Rita cleared of Fox's death

By JOHN LUCAS and DAVE TYLER
Managing Editor, News Editor

After deliberating for nearly nine hours last night, a St. Joseph's County Superior Court jury acquitted Notre Dame law school graduate John Rita of the felony charge of causing the death of Mara Fox while driving drunk.

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Judge William Albright declared a mistrial on a lesser felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident, after the jury said it was deadlocked and could come to no verdict.

Rita, 25, of Springfield, Virginia, had been standing trial in connection with the Nov. 13, 1993 death of 18-year-old Notre Dame freshman Mara Fox.

For a group of friends who had been walking back towards campus from a Grape Road restaurant after a cab the group had called never arrived.

Judge declares mistrial on lesser leaving scene of an accident charge

Deloitte & Touche Chair announced

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Assistant News Editor

David Ricchiute, professor of accountancy, has just been appointed to the newly created Deloitte & Touche Chair in Accountancy, announced.

Ricchiute, twice named to the College of Business Administration, was named to the position because of his expertise in the field of accountancy, according to O'Meara.

"The quality of his teaching, research and his contributions to his profession of accountancy made him an excellent choice," O'Meara said.

Ricchiute is looking forward to beginning in his new position.

"It is an opportunity for me to engage further in my own research," he said.

His research interests include the study of professional judgment and decision making and the pricing practices of large public accounting firms.

His textbook, "Auditing," is widely used at colleges and universities across the United States. It is also used in England and Australia.

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Republican make gains

Last night's elections carried broad implications for Clinton's re-election prospects, and the direction of a Democratic Party that has yet to fully adjust to having one of its own in the White House and now faces losing its congressional dominance.

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That includes a balanced budget amendment and other provisions the president opposes.

Incumbents were generally doing well in the Senate vote, but the GOP claimed one significant scalp: Dr. Bill Frist wrested a Tennessee seat from Budget Committee Chairman James Sasser. Even worse for the White House, Republican Fred Thompson captured the seat once held by Vice President Al Gore.

"We have a lot of responsibility now and we have two years to prove ourselves," said Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, second to Dole of Kansas in the GOP leadership. "We have to step forward and put up a sensible health care bill and step forward with a sensible welfare reform bill, put up the balanced budget amendment and a capital gains tax reduction."

The hurdle for candidates to capture the House was 40 seats, so in every year since they last ran the chamber. By late evening, with half of House races still to be decided, Republicans had captured 32 Democratic seats and lost just two of their own.

Clinton retreated to the White House to watch the painful returns. "I think the president will want to heal the wounds and close the gaps as quickly as possible," said press secretary DeeDee Myers.

Democrats began the day controlling the Senate 56-44 and the House 256-178. On average, a first-term president's party loses three or four Senate seats and perhaps two dozen in the House. But this was not to be an average year.

In settling 36 governorships, voters were cutting deep into the Democrats' dominance. Governor had 29 statehouses to start the day, but lost nine: New York, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming, Kansas, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.

In the biggest state of all, California Gov. Pete Wilson won a second term. Republican governors were also re-elected in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Wisconsin and New Hampshire, and the GOP kept the statehouses in South Dakota and North Carolina.

Democrats held onto the governorships of Florida, Nevada,

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The ugly persistence of our heritage

We should all be appalled. The recent events surrounding the Susan Smith case should have shocked us all.

For those of you who have been living on an ice flow not too far away, in two weeks I will provide a quick summary. Susan Smith claimed that she was carjacked and somehow managed to get away with her two small children belted in the back seat.

Upon pressure from a phenomenal media blitz, she provided a composite sketch of her aggressor, an African-American male.

It came out that there was no carjacking, no thief. The criminal was Susan Smith, who drove her car, kids still belted in, into a lake where they presumably drowned.

What does this say about Susan Smith? What does this say about our society?

Is this the not the ultimate form of child abuse? These two young boys deserved better. But Susan Smith has already acted and, try as we may, we can’t bring those boys back. We are now faced with the question of what to do with Susan Smith and how to make amends for what she has done.

We cannot let something this heinous go unpunished. A knee-jerk response would be to execute her. A death penalty would seem perfect in this case. But, by taking her life, are we sinking to her level? Are we taking responsibility? How? By copping the insanity defense?

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ND students startled by acquittal, mistrial
By LIZ FORAN
Associate News Editor

Students across campus said they were surprised and disappointed by the jury’s verdict in the trial of Notre Dame law school graduate John Rita. Despite the verdict, students on campus expressed disbelief in the result.

“I really can’t believe it,” said Alumni sophomore Hilary Gase, a friend of Fox’s. “I saw his testimony. I talked to the girls she was with.” I talked to Sister Kathleen (Beauty) from Lyons Hall. It sounded like he (Rita) got caught in a bunch of lies.”

Beauty, rector of Lyons Hall, said that the dorm “is in shock right now.” Fox lived at Lyons as a freshman last year.

Other students questioned Rita’s credibility after hearing his account of the evening of the accident.

“It’s really upsetting,” said Pangborn junior Katie Lawler. “I could accept it if I believed he was being honest about other stuff. He didn’t own up to it.”

“I think everyone kind of expected this case to be vindicating,” she added. “It’s been over a year now. This is really disappointing.”

“If he knew he hit something, why didn’t he go back immediately?” asked Farley freshman Naomi Duran.

Junior Alison Suarez, also of Pangborn, was equally disappointed with the verdict. She stated she believed that Rita was intoxicated at the time of the accident, although she was slightly understanding of Rita’s position regarding the leaving the scene charge.

“If he freaked out, it might be OK,” she said of the hung jury. “Anyone would freak out if they realized they hit someone.”

