Survey: Students are responsible with credit cards

By LOUBEL CRUZ
News Writer

"CHARGE IT!" They are the hundreds of thousands of Christian men.

Their day's activities included group prayers, Scripture, confessions of sins, and many other events geared to opening the eyes of men back to God and to their families.

Promise Keepers was founded by former University of Colorado football player Tom Cartwright.

"Our dream is to have men of every race and color, every social and economic background, and every geographical corner of our country gather together in the spirit of reconciliation and unity," Cartwright wrote in the opening letter to those attending the convening.

Promise Keepers has drawn criticism from groups like the National Organization of Women, who see the all-male organization as threatening to their position.

But according to Shandrell Hunter, one of three Notre Dame students who attended the rally, Promise Keepers is only misunderstood by such groups.

"The message was anti-woman," he stressed.

Hunter was joined at the rally by his former graduate student, and Ms Wozniak, a junior from St. Edward's Hall.

Hunter, who is a sophomore, viewed Saturday's rally as purely a social event, not a political or cultural one.

"I think the overall tone of the event was more inclined toward apologetics for sins," Hunter said.

While the number of personal bankruptcies this year reached a record high, today's college students say they do a fine job when it comes to managing expenditures against their income, with 90 percent of students rating their own financial management as good or excellent, according to a study by Visa U.S.A.

"Based on their track records with the college market, Visa and its member banks have long regarded students as responsible users of credit, and we have confirmed that the vast majority of college students keep their spending in line with their income and pay their bills on time," said Ben Couch, senior vice president of A.

Ninety-four percent of the students participating in the study by Visa recognize the importance of establishing a good credit score in college, with more than half typically paying their credit card balance in full each month. Only 40 percent of non-student cardholders pay their balance in full.

Poorman speaks on life and death

By SEAN VINCK
News Writer

Since Dr. Jack Kevorkian's rise to prominence in the early 1990s, issues of assisted suicide and end of life decisions have catapulted into the public spotlight. Father Mark Poorman addressed many of these prominent issues in a lecture last night in Walsh Hall Chapel.

"Reflect upon your fears about death and dying, your religious faith, and how the two interrelate," he requested of his audience early in the presentation.

Poorman began his lecture with a group reflection on personal responses to death situations. He asked the crowd to speculate on their most-preferred and least-preferred death.

"The greatest fear in death is the notion of being alone and suffering pain; almost every group with whom I have spoken has expressed those two major fears," he notes.

Poorman proceeded to examine death in the context of contemporary American culture, citing the case of Janet Atkins, the first person who committed suicide with Kevorkian's assistance.

Atkins, a 53-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease, committed suicide several years ago in Michigan. Notably, she exhibited no symptoms of her affliction and was even able to play tennis on the morning of her death, Poorman said.

"The media glorified Atkins as a hero," Poorman said. "A woman who did things her own way and refused to be a burden to others — that is how they justified Kevorkian's actions," Poorman said. "We are always going to be a burden to one another; we are created to be interconnected and interdependent."

Poorman expounded on the theme that people must extend themselves to their fellow humans, and that being a burden to one's family should not be a reason to commit suicide.

"In response to the question "Am I my brother's keeper?"" Poorman emphasized, "Yes!"

Poorman also touched upon the events surrounding the first person who committed suicide with Kevorkian's assistance.

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As each student prepares for her comprehensive and finishes up student teaching, either the job or graduate school search begins. Many students begin planning for their lives after graduation as early as the fall of their senior year. Resumes are sent out, interviews are set up, and decisions are finalized.

"I hope ultimately I will have a job with a hospital in Chicago and I can begin paying off my student loans," Poorman said.

With all of the nurse-racking deadlines and uncertainty of what the future has in store, senior year also brings stress. Many students begin planning for their lives after graduation as early as the fall of their senior year. Resumes are sent out, interviews are set up, and decisions are finalized.

"I am so excited to be seniors during such an important part of the history of the College," Lisa Coury, Senior Class President.

"I have found my experience so far very rewarding and challenging at the same time," said Katie Brown, "Student teaching really gives one a clear understanding of what it means to be a teacher all about."
Change the song?

Dave Freedsoo

The Observer

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San Antonio gunman kills two, self

A rifle-toting gunman opened fire today outside a company in a business park on the city's northeast side, killing two people and wounding a third before killing himself. One woman suffering from a purulent wound to the head was in critical condition and undergoing surgery yesterday morning at Brooke Army Medical Center, said Arcy Longoria, a hospital spokeswoman. The woman was found outside the building housing ProtoCall, a paging and answering service. "A lady came out holding her head and she was bleeding," said George Mondaca, an employee of Alternative Service. She was in the same strip of retail businesses. Police were notified about the shooting about 8:40 a.m. She was airlifted to hospital. Another woman was hiding under her desk. She worked in the same building for another business, police said. Celaya said White had fought Monday with his girlfriend who worked at ProtoCall. Police were called to her home on a separate disturbance. They said the officer who responded to the call advised his woman against going to work this morning," Celaya said. "But obvious-

Hospital corrects baby mix-up

Fire destroys Goodwill toys

a fire at a Goodwill Industries warehouse in San Antonio destroyed more than $1 million in donated toys collect-

ed for children this Christmas. "All our toys are gone except for one tricycle," one Goodwill official said. "As far as we can tell, they were just thrown into a fire," said Sandy Weber, a spokesman for Goodwill. Weber said: "As you know, a lot of people depend on these toys for their families." Fire department officials said the blaze was reported about 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Firefighters were met with a wall of flames when they entered the building. They said they had to cut a hole in the roof to get inside. They said the building was a total loss. Five fire companies were able to save a free-standing adjacent building. Firefighters said the blaze was contained to a single room. They said they had to be careful not to lose any of the thousands of toys inside. They said they were able to save most of the toys inside the building. They said they were able to save most of the toys inside the building.

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There is a growing movement among the

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and also that old guy who

writes a Viewpoint column for us now and

then met a professor, but some other
guy sometimes writes in The Observer.

This new movement has overtaken many of the world's similarly aged elders, even, (ugh), my
dear old dad.

What is their ultimate end, their deepest desire? Why, that we change the words of the Victory March: the "Loyal Sons" part, of course.

I was going to write against this innova-
tion, but then I saw the light: change is
good! And a great new idea! The words
should reflect the reality of the situation,

right?

Now I'm really glad that some bright soul has raised this issue, because the fight song really does need to change. And I pro-
posed that there is much more to be changed in our Fight Song than most people have taken the time to think about.

First of all, all "Loyal Sons" does not "win over the heathen who've discovered that enough times this season already. That part of the song certainly has only be come, in the interest of reflecting reality, of course.

In addition, our technologically advanced culture no longer admits of the naïve and anachronistic views of science which we espouse every time we sing along to the time-honored Victory March. Only the

Medievalists thought you could "shake down the thunder," and the notion of "wak ing the echoes" goes all the way back to Hemonic times.

