Chaves on leave after harassment charge

By JAMIE HEISLER and MEGAN MCGRAVY

Following an allegation of sexual harassment, Associate Professor of Sociology Mark Chaves has taken official leave of his teaching duties, effective this semester, according to University sources close to the situation.

Chaves, a tenure-secure professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergraduate researcher assistant, in effect linking her academic success to their relationship, according to several sources.

The University declined to comment on Chaves' employment status. "University policy is to make no public statement about personnel matters," said Director of Public Relations Dennis Moore.

Richmond Williams, chair of the sociology department, also refused to comment on the situation, saying only that Chaves was on leave for the Spring 1996 semester and is continuing his research at Notre Dame for the time being.

Williams acknowledged that a "situation" occurred between Chaves and the student, but said he would not comment. "The people involved should speak for themselves," Williams said.

The student who made the allegation declined to comment on the record to The Observer, citing pending legal actions against the University.

When reached, Chaves said, "I have nothing to say at this time."

The University became involved when the student approached the Provost's office in early November of last semester with her complaint. An undergraduate source close to the situation said that the complaint was based on comments of a sexual nature made by Chaves both at school and in phone calls to the student's home.

In one such incident, the source reported that Chaves called the student late one night and, in the course of conversation, said: "the benefits of sleeping with a professor" would include improved pay and better letters of recommendation for graduate school.

According to the source, the situation became public in late September when Chaves allegedly told the student he had pursued her attractiveness. The student reportedly felt uncomfortable with the comment and spoke to several people regarding it.

She came to me and said a professor was coming on to her," a University official with knowledge of the matter said. "She didn't use any names. I advised her to follow University policy, which encourages the complainant to go to the person and settle it with them."

The student reportedly then mentioned her concerns to Chaves, questioning the propriety of a relationship between a professor and a student, according to sources. However, these same sources allege that Chaves had been following his pursuit of a relationship with his assistant, with the comments progressing in their sexual nature.

A faculty member with whom the student spoke said, "She came to me first for advice because she could see it (the harassment) coming, but (Chaves) had not yet put it all in one sentence. He had a power over her in that respect. She later came back to talk to me after the harassment became obvious. At that point myself and others...

Conference spotlights quality of life

By MAUREEN HURLEY

Saint Mary's has hosted a three day conference which concluded today. The conference, called "Play of the Mind," was sponsored by the Philosophy and Sociology departments.

Tonight marks the start of Saint Mary's "Play of the Mind" conference. The three-day event turns its spotlight on the College with its topic, "Encompassing Leadership."

Saint Mary's has hosted the conference for the past six years. Traditionally, other colleges are invited to participate; however, this year's conference takes a new angle. Inspired by a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), the conference looks inward to focus on the quality of life at Saint Mary's by "raising the issues that we believe are the most need of leadership and vision," according to the grant proposal, written by co-chairs Georgeanna Rosembush, the director of the Center for Women, and Patrick White, associate dean of faculty.

The conference activities are an opportunity for students, faculty, and members of the community to view the "Play of the Mind" to an opportunity to improve the College through discussion. It's "good that it focuses on Saint Mary's, because there's something that needs to be taken care of," said Lynette Malecki. "I hope to gain more insight into what others think about Saint Mary's, compared with what I think."

Students, alumni, administrators and faculty members are involved in conference activities. Lectures, small discussion groups and workshops cover the weekend, with topics ranging from "Exploring Saint Mary's cultures" to "Uncovering leadership.

Tonight, Cheryl Mabey, the director of the women's leadership program at Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles, CA, will deliver the keynote speech at 4 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The topic is "Women in leadership: a special legacy."

CSC begins interviews for service projects

Applications for Summer Service Projects (SSPs) are still being accepted by Feb. 9 at the Center for Social Concerns.

The projects, which have had $1,500,000 in standard and teleology credits, are located at sites around the country. Anyone interested in applying should do so as soon as possible rather than wait until the deadline, according to Sue Cunningham, director of the SSPs.

Interviews for applicants have already begun, with juniors being interviewed this week, sophomores next week, freshmen during the week of February 4-10, and later applicants during the week of February 11-17. Those who are interested earliest have the greatest chance of getting their top location choice.

According to Cunningham, during the eight week projects, students are required to attend a one week "on campus retreat" while they are expected to attend a follow-up retreat upon their return to campus. Applications can be obtained at the CSC.

China prepares to bomb Taiwan

Legitimacy of threat hinges on March election

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New York

China has warned the United Nations administration that it has prepared for a missile attack on Taiwan. The New York Times reported Wednesday. A limited defense missile could be mounted if the expected winner of Taiwan's first democratic presidential election in March doesn't change his ways, the newspaper said.

While most familiar with the threats do not think China is about to nuke Taiwan, China experts say the warnings should be taken seriously. The threats appear to be part of a strategy to force the United States to rejoin the influence of the international community, in which China is regarded as a relevant power.

China also may be trying to force the nation of 21 million people to abandon its support of the anti-Chinese government of Taiwan, which China considers part of its territory.

Lee has been cautious when dealing with issues concerning China-Taiwan relations, and that people in Taiwan, though not yet, are not complaining because of the newsapers report and what were termed other rumors about China attacking Taiwan.

The most pointed of the Chinese threats appeared to come through a former assistant secretary of defense, Chas. W. Freeman Jr., who met with this writer and senior Chinese officials on Jan. 4.

On Jan. 4, Freeman told President Clinton's national security advisor, Anthony Lake, that the People's Liberation Army had prepared plans for a series of attacks against Taiwan, consisting of one conventional missile strike a day for 30 days.

Meeting participants said Freeman quoted a Chinese official as saying China could attack Taiwan without fear of U.S. intervention because American leaders "care more about Los Angeles than they do about Taiwan."
WASHINGTON

GOP sets new fund-raising record - $16 million

These are heady times for Republicans, at least as far as fund-raising goes — the GOP raised a record $16 million at a gala Wednesday night with more checks from the evening event still to count.

Billing the event as "The Road to the White House," the Republican National Committee and A-list party host in more than 3,200 people at a black-tie dinner where they could rub elbows with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, RNC Chairman Haley Barbour and GOP lawmakers, the White House and statehouses around the nation.

"We're already 50 percent past our previous record, which is a fine way to start on the road to the White House," said investor James D. Robinson, who spearheaded fund-raising for the party's annual gala. "You have our pride, our respect and our gratitude."

Robinson also encouraged the donors to seek out Republican congressmen, senators and governors attending the event.

"Go talk to them," Robinson encouraged the crowd. "Give them your encouragement, your ideas and your help.

The RNC thoughtfully attached red, white and blue streamers to the nemes of each attending governor, so that strangers would know from a distance they were politicians.

Outside the gala at the District of Columbia Armory — in an imperiled newspaper business — 50 signs proclaimedすごin the citizens' lobbying group, Common Cause, at theль ensured in arriving guests.

"Who are you buying? Who are you buying?" was the chorus over and over again. Several signs proclaimed "End Big Money Politics," with a dollar sign symbolizing the "$" of the campaign.

Inside the cavernous hall, which has been the scene of boxing matches and circus performances, opera galas and the like, were set with three-foot gold candleholders and vast fruit baskets.

The RNC gathering broke the record set at its gala last year, which generated more than $11 million for the party.

Barbour, impressed with the fund-raising total, told the guests they are "3,200 of the Republican Party's best people."

The first order of business, according to organizers, was to help raise the $12 million the GOP will be able to run for the November presidential election.

Nearly all the men wore tuxedos, except for numerous members of Congress, who arrived still wearing their work uniforms — dark blue or gray suits.

Sunken ferry holds dead bodies

JAKARTA, Indonesia

Five days after a ferry sank in the sea north of Sumatra, authorities are trying to figure out how to raise the wreckage, which could hold at least 100 bodies. Although rescuers say there is little hope of finding more survivors, communication satellites have received distress signals.