University President Father Edward Malloy declined to comment, explaining that he had just heard of the Rita verdict and did not yet have any detailed information.

As the campus reeled with the emotion of the verdict, Gese left the verdict to a higher judge.

“It’s in God’s hands now,” he said.

An upset Teresa McCarthy, mother of Mara Fox, leaves the courtroom without commenting to reporters.

**Verdict disappoints Barnes**

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Mike Barnes is “deeply disappointed” by the jury’s decision in the John Rita case, and will consider further legal action.

Rita, 25, was acquitted of a charge of causing the death of Mara Fox while driving drunk, last night in St. Joseph County Superior Court in South Bend.

Judge William Albright declared a mistrial on a second lesser felony charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident after the jury decided it could not reach a verdict on that count.

Barnes told a crowd of reporters last night on the courthouse steps that his office has yet to make a decision to retry Rita on the leaving the scene charge.

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Asher cited that the poor visibility of the rainy night and the possibility that Fox may have been walking on the road itself instead of the shoulder as larger factors in the accident.

Barnes charged that if Rita had been impaired by beer or alcohol, other factors would not have played any role in the tragedy. In earlier testimony, Rita said that he had consumed three beers and shot of liquor, but insisted that he was not impaired while driving.

“The point is, John Rita has an obligation not to run her (Fox) down,” Barnes said. “Because of alcohol, he did not fulfill that obligation.”

While closing statements pertaining to the first charge seemed to be fairly straightforward, the issue of the second charge appeared to be more problematic to the jurors.

After deliberating for three hours, the jury sent out a note asking for a clarification to the instructions Albright had given them, a question dealing with the definition of the immediacy of Rita’s responsibility after the accident occurred.

Rita had admitted in earlier testimony he had heard “a thud” but said he did not know that “something bad happened” until he was able to see his shattered windshield under better light.

After consulting both attorneys, Albright decided that the court could not alter its instructions and advised the jurors to adhere to the original instructions.

The question seemed to indicate that jurors were responding to an defense argument relating to the charge of leaving the scene. Asher has argued earlier that Rita should not be forced to assume responsibility for an accident that he (Rita) never believed to have occurred.

Barnes rebutted Asher’s closing statements by asserting that Rita was attempting to place the majority of the blame for the accident on errors by the police and alleged negligence on the part of Mara Fox and her friends.

“Everybody in this case has been at fault but John Rita himself,” he said at the close of his statement.

At 9:15 p.m., the jury returned to announce they had reached one verdict and had become stalemated on the other count. After the verdict was read to the court, Rita sobbed openly. He and his family quickly left the courtroom, refusing to comment to reporters.

One of the promoters of the prosecution appeared stunned, Barnes remained composed.

“We thought it was a certain sufficient evidence to convict,” he said. “We thought the evidence went in to the public record well. It is obvious up to this jury to decide the case based on that evidence, and they found John Rita not guilty of one charge.”

Barnes admitted that questions the defense raised about the validity of Rita’s blood alcohol test, but he believed that the prosecution’s case was strong enough to overcome those issues.

Rita’s attorney, Charles Asher, had attacked the authorities handling of the breath test through out the trial. Asher raised questions about the accuracy, validity, and timeliness of the test, which was conducted on a machine called an IntoxiLizer.

Although he may have lost this case, Barnes says he refused to give in to bitterness.

“I’ve been a lawyer for twenty-three years of my life, and in that time I’ve seen things that I didn’t want to have happen. I didn’t expect to have happen or would hope to have happen,” he said. “But as someone who works in this system I have to understand that.”

Asher had very little to say as he left the courthouse with his client.

“One charge remains undecided in this case, and I don’t want comment on the case, until its over.”
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Recycling program possible

By PEGGY LENCZEWSKI
News Writer

Saint Mary's College Residence Hall Association (RHA) discussed last night the implementation of a campus-wide recycling program.

But last night, the students of Saint Mary's have been trying to begin a recycling program through individual residence halls, yet a major obstacle in beginning a program has been lack of funding.

Last night, RHA discussed the possibility of presenting a proposal to Saint Mary's administration in hopes of securing more sufficient funding.

According to RHA member Kathy Picavage, an active recycling program "is imperative to the college campus and we are looking for help as far as finances go."

Picavage stated that "there is a significant amount of interest among the dorms and we are very interested in starting a program because of the importance of recycling. Action must be taken now."

Individual halls are having financial problems beginning recycling programs because there is no convenient recycling program in South Bend.

Any interested organization must go out of the area to find recycling contractors.

Le Mans Hall and Holy Cross Hall reported that their SYFs were successful this past weekend.

RHA discussed the administrative decision that all students must be at dances by ten o'clock.

According to Fleming, the dance was noticeably more crowded at ten o'clock. However, there were also reports of more drinking occurring in dorm rooms before the dance.

Fleming also expressed the concern that students were drinking faster. Additionally, Diane Lanzillotta expressed her concern regarding transportation to and from off-campus facilities.

The current system of shuttle buses was discussed. RHA has been told that although the administration is "open to comments, nothing will change" this year from the current policy.

Other RHA news:

• Le Mans Hall will hold a tailgate on the front lawn prior to the Air Force game from ten until eleven-thirty. All are welcome.
• McCandless Hall will be selling tickets to their formal this Friday through Thursday.

Planning is underway to include Saint Mary's women in the Notre Dame Late Night Olympics. Proceeds from this annual and popular event go towards the Saint Joseph Special Olympics Chapter.

• There will be no RHA meeting the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Langford opens camp for disadvantaged

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Assistant News Editor

Sixteen acres located south of South Bend is the site of a project organized by a Notre Dame faculty member for regional disadvantaged children who spend a day away from the dangers and squalor of housing projects.