Furthermore, and perhaps most impor-
tantly, the fans do not "Cheer, cheer for Old Notre Dame," anymore (especially now that we have 20,000 extra fans who do little more than wear clothing which absorbs what we call "Her glory") the students can master). And so here I present the offici-
cial, politically correct, scientifically accu-
rate, and truly reflective version of our Victory March:

Sit, Sit at old Notre Dame, Bring the green of beer you snuck into the game.

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Come on, you stupid caveman! What's wrong with you, anyway? Are you so deeply

There it is: perfectly in tune with reality. What's that? You say you don't like it?

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world at a glance

U.S. officials told Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble on Tuesday that the two sides newly agreed for a permanent peace deal to end a 23-year-old conflict that the IRA for-
Printer moves, ND utilities expand

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Writer

Last week contractors broke ground for a new $4.6 million facility which will house the Ave Maria Press Inc. and create more space for the University’s power plant in the process.

“We’re just getting started. Contractors just began site work,” Notre Dame’s director of facilities engineering Mike Smith reported.

Established in 1965 by Notre Dame’s founder, Father Edward Sorin, Ave Maria Press is one of the nation’s oldest Catholic publishing houses. Once the new building is completed, Ave Maria Press will vacate its space adjacent to the University’s power plant. That space will be then used to add equipment which will increase Notre Dame’s air conditioning capacity.

“It’s really a two-stage project,” Smith explained.

In a centralized process, the plant chills water and then pumps it across campus to various buildings where it is then circulated through cooling units to produce air conditioning. The Main Building renovation, among other projects, necessitates the increased capacity.

“We’ve had a lot of expansion around campus since 1980 and 1990, when we last expanded our cooling plant,” Smith said, referring to the recent construction of Darmo Hall, the business building, and the four new residence halls on West Quad.

As part of the new utility expansion, two 4,000-ton chillers and two cooling towers will be installed in the space Ave Maria Press vacates. The power plant project will cost an estimated $28 million and isn’t expected to take place until winter of 1999.

Before that expansion can take place, Ave Maria Press will need to move into its new building located across Douglas Road from the Moreau Seminary. That move is slated for next summer. The new facility will be fully operational by August, and will include 17,000 square feet of office space and 33,000 square feet for process, binding, shipping, and storage areas.

“The press really does need new space, and now they’ll get it,” Smith said.

The University awarded Ziolkowski Construction Inc. of South Bend the project’s general contract. The firm has worked on other University construction sites, among them the Grace Hall and Fleming Hall renovation projects.

ND prof to speak at congress

By JESSICA LOGAN
News Writer

William Dwyer, the William J. Hank Professor of Mathematics at Notre Dame, has recently been invited to address the 1998 International Congress of Mathematicians in Berlin this August.

The congress is a global meeting of highly specialized mathematicians held every four years, and has thus been dubbed the "Olympic Games" of research.

Dwyer currently holds the J. S. MacLean chair in mathematics. While the 10-day meeting is open to all interested mathematicians, only a select group is invited by an international panel of mathematicians to address the congress. Dwyer will speak about his research in topology, the mathematics of shape.

Dwyer’s research in the field of topology has had a profound effect on current thinking.

"Research, for me, is problem solving," Dwyer explained.

"If it’s frustrating and endless, and [the researcher] is almost always confused. Mathematics keeps you alive intellectually."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1980, Dwyer currently teaches an introductory topology course for graduate students as well as a calculus course for freshmen.

He chaired the University’s mathematics department from 1984 to 1988 and spent 1992 at MIT as a visiting professor.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Dwyer was a member of the faculty at Yale where he was the director of undergraduate studies. He received his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Boston College in 1969 and his doctorate from MIT in 1973.

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Credit

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Siegfried junior Bill Connolly obtained his first credit card when he established a personal account with his own money upon entering college.

"It is definitely important to keep good credit so you can get loans and other credit cards in the future when you graduate," he said.

Connolly pays his own credit card bill, and does so in full every month. But, because it is his own money in the end, he is very careful about what he spends.

"I just use [the credit card] for necessities — food or when I'm in a jam at the airport. That's it. I'm pretty strict with myself about it," Natalie Huddleston, a Brenn Phillips freshman, has two credit cards which she uses to buy clothes, compact discs and other things. Even though she does not personally pay her credit card bills, Huddleston says she only buys things she considers reasonable.

"My parents pay the bills because I don't have my own money, but I only buy what I believe they would get me if they were here," she said.

Emergencies seem to be the most popular reason students use their credit cards, according to the Visa survey, with almost 70 percent of students polled responding they charge only when they are in dire need.

Students also usually reserve credit cards for big-ticket items, such as travel, gas and car repairs and clothes. However, students have avoided the need for credit cards, relying only on cash checks for methods of payment.

"The convenience of credit cards causes you to make unplanned purchases," said Radin sophomore Jennie Tyree. When you are forced to use only cash or checks you are forced to think about spending the money. With credit cards you just hand over the plastic.

Ken Bailer, public relations manager of Key Bank at Notre Dame, offers suggestions to students who have their own credit cards:

• Set a manageable limit each month and don't exceed it.

Anticipate what you will charge each month, and use self-discipline to stick to it," Bailer said.

• Pay off your full balance every month.

"If you pay only the minimum payment, soon your interest will grow and your bill will be enormous. You don't want to become a slave to your credit card," Bailer noted.

• Don't use the credit card to purchase disposable items, like gas and food. Use cash.

"The food will be gone by the time you get your bill. You don't want to be paying off a gallon of milk for six months," Bailer said.

• Do not use your credit cards for purchases for friends or roommates.

• Always put the card in a safe place, and cancel the card immediately if you realize it is missing.

Life

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the shortcomings of some legislation attempting to regulate near-death decisions. Five states, he stated, have had voter initiatives concerning physician-assisted suicide: New York, California, Florida, Oregon, and Washington. He explained that these states' statutes confuse the definition of which conditions warrant assisted suicide, and any physician could perform it, Poorman stated.

Another criticism of the states' initiatives is that they do not require psychological review, creating periods or continuing sessions prior to assisted suicide.

"This is reason since anyone who would consent suicide would probably have significant psychological problems," Poorman said.

In the California initiative, any physician could grant the permission to have the assisted suicide, and any physician could perform it, Poorman stated.

"Conceivably, your dermatologist could write the suicide permission and, in fact, carry it out," he said.

To further illustrate the ambiguity of the issue, Poorman noted that the Supreme Court has ruled that there is no constitutional right to suicide, although this does not prevent states from crafting their own assisted suicide legislation.

Poorman also described the marketing of credit cards as "unsuspecting red blood cells" to the general population. "I hereby commit myself to the need for credit cards, relying only on cash checks for methods of payment." With credit cards you just hand over the plastic.