Dhanusri said Thursday that helicopters and ships will continue combing the ocean for another week. Dhanusri said that ships and helicopters will continue combing the ocean for another week. Dhanusri said that ships and helicopters will continue combing the ocean for another week. Dhanusri said that ships and helicopters will continue combing the ocean for another week.

The ferry had 210 people aboard when it sank Friday night in a storm near the island of Weh, off the northern tip of Sumatra.

Episcopal ex-treasurer pleads fraud

NEWARK, N.J.

The former treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Newark was convicted Friday of wire fraud, money laundering and failing to file tax returns.

Judge Diamond said this is "the worst case of financial dishonesty I have ever encountered." Diamond agreed to impose a sentence of 3 to 5 years in prison because the(generator)
Leaps and Bounds! A member of the Notre Dame/ Saint Mary's Gymnastics Club soars above the rest at practice yesterday afternoon. The club's first meet will take place on Friday, February 2 at Miami of Ohio.

Russian hostages liberated

Relief marred by conflict with rebel factions

By DAVE CARPENTER

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Dozens of hostages seized by Chechen rebels in a raid outside their separatist republic this month were released Wednesday in an exchange clouded by new clashes between rebels and Russian troops.

The Chechens continued to hold 14 Russian policemen taken after the Jan. 9 raid in neighboring Dagestan that touched off a bloody siege and escalated the 13-month-old war.

Television footage showed the 46 hostages filing onto a bus in the Chechen village of Novgorozhensky after talks between rebel leaders in camouflaged fatigues and impassioned Dagestani elders in tall sheepskin hats.

Two hours later, when the police convoy escorting the 40 men and six women arrived at its final destination of Khasavyurt, Dagestan, the freed hostages were greeted by relatives with shouts, smiles and hugs.

The release, originally planned for the previous day, came after Russian authorities turned over the bodies of 42 Chechen fighters killed in the previous week's fighting, the Interfax news agency reported.

The war remained at a high pitch less than a week after Russian troops ended the 10-day standoff by destroying the rebel-occupied village of Perwomayskaya in a deadly show of firepower.

Chechen in the breakaway republic claimed the lives of six Russian soldiers Tuesday night and Wednesday, according to Moscow, and two others were wounded.

Russian troops reportedly raided rebel strongholds in the Chechen capital, Grozny, seizing stockpiles of weapons.

The Chechens again refused to free the 14 Russian policemen, but Dagestani officials said they hoped they would be released this week.

"The main demand of the Chechens today has been to commit to the earth immediately the dead bodies" of their 42 fellow rebels, police officer and negotiator Akhmed Adiyev told the ITAR-Tass news agency in Khasavyurt. "After the bodies are buried, the militants will agree to let us take the hostages home."

The rebels also are holding about 30 Russian power-plant workers whom they seized in Grozny last week.

In a desperate two-pronged effort to end the war and mute its disastrous political effects, President Boris Yeltsin is moving to both crush the rebels and reconstruct war-shattered Chechnya in the runup to June elections. He is expected to run for reelection.

A day after pledging to hunt down the rebels and crush their fight for independence, Yeltsin ordered a huge increase in spending, including up to $1 billion in foreign loans, to rebuild Chechnya.

Yeltsin ordered the release of $3.4 billion to restore the region and pay benefits to refugees and other victims of the war.

The move nearly quadruples the spending on rebuilding Chechnya that the government had proposed in the 1996 budget. Parliament cut most of those funds.

Analysts said the move signals a turn away from the unpopular tight-money policies that had been expected since Communists dominated last month's parliamentary elections.

Yeltsin's decree did not specify which foreign loans the funds would come from, but the 1996 budget calls for about $8 billion from foreign lenders, mostly the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"Inevitably, it will hurt the budget," Alexander Livshits, Yeltsin's chief economic aide, told AP after the announcement.

As many as 30,000 people have been killed and 300,000 made homeless since the Kremlin sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to put down its three-year drive for independence.

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Chaves, 35, has been a

He earned tenure three years earlier than is average, in May 1994.

According to sources, Chaves continues his research on
Cambridge University Press on campus one day a week. However, the student involved
was assured by the Provost's office that she would have no further contact with Chaves. Chaves reportedly directed a letter to the student through the Provost's office approxi-
mately one week after the accusation, demanding the
statement and claiming he wasn't aware of his comments
were upsetting her.

"I gnorance of the law is no
defense," a University official said. "I cannot believe he could be that ignorant of the implications of his behavior. I feel strongly that his behavior was flat-out wrong."
Serbs to regain Croatian land under NATO direction

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

SIPOTO, Bosnia

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New cooling method eliminates CFC use

Air conditioning loses ground to ice-melting unit

By RICHARD LORANT

BOSTON
Back around the turn of the century, they air-conditioned theaters by fanning air across giant blocks of winter ice that had been stored underground until the summer.

Now ice conditioning — the high-tech variety — is back, and its promoters say it will save energy and help phase out ozone-depleting chemicals.

Office buildings in Chicago's Loop already are cooled by a central plant filled with 5 million pounds of giant ice cubes. Boston is next.

Northwind Boston plans to build three downtown cooling plants at a cost of $60 million. The company was formed Tuesday by subsidiaries of Boston Edison Co. and Ucan Corp. of Chicago.

The plants freeze large blocks of ice at night, when electricity demand is low and the price cheap. During the day, as the ice melts, the cold water is pumped to the buildings. The process begins all over again after dark.

The first plant, due to be hooked up next year, could cool up to 10 buildings the size of Boston's largest without using chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs. The manufacture of CFCs was discontinued this year because of concern over the shrinking ozone layer.

"We're offering these owners an alternative to changing refrigerants or replacing their whole chiller system," said Rick Penderson, president of the Boston Edison Technology Group, the Boston Edison subsidiary participating in Northwind.

By eliminating their own air conditioning units, building owners could save on maintenance. Northwind's cost would be comparable to installing a new system.

A four-story plant in Chicago owned by Unicom Thermal Technologies began pumping cooled water to Chicago office buildings in the spring, just in time for a killer heat wave during the summer.

"It worked great for us. It kept up all summer long," said Rich Fenner, who works in one of those buildings as a supervisor at Inland Steel Co. "It was a very smooth transition.

The 19-story building is one of nine connected by underground pipes to the Adams Street plant.

Two more plants are under construction.

The Adams Street cooling plant covers half a city block. Above the Oseo Drug store on the ground floor, a network of chillers and pumps gives way to two stories of ice tanks. Each tank is the size of a tractor trailer and contains four miles of tubing that freezes the water.

The 34-degree water from the plant is piped to a heat-transfer station in each building.

The heat-transfer station, the size of a couple of desks, draws cold out of the water.

The warm water is then looped back to the cooling plant.

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Heart disease deaths on rise

By MELISSA WILLIAMS

DALLAS
The number of U.S. deaths from heart and blood vessel-related diseases rose in 1993 after falling steadily since 1980, according to new figures from the American Heart Association.

The association expressed concern Wednesday that the increase may represent a rise in the death rate from cardiovascular diseases.

"Rates are stabilizing at best or actually going back up," said Thomas A. Pearson, a New York cardiologist who is vice chairman of the Dallas-based association's council on epidemiology and prevention.

"It starts this huge shotgun blast of questions" about possible reasons for the reversal, from public noncompliance about risk factors to cardiologists' treatment of heart attacks, Pearson said.

In 1980, more than 999,000 Americans died from cardiovascular diseases. The figure bottomed out in 1992 at 933,000 and rose to 954,000 in 1993, the last year for which figures are available, the heart association said.

Stroke deaths also climbed.

killing almost 150,000 Americans in 1993, about 6,000 more than the previous year, according to the group's annual statistical report.