Speaking at the Hall Presidents' Council meeting last night, Jim Langford, director of the University of Notre Dame Press, asked the council for funding and volunteers to help develop the site and work with the children.

"Our project wants to provide disadvantaged children with an opportunity to be carefree for a day, to explore nature without fear of molestation or bullies, to play games for enjoyment...to make the day one to remember," Langford said in "The Report Card," the newsletter for the project.

Sixteen acres, between 4-10 years old from Chicago, northwestern Indiana and southern Michigan will be invited to the camp. The first group of children came to the camp two weeks ago.

Titled "There Are Children Here" after Alex Kotlowitz's book, "There Are No Children Here," which describes life as a child in Chicago's housing projects, the organization is based on the premise that the trend of increasing danger faced by children can be reversed.

"Kids in these situations don't really have a childhood," Langford said. "They need to have a taste of peace, a day of safety."

Langford and his wife conceived of the idea while raising two adopted biracial children, Trevor, 4, and Emily, 1. The camp is located on the Langfords' farm located near Lakeville, Ind., eight miles south of South Bend.

The camp, which has forest on nine of its 16 acres, will include a baseball field, nature trails, a playground and a clubhouse once construction is concluded.

But such plans cannot be completed without donations of time and money, Langford said.

The list of needs includes $40,000 for the clubhouse with a fireplace, lunchroom, playroom, and washrooms; $10,000 for a ballpark named in honor of the late Charlie Grimm, the last manager to lead the Chicago Cubs to the National League pennant; and $15,000 for a three-hole miniature golf course and a basketball court.

Grimm's wife, Marion, is actively involved in helping raise funds for There Are No Children Here.

Money is also needed for a microwave, a sleigh for rides during the winter, tables, food and juice for the children during their stay, and a Polaroid camera so that children can have a picture to remember their day by.

"Every bit of the donations will be used directly for the children," Langford said.

Langford is also hoping that Notre Dame students will volunteer at the site. Chris Zoric, a 1991 graduate of Notre Dame and football all-American, is serving on the project's board of directors.

Volunteers will be coordinated through the Center for Social Concerns.

Langford expects to operate the camp on the weekends during the school year and daily during the summer.

Rich Palermo, co-chairman of the HPC, said that the HPC will wait for a detailed budget proposal before making a decision.

"Langford wants people to take his plan back to their dorms," Palermo said. "More than anything, he is looking for volunteers and support."

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The widespread belief that Martin King and Malcolm X were polar opposites is a fal­lacy, according to James Cone. Cone, a professor at the Union Theological Seminary in New York, gave a lecture yesterday entitled "Will the Real Martin and Malcolm Please Stand?"

"Martin King and Malcolm X provoke contrasting images among most Americans," Cone stated. King has been seen as a heroic leader that preached "by any means necessary," while Malcolm X was "an irresponsible heroic leader that preached violence."

King's philosophy has made Malcolm X a "symbol of young black rage against white America and its racism," Cone said.

Malcolm X endorsed black nationalism and the furthering of the African-American cause "by any means necessary," which to many implied the use of violence. According to Cone, this philosophy has made Malcolm X a more dynamic option than King to those who see no alternative to violence as a means of improving the status of African-Americans.

Cone pointed out that in fact neither Martin King nor Malcolm X had "the correct" approach to racial injustice. He stated that not only were the viewpoints of the two leaders closer than many believe, but they were in fact highly complementary to each other. "Malcolm without Martin is just as detrimental to black self-understanding as Martin without Malcolm," said Cone.

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Teressa McCarthy, mother of Mara Fox, privately admitted her disappointment, explaining she could not believe the verdict and was "in shock."

Aristide offers peace, new ministers installed

By CHRIST TORCHIA

PORT-AU-PRINCE Haiti's new Cabinet ministers took office at the national palace Tuesday, and President Jean-Bertrand Aristide extended an olive branch to the military. In a white columned hall lined with the busts of national heroes, Aristide hugged and shook hands with 17 Cabinet ministers.

Their task will be to turn the country around after three years of repression. The military is blamed for condoning 3,000 political murders after Aristide was ousted in a September 1991 coup. Hundreds of Haitians gawked from outside the green iron gates surrounding the gleaming white palace, watching guests come and go. American soldiers and private security guards in civilian dress stood guard.

Legislators in Parliament's lower house on Monday overwhelmingly endorsed Michele's Cabinet and government plan.

The 57-year-old prime minister was ratified over the weekend by both houses. His program includes an economic recovery program based on reducing tariffs, increasing exports, and privatizing unprofitable state enterprises.

There are reports of continued violence in rural areas despite the presence of thousands of U.S. troops.

About 150 Haitian refugees flew home Tuesday from Cuba, where many had spent at least six months.

School bus accident kills 7 year old boy

MILWAUKEE A freeway pileup sent metal scaffolding flying off a truck through the side of a school bus, killing a 7-year-old boy. Thirteen others were injured in the accident.

"The bus driver slammed off and on the brakes ... and there was this big truck with pipes on it," said 11-year-old Cameron Davis, another of the 17 youngsters being taken home from Calhoun Elementary School.

"Everybody was sliding forward and people were like on the floor screaming and crying," Cameron said.

Traffic on Interstate 94 was slowing down for the accident when a car slammed into the rear of the school bus carrying the scaffolding. The car became lodged under the rear of the flatbed and caught fire.

The impact also sent the framming of another car, which hit the back of a semi-trailer, and scaffolding was sent flying into the bus.

The sheriff's department said no charges had been filed.