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Poorman's lecture was formerly President of the Aquinas Institute of Texas, holds doctorate in philosophy and political science, and the post-doctoral degree of Master of Sacred Theology. He was formerly President of the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Professor of Theology at the Institute of Religion and Human Development in Houston, and Professor of Theology at the John Paul II Institute on Marriage and the Family in Washington, D.C. He also served as a consultant for the John Paul II Committee for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a Senior Fellow of the Pope John Center for Medical Ethics, Boston, and has engaged in the Courage ministry to homosexual persons. Fr. Ashley's numerous publications include: Theology of the Body, Spirituality of the Dominican Tradition, Living the Truth in Love: A Biblical Introduction to Moral Theology, and Justice in the Church: Gender and Participation.

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California court rules to outlaw term limits

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court rejected California's lifetime term limits law on Tuesday, taking away a powerful bolt that swept scores of long-time lawmakers out of office.

Now, many incumbents who were faced with packed primary fields are instead thinking about re-election.

One of the most famous targets of the law — longtime Democratic Assembly Speaker and current San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who said he feels vindicated even though he has no plans to return to the Legislature. "After all these years, I was able to have a court say I was right. Term limits are unconstitutional," Brown said.

In a 2-1 ruling, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals stopped short of deciding whether the 1990 term limits law violated the rights of voters to support their chosen candidates, or the rights of candidates to run for office. The court instead said the initiative failed to tell the public how severe the limitation on legislator's lifetime ban on seeking the same office.

That the measure permanently barred a legislator from running for the office that lawmaker reached the limit was not stated in the initiative or in the analysis sent to voters in the ballot pamphlet. It became clear in a 1991 ruling upholding the measure.

"The Constitution requires us to invalidate an initiative if it fails to provide adequate notice to the voters that it would severely burden the people's fundamental right," said the majority opinion by Judge Stephen Reinhardt.

"In matters this important, the state simply must tell its citizens what they are voting on," Deborah La Fetra, a lawyer for sponsors of the law, said.

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Voters: No raises for Congress

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans believe they should get cost-of-living raises for Congress and a cost-of-living wage, but they only feel that way about members of Congress. In fact, some feel so strongly that they will vote against any lawmaker who supports a raise. The expression of sentiment comes closest to your opinion:

A cost-of-living raise is not necessary because the federal government does not pay enough.

A cost-of-living raise is necessary because Congress does not pay enough.

Oppose generally pay raise unless other benefits are added.

Note: Because of rounding, the numbers may not add up to 100 percent.

Your answer: 21%

The salary increases for Congressmen and Congresswomen are a cost of living wage, which of these statements comes closest to your opinion:

The salary increases for Congress are a cost of living wage.

The salary increases for Congress are not a cost of living wage.

Oppose generally pay raise unless other benefits are added.

Your answer: 42%

The poll suggests possible troubles for legislators who supported the increase for themselves. Forty-six percent of those questioned said they would be less likely to vote to re-elect a member of Congress who had voted for the pay raise. Another 46 percent said it didn't make any difference.

On the other hand, the general principal that people's pay should go up to keep pace with the cost of living was approved by better than 80 percent.

But better than 63 percent said a cost-of-living increase for lawmakers is unnecessary because members of Congress get generous pay, pensions and other benefits.

When and why the question concerned congressional raises, without tying the increase to the cost of living, disagreement was even higher — 60 percent. Approval came from under 21 percent while the rest offered no opinion.

The poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,003 adults between last Wednesday and Sunday by Knowledge Media, Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Three findings follow a report from the Census Bureau that the typical American household had income of $33,492 last year — less than a third the $133,600 earned by senators and representatives.

Less than a third of those polled agreed with a common argument in favor of raising congressional pay to keep up with the cost of living — that unless the rewards are kept up, only rich people, not necessarily the best qualified, will run for Congress.

The replies also show that large portions of the public still hold Congress in low regard.

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WASHINGTON

Fuming over delays in producing evidence, the Senate's chief fund-raising investigator accused President Clinton on Tuesday of "trying to run out the clock" on the investigation. A former presidential deputy unabashedly defended using the White House to raise Democratic money.

"We played by the rules," former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes told senators, capping a day of dramatic political combat in the Senate hearing room.

And, while Republican senators there lashed at the White House for failing to turn over videotapes of controversial fund-raising events until last weekend, the Justice Department asked White House lawyer Lanny Breuer to appear before a federal grand jury Wednesday to explain the delay, foot-dragging, concealing."

In fact, Ickes said, the "Clinton White House merely followed a well established Republican precedent" in using White House events to reward and encourage donors.

"They even cited "no less an authority" than comedian Jay Leno to argue that it would be impractical to expect Clinton to leave the White House to make fund-raising calls - solicitations that Ickes remembers but the president does not.

"What's he supposed to do, go to the pay phone at the Seven-Eleven?" Ickes said, quoting a Leno monologue.

Meanwhile, a House panel, divided along party lines, subpoenaed four Teamsters officials Monday, compelling them to testify about union president Mike Rogers' tainted re-election campaign.

The four were expected to testify before a joint subcommittee of the House Administration Committee about the campaign, and about payments from the union's political action committee to Democrats.

Although Ickes was eased out of his White House staff position earlier this year, he defended all the Clinton-Gore fund-raising as legal and maintained the hearings were designed to "tarnish the Democratic Party in general, and President Clinton, and more pointedly, vice president Gore."

It is simply not illegal or untoward for a President or Vice President to grant access to supporters, no more than it is illegal for a senator or other member of Congress to grant access to their supporters."

Harold Ickes
White House Deputy Chief of Staff

Cold War spies face tough trial this week

WASHINGTON

The clues that made CIA's trio of academics and analysts might be spies emerged gradually.

In June 1989, a State Department employee seeking the highest security clearance acknowledged he had given six to 10 State Department cables marked "secret" in 1986 to a man he identified as "Jim Clark."

The two men had socialized together occasionally and smoked marijuana, and the employee said he thought he was merely helping a struggling Russian language expert with his research.

It would take eight years for the FBI to expand that snippet of information into the massive espionage case leveled this week against James Clark, a former civilian analyst with the Army; Theresa Squillacote, a Pentagon attorney; and Harold Schwarzschild, Kurt Stand.

The three, all former campus lefthasts who met in the 1970s at the University of Wisconsin, are in an Alexandria, Va., federal courtroom awaiting a preliminary hearing Thursday on charges that could put them behind bars for life.

One by one, other clues followed the first hint of trouble from the State Department.

In March 1992, Western authorities obtained a Cassiope Digital Diary from Karl Heinz Michalek, a former East German intelligence officer arrested in Germany's post-Cold War cleanup. The diary contained indications that three Americans-a man who served as a recruiter, his wife and another man working for the Army - were continuing to work with their former East German intelligence handlers even after East Germany ceased to exist.

Three other East German intelligence officers arrested at the end of the Cold War described the Americans to investigators by their code names, "Jack" (Clark), "Ken" and "Tina." (Squillacote). "When the wall came down I said there had to be a lot of people in the West who were very uncomfortable," former CIA Director Robert Gates said.