The report suggests that two factors are to blame for the increases: the general aging of the population and, paradoxically, increased survival rates among heart attack sufferers, who are then more susceptible to death from other heart ailments.

As the large baby boom generation enters the last part of middle age, stroke and heart disease death rates will likely surge over the next few decades, Sidney C. Smith Jr., the heart association president, said in a statement.

Major cardiovascular diseases include coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

From 1983 to 1993, death rates from heart- and blood vessel-related diseases declined by slightly more than 23 percent, from about 238 to 181 per 100,000 people each year, after adjustments for age and population growth.

The rising average age of the U.S. population should prompt people of all ages to try to reduce heart-disease risk factors, including cigarette smoking, cholesterol, physical inactivity and being overweight, said Clyde Yancy, a cardiologist who researches heart ailments at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"There has not been as much attention placed on treating things like high-blood pressure in older people as in middle-aged and younger people," said Yancy, who is also president of the association's Dallas division.

In 1996, cardiovascular diseases will cost the nation $121.3 billion, including medical treatment and lost productivity resulting from disability, according to the heart association.

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Clinton opts for conservative approach

Polished's speech garners high approval rating

By JOHN KING
Associated Press


This is decidedly conservative, and seemingly Republican, turf. But President Clinton is eager to claim it as his own, as evidenced by a State of the Union appeal in which he sounded more like a compassionate conservative than the man who just two years ago proposed a massive, government-regulated health care overhaul.

For Clinton and Bob Dole -- or whoever the Republicans nominate to oppose the president this fall -- the November election is likely to come down to a credibility contest as much as a choice of competing visions.

"The era of big government is over," Clinton said, delivering a speech Wednesday that Dole seniors are required to watch programs they find

"I think, in the long run, that doesn't matter much," Gingrich said of Clinton's overnight ratings. "I mean, I don't agree with P.T. Barnum that there's a sucker born every minute. I don't mean, I don't agree with Abraham Lincoln, that you can't fool all of the people all of the time...."

For all his rhetoric to the contrary, Dole said Clinton stood and the overnight polls once again showed high public approval of a major Clinton address.

So on the morning after, Republicans didn't take issue too much with what Clinton said, instead focusing on whether he meant it.

Dole, campaigning in Iowa, reminded voters that Clinton had once again promised a tax cut after failing to deliver on the one he promised during the 1992 campaign.

"Is there any credibility there?" he asked. "A hodgepodge of contradictions," was how House Speaker Newt Gingrich put it, noting that even as Clinton called for less government, he proposed several new, modest government initiatives, from a scholarship program for top school seniors to requiring a chip in television so parents can keep their children from watching programs they find objectionable.

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For all his rhetoric to the contrary, Dole said Clinton stood for three things: "More government. Bigger government. More meddlesome government."

With prospects for a balanced budget agreement fading, that is the core of a message Republicans say they are confident will prevail in the fall, Clinton's skills at salesmanship notwithstanding.

In their view, Clinton can be painted as the obstacle to many of the very things he has long promised, from tax reform to tax relief for the middle class to balancing the budget. "Say anything, do nothing president," is the favorite anti-Clinton slogan, an euphemism in the GOP ranks these days.

But there are concerns about the party's messenger. At a closed-door Capitol Hill meeting of conservative lawmakers and activists Wednesday, many worried aloud that Dole was not forceful or animated enough in responding to Clinton, particularly at the outset of his speech.

"Substantively he was fine, but there was a consensus that we are not going to match Clinton on TV, with Dole or anyone else in the field," said with participants who described the session on condition of anonymity.

Dole's rivals were only too happy to agree.

Commentator Pat Buchanan told New Hampshire voters Wednesday that Dole "was not adequate to the task, to put it mildly... A pitcher got shellled and we better get some bullpen help if we want to win the series."

Dole seemed mindful of such concerns when he told Iowans, "winning this nomination is not just about TV spots and about being the most negative and who can throw the most rocks.

Clinton's challenge

Issues President Clinton tackled in his State of the Union address, which he delivered Thursday night:

• Family responsibility
Clinton stresses the importance of children's upbringing.

• Education
Clinton proposed a $1,000 merit scholarship for the nation's top 5 percent of high school graduates. He also said he'd expand federally funded work-study program.

• Economic security
Medicaid and workers' pensions; raise the minimum wage.

• Crime
Clinton called for new assault-on-gang-related crimes and drug trafficking.

• The environment
Businesses that clean up abandoned underground storage tanks "should not be eligible for tax breaks."

• Government
The government must continue down the path of newness and downsizing.

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America must continue in its role as "a responsible peacemaker throughout the world."

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Forbes stands up to flat tax opposition

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - As Republican rivals increase their attacks on Steve Forbes, the businessman on Wednesday ripped into "chick- en littles and fear mongers" who are targeting his flat tax proposal.

Forbes -- whose personal wealth has been estimated at more than $400 million -- also discounted the impact a flat tax would have on his own finances.

"Let me be candid," Forbes told a Republican breakfast club. "Steve Forbes has been blessed in life. I will do all right if you don't change the tax code. I will do all right if you do change the tax code."

Forbes has made a 17 percent flat tax the centerpiece of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. It's a feature of his barrage of television advertising -- that and slashing attacks on his rivals. Polls have him gaining ground with the Iowa caucus less than three weeks away.

The movement in the polls has prompted other Republicans to respond directly in their own ads, including GOP front-runner Bob Dole, with many of the attacks focusing on the flat tax.

Forbes' opponents say the flat tax would drive down interest rates, more than offsetting the loss of the mortgage interest deduction.

"You have more money in your pocket and the cost of your mortgage goes down," he said. "In the real world that will help housing, not hurt it."

He also discounted worries the proposal would balloon the deficit.

"Contrary to what the chicken littles and fear mongers have said, government revenue windfalls would go up and not down," he said.

Concern about a drop in charitable giving assume the "American people need to be bribed by the tax code to give," he added.

Forbes' Republican rivals also suggest he would benefit personally by a lower tax rate and have called on him to give details of his finances. Forbes has declined to release tax returns.
Spanish minister indicted

By GARY ABRAMSON

Spain's Supreme Court indicted a former member of the prime minister's inner circle Wednesday for allegedly directing death squads against Basque separatists.

The counts against former Interior Minister Jose Barrionuevo — the most senior official to be formally accused in the case — stem from his tenure as Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's chief of security from 1984 to 1986.

Barrionuevo was indicted for allegedly authorizing the murder of suspected ETA members during the mid-1980s.

The indictment comes as Spain's government is facing increasing criticism over its handling of the Basque conflict.

In an interview with the BBC, Gonzalez rejected the allegations, saying he had no knowledge of any political killings.

The case has sparked controversy in Spain, where the government has been accused of using extrajudicial killings to silence its political opponents.

Barrionuevo faces up to 35 years in prison if convicted.

By SHAWN POGCATRICK

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

A U.S. court has approved an agreement to allow the extradition of Northern Ireland's deputy first minister, Martin McGuinness, to Britain on charges of murder.

The agreement was reached by McGuinness and British ministers, marking a significant step towards resolving the conflict in Northern Ireland.

McGuinness, who was a member of the IRA during the conflict, faces charges of murder in connection with the death of a British soldier in 1971.

The move has been welcomed by both the British government and the IRA, which has said it will cooperate with the extradition process.

By GEORGE MURPHY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

President Barack Obama has announced plans to announce a new national strategy to combat terrorism, focusing on disrupting the flow of funds to terrorist groups.

The strategy, which will be announced at a press conference later this week, is expected to include measures to disrupt the financing of terrorist groups, including the use of邮轮s and other financial institutions.

The move is seen as part of a broader effort to disrupt the flow of funds to terrorist groups, which many experts say is a key to preventing attacks.

The new strategy is expected to include new laws and regulations, as well as increased cooperation with other countries.