While the accident remained under investigation, ten youngsters were taken to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for treatment, and all but one were released. Spokeswoman Caryl Sewell said Monday. One boy was in fair condition. Also treated and released were the bus driver and a man and woman in the car that caught fire.
Republicans victorious in gubernatorial races

By JILL LAWRENCE

Associated Press

Republicans picked up four Democratic governorships and easily re-elected incumbents from six states Tuesday as the GOP pushed toward its most dominant statehouse role in a decade. The surge threatened Democrats across the nation, including in states such as New York, Florida and Texas.

Purposely, Republican incumbent in the Midwest and Northeast steamrolled to victory over the Democratic opposition. Democrats in Vermont, Arkansas, Nebraska and Colorado also cruised to re-election.

Frank Keating in Oklahoma, Bill Graves in Kansas, Jim Geringer in Wyoming and Don Sundquist in Tennessee joined the GOP to increase its total to 55 percent-plus job approval in 10 of 15 seats. Fewer than 25 percent of Tennessee voters said they would have voted for a Republican.

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voters are turning the face of their
government in the mirror.
They got mad, as the political
dagge goes, and on Tuesday they
gave it back to the Democrats, their
wrath reviving Republican
control of mid-term congressional
elections.

Getting even with President
Clinton, the purported New
Democrat they’d chosen only
twice before to save their
revenue and revive their
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as Clinton has said, over and
as.

Yet as voters left polling
places across the nation, they
said they fear for the future, no
matter the upset. In early exit
polls conducted by The
Associated Press and the four
major TV networks, it appeared
half the voters said they were
no better off financially after
two years, and about a
two-thirds said they felt worse.

Clinton’s approval ratings in
the West and Midwest hovered
around 44 percent. They were
higher in the East at about half,
and dismal in the South, 36
percent.

The voters were also getting
even with the Democrats who
have run Congress for most of
their lifetimes. “Not since 1952
have Republicans controlled the
United States Congress,” said Sen.
Bob Dole. “That’s when
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dent, the Republicans were still in
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North loses in Virginia race

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Sen. Charles Robb, who won a bat-
tle of tarnished heroes Tuesday, defeating
Oliver North in a Senate race that saw Virginia’s
tradition of political
gavelry put in the shade.

With 56 percent of precincts
counted, Robb, the Democratic
incumbent, had an edge of
45 percent for the Republican
North. Independent Marshall
Coleman trailed with 15 per-
cent.

Robb, scarred by his own al-
leged extramarital affairs and
parties with top officials,
had battled fiercely against North,
who seven years ago stood be-
fore Congress and admitted li-
ying about his role in the Iran-
Contra scandal.

Proponents, appropriately
eager to lose-
town, both men using boxing as an analogy in
election-night speeches to their
supporters.

The 55-year-old Robb, son-in-
law of a late President
Johnson, likened himself to
boxing’s newest — and oldest — heavy-
weight champ.

“George Foreman is indeed an
opponent worth facing twice,”
Robb said.

North, conceding defeat, broadened
hitched that his political
career was over.

“You may recall in my
press conference, I quoted that, as
that I was a boxing champion,” he
said. “That may not be re-
lated to the boxing, but at the
time I tried I was defeated in the
opener. The second time,
I lost in the semfinal. And the
third time, I won.”

Polls had always been a
civil exercise in Virginia since its
sons, George Washington
and Thomas Jefferson, helped
establish democracy govern-
ment in America.
But the discredited figures of
North and Robb and their
naughty, personal and expensive
political duel left Virginians
wound up in the year.

It was an election day of
gaining even with Washington, the
camouflage of the negative, nasty campa-
gin, the come the low road
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paign.

Cuomo defeated in NY as Pataki triumphs

By RICK HAMSPSON

NEW YORK

Mario Cuomo won Tuesday night as the
might-have-been of American politics.
In a race the billion-dollar cam-
peror who once seemed
destined to take the House of the Supreme Court could’ve
could New Yorkers into
giving him a fourth term as gover-
nor.

Cuomo wrote his own political
history with a rousing concession
speech that sounded like a
Thank-you note to family,
friends and the reception to George
Pataki’s proposed income tax
cut — the race came down to

That seemed fine with a Pataki,
a state senator who entered the race as “George Who?” and
soon became known as “The
UnCuomo.”

The design had one elec-
trometry moment — Republican
Mayor Rudolph Giuliani’s en-
rollment, who seven years ago
eled the electoral
but the governor had to
a large margin. He

The exit poll was based on
1,626 interviews outside voting
polls conducted by Voter News Service,
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This is just one example of the challenges facing participants in Teach for America (TFA), a program that成功率 engaged 5,000 students five years ago in the senior thesis of Princeton University graduate, Wendy Kopp.

Teach for America places 500 student teachers in classrooms each year from the nation's top universities to solve the two-year-old disparity between the nation's poorest rural and inner-city schools. The program is said to be consistent with any first-year teacher, though Teach for America "corps members" are different in that they lack any formal classroom experience.

"We look for students who are from the public school system, but who have a strong desire to teach in their own" said John F. Kennedy's
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Her school where she works in Houston is worlds away from her native Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. "I don't give my kids homework," Mendez said. "A lot don't have crayons or supplies or even a place or a table to do it on."

Mendez and her colleagues teach at-risk children whom she describes as children at risk for "falling at life." She teaches a bilingual kindergarten class in a school that is 60% Hispanic and 40% African-American.

Each morning she greets her students with a handshake and asks them to share something important in their lives that has happened in the past day.

"It gives you a fulfillment that you're rooting and you know what you're doing is important, that you can convince these kids that they can be a teacher, a doctor, or a lawyer," said Mendez.