Indeed, as the FBI's 200-page affidavits states, at some point investigators gained access to documents of CCTV defectors East German HVA, the secret branch of the communist nation's security apparatus responsible for foreign intelligence.

The documents identified three Americans by their code names; in 1981 three Americans by their code names were identified as "son of a Spy." The United Nations identified detailed biographical information such as places and dates of birth.

"They always remembered that German tradition to radio birthday greetings to their mole and congratulatory messages when his son was born. So the intelligence agency in Bonn (West Germany) monitored this," said David Wise, author of a book on the Alfred Mann spy case, of the East German intelligence service.
Case will affect politics on TV

WASHINGTON

The future of political debates on most public broadcast stations nationwide may be at stake as the Supreme Court scrutinizes a state-owned Arkansas television network's decision to exclude one candidate.

After hearing arguments today, the justices must decide whether the network violated the free-speech rights of a balkanized but fringe candidate who was not invited to a televised debate it sponsored.

A federal appeals court ruled against the Arkansas network, a decision the justices were told casts "a chill on state-related public broadcasters editorial freedom."

The highest court's eventual ruling, expected by July, could have a broad impact even though it will affect only state-owned — not privately owned — broadcast stations.

About two-thirds of all non-commercial, educational stations are licensed to state and local governments or their agencies.

The high stakes are reflected by the volume of unsolicited advice the case evokes.

Ross Perot's campaign committee and the American Civil Liberties Union are among those urging the justices to rule that state sponsors of public forum must exclude candidates on the basis of viability, is by definition, to discriminate against candidates with unpopular or untraditional views or those with fewer resources.

"To exclude candidates on the basis of viability, is by definition, to discriminate against candidates with unpopular or untraditional views or those with fewer resources." — Lawyers for "Perot '96"

The Clinton administration, 20 states and the two major political parties' Commission on Presidential Debates are among those urging the justices to rule that state employers have the discretion to pick and choose which candidates should participate.

The dispute arose when editors of the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) decided in 1992 that independent congressional candidate Ralph Forbes' participation "would detract from the ... usefulness of a debate to be carried on its five public TV stations."

AETN's editors could exclude such a candidate only for a compelling reason — one least intrusive on that candidate's free-speech rights, the courts rule.

The appeals court ruled in sending the case back to the trial judge to determine what monetary damages Forbes should collect.

In a friend-of-the-court brief, lawyers for the Commission on Presidential Debates said the 8th Circuit court's ruling "runs an unacceptable risk of resulting in crowded and cacophonous debates that ... would inhibit meaningful debates rather than promote them."

A similar brief filed by a coalition of states argued: "Where government utilizes outside speakers to help present a public broadcast program, it is itself speaking and not opening a public forum."

The states siding with AETN are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Lawyers for Perot '96 urged the justices to uphold the appeals court ruling.

"To exclude candidates on the basis of viability, is by definition, to discriminate against candidates with unpopular or untraditional views or those with fewer resources," they said. "The fact that AETN bore no malice or hostility toward Forbes is irrelevant."

The appeals court, however, ruled AETN's decision was not based on viability, but rather "irrelevant."
GOV goes on tour to fight confusing taxes

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Trying to harness the surge in anti-IRS sentiment, two prominent Republican tax-code reformers are taking a national "Scrap the Code" tour.

Newt Gingrich is promising legislation in 1998 to "abolish the IRS as we know it." And GOP plans for "fairer, flatter" taxes are sprouting everywhere.

Suddenly, tax overhaul has become the party's hottest political issue.

"The current tax code will be road kill before you know it," predicts House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Long an advocate of the kind of "flat tax" popularized by publisher Steve Forbes in 1996, Armey is hitting the road next week with Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., to try to get a national debate going on a new tax system.

"I intend to push every button, to get a new tax code on the floor as quickly as I can," Armey said.

"The issue is more keen now than ever before," said Forbes, keeping up his own drumbeat for a flat tax. "It confirms what the public always suspected, even though Washington hasn't gotten the word yet," the New Jersey publisher said in an interview.

But national Republicans have gotten the word, their leaders insist.

Congressional hearings into abuses by the Internal Revenue Service touched a national nerve, generating more public interest in just a few days than months of hearings into campaign-finance irregularities.

Republicans are trying to channel that momentum into support for drastic changes in the system. In the five-city tax tour, sponsored by the conservative Citizens for a Sound Economy, Armey and Tauzin will debate the merits of a flat tax versus a national sales tax.

Armey favors a 17-percent flat tax, while Tauzin wants a 15 percent sales tax. Both plans provide exemptions for poorer Americans.

They will be in Columbus, Ohio, and Cincinnati on Oct. 10, Bakersfield, Calif., Oct. 11, Atlanta, Oct. 17; and Chicago, Oct. 18.

"We've got a very brand-based consensus across the country that we don't like the tax code," Armey said.

Armey is aboard the flat-tax train since 1994, credits Forbes with bringing serious national attention to the concept.

Senate ponders NATO expansion

WASHINGTON

Senators probe the planned easternward expansion of NATO with skepticism and puzzles

Tuesday, members of the Foreign Relations Committee reserved judgment, though the chairman, Jesse Helms, said all Americans should welcome the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland into the alliance.

"We must embrace these democracies, guide them as you show them away from their tragic histories of ethnic division and war," Helms said at a hearing that kicked off consideration of NATO's push eastward.

The Senate must consent by at least a two-thirds vote for NATO to take in the three former allies of the Soviet Union and commit the United States to defend them if they are attacked.

The cost to the United States is estimated in a Pentagon-sponsored study at about $250 million to $200 million a year over 10 years, a figure most analysts consider unrealistic. Helms, R-N.C., sought assurances from the secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the opening witness, that the 15 allies now in NATO "are willing to fulfill their end of the bargain." Albright said she would insist on that. She also told the committee that Russia, at least hypothetically, could be invited to join the alliance that was formed during the Cold War to deter Soviet troops from moving westward.

"If they meet the criteria they would be welcome," Albright said. "Russia is not the old Soviet Union. Russia is in a different place than we ever expected it would be." However, Albright said Moscow had neither expressed an interest in joining NATO nor renounced in its opposition to the alliance's growth. The two-hour hearing was the first round in what is apt to be a close contest. A Senate vote is not expected until sometime next year, after the North Atlantic Council formalizes acceptance of the three former Soviet allies at its winter meeting in Brussels, Belgium, in December.

The parliaments of the 15 allies also must approve.

The notion of Russia joining is one reason Albright, John W. Warner, R-Va., who is not a committee member, to assert that "if Russia were admitted that would be the end of NATO." Warner said he was a "firm skeptic" of expansion. And he told Albright it "will begin to breed discontent" between countries being admitted and others that are left out.

Despite his endorsement of expansion, Helms was dubious about the financing. He called a new NATO-Russia council, formed to ease Russia's concerns about expansion, "ridiculous.