By JACQUELINE KENNEDY

NEW YORK, New York

The U.S. government is set to announce a new task force to combat human trafficking, following a series of high-profile cases of forced labor.

The task force, which will be announced later this week, is expected to include representatives from a range of government agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations.

The move is seen as part of a broader effort to combat human trafficking, following a series of high-profile cases in recent years.

By MARK J. LEVIN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

President Donald Trump has announced plans to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on climate change, a landmark accord aimed at curbing global warming.

The decision, announced in a statement Wednesday, is expected to have a significant impact on the global economy, as well as on the environment.

The agreement, which was signed by 195 countries in 2015, is aimed at limiting global warming to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

By ROBERT J. SHERWIN

CHICAGO, Illinois

The Chicago Police Department has announced plans to increase its presence in the city's neighborhoods, following a series of high-profile crimes.

The move, which is expected to include additional police officers and resources, is seen as part of a broader effort to combat crime in the city.

The announcement comes just weeks after a series of high-profile crimes, including a mass shooting and a series of armed robbery.

By KARL ROESCH

NEW YORK, New York

The United Nations has announced plans to increase its presence in the Middle East, following a series of high-profile conflicts.

The move, which is expected to include additional U.N. peacekeepers and resources, is seen as part of a broader effort to support peace efforts in the region.

The announcement comes just weeks after a series of high-profile conflicts, including the ongoing conflict in Yemen and the crisis in Syria.

By CLAIRE GREEN

LONDON, England

The British government has announced plans to increase its presence in the EU, following a series of high-profile decisions.

The move, which is expected to include additional diplomatic resources and personnel, is seen as part of a broader effort to strengthen the UK's relationship with the EU.

The announcement comes just weeks after a series of high-profile decisions, including the decision to leave the EU in 2016.
**Clinton ‘intrigued’ by GOP proposal**

By JIM ABRAMS

WASHINGTON

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the Clinton administration signaled interest today in a deal to make a "down payment" on a balanced budget, leaving major spending disagreements until after the November elections.

Clinton called Gingrich from Air Force One to discuss the possible deal. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, "The president was intrigued by some of the ideas."

A Republican aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two men did not get into details during their 12-minute talk but said it was a "favorable, positive conversation."

Clinton was en route to Louisville, Ky. Such an agreement could accompany efforts, moving on a separate track, to avert another partial government shutdown.

"We have agreed with the president on enough things I think we can get to a down payment," Gingrich told a Capitol Hill news conference. "This is a good test of how serious his words were last night" in the president's State of the Union address.

Gingrich proposed Clinton accept his offer as part of a bill extending the government's borrowing authority. Gingrich also said tax credits for families with children and lower capital gains taxes should be part of any deal.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry cautiously welcomed Gingrich's remarks, saying Republicans "may feel they've suffered enough pain because of the government shutdown. They seem to be having a more encouraged tone today than they did last night, so we're encouraged too."

The administration is blocking an overall balanced-budget agreement by opposing overhaul of major entitlement programs, such as Medicare and welfare, Gingrich asserted on ABC's "Good Morning America." That leaves the option of enacting spending cuts the two sides can agree on and letting voters decide in November which party is correct.

"I'm prepared to say let's take what we can get, make it a down payment on balancing the budget, recognize the job can't be done this year but we'll go ahead and do the best we can," Gingrich said.

Those reductions could be attached to a bill renewing the government's authority to borrow, which Gingrich said could be passed as early as next week.

Responding to Gingrich, McCurry said, "The president would look very carefully at anything that would result in real budget savings that might be attached to a continuing resolution."

He stressed the words "look very carefully," adding "obviously we have priorities and concerns that would have to be addressed."

Gingrich said Democrats and Republicans agree on spending reductions totaling about $100 billion over seven years.

In his speech, Clinton urged a return to the fiscal discipline of the 1990s. According to a November opinion poll, 52 percent of Americans think the president's speech was a "positive conversation." The American people have been "suffering enough pain because of the government shutdown." The president said, "We have agreed with the president that we can get to a down payment on the above-mentioned security obligations," Gingrich said.

**Stalemate threatens U.S. bond rating**

By RICK GLADSTONE

NEW YORK

One of Wall Street's chief credit-rating services threatened on Wednesday to lower the rating on some U.S. bonds because the budget stalemate on Capitol Hill has raised the risk of a government default.

Moody's Investors Service said it is placing $387 billion in Treasury bonds with interest payments due Feb. 29 and April 6 "on review for possible downgrade."

A downgrade would be a stunning blow to the U.S. government's creditworthiness. U.S. Treasury bonds are regarded as the safest in the world because the United States has never defaulted on its obligations.

"The positions being taken in the current debate over the budget and the debt ceiling have significantly increased the risk attached to the above-mentioned security obligations," Moody's said.

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11:45 a.m. Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C.

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**THE FRESHERMAN RETREAT**

*A Way to Get on with Your Life*

There was a little controversy a few weeks ago when several students returned from the semester break a little early.

There may be many reasons why students returned early. One of the reasons seems to be that people felt that the semester break was a little too long for their liking.

Who would have predicted that some of those who could not wait for the end of the first semester so that they could get out of here would find themselves beating down the doors to get back in?

Several people I have talked to told me that although break was great, they were anxious to get back to school and get on with things. They are psyched to be back in class. They are anxious to get on with their lives.

Although rest is good, stagnation is not.

Something deep down inside us calls us to get on with our lives. Notre Dame is a place from which people can get on with their lives. It is a place where people who feel God is calling them to explore new ways of getting on with their lives can do so. There are many ways to explore the way God calls us to get on with our lives.

**THE FRESHERMAN RETREAT** is one way that first year students can explore new ways of getting on with their lives at Notre Dame and beyond.
Super Bowl lacks tradition of yesteryear

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God-fearing, square-jawed, life-hating martinets like Tom Landry and Don Shula paced tensely up and down the sidelines, moral guardians of the republic. It’s as if they were saying, “I am nothing. All I have is nothing — it is the Super Bowl that matters, the Super Bowl on whose outcome and on whose excellence the pride of a hundred million men and women depend, or blessed by history.”

Indeed.

There was a time when every young boy trembled at the thought of the mighty man-beasts clashing their giant helmets against each other before the eyes of an awestruck world.

I ask you, would you want Facenda to say if he were alive today? Is Delon Sanders the stuff of epic poetry? You’re damn right he isn’t. In the old days, it was The Super Bowl that mattered — there was a sense of self-abnegation, the last traces of the Protestant ethic within.

Gosh, how I wish I knew.

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By make no mistake, The Super Bowl is America. That’s why they hold it out west, where history begins and ends with grasping lawlessness. Within rigid parameters, a grid of inflexible rules, huge men are forced into ataxic fury at the ball and at each other.

Their exertions stand in for the great paralyzed masses of Americans: prisoners watch the superbowl, and mental patients; shut-ins and farmers; and, overwhelmingly, the men and women of the vast American middle class, living lives of debt and quiet desperation and dreaming of bacon and breakaway speed. Which is why the modern, decadent, lopsided Super Bowl is such an affront to the spirit of America. People feel obliged to have Super Bowl parties, they invite friends over, they have their girlfriends or wives make little Vienna Sausages in Blankets and other horrible snack foods, and they all get pie-eyed drunk in expectation.

And then the same, inexorable, mindless scene is repeated too often. Two weeks of shrill, shrieking noise, to build up the possibilities of the conflict, the shorthcomings of the Living Juggernauts. The AFC pretenders are, in their turn, blown up, a few highlights from the AFC playoffs, that minor league affair, are shown over and over, while the essential unmanliness of the linebacking corps, the defensive line, etc. are glossed over.