By MARA DIVIS

Whether the action be in the depths of Southeast Asian jungle or the cool, mist-shrouded mountains of America's psyche, made millions at the box office and won him two Academy Awards for Best Director. His recent films have focused on America's societal fixations and a fascination with intrigue and conspiracy. JFK, released in 1991, handles the possibility of a hidden conspiracy behind John F. Kennedy's assassination. That gave him a knack for stirring up controversy.

"My name has become synonymous with lunatic, conspir­acy buff," said Stone, who speaks at Stepan Center tonight, an interview with Entertainment Weekly. "However, the world is rooted in conspiracy. I don't know why the so-called opinion makers use the word 'conspiracy' in a derogatory fashion."

Other films have concentrated on the public's recent interest in sensations and tabloid news coverage of violent crime. Stone's next film, "Virtuoso," released this summer, will feature Mickey Rourke as a hit man who has a strong desire to join the Mafia.

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Alumni 'Teach for America'

Graduates from all majors find themselves serving in the classroom

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McGernity, a 1993 Notre Dame graduate in English and psychology, has found TFA a way to realize a lifelong dream. She explained, "For me, teaching was something I've always wanted to do, but Notre Dame lacked an education major. Teach for America was a way for me to get my certification at once while I worked."

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TORONTO A day after a seven-hour negotiation session was marked by the absence of players and owners decided to meet again Thursday. While the sides didn’t make any announcements, an agent, speaking on the condition he not be named, said Tuesday afternoon the parties had agreed to go back to the table.

The sides, he said, has not yet been determined. But the fact that talks will continue, he said, was “a really a positive sign.”

Still, with no prospect of a season in sight, Toronto Maple Leafs captain Doug Gilmour said he’s leaving Sunday to play in Switzerland. And Vancouver Canucks announced staff cuts, laying off two employees. The Calgary Flames, New Jersey Devils, Dallas Stars and Winnipeg Jets already had made layoffs.

Gilmour, who will join Happierwiss-Joni in the Swiss League, said he still hold out hope for a deal.

“I’d like to be back in a week and this will be like a training camp for me,” Gilmour said. “I’m trying to be optimistic. We’ll be back soon.”

The lockout, its 39th day, already has led the league to cancel 14 games from each team’s schedule. A total of 215 scheduled games have been missed.

“As long as you’re meeting, it’s encouraging,” said NHL Player’s Association head negotiator Bobby Clarke, who attended Monday’s session.

Nothing is new, and the take-home message has changed. I’m still optimistic that something is going to get done.

Until then, fans will have to settle on watching exhibition hockey. The NHL Players Association has organized a four-team tournament starting Tuesday in Hamilton, Ont., followed by an agreement with proceeds to Ronald McDonald children’s charities.

There’s also been talk of a three-week, six-.team league in Canada. That league would be organized by the NHL before the season is canceled.

Players representing Quebec, Ontario, Quebec and the United States will compete Thursday through Saturday in Hamilton. The NHL will pay for travel and expenses of four players competing in running-time periods.

The losing teams will be red parked by post-game penalty shots.

Gilmour, New York Rangers captain Mark Messier, a non-player NHLPA employee were the only players at Tuesday’s optional practice.

“It is something that our people conceived of last weekend and they said by telephone from Phoenix, where he was attending baseball’s marketing meetings.

“If there are meetings starting Thursday, that’s because it’s all confrontational.”

The sides have met formally just five times since the strike started Aug. 12 and just once since owners canceled the season. September 1, 4, 5 and 11, the NHLPA, appointed last month by the Clinton administration, called for the renewed talks, which are scheduled to run through Sunday.

“It is important that fans, players and management understand that at this time the bargaining sessions are

the situation won’t change. This means fans believe owners will impose a salary cap unilaterally.

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**College Football**

Minnesota's coach Wacker optimistic

By RON LESKO
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Another game, another heartache for Jim Wacker. And another tough Big Ten opponent waiting to do it to Minnesota again.

Not so fast, says Wacker. He believes the Golden Gophers again will find a way to rebound after their controversial loss to Illinois, their fourth against Illinois, and there's no reason we can't make a run at Michigan.

"We're not going to write this team off," Wacker said.

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Beebe another concussion victim

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Don Beebe doesn't remember much about his fifth career concussion, the latest ache in a medical history that also includes three pulled hamstrings, a broken collar bone, a sprained neck and a metal rod in his leg.

But the Buffalo Bills wide receiver knows this: He will put it out of his mind and gladly expose his body to danger, if he must, in order to catch a pass. He has to, for this is the business that he has chosen.

"If I worried about coming across the middle, I would have worried about it after my rookie year," when he sprained his neck, Beebe said. "It doesn't bother me. On Monday night, if the same situation comes up, I'll do the same thing."

The Bills were trailing the Jets 22-17 in the game's final minute on Sunday when the pass went to Beebe on third-and-7. Linebacker Bobby Houston arrived just after the ball did, driving his helmet into Beebe's.

Beebe was out before he hit the ground. He remained on the turf for several minutes, motionless, with one arm pointing into the air.

"I don't know, when you see a guy lying there with his arm sticking up," Bills tight end Pete Metzelaars said. "You just thank God he's all right. But you don't think, 'Boy, if I go over the middle, I might get hit.'"

"I guess it's the old denial thing. You say, 'That will never happen to me.' Or if it has happened, you say, 'That will never happen again.' But if you sit around and think about all those things, you'll never be a player."

Head trauma has been a common topic around the NFL since Chicago fullback Merril Hoge retired earlier this year, citing repeated concussions. Jets wide receiver Al Toon retired a season ago after his ninth concussion.

Beebe was asked if this injury made him think about his future. "Retiring? Is that your question?" he said.