"I confess a fear that the U.S. overture to Russia may already have gone too far," Helms said of the arrangement launched last month that gives Russia access to some NATO discussions.

Recalling what he described as "the betrayal of Yalta," the decision by Allied leaders in World War II that the Red Army should liberate Eastern Europe, he questioned Russia's commitment to peace and democracy.

On paying for expansion, Helms criticized the allies for foot-dragging. "Too many expect the American taxpayers to pay the bills," he said.

Again, Albright offered assurances to the chairman. She said Russia had not been granted a decision-making role and would have "no opportunity to delay or block NATO decisions.

Helms earlier had written Albright he was prepared to support NATO's expansions if his concerns on several fronts were met. Other members of the committee did not tip off how they may vote. Several seemed puzzled by NATO's purposes eight years after the disintegration of the Soviet Union.
Middle East leaders talk peace

The radio said the two leaders discussed issues that will be negotiated in high-level talks scheduled for Washington next week — such as Israel's demands for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants and the future of the peace process.

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Israel's promise pullouts from West Bank and Gaza — an opening for the leaders left the Erez Crossing on the Israeli-Gaza border, where the meeting was held, around 5 a.m. local time.

The men did not speak to reporters, who had been kept outside the compound.

The meeting was held under an unusual cloak of secrecy. Only after the meeting had begun did a Palestinian official, who refused to be identified, confirm that the talks were taking place.

Israel Radio said that Arafat asked Netanyahu for a freeze in settlement building and for a speeding up of Israel's promised pullouts from West Bank land.

The radio did not give Netanyahu's response.

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John Deere and a Camel Is All You Need

Just before I left to come back to Notre Dame this fall, my father said to me, "Margaret, don't forget the library. It is the storehouse of all knowledge." My roommate told me her father told her the same thing.

Margaret Shaheen

Fathers must all think alike. Up until last Saturday, I thought they were right, but then I learned differently.

Saturday morning, I rolled out of bed at about 12, washed a cup of aspirin down, and some Gatorade, wrapped a blanket around my shoulders, flipped on the TV and collapsed on the couch - exhausted.

Spent too much time at the library. Friends said I was "neurotic," a self-proclaimed speed reader, named coincidently, "Speedy," was furiously flipping through the pages of a new biogra­ phy of Tiger Woods. Suddenly, the screen - we were watching the television - we were not speed readers yet! "You only have $29.95 for 10 months and week nights," said the voice in my head. I was hooked. But more was to come.

Still too exhausted to move, I lay on the couch and about to doze off - speed reading has one serious drawback, it is exhausting - when I dropped the LV flipper. By itself, the television flipped to channel 49. It must have been fate. There on channel 46 was a man named Steve, who is the epitome of success and is living proof that success is actually quite easy to achieve. It is all in how you go after it.

Steve is easy to spot. You can't miss him. He's the man with one hand raised to the Lord and the other hand steering his John Deere tractor through a herd of live camels. That's right, camels! It doesn't take more than a minute to realize that this televangelist isn't quite right in the head. Even the camels seem to doubt Steve as he leeps from his tractor and races over to a hand-crafted, particle-board altar screaming, "God is fixin' to bring you back double everything, Satan has stolen from you! Go to the phone right now and say, 'Lay my name on the altar!'" Just as you are about to turn the television off, Steve yells, "Lay the flipper down, for goodness sake! I want you to get this! Stay very close to that television set! Don't be distracted because we're fixin' to have a miracle!"

After a statement like that, there's no turning back. Steve has you hooked like a poor boat on ESPN. What kind of miracle is Steve talking about? Is the Lord going to cure the blind right there on live television? Is Steve going to be attacked by an irate camel? Will he lose his temper while running to the altar? Or worse, is he wearing a garter belt under his pants? After Steve single-handedly played out a scene between God, Satan and Joel, he preached endlessly about his "spirit man," and instantly yelled "something" to press the clap button, he made his miracle. A 1-800 number slowly - haven't we seen here before - came across the screen. Viewers from all across the country put down their fishing poles, called Steve's 1-800 number, "bought the busy signal," asked to have their names written on the particle board and, above all, gave Steve thousands and thousands of dollars.

Steve is a success even though I doubt he has ever read the Bible and the best line he can come up with is "Only Satan can make you stop giving to telemaths." How many hours in the library could it have taken to come up with that? Clearly, we are only hurting our futures by spending long hours in the library. Television - that is the answer. With just a few more hours of quality television viewing, I'll be ready to make my mark on the business world. I couldn't wait to tell my roommate what I had learned, but she was not here. She was - you guessed it - at the library. When she got back, I shouted, "Eureka! I've found it! We don't need to study or spend long hours in the library."

All we need to do is pay $29.95 every month for 10 months. Take Speedy's speed reading course and learn to drive a John Deere tractor. Thank God for television!

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Celebrate the Many Shades of America

Melvin Tardy

All men are interdependent. Every nation is an heir of a vast treasury of ideas and labor that forms the blood and the dead of all nations have contributed. Whether we realize it or not, each of us lives within the red. We are everlasting debtors to unknown men and women. When we rise in the morning, we occupy the bathrooms and the offices where we reach for a sponge which is provided by a Japanese company. We reach for soap that was created by a European. Then at the table we drink coffee which is prepared for us by a South American, or tea by a Chinese, or cacao by a West African. Before we leave our jobs, our already beheld to more half the world."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In October, things change. Days grow shorter, nights cooler. The laid-back summer of sports and games yield to the autumn-pared football, basketball and hockey. Hazy summer evenings yield to blustery days with crisp, blue skies and cotton clouds. Farmers report on the crops, which appear suddenly on trees. All of these things herald a season at a crossroads.

Recognizing what's coming, animals instinctively prepare for survival. Rabbits molt, squirrels stock food, cows begin to know their choices; adapt, migrate or perish. Like our animal friends, we also recognize changes in weather. By now, upperclassmen students have already first-year students that migration is not an option. Those of us all know what to do. Nevertheless, there is a different sort of wind blowing in the distance, a different sort of crossroads, to which we may not have the proper wardrobe.

Simply put, we cannot, and should not, continue to ignore the rising winds of change with respect to demographics in the 21st century. While we celebrate the increase in diversity, we also grapple with the same signals of demographic change evident across the country. Perhaps some believe the current season will go on forever, but in reality, the question now is not if it will happen, but even when...

It is how we respond.

The climate is changing for several reasons. First, the percentage of Americans who are people of color is rising. By the early 21st century, approximately one third of the nation will be biracial or Latin of African American, Asian American and Native American or a Pacific Islander. Consequently, a greater percentage of America's workforce MUST come from this group -- a fact that carries significant implications for our educational system. One way to prepare students for the challenges that we must face around the world and tremendous advances in communications technology, from satellites to the Internet. In short, we are becoming, globally, more interdependent.