Preadvertised speeches, devoid of savagery or nobility, are made by both sides. Then they play the game, and the Juggernauts begin to run up the score and high-five each other, each one hoping to make a more memorable “highlight” than the last.

The spectacle is dragged out by multi-part commericals about the “I love you, man” guy or digitally animated boogey ants. Finally, the most conspicuous of the bullies is dragged from the field to shill America’s national greatness by bringing back no-helmet hockey. And yet even these futile musings depress me.

Think of these brutal men on the field. Luxury boxes hover threateningly overhead. Astro turf underneath their feet degrades and injures them. They’re not allowed to take dope on the field anymore. A little blood and everyone starts trembling.

Let Super Bowl be an unholy ritual then, its yearly parties an occasion of loss and memory. It’s enough that it once meant something; let there be a heaven, though my place be hell.

In the remains of Super Bowl Sunday, let us hearken toward the tomb, drunk with beer and nostalgia, besotted with stoicism and vicarious violence, and dream, Faczordalek, of better men, bleeding in the freeing mud of our nation’s better days.

“Like the phoenix of legend, the once-mighty Pittsburgh Steelers rose from the ashes of their own defeat to rise again . . .”

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Abortion fatally discriminates

Dear Editor:
The Rev. Martin Luther King said that abortion anywhere was a threat to justice everywhere. He said this about segregation and discrimination: "Let us never succumb to the temptation of believing that legislation and judicial decrees play only a minor role in solving this problem. Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless." (Strength to Love).

What might Dr. King have said about our current treatment of the immature members of our species?

Dr. King devoted his life to opposing the choice to discriminate on the basis of race. But one week after his birthday we observe the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which freed us to choose to discriminate fatally on the basis of "wantedness", physical maturity, appearance, sex, health, dependence, sentience, parentage, or any other criterion, including race, if it is done before birth.

Are these criteria any less arbitrary or subjective than race? By what logic shall we choose criteria for excluding others from the protection of the human community? What does the acceptance of such criteria for destruction say about the content of our characters?

ALFRED LEMMO
South Bend

Exercise prudence when locking cars

Dear Editor:
Just recently the South Bend Tribune published a news item featuring the South Bend Police Department and their being called upon more and more to investigate vandalized parked cars locked or unlocked, where the car owners have left their property in plain sight for the passer-by to see, in admiration to contemplate and to BE-HOLDEN, and unfortunately, it is soon gone with the wind.

Allow me to share with those whom it may concern an experience that had a happy ending. I was dabling my keys in one hand and my mind in the other. As I listened to some very sound advice about security, he bequeathed to me a motto of considerable wisdom which was the beginning of my conversion (hopefully) and my education.

He said to me: "My son, never forget that what the eye doesn’t see the heart doesn’t crave.” If only more of us would exercise more prudence, awareness, and common horse sense in refraining from leaving our belongings in parked cars in any city or on any campus, we could spare ourselves a heap of grief and danger. We also could save ourselves treasures in heaven by not laying up for ourselves or thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven (not in parked cars), where rust nor moth consume or thieves break in and steal. For where the treasure is also will thy heart be.

I can’t think of a better New Year’s resolution for those to whom it may concern, just think of the thousands or dollars saved in property in parked cars (locked or unlocked), where rust nor thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Let’s turn a corner in 1996!

BROTHER EDWARD COURTNEY, C.S.C.
Corby Hall
Theatre Departments. This year's McDowell's French Theatre Production is one of the French faculty's most anticipated. The French play is new, and I chose it initially because I had never directed farce before, so it is a real challenge to me,” McDowell explains.

The title, loosely translated as "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," is a reference to the underlying plot of the farce, in which Molière, played by senior Paul McDowell, a wife frustrated by her husband's drunkenness, abuses, and laziness, plots revenge. Molière convinces two servants that her husband, Sganarelle, played by junior Tony Schaefer, is a gifted physician who has brought the dead back to life. Murielle cunningly tells the servants, who are looking for a doctor to cure their master's mute daughter, that her husband will only admit that he is a doctor when physically beaten. With this revelation, the central events of the play are set in motion and a hilarious sequence of intrigue, deceit, disguise, and utter chaos ensues. From the very first scene, the transcendent humor of the play eliminates any language barriers. The English synopsis with which such an audience members familiarized themselves also help non-francophones thoroughly understand and enjoy this entire production.

All five seniors who performed in last year's production returned this year, a testament to McDowell's abilities as a director and instructor, and all agree that this year's production is even better than Le Tartuffe. McDowell explains, "This play is much funnier," notes senior Mike Douglas. "It will be harder for non-French speakers to grasp the action in this story. This year’s production, however, is also smaller, and we've all gotten closer."

McDowell and his students agree that the closeness and sense of cooperation they develop is one of the best aspects of the play. "Working this closely with the students allows it to be much more than a classroom setting. It sounds cliché, but I really learn so much more from them than they learn from me," McDowell observes.

Senior Amy Newman explains one of her motivations for enrolling in French Theatre: "This was the only way I could take an upper-level French class with Paul McDowell, and he is one person who really loves French fun." The students concur that learning French through acting is a way to make the language really come alive. Schuller notes that "most French classes at Notre Dame are writing-oriented. This is an opportunity to do something different with French." Nancy Talbot, another senior, points to the unique artistic aspect of the course. "It’s special to be able to do something French and also something artistic."

In the intimacy of the Lab Theatre, Paul McDowell and his troupe of student actors are bringing something rare to Notre Dame: the opportunity to see the plays of writers like Molière, brought to life in their original language. As French Theatre at Notre Dame celebrates its fifth year, McDowell expresses his hope that the tradition will continue and even spread to other language departments. "It’s a massive undertaking," McDowell says, "but it is absolutely worth it." His students and past audiences would emphatically agree.

Le Médecin malgré lui opened tonight at 7:30 at Warner Hall's Lab Theatre. Tickets are available at the Language Resource Center, $2 for students, $3 for the general public. The play runs through Saturday.
**Tracks Top 20**

1. Alanis Morissette - Jagged Little Pill
2. Natalie Merchant - Tigerlily
3. Oasis - (What's the Story) Morning Glory?
4. Bush - Sixteen Stone
5. Kayna - Memory of Trees
6. Tori Amos - Caught a Light Sneeze
7. Alice in Chains - self-titled
8. Krisis Kross - Young Rich & Dangerous
9. Kenny Shepherd - Ledbetter
10. Dead Man Walking Soundtrack
11. 7 Mary 3 - American Standard
12. Golden Smog
13. Friends Soundtrack
14. Van Morrison - How Long Has This Been Going On?
15. Everclear - Sparkle and Fade
16. Collective Soul - self-titled
17. Blues Traveler - Four
18. Saturday Morning Cartoons
19. Stevie Ray Vaughan - Greatest Hits
20. Pulp Fiction Soundtrack

The Tracks Top 20 is compiled from Tracks' sales records, week ending 2/20.

**WSND Top 20**

1. No Doubt - Tragic Kingdom
2. Oats - (What's the Story) Morning Glory?
3. Saturday Morning - Cartoon's Greatest Hits
4. Four Room Soundtrack
5. The Presidents of the United States of America - self-titled
6. Everclear - Sparkle and Fade
7. Pet Shop Boys - Alternative
8. Sparklehorse
9. Smashing Pumpkins - Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness
10. Radiohead - Just (for college)
11. Red Hot Chili Peppers - One Hot Minute
12. Lisa Loeb and Nine Stories - Tails
13. Twenty Great Monkey - Practice Applications
14. ZZ Brides - Beaker
15. Walt Mink - El Producto
16. Lourd Lacey - Breath
17. For Squiffrels - Example
18. Lap Dog - Seventh Level of Consciousness
19. LimbLifter
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The University of Notre Dame
Summer Session 1996 Course List

The 1996 summer session will begin on Monday, June 17 (enrollment) and end on Wednesday, July 31 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science, mathematics and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The summer session Bulletin will contain complete schedule information. The Bulletin will be available at the Summer Session Office (312 Main Building) beginning on Friday, February 9. A list of summer courses containing course credit hours, dates and meeting times is available now at the following Web site:

http://www.nd.edu/summer/summer.html

Notre Dame continuing students — undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 1996 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 21. The DART PIN (personal identification number) for summer will be sent to all continuing students in early March.