"The family and my wife are encouraging it, but I'm not going to do it," he said. "I enjoy the game, and I will continue as long as I feel fine and have no ill effects from the concussion."

"I just hope I don't take a big hit in the next two, three weeks, because that's when you start getting the danger. But if I stay away from a big hit the rest of the season, I should be fine."

Beebe said the scariest part of the incident was watching the tape of himself walking off the field, and not remembering any of it.

"I had no recollection of any of the game, coming off the field, going to the locker room, lying there for a while," he said. "Then things started to come slowly back. I remembered that I had scored in the game, and I remembered that we had lost.

"But that play never came back," he said, "and it probably never will."

On Monday, he said he was still a little dizzy. "What is today, September?" he joked. "It feels like a hot, lazy day."

The team's doctors looked at him once and planned to do so again later in the week before clearing him to play. The Bills play Pittsburgh on Monday night, so they have an extra day off before practice resumes on Thursday.

Beebe's air-filled helmet, the one he has used since coming into the NFL in 1989, cracked when his head hit the ground. On Monday, the equipment manager fitted him for a new one.

But Beebe was concerned about the fit, the look and the safety of his new lid, trying on the helmets of teammates Andre Reed and Carwell Gardner before he was convinced that his was OK.

Bills coach Marv Levy said he will treat this injury like all others. Beebe will play if the doctors say he can. Beebe says he feels fine; his wife, Diana, is less sure.

"It's tough. I try to put myself in her position, and I wouldn't want her to do it," he said. "I just tell her, 'Honey, I ain't going to do anything stupid.'"
CINCINNATI
Now that Jeff Blake has caught the Cincinnati Bengals' imagination, what happens to David Klingler?

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Coach Reeves: Losing streak taking it's toll

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-- EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. --

It was not so much what coach Dan Reeves said Tuesday following the Giants' sixth straight loss, a 18-10 bumbling Monday night game by the pro-time champion Dallas Cowboys.

It was what he didn't say. Throughout the Giants' losing streak, Reeves has stuck with quarterback Dave Brown.

"But we do have to start looking at some of our players to see if they can help us win this year or down the road. But we're going to play every game to win ... not to evaluate personnel."

Yet the Giants coach, who lost six in a row in 1990 as coach of the Denver Broncos, admitted the losing streak was taking it's toll.

"This is a tough business even when you win," he said. "But when you lose, it's just miserable. We're trying, playing hard, but we have a long way to go and the only way we're going to get out of this is to keep fighting."

Reeves is thankful the Giants came back from Dallas in reasonably good physical condition and hopes a few of the players who missed the game because of injury -- particularly guard Lance Smith (ankle, knee), cornerback Phillip Sparks (groin) and tight end Michael Sharan (knee) -- will be able to play against Phoenix.

Of the three injuries sustained at Dallas, Reeves is concerned about rookie kick return specialist Thomas Lewis (knee, ankle), who was scheduled to have an MRI late Tuesday and could be sidelined for six or week.

Also, safety Jarvis Williams sprained a knee and defensive end Coleman Rudolph has a turf toe.
NBA

Drafting failures lead to trades

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MIAMI

At the outset, the Miami Heat adopted a philo-

sophy of building with youth through the draft.

The new Heat was mostly young.

Now, at the start of the team's seventh season, Miami will try a different way to win. With two major trades in less than a week, the long-stag-

nate Heat acquired two established veterans and revamped their lineup.

The only holdover from the end of last season is leader scorer Glen Rice. The other likely sta-

tus players will be guards Tim Hardaway and Harold Miner and the two newcomers, center Kevin Willis and forward Billy Owens.

Willis played Monday in a trade with the Atlanta Hawks. Owens was obtained last

Wednesday in a deal with the Golden State Warriors.

Departing were guard Steve Smith, center Roy Seikaly and forward Grant Long. The threesome played in a combined 1,098 games for Miami.

"Sure, there's some gamble to this," coach Kevin Loughery said. "We've been an organi-

zation that has always moved slowly, and this is a drastic change from that.

Seikaly and Long had been the only players remaining from the Heat's first team in 1988. In all, Miami has jettisoned four former-first-round draft choices in the past week — Willls Burton and Alec Kessler (both released), Seikaly and

Merrill.

The deals give Loughery a bigger, stronger, more versatile team. Willis, Owens, Rice and

John Salley are all capable of playing more than one position.


tennis

Virginia Slams opened strong

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PHILADELPHIA

Chanda Rubin overwhelmed sixth-seeded Beata Tyszkiewicz of Poland 6-1 Tuesday with sustained

points in a tense

second set by serving a

morning because of right

der tendinitis.

Lone, who advanced with a 6-3,

6-3 victory over Linda Harvey-Wild during the unseeded Rubin's shots in

match with a swift cross-court

drive

with the speed and power of

Natalia Zveer of Belarus defeated

Marianne Werdel 6-2, 6-4; and

Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The two part-owners made the moves after their sale of an operating interest in the team to

businessman Whid Hudson stalled. Hudson remains uninvolved with the team but still hopes to complete his purchase.

"We set out to make a couple of big changes," Loughery said. "I was delighted with the first couple, but the second trade round out the club."

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Harper hasn't met
Bull's expectations

MIAMI

The Man Who Would Be Matched has four baskets in three
games.

Ron Harper is shooting 19 percent, has taken just free

throws, has almost as many turnovers (eight) as points (12), has already been held scoreless once,
and has played only 73 of 149 minutes possible for the Chicago Bulls.

"You get mad and you tend to lose a little faith in yourself," he said. "But I know that I'm here at a new gym with new teammates and I know things will turn around."