One might assume that, in a diverse, global economy, the U.S. would have a clear advantage. After all, we are essentially a nation descended from immigrants. No country has a greater cross-section of the world than we do. Therein lies the irony. Because of racial and ethnic animosity and lingering stereotypes, what should be an asset is often ignored or devalued.

We routinely ignore situations where a dichotomy of resources and opportunities exists between many in the majority and those of color, particularly in our nation's inner cities. We naively believe that affirmative action only leads to a failure to do, or a jail or killed as they will college, that less than a third of all African Americans in college will graduate in five years, and that a significant and increasing percentage of Hispanics and blacks are graduating from high schools that will either spend or apathet in a country that will needs these individuals in the 21st century workforce, it should evoke panic! Our nation cannot compete in tomorrow's workplace two-thirds, without... out risking parity.

Like our animal friends, our choices remain: adapt, migrate or perish. Again, in our case, migration is not an option. To compete in the 21st century, we must adapt ways to harness the strengths of the diversity, instead of caring for it like a dead weight. Similar to Dorothy in Oz, we must realize that the ruby slippers of diversity, which have caused us so many problems in the past, are the very means by which we can get where we've wanted to go all along.

While it is in October, it is unlikely that Dorothy's consultants -- the Good Witch and the Scarecrow -- will drop by on All Hallow's Eve with all the answers. We'll need to figure them out ourselves. To begin with, I favor the role by many, including President Clinton, for more dialogue on race. Recently, we've lost some momentum with regards to this, for several reasons, that are not all bad. For one, an improving economy and decrease in serious crime statistics are creating a false sense that all is well with regard to RACE relations. In addition, many ethnic communities are at a crossroads. For example, traditional styles of wakes, what we call the NAACP, face an identity crisis, scarcely two years after a Million Man March on Washington. Cal, that basic, deep-rooted race-related problems still remain.

In addition, at Notre Dame, the old campus is undergoing a transformation. We must begin dialogue anew, along with the rest of the nation, if we truly aspire to be a great, Catholic university.

Some may question the merits of such discussions because they don't see practical applications to calculus assignments, engineering problems, or LSAT examinations. True, it might not help you to do better in classes in which you might need to understand the boss that doesn't look like you, or tap a customer base that might not need for a company. In the diverse workplace of the 21st century, you could become a more effective manager, a more insightful manager, a more influential leader... maybe even a more Christian mom or dad. Clearly, there are benefits to such discussions.

Moreover, the Scarecrow is here, a season at a crossroads. The leaves are changing. The winds are blowing. Time is running out, Notre Dame. ...Which way should we go?

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The New South: Tradition Gives Way to Architectural 'Improvements'

Jennifer Sobol

The process of renovating South Dining Hall has begun. Many of us who frequent South Hall are wondering why. That question is easily answered as we are reminded of the new dorms that feed into the South Dining Hall. The new South Dining Hall features a layout like North Dining Hall. This cafeteria area will occupy the space of the former Oak Room. The campus architects, Ellerbe and Beckett, have done it again.

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The size of the room is quite large and from the renderings, it appears that the ceilings are to be lowered to cope with this issue. I still contend that it will be an intimidating space to be. The students may wander in paths, each with their own set of muzak. The maintenance staff may have the challenge of emptying bins that feed into the South Dining Hall. The new South Dining Hall features a layout like North Dining Hall. This cafeteria area will occupy the space of the former Oak Room. The campus architects, Ellerbe and Beckett, have done it again. They have ignored the traditional college gothic style of South Dining Hall in favor of a lesser, generic architectural language. I have several criticisms which relate to the function of SDH, the generic language used and this renovation as it relates to the existing campus architecture.

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What is your favorite play?

"Phantom of the Opera. It's the only one I've seen."

Dave Pagliarini
Junior, Siegfried

"Jack and the Beanstalk." It's the only play I was in. I was a bean.

Olana Schiavone
Sophomore, Lewis

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles" because it's an accurate depiction of a young girl's journey into womanhood.

Jared Patzke
Senior, Stanford

"Macbeth. I liked the Norse/witchcraft pseudo-barbarianism."

Ryan Hooper
Graduate Student, Fischer Graduate Residences

"Fiddler on the Roof," because of the music.

Jessica Abel
Freshman, Pasquerilla West

A R E W O R K I N G S H A N K

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

By JENNY SHANK

so you suspect that the casting director of life has given you a bit part in someone else's tragedy? You're not alone. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern feel your pain. You may remember this sassy duo from Hamlet, but perhaps you don't because Shakespeare didn't even allow them to strut and fret an hour upon the stage before he yanked them.

Tom Stoppard sensed that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern had a lot more struttin' and frettin' to do, so he wrote them their very own play. The Notre Dame Department of Communication and Theatre also decided these lovely dazed and confused fellows merited some attention, and so will begin their Year of the Bard with a dynamic production of Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" on Oct. 8.

Stage Manager Bliss Smith said that the play "takes a lot of cues from "Waiting for Godot," Stoppard's allusions to Beckett and Shakespeare combined with his own personal flair for philosophy and drama create a brilliant play that has certainly made a mark on 20th century theater."

Not only is 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead' a seminal play in the history of modern theater that explores intricate philosophical questions, it incorporates and plays with Shakespeare's language, but Notre Dame's production of it promises to be a rollicking good time — because everyone who has seen a Shakespeare production knows, Notre Dame actors can roll with the best of them.

Director Siri Scott, a Saint Mary's alumna, said that "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead was first performed in 1967 and then revamped a couple times before 1968, when it opened in London. It was a breakthrough in the way Stoppard constructed radically existential ideas and questions. The characters are aware that they are characters and at the same time aware that they are actors — it's a very fine line that they must walk."

Senior theatre major Jaimie Robinson, who plays a tragedian, said that "the play is very philosophical and provocative. It's as if Rosencrantz and Guildenstern have been plunked in the middle of Hamlet and they have no idea what's going on. The way they have to figure things out as they go along is a metaphor for humanity's position in the world."

She went on to say that the play is "chock full of double meanings and entendres," and noted that because the lines are so multi-layered, people will "probably need to see the play about five times to understand it." Perhaps not entirely coincidentally, the play is being shown five times between Oct. 8 and 12.

Notre Dame's production of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern is unique because it separates the play into three worlds — the world of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, the world of the players, and the world of the play "Hamlet."
Shakespeare and Slurpee

By NORA REGINA MEANY

ACCENT Editor

When I got the call to do Accent Speaks the other day, I panicked. I knew nothing about Shakespeare, Rosencrantz, Guildenstern or acting. What was I going to write about? However, this is how I came to the conclusion to write sonnets about the nectar of convenience stores: The Slurpee. Please, try to follow the rhyme.

It all began with my mind wandering to thoughts of food, which usually happens when I find myself in a panic. I took a study break, and was enjoying a taste-teasing Coca-Cola Slurpee (my favorite flavor), when it came to me — why not write about the staple-drink of college students?