Course call numbers, along with all other course information, will be published in the summer session Bulletin.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 18 to April 7 and from May 6 to June 21. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during these periods; no appointment times are necessary. Students may register for summer courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after DART closes on Friday, June 21 must complete the special summer session application/course selection form.

Air conditioned and non-air conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 1996 will be $178 per credit hour plus a $35 general fee.

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Terry Mills’ 3-pointer with 2.6 seconds left gave the Detroit Pistons their second victory over the San Antonio Spurs in six, 85-84 Wednesday afternoon.

Grant Hill led the Pistons with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Joe Dumars added 15 points while Mills finished with 13.

Avery Johnson, who scored 15 of his team-high 19 points in the second half, gave the Spurs an 83-82 lead on a pair of free throws with 0.5 seconds left. David Robinson blocked the Thrice’s shot and Sean Elliott hit one of two free throws to extend San Antonio’s lead to 84-82 with 1.8 seconds left.

Robinson added 17 points and 14 rebounds while spending most of the game in foul trouble.

The Pistons, who have lost four of their last five games, also fell to the Spurs 100-98 at Detroit last Thursday.

The Pistons scored a 26-7 spurt over the second and third quarters to turn a nine-point deficit into a 44-44 lead with 8:46 left in the third quarter.

San Antonio rallied to take a 71-69 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Dumars scored nine straight points for the Pistons to give Detroit an 80-75 lead with 4:40 left in the game.

Detroit, which shot 34 percent in the first half, closed the second quarter with a 9-0 run to take a 43-41 lead at halftime. Dumars’ 3-pointer at the buzzer capped the Pistons’ 18-9 third-quarter points.

Indiana 97, Milwaukee 89

Reggie Miller’s 27 points sparked the Indiana Pacers to their fourth straight victory, 97-89 over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

Miller scored 14 of his first points in the first period, when the Pacers built a 21-10 lead and they never relinquished it. He added four more points in the final minute to ice the game.

Mark Jackson added 17 points, and Ricky Pierce got 15 off the bench as Indiana won the season series with the Bucks three straight games to one.

Glenn Robinson led the Bucks with 25 points and Terry Cummings had 17, but the Bucks had no solution for Miller.

They rotated Johnny Newman, Shawn Respert and Jerry Reynolds on the Indiana bench but could not stop his deadly long-range aim.

Miller was 6-of-8 from the field, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range.

Overall, the Pacers were 9-of-20 on 3-pointers and Milwaukee was 1-of-14.

Robinson scored eight points in a 10-1 run that trimmed a 17-point deficit to 69-41 with 2:30 left in the third period. His bucket on the first possession of the fourth quarter cut the Pacers’ lead to 74-69, but the Bucks got no closer.

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Friday Editions

Mills’ three pointer sinks Spurs 85-84

Associated Press

San Antonio’s Sean Elliott hit one of two free throws to extend Indiana’s lead to 91-86 with 52 seconds left. Jackson switched two foul shots and Miller hit all four of his to thwart the comeback.

Miller, who scored a season-high 40 in victory over Phoenix on Tuesday night, had three 3-pointers in the first period. He also swished three free throws after drawing a foul from Newman on a 3-point attempt.

Miller’s open 3-pointer put Indiana ahead 42-35 with 4:12 left in the half as the Pacers began to pull away. Behind Miller’s 17 first-half points, Indiana took a 55-45 halftime lead.

A sore right foot forced Pacers’ center Rik Smits to sit out for the second straight night. Antonio Davis started for Smits and had 12 points and nine rebounds, and Dale Davis added seven points and 12 rebounds.

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Joshua’s return lifts Suns

By RON LESKO

MINNEAPOLIS

Barry Bonds carved out nine of his 22 points in the decisive third quarter before Phoenix Suns ended the Minnesota Timberwolves’ 11-game winning streak Tuesday night, 137-134.

With the win, the Suns avenged a loss to the Wolves on Jan. 4, the only time Minnesota has lost in the Western Conference this season.

Kevin Johnson, who along with Barkley returned to the Phoenix lineup Sunday, also had nine points in the third quarter.

Johnson finished with 21 points and 11 assists. Barkley added a team-high 16 rebounds and four other Suns scored in double figures.

The victory improved the Suns’ record to 2-3 since Cotton Fitzsimmons replaced Paul Westphal as coach late last season.

It also was the second win in three games for Barkley and Johnson back from injuries; Phoenix won 11 of 16 games.

Tom Gugliotta had 20 points and 14 rebounds to lead Minnesota, which saw its three-game winning streak come to an end with Barkley’s return to the lineup.

Christian Laettner had 18 points.
NFL

Favre named NFL's Player of the Year

By WALTER BERRY
Associated Press

PHOENIX
Brett Favre made it to the Super Bowl, just not in the way he hoped.
Favre, who led the surprising Green Bay Packers to the NFC title game this season, picked up another honor Wednesday when he was named the NFL's Player of the Year.

"This is awesome," said Favre, who previously won the league's MVP and NFC Offensive Player of the Year awards. "It hasn't hit me yet and I hope it never will."
The 23-year-old pro set an NFC record with 38 touchdown passes and threw for 4,413 yards, guiding the Packers in the opening year.

Favre named NFL's 'Marathon' challenger brings aggressive style against Seles

By PETER SPELMANN
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia
Monica Seles, who hasn't lost a set, is taking on marathon champ Chanda Rubin, who refuses to lose even if she has to play all night.

"It could be a fascinating semifinal Thursday at the Australian Open, a classic contrast of the baseline-bashing Seles and the net-attacking Rubin."

In the other semifinal, Anke Huber of Germany takes on Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, a matchup of baseliners.

But all eyes will be on the match between Seles, who stands literally and figuratively head and shoulders over her rivals, and Rubin, the rising star who has emerged as one of the most riveting and protracted matches in tennis history.

Rubin played the longest women's match in Australian tennis history Tuesday night, three hours, 33 minutes. The 6-4, 2-6, 10-8 victory over Arantxa Sanchez Vicario also set an Australian women's record for the most games in a set or match.

That was nothing new for Rubin.

She won a marathon match at Wimbledon last June, beating Patricia Hy-Boulais 7-6, 6-7, 15-13 in a duel that set a women's Grand Slam record for most games in a match and a set.

A few weeks before that, Rubin put on one of the greatest comebacks ever, fighting off seven match points and a third-set deficit of 0-5, love-40 to beat Jana Novotna at the French Open.

But the 19-year-old judge's daughter from Lafayette, La., may have to be ready to play for days if she's going to topple Seles. The latter faces the semifinals after polishing off five previous opponents in straight sets.

Seles is playing the best tennis of her comeback and looks unstoppable. But she still is feeling the effects of a groin injury, saying Tuesday that while it isn't getting worse, it isn't getting better. She also injured a tendon above her right ankle during Tuesday's defeat of Iva Majoli.

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Switzer maintains old image despite success

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press

TEMPE, Arizona
Barry Switzer still can't give up the Oklahoma analogies.

So when he was asked what Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin had done for his Dallas Cowboys, he had a quick retort.

"You think coaches win football games? They got us here to the Orange Bowl, Er. I mean the Big Orange Bowl." Switzer's news conferences aren't always informative, but they're usually entertaining. Such was the case on Wednesday, another press conference day prior to Sunday's game.