Said Chicago coach Phil Jackson: "He'll find his way."

The Bulls hope so. Because Harper, signed as a free agent for $19.2 million over five years to fill the shooting-guard spot vacated before last season by Michael Jordan, already has contributed a ton of bricks to the new United Center.

Harper, who shot 31 percent during the preseason, even took extra shooting practice before Monday's 98-83 victory over Philadelphia. But the fruits of his labor were rotten

1-for-3 from the floor, four points, four turnovers.

Jackson had been eagerly antici-

pating the pleasant problem of finding enough minutes for Harper, Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc. He has temporar-

ily solved the problem by play-

ing a more flexible offense — which helped

Harper has been the Bulls' biggest disappointment, but not the only one.

Chicago needed fourth-qua-

rter comebacks to beat a depleted Charlotte roster, without Alonzo Mourning and a bad Philadelphia team, and lost to a

Washington club that was 24-58

last season.

The Bulls, who last season won 55 games with CBAr Pete Myers as Jordan's stopgap fill-

in, haven't been able to replace free-agent defectors Horace Grant and Bill Cartwright this

year. Larry Krzyzewski, Corie Blount and Dickey Simpkins aren't making anyone forget Gave at power forward. And Will Perdue was never in Cartwright's league at center.

Playing Jackson's beloved tri-

ngle offense — which helped


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With new contract extension, Starks leads Knicks

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John Starks, who signed a $13 million contract extension earlier in the day, scored 15 of his 23 points in the decisive third quarter Tuesday night and led the New York Knicks to a 117-113 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

New York, which trailed by 23 points in the decisive third quarter, pulled Dallas to a 111-98 advantage. With a record breaking 10 three-pointers, Joe Dumars led the Pistons to an easy victory over the Timberwolves.

"I didn't even know that I took a 2-point shot," Dumars said. "Detroit coach Don Chaney tried his best to get Dumars to the record, changing his normal substitution pattern to get his star player additional playing time and shots."

"I wanted him to break the record," said Chaney.

"It was obvious to everyone that I wanted to get that 11th one," said Dumars. "Minneapolis coach Bill Blair. "We should have made Joe do something else."

Detroit won its first home game since March 23, breaking a seven-game losing streak. Minnesota lost its third straight game.

Nuggets 115, Mavs. 107

Dikembe Mutombo had a triple-double and Rodney Rogers scored 28 points, leading the Denver Nuggets past the Dallas Mavericks 115-110 Tuesday night.

The Nuggets outscored the Mavs 31-18 at the start of the fourth quarter to turn a tie into a 111-98 advantage. Jim Jackson led a late charge for Dallas, scoring seven straight points to help the Mavericks draw to 111-107 with 40 seconds left. But Robert Pack then converted four free throws over a 2.5 second span to wrap up the win.

With the win, the Nuggets improved to 9-5 on the season, while the Mavericks fell to 10-3. The Nuggets have won four of their last five games.

In other NBA action, the New York Knicks defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 117-113. Patrick Ewing, who led New York with 24 points and seven rebounds, had 26 points in the decisive third quarter.

The Knicks shot 83 percent in the third period, scoring 35 points. The Knicks led by 23 points in the third quarter, but the Lakers came back to cut the lead to 94-90 with 16 seconds left.

"I didn't feel good for where it was," said Dumars, who was 1-for-11 from the field and 1-for-7 from the free throw line.

"I'd like to get more," said Olajuwon, who is currently ranked second in the NBA in assists. "I'd like to get more so the next guy who comes around will have to work for it."
College Football

Paterno optimistic about Bowl game

By MICHAEL A. GIARRUSSO
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno won't second-guess Penn State's decision to join the Big Ten, even if it costs the Nittany Lions a shot at the national championship.

The No. 2 Nittany Lions (8-0) could go 12-0 and still have trouble convincing pollsters they deserve a national title because none of their regular-season opponents is currently the top in the top 15.

As the Big Ten champion, Penn State would go to the Rose Bowl against the Pac-10 winner, which will have at least two losses. No Rose Bowl winner has been ranked No. 1 by The Associated Press since Southern Cal in 1972, and no Big Ten team has won the AP title since Ohio State in 1968.

"When you kick the pig-geonholed into the Rose Bowl is the first thing that could happen to you," Paterno said Tuesday. "I'd like to be around some of those Southern season opponents is currently the worst thing that could happen to us." Paterno also has a chance to coach his fifth undefeated and untied team. Three of those teams did not win national titles.

"With our not really talked to the team about bowls or polls," Paterno said. "We'd like to take each game as it comes and we're coaching for enough Illinois team this week."

As an independent in 1986 and 1982, Penn State was able to play the No. 1 team in a bowl game and win the title. This year, the team's second season in the conference, Penn State won't have that mobility.

"I don't think you ever have anything for nothing in life," Paterno said. "When we moved into the Big Ten conference, we were aware that there were a lot of positives and that might be a negative included, which is true with every conference in the country."

Several teams are in position to beat Penn State for the title. No. 1 Nebraska has no remaining ranked opponents and appears headed to an Orange Bowl matchup with No. 5 Miami. No. 6 Alabama would also be in the national title hunt if the Crimson Tide beats No. 3 Auburn, No. 4 Florida and wins the Sugar Bowl, probably against No. 7 Florida State.

Penn State is locked into the Rose Bowl as Big Eight champion, and the Southeastern Conference champ must go to the Sugar Bowl if the defensive players will miss the Illinois game, Paterno said. Tackles Eric Clay and Vin Stewart have had foot surgery, while safety Clint Holes and cornerbrak Mark Tate have sprained knees.