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are secondary characters in Shakespeare’s Hamlet. The Slurpee is a secondary pleasure in all of our lives. Stoppard’s play is an existential look at Shakespeare, while my column is an existential look at the Slurpee, using the medium of a Shakespearean Sonnet to express myself. Wow. It is almost scary how many similarities they share. I had shivers running down my spine from the thought of it.

So, that’s how I justified spending an hour trying to find a word to rhyme with “brain freeze.”

But I am not the god of English. The nouns are off, because frankly I didn’t have enough time on my hands to count the stresses of the lines. I am stressed enough already. Huh. Furthermore,

Oh, one more thing. Just because I write my views on Slurpee consumption, that does not mean I endorse that anyone reading this paper should go out and binge for the rest of their life. I live in the fear of contracting Brain Freeze. I have been known to scream like a banshee when I see someone else get a Slurpee. I am not a huge fan of syrup, dye and ice. I have a friend, and when we are together, we our tickets for Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead.

Guylendstern Live!
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Seventh-ranked Ohio State takes on No. 2 Penn State Saturday, but Buckeye coach John Cooper isn't trying to convince his team that it is also taking the game lightly.

After they beat then-No. 11 Iowa 23-7 on Saturday, Cooper didn't exactly heap praise on the defending national champion.

"I won't say I told them after the game: "Guys, we're not very good, nobody thinks you're very good. You know all of our good players left last year. We can't play Cooper, but we're still winning," he said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. "Circle the wagons a little tighter, work a little harder and play harder."

Asked by reporters if he real- ly felt his team was being slighted by the polls, media and fans, he said he was upset by the negativity surrounding his program.

"All people ask me is, what's wrong with us? What's wrong with us?" he said.

"It's not anybody's writing about what's wrong with us. Not anybody's. We're just plugging along."

He also said he would never bad-mouth his team.

"We wouldn't do that," he said in no uncertain terms.

Ohio State is a touchdown underdog at its ginny Happy Valley, despite winning the last two showdowns with the Nittany Lions, 23-16 last year and three of the last four.

It is that one loss that still shakes the faith of Cooper and many Ohio State fans. The Buckeyes went to Penn State in 1994 with a 6-2 record and ranked No. 2 in the country, while Penn State was 6-0 and ranked No. 14.

"Everything that could go wrong went wrong that day," Cooper said.

The Nittany Lions lashed Ohio State 33-14 - the most points scored against the Buckeyes in 92 years. When the team returned, the state was in an uproar and many were call- ing for Cooper's job.

But the Buckeyes regrouped to win their next three games, которое выигрышное место прекрасно, but then saw their love victory over Michigan in his nine years Ohio State coach.

"If we hadn't come back and won out, I'm not sure I'd be here today," he said.

The game ended up a painful underdog loss to Penn State.

That same October Saturday, sec- ond-ranked Nebraska beat No. 3 Colorado and vaulted into the top spot in the nation.

Penn State in the top spot, where it remained the rest of the season to claim the nation- al championship.

Even with a 49-point victory over a ranked opponent, Penn State wasn't exactly heap- ing praise on the defending national champion.

Ohio State, on the other hand, hasn't been very often since.

The Buckeyes have won 29 of 31 regular-season games and have finished 14th, sixteenth and thirteenth in the polls, starting with the rankings of the Haggerty Victory.

They won a share of the Big Ten title last year, after finishing fourth in 1995, beating Penn State that time.

Cooper acknowledges that Ohio State has played some of its finest football, but he doesn't know exactly why.

"You played real well, but I don't see any more enthusiasm or revenge or anything like that," he said. "You don't hear players talking about that."

Once again - after a 1994 team that averaged 48 points a game while going 11-1 - Penn State has a volatile offensive.

"They're kicking the crap out of everybody," Cooper said.

But, as with a Iowa week ago, Cooper says he doesn't consider the quality of the team.

"I don't know if they've been tested yet," Cooper said.

Ironically, sports safety was the main reason for the founding of the NCAA 85 years ago.

"There was a concern that ... increased athletic activity has not been matched by an increase in appropriate medical support," a recent report by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. According to the NCAA, some committee members believe the NCAA has an interest in the welfare of athletes, as at least one former committee member now wonders whether the NCAA needs such a committee.

"They have the gall and temerity to encroach on my turf," said Paul Gikas, a retired patholo- gist whose six-year term on the committee ended last year.

"I question their sincerity in enforcing the rules and the quality of the administration and safety of the athletes."
Pippen to miss two months

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Scottie Pippen is expected to miss at least the first two months of the season following foot surgery, a major loss for the Chicago Bulls as they go for their third straight NBA championship.

The Bulls said Tuesday their star forward had an outpatient operation Monday in New York. Pippen, who did not wish to discuss the surgery, injured the soft tissue of his left foot last season during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals against Miami.

"Each year we start off with some sort of challenge and this makes it even more so," Michael Jordan said Tuesday following practice in suburban Deerfield.

"We know that it goes with this game and we've been injury prone the past couple of years," Jordan said. "We've got to try to handle it as best as we can."

WNBA makes changes for '99

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The WNBA will expand its regular season and playoffs next year, and add an All-Star game in 1999.

League president Val Ackerman said Tuesday that each team will play 30 regular-season games in 1998, an increase of two over this year. She also said the playoffs would feature the champions of the Eastern and Western conferences, along with the two teams with the next best regular-season records. The four teams will compete in two, best-of-three semifinal series.

The semifinal winners will then play in a best-of-five series to determine the WNBA champion. Jordan and Pippen have been teammates on all five of the Bulls' championship teams this decade and they have complemented one another as well as any tandem to play in the NBA. "I think once he's healthy he can come back and hopefully we'll be in a situation where we still can challenge for a championship. I think we will, " Jordan said. "I think it puts some pressure on us to try to fulfill some of the role that he's always been able to cover. Maybe some of the other players, some of the other teams will take us for granted. Maybe they don't think we're capable. They may underestimate our capability and, next thing you know, we can sneak in there and steal a few, " Jordan said.

Pippen, 32, averaged 20.2 points during the season and 19.2 in the playoffs last season and was also the Bulls' best defender and primary ball handler.

He is entering his 11th season with the Bulls and has been miffed by a contract that pays him far less than his market value. He will make less than $3 million this season under a contract extension he signed in 1991.
Underdog Indians look to O’s

Associated Press

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

What are these guys doing here?

The Cleveland Indians arrived at Camden Yards on Tuesday to prepare for the AL championship series against the Baltimore Orioles. And they are making no apologies for it.

"I heard that a lot. That everybody expected the Yankees to be here," said Matt Williams, in the postseason for the first time since 1989. "We believe we can win. You have to." 

Forget the mediocrity reigned, the midseason mental lapses, the exorbitant bill for MBL performed on most members of the pitching staff.

After escaping another dose of persecution at the hands of the New York Yankees, the Indians are currently playing .600 baseball — as in three-out-of-five.

Look out, postseason. Here come the overachievers.