The first question came from Spencer Tillman, a television newsmen in Houston who played for the San Francisco 49ers, Houston Oilers and, before that, at Oklahoma for a coach named Barry Switzer.

His question was about ways to beat the Pittsburgh defense.

Switzer, who often answers questions he doesn't like with a "Did you ever play THE GAME?" responded to Tillman with a series of Xs and Os.

He ended by saying: "You know what I mean, Spencer. BECAUSE YOU PLAYED THE GAME!!"

It went that way for most of the session.

When Switzer was told that Charles Haley, recovering from back surgery, said he could play in Sunday's game even if he didn't practice, Switzer said: "He can't play if he doesn't practice and he has to practice today. You go tell Charles that."

Then came the inevitable question, the one about his decision to go for a first down on fourth and 1 from his own 29 in a tie game in Phila. on Dec. 10.

"The play failed and the Eagles took advantage and kicked the winning field goal. Every kid knows and every coach knows that you have to punt in that situation," Switzer said.

"But there are times you make the decision sometimes you win 'em. Sometimes you lose 'em. You roll the dice." And finally: Was Barry bringing a lot of family to Arizona for the biggest game of his career?

"A lot of family? Of course," he replied. "I've got 30 people coming in. They're all staying in my room. Even my wife. She's on a rollaway bed."

By ALAN ROBINSON
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.
What gives with the Steelers? Do they have quirky personalities when they hand out numbers each season? Why are they always so colorful, so rough, so tumbled, so blue collar, so ... well, Pittsburgh?

"We're just a bunch of overachievers from a little town in western Pennsylvania," coach Bill Cowher said with the franchise one victory away from a fifth Super Bowl championship.

Cowher is a hometown boy who grew up barely a Terry Bradshaw spiral away from Three Rivers Stadium. He personifies the grit and resiliency of his team.

As a player, Cowher clung to a NFL job for five years mostly on his persistence and attitude. As a coach, according to defensive lineman Brentson Buckner, Cowher can be "a guy who's like your best buddy in high school, or giving you a job you could hit right in the jaw."

Cowher does not expect perfection, but a player better not give less than a full day's worth of effort. They may not know what he means.

"In Pittsburgh, the coaches don't have to tell you if you're not giving your best because the fans will tell you first," said linebacker Jerry Olsavsky, who grew up in nearby Youngstown, Ohio, and played at Pitt. "When players are coming in, the fans sometimes change and the fans have something to do with that."

Maybe that's why some players seem destined to wear Steelers' black.

Neil O'Donnell, with his coal miner's beard and lunch bucket mentality, wouldn't seem right playing quarterback for the turquoise-and-teal Dolphins.

Greg Lloyd is a 1990s version of Jack Lambert — with teeth.

Yancey Thigpen was a special teams player in San Diego, but became a Pro Bowl receiver in Pittsburgh, mostly through patience and work ethic.

It's the honest-day's-work-for-an-honest-day's-pay mentality that existed when Pittsburgh was a steel mill town, rather than one whose economy is driven by software firms and high technology.

"The mills may be gone, but it's still a blue-collar town," Olsavsky said. "The fans are knowledgeable. A lot of them are pee wee football coaches themselves, and they know the game. It's not like it was in Los Angeles, where the players were craning their necks to see the 20 movie stars in the tunnel. In Pittsburgh, it's just football and you've got to go out and play for the people. You've got to."

Olsavsky embodies the personality of the team and town he plays for. He injured both knees so badly in a 1993 game in Cleveland that doctors told him he might not walk normally again, much less play football. But he rejoined the Steelers barely a year later.

Then there is Rod Woodson, who would achieve the remarkable feat of playing in the Super Bowl barely four months after reconstructive knee surgery. The Cowboys' Michael Irvin said his recovery from the same injury took 18 exhausting months.

"Anywhere else, I'm probably on the injured reserve list," Woodson said. "But told coach Cowher I thought I could come back, and he believed me."
Smith defines Cowboy dominance

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press

Leave it to Nate Newton, the Dallas Cowboys' 330-pound center, to define Emmitt Smith's impact on the team.

"Before Emmitt came, I was just a normal fat guy," the left guard said. "Now I'm a fat guy who goes to the Pro Bowl." Smith can do that for people.

He's not the biggest running back in football. Nor is he the fastest. He'd love to have Barry Sanders' moves and Barry Sanders' speed.

Yet it's conceivable that if his 5-foot-9, 209-pound body stands up for another six to eight years, he could hold every NFL rushing record.

"He's not as big as Jim Brown and he's not as fast. But if he continues to play at this level for a few more years, he'll have done everything that Jim Brown did and more. "-- Dick LeBeau, Pittsburgh's defensive coordinator, in charge of finding a way to stop Smith in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Consider this:

Smith's 25 rushing touchdowns this year were the most in a single season, one more than John Riggins' old mark. His 96 career TDs in just six seasons are fifth behind Walter Payton, Brown, Marcus Allen and Riggins. Next season, he should catch Payton, who has 110.

-- 1,773 rushing yards broke his own Dallas record, set in 1992. He's already 13th on the all-time rushing list with 6,916 yards, more than halfway to Payton's 16,726, set over 12 seasons.

-- He's also 115 yards away from breaking France Harris' record of 354 rushing yards in Super Bowl games.

-- Most important: Since 1993, the first of Dallas' Super Bowl seasons, the Cowboys are 0-4 in games he has missed; 31-5 in games he's played.

The 1993 season is the best illustration of just what Smith means to Dallas.

He held out in training camp and missed the first two games, both of which the Cowboys lost. He joined the team for the third game and the Cowboys went 12-2 the rest of the way and on to the Super Bowl. Dallas became the first team in the Super Bowl era to lose its first two and win the title.

But it was the last regular-season game that most defines Smith, a game against the New York Giants at the wind-swept Meadowlands.

Because the Cowboys had lost those two early games without him, they had to beat the Giants to win the NFC East and avoid taking the wild-card route through the playoffs.

In the second quarter, Smith was knocked to the turf, his right shoulder separated. He re-entered the game as the Giants rallied from a 13-0 deficit to tie it at 13.

Then, in overtime, he took over despite what he called "the most pain I've ever had." Carrying the ball and catching it, he was a man show as the Cowboys drove for the winning field goal, finishing with 168 yards in 32 carries and 10 first downs. Without that win, the Cowboys probably would not have won their second Super Bowl -- they would have had to play the next week and Smith probably couldn't have played.

"But that's what you're in the NFL for: to play games like this," said Smith, who later underwent surgery for the injury.

That's what makes Smith special.

His physical ability is only matched by his desire to push other good NFL backs -- it kept him from being picked higher than 17th overall in the 1989 draft. He was the second running back chosen behind Blair Thomas, who was taken by the New York Jets at No. 2.

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Road to Super Bowl rough and rocky for Steelers, Cowboys

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

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Bulls win with supporting cast

Associated Press

Michael Jordan scored a season-low 12 points but the Chicago Bulls didn’t falter, beating the Vancouver Grizzlies 104-84 Wednesday night for their franchise-record 27th straight regular-season home win.

Chicago, now 36-3, won its 13th straight game — the second time this season the Bulls have won 13 in a row — behind Scottie Pippen’s 30 points.

Jordan, leading the league with a 31.7 average, scored 15 against the Celtics in the second game of the season when he played just 21 minutes in a lopsided victory.

Jordan, who picked up his third and fourth fouls in the third quarter, finally got his first basket of the second half on a stuff with 43 seconds left in the period and then hit a jumper to get his ninth and 10th points. The baseline shot gave Chicago a 76-55 lead.

Jordan, just 4-for-10 from the field, didn’t play the final period. Pippen hit 13 of 15 shots, including all three 3-pointers, and Dennis Rodman had 16 rebounds for the Bulls.