Coach worried about Penn St.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Coach Lou Tepper had enough to worry about with his Illinois team playing No. 2 Penn State, a team that has manhandled Big Ten rivals Michigan and Ohio State already this season.

Now, Tepper has to face the unbeaten Nittany Lions here on Saturday with four of his key players ailing.

"We are banged up as much as we have been at any point," Tepper said during his weekly press conference Tuesday.

Illinois (6-3 overall, 4-2 Big Ten) will be without the services of its leading rusher, Robert Holcombe.

Four offensive linemen, three of them starters, are questionable for the Illini's home finale against Penn State (8-0, 5-0).

"It is possible that all three could be ready or that all could be gone," said Tepper.

The ailing lineman are starting right guard Jonathan Kerr (ankle), reserve tackle Charles Ertl (ankle) and starting tackles Ken Blackman (ankle) and Mike Suarez (ankle).

Holcombe, who has rushed for 474 on 113 carries, will be out three to four weeks with a broken hand.

The loss of Holcombe, a true freshman, puts a strain on an Illini rushing attack that ranks last in the Big Ten.

"If we run the ball with any effectiveness, it will mean a lot to our passing game," said Tepper.

The Illinois defense, which ranks second in the nation in scoring defense, yielding 11.3 points per game, faces a Penn State offense that ranks first in the nation in total offense — 533.5 yards per game — and second in scoring offense — 48.3 points per game.

"Penn State has the most explosive offense I've seen since I faced some of the great Nebraska teams while I was at Colorado," said Tepper, a former Buffaloes assistant.

For the Illini to come away with a win to strengthen their bid for a major bowl and delay Penn State's Rose Bowl party by a week, Tepper said the Illini's special teams play must match or strengthen their bid for a major bowl and delay Penn State's Rose Bowl party by a week. Tepper said the Illini's special teams play must match or improve Penn State's (10.2) field goals per game.

"We have a lot of respect for their special teams and we need at least an even tradeoff in special teams yardage," Tepper said.

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was passed over in the 1992 NFL draft.

Still, the claims are being investigated. The university hired independent investigators from the Collegiate Sports Law Group to assure an unbiased probe of the football program.

"It's hard to find loyalty nowadays," Perles said, looking over at the man who fired him. "You don't find many of them."

In a memo leaked last March, McPherson said he expected an "outstanding" season. Tuesday, he asked what exactly "outstanding" meant.

"I just felt I would know it when I saw it," McPherson said. "I have enormous respect for Jon and I'm doing this with a lot of thought. When I make up a decision, I like to act quickly."

Perles wouldn't discuss what the future might hold for him. He has made it clear in recent interviews that he would like to be athletic director, should Merrill Dean-Baker ever step down.

The University of Missouri has begun an investigation into possible NCAA violations involving former basketball player Devon Crudup, school officials said.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution reported Sunday that wire transfer records obtained by the Florida state attorney's office and campus police linked agents to at least six college athletes, including Crudup.

The information was found as part of an ongoing investigation at Florida State, where 11 athletes were taken on shopping sprees and given cash as enticements to sign with agents before their eligibility expired.

The newspaper said Crudup received cash and other incentives from prospective agents before and during the 1995-96 season. Such benefits violate NCAA rules.

Missouri athletic director Joe Castiglione said Tuesday morning he learned of the newspaper article Monday. He then contacted MU chancellor Charles Kiesler, faculty representative Carl Settgren and basketball coach Norm Stewart.

Nate Cebrun, who recruits college athletes for agents, said he organized trips to Las Vegas for Crudup and former University of Missouri-Kansas City center Doug Thomas before their senior seasons. He also claimed that Crudup's mother, who traveled to Las Vegas during the past basketball season, was the contact agent.

Crudup eventually signed with Los Angeles-based agent Michael Harrison, whose Cebrun said sent Crudup money during the season.

Crudup is in Kansas City after being released by the Detroit Pistons, who picked him late in the second round of the NBA draft in June. The family was referring all calls to attorneys.

School officials have notified the NCAA and Big Eight that the university is investigating, Castiglione said. Missouri would face NCAA penalties only if coaches knew that violations were taking place.

We have no indication whatsoever that Missouri coaches knew, Castiglione told the Columbia Daily Tribune. "The university's investigation would focus on trying to determine the validity of the report. Most of the article quotes Cebrun. "You've got to consider the source," Castiglione said.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Miller dismissed from University**

The tumultuous career of Mike Miller officially ended yesterday, as Lou Holtz announced his dismissal from the University. Miller, shown returning a punt for a touchdown against Michigan in 1993, never reached the high expectations of "the next Rocket".

**Michigan State coach fired**

By HARRY ATKINS

The expected become reality. The rumored, fact.

"Michael Miller is no longer a student at the University of Notre Dame," Irish head coach Lou Holtz matter-of-factly announced yesterday at his weekly press conference.

The much-maligned Miller has had more than his share of troubles during his career.

In fact, Miller left the school for Houston during his freshman year only to return it sophomore year.

This past spring, controversy once again swirled around the 5-foot-7, 160-pound flanker. He and teammate Tracy Graham were linked to campus drug use. Neither participated in spring practices but after charges were dropped this summer, both rejoined the team.

Following the loss to Brigham Young, Miller found himself in more troubling circumstances. Sources close to the team identified him as one of the possible "cancers" that Holtz reportedly had addressed at a team meeting. Serious doubts about his future with the team were raised.

The manner and timing of the dismissal is somewhat mysterious. Just in recent weeks, Holtz had gone out of his way to let it be known that Miller was still part of the team and the only thing keeping him off the field was an injury. All that ended yesterday.

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**FOOTBALL**

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By TIM SHERMAN

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