots were al­lowed to reach Salzman, many of them in a final-minute flurry. With Petrie off the ice in favor of an extra skater, the Falcons...."
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The Explorers of LaSalle couldn't have made it any better for Notre Dame. The Irish women's basketball team made sure of that in Saturday's game at the University of Notre Dame's Joyce Center.

The Irish defeated LaSalle 92-73 last Saturday in the last minute of the game to improve their record to 5-5. "We played much better in the last two games," said Mimi Jones, Notre Dame's head coach. "It's nice to see the girls playing well together and showing their leadership qualities." 

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