Bryant Reeves led the Grizzlies with 23 points. The Bulls, 20-0 at the United Center this season, have not lost at home in the regular season since March 24, 1995, in Jordan’s first home game after coming out of retirement. The Bulls had a 26-game homecourt winning streak at Chicago Stadium from Dec. 14, 1990 to March 23, 1991.

Pippen scored 14 of Chicago’s first 25 points and the Bulls built a 15-point first-quarter lead. Vancouver cut the lead to seven late in the second quarter before Chicago went buck up by 14 at the half with an 8-1 run in the final two minutes.

Jordan had only four first-half points, had two shots blocked during one 10-second span and picked up two fouls. He missed four of five shots.

Hornets 127, Bullets 113

The Charlotte Hornets found it more than a coincidence that their biggest offensive output of the season came in Kenny Anderson’s first game as their point guard.

“He’s definitely the reason the points were up there tonight,” Glen Rice said after the Hornets got double-figure scoring from all of their starters in a 127-113 victory over slumping Washington on Wednesday night.

Anderson, acquired last week in a trade with the New Jersey Nets, appeared to have an immediate calming influence on the Hornets, who have used eight different players at point guard this season. He finished with 12 points and assists as Charlotte snapped a three-game losing streak.

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A Broadway Theatre League Presentation
Iverson, Harrington beat up on outmatched Orangemen 83-64

Associated Press

Allen Iverson scored 26 points and Obi Nebajh Harrington added 23 Monday night and No. 6 Georgetown held John Wallace in check in an 83-64 victory over No. 17 Syracuse, the Hoyas' third straight loss and fifth in seven games.

Center Onibla Harrington powered to 23 points, leading the Hoyas to the 83-64 victory over Syracuse.

Meanwhile, Iverson was his usual self for the Hoyas (17-2, 7-1 Big East), scoring from the outside and on drives that had the crowd at USAir Arena rising from their seats. Harrington handled the bulk of the inside scoring for Georgetown, which has won 14 of its last 15 games.

Syracuse was within 74-59 with 4:49 left. His first points after halftime came with 10:49 to play.

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Pete Lisicky broke out of a shooting slump to score 13 points as No. 14 Penn State took over possession of first place in the Big Ten with a 87-77 victory over Purdue Wednesday night.

Penn State scoreless for more than seven minutes midway through the game to open a 11-point advantage early in the second half.

Nittany Lions claim Big Ten lead

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Pete Lisicky broke out of a shooting slump to score 13 points as No. 14 Penn State took over possession of first place in the Big Ten with a 87-77 victory over Purdue Wednesday night.

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The Hoyas blew it open again with a 7-0 run after Syracuse was within 74-59 with 4:49 left. Freshman guard Victor Page added 17 points for Georgetown.

Otis Hill led Syracuse with 19 points, seven over his season average, while Todd Burgan had 15. Nichols finished with three points and Aw did not score, but it was their defense that mattered.

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It was the 18th straight victory over the Hoyas (17-2, 7-1 Big East), scoring from the outside and on drives that had the crowd at USAir Arena rising from their seats. Harrington handled the bulk of the inside scoring for Georgetown, which has won 14 of its last 15 games.

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in the regular season. However, the Irish won when it counted as in each of the two seasons they rebounded to beat Minnesota in the NCAA tournament.

Tomorrow's match will be indicative of where the fall season and the few weeks of preparation that the team has had since then have been sufficient. The team returned from Christmas break a week early to practice, and they feel that by doing that has prepared them for the 1996 season.

"Coming back a week early really helped us focus and prepare for our goal, which is to be a top ten team," Sprouse said.

In addition to Sprouse, the Irish have three returning seniors in No. 3 singles player J.J. O'Brien, No. 5 singles and No. 1 doubles player Jason Pun, and No. 6 singles player Brian Harris. Experience will be a key in the formula for success of the Irish, and the seniors are expected to be the catalysts in the equation.

"I think that all season experience will be one of our strong points," Sprouse commented.

In addition to the four seniors, the Irish arsenal consists of sophomore Jakub Pietrowski at No. 2 singles, joined by classmate Dan Rothschild to form the No. 2 doubles team, and freshman Brian Patterson debuting at No. 4 singles.

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Tennis leads ‘Cats over Friars
By DAVE IVEY
Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. With his team trailing 61-56 with three minutes remaining Wednesday night, Villanova coach Steve Lappas called a timeout to settle his seven­
ranked Wildcats.

But it was junior center Jason Lawson who took over in the huddle and took over the game, scoring six points down the stretch to help rally his team to a 69-65 win over Providence.

"I just told the guys don’t slack off and play solid defense. And on offense — execute. We’ll pull it out," said Lawson, who scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds. "We did," Lappas said it was his plan to go to Lawson in the closing minutes.

"That was our goal. They did a good job early of fronting Jason down low, but we knew it would be a positive matchup for us," he said. "When the game was on the line, he hit his shots."

Villanova (15-3, 6-2 Big East) has won two straight, while Providence (9-7, 2-6) has lost three of its last four. It was the first game played on the Wildcats’ new parquet floor at the duPont Pavilion.

Kerry Kittles had 15 points and Eric Eberly added 13 for the Wildcats.

The victory spoiled a career game for Providence’s Derrick Brown, who had 29 points on 12-of-18 shooting and a team­
high nine rebounds. Brown’s previous career high was 19 points.

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Irish weather Red Storm 66-53

By TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

It is almost to the point now where an Notre Dame’s women’s basketball game has become a cliche. You’ve heard it many times before: the Irish have difficulties handling the ball in the first half, make adjustments, and run away with the game in the second half.

Last night’s 66-53 victory against St. John’s (5-12, 3-6) fit this theme like a glove. Although the Irish handily defeated this squad by 26 points three weeks ago, they knew that they would not be able to let themselves be too confident. The Red Storm had won three of their last five games, including Big East rivals Providence and Seton Hall. Coming out of the gate, it was obvious that the Irish were having trouble with the deliberate game plan of the Red Storm. This was most obvious on the offensive side of the ball. As a result of these hardships on defense, the Irish turned the ball over 15 times and were behind 25-24 at the half.

“We had no intensity,” said senior captain Carey Poor. “We’re not used to the slow down game they played, and it really showed in the first half.”

As usual, coach Muffet McGraw and her staff did a wonderful job of making adjustments at the half. They recognized the weakness of the Red Storm defense; their inside game. Upon seeing this, she instructed her team to look inside to post players Katryna Gaither and Poor.

Gaither helped the Irish surge ahead of St. John’s at the outset of the second half, and they never looked back. The Irish opened the half with a 15-6 run that included 10 points by Gaither, who led the Irish with 26 points and seven rebounds.

The Red Storm was forced to call a timeout to stop this onslaught. The timeout, however, proved futile, as Gaither continued her stellar play on the inside. When they played her one-on-one, she either scored a layup or was fouled and went to the line. On the occasions the defense doubled on her, Katryna, who exploded for 18 points in the second half, passed effectively to her cutting teammates, especially to the opposite post Poor, who finished with six points and nine rebounds.

“They had no answer for Katryna,” said Poor. “She couldn’t be stopped down low.”

Senior captain Carey Poor blamed a lack of intensity for the Irish’s sluggish start before putting away from St. John’s in the second half.

No. 16 Irish shutout Buckeyes, prepare for Golden Gophers

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team plays its first home match of the season today at 3:30 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion against Minnesota.

The sixteenth-ranked Irish opened up their season on Sunday with a 7-0 shutout at Ohio State. Senior captain and number one singles and doubles player, Mike Sprouse, said that the victory over the Buckeyes was a great way to kick off the season and prepare them for the No. 23 Golden Gophers.

“Ohio State was great start for us,” Sprouse noted. “But tomorrow will be a measuring stick of how well we have prepare for the season.”

The Irish have a bit of a history turned rivalry with the Golden Gophers as the last two years they have been defeated by them.