The Indians liked the role of underdog so much against New York, they’re playing it again. And they’re facing the team that knocked them out in the first round last year. Perhaps hedging his bets against an 0-2 start in Baltimore, Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove decided to save Charles Nagy for Game 2.

Chad Ogea, brilliant against the Yankees except for Paul O’Neill’s grand slam in Game 3, will start the opener against Scott Erickson.

“We feel good about ourselves," Hargrove said. “This club wants to win badly.”

This a much different team and circumstances than two years ago, when a utopian 100-44 season ended with a World Series loss to Atlanta. Pardon the engravers if they’re not carving Cleveland’s rings just yet.

“I don’t know what it is," Hargrove said in a soft voice. “I just have a good feeling about this team.”

“This club’s got a lot of heart," Hargrove said. "Now, let’s see how many games they have left.”

ALCS pits Alomars in fight for World Series

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Alomar vs. Alomar isn’t a divorce proceeding, it’s becoming an annual ritual in the American League playoffs.

Last year, Roberto’s spitting incident dominated the first-round series, when Baltimore beat Cleveland in four games. This time, it’s Sandy’s bat that’s getting the attention as the Indians and Orioles prepare for Wednesday night’s start to the AL championship series.

One Alomar definitely is going to the World Series. It’s hard to go wrong with either. Roberto’s an eight-time All-Star, Sandy’s a five-timer.

But ever since Sept. 27, 1996, the night Roberto spit at umpire John Hirschbeck in Toronto, the Alomars’ accomplishments have been overshadowed by the Alomar expectation.

“There’s been all kind of stuff, good and bad," Sandy said after hitting the game-winning homer at the All-Star game and winning the MVP award. “We’re a good family. We’re a baseball family. We do the best we can do to put baseball up there.”

It’s been a season of role reversal. Sandy was healthy, catching 100 games in consecutive seasons for the first time and setting career highs with a .324 average, 21 homers and 83 RBIs.

And then there was that game-tying, eighth-inning homer in Game 4 against the New York Yankees on Sunday night, saving the Indians from elimination.

Roberto was limited to 112 games by the five-game suspension from the Hirschbeck incident, a sprained left ankle, a pulled right groin and a right shoulder strain.

Usually a switch-hitter, injuries have prevented him from hitting right-handed since May 31.

He hit .333 with 14 homers and 60 RBIs, down from career bests of 22 homers and 94 RBIs the previous year.

“The only reason this season is fun is because we’re winning," Roberto said. “From my personal view, it hasn’t been fun because I haven’t been able to be out there the way I want every day. It’s just something you have to deal with. Injuries come playing the game. It’s part of the game. Maybe it’s sending me a message to prepare myself stronger next year.”

With Cleveland trying for its second straight AL pennant, Roberto Alomar hit a game-tying single off Jose Mesa in the ninth inning of Game 4, then hit a go-ahead homer off Mesa in the 12th.

The Orioles, which won an AL-best 98 games, is seeking a first pennant since 1983. After beating Cleveland as the wildcard team last year, the Orioles lost to the Yankees in five games.

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Green Bay sends Simmons packing

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Green Bay's trade of linebacker Wayne Simmons to Kansas City Chiefs on Tuesday came down to one thing, according to Packers general manager Ron Wolf. Seth Joyner is a better player.

"The reason we decided to let Wayne Simmons go was we wanted to give an opportunity to Seth Joyner," Wolf said. "It gives Wayne another opportunity to go somewhere where he could play. We feel it wouldn't have worked with players splitting time.

"He did an excellent job for us. It gives us an opportunity to have a different style player to play, and maybe a better player."

The trade, which barely beat the NFL's deadline, sends Simmons to the Chiefs for a sixth-round draft choice in 1998.

It allows the Packers to get Joyner on the field more often in an attempt to boost a defense that ranks 23rd in the NFL this season.

After sitting out the first five games with a knee injury, Joyner, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, had three tackles in limited play. Simmons, 27, a first-round draft pick of the Packers in 1993, was seventh on the team this season with 27 tackles in six games.

He had started at left outside linebacker in the last 38 regular-season games, although he tried to catch on with Kansas City as a free agent after Green Bay's Super Bowl championship and then ran into a series of off-the-field problems, Simmons was publicly praised by new coach Mike Holmgren this season for his leadership.

The Green Bay Press-Gazette reported Tuesday that Simmons got an Holmgren's "blessing" to return by showing up late for a couple of team meetings.

Wolf was asked if Simmons played below expectations since his breakthrough game in the 1995 playoffs at San Francisco.

Simmons caused a fumble on the 49ers' first play and it was returned for a touchdown. He also dominated tight end Brent Jones and was considered a major factor in Green Bay's 27-17 upset.

"I don't think he's ever not lived up to his potential," Wolf said.

"I'm not here to demean anything Wayne Simmons did. There's always a time when someone comes in and is a little better."

In his four-plus seasons, Simmons registered 7 1/2 sacks, 19 tackles for loss and 44 1/2 in his 12-year career.

"The key was how he (Joyner) played in the game the other day," Wolf said, referring to Sunday's 21-16 win over Tampa Bay. "Why is he better? That's hard to answer. He's better." Simmons was publicly praised by coach Mike Holmgren early this season after missing the first five games under the influence of alcohol in Phoenix, Ariz., and in- and out with coaches while visiting the Houston Oilers.

Tampa Bay later was found guilty in the South Carolina case. He denied doing anything wrong while visiting the Oilers.

In July, he was accused by an 18-year-old of inappropriately molesting her on her graduation night at a nightclub in Savannah, Ga.

A grand jury is to decide whether he will be charged in the incident.

Browns running behind Davis

Associated Press

DENVER Terrell Davis likes to celebrate a big play in military salute and the Denver Broncos running back is no longer the unknown soldier.

With a national audience watching Monday night, Davis showed why he's one of the NFL's most dominant runners and prompted more debate over who commands the Denver offense — a third-year running back or quarterback John Elway.

"I think it's funny when people mention John passing the torch and all that junk. I don't see it like that," Davis said. "I see John as still being the general. I'm just a foot soldier. As long as John is here, he's going to run this game."

Davis has been praised by the Chiefs' new head coach, a former quarterback himself, and prompted more debate over who commands the Denver offense — a third-year running back or quarterback John Elway.

After running for 1,117 yards in his rookie season, he still was determined to make some adjustments.

"I'm always looking for the big plays now, whether it's catching a pass or running the ball. When I'm back there, and the ball's snapped, my mindset is like, 'I'm going to break this one.' It wasn't like that my first two years," Davis said. "I still managed a 1,500-yard season in 1996 and is already halfway there with 10 games to play in 1997."

"Terrell just gets stronger and stronger," Ugy said. "When we get people on their heels, he's at his best. He's able to put the dagger in a little bit deeper. He just keeps getting better and better each week."

Carrier fined for using his head

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Detroit Lions safety Mark Carrier has been fined $7,500 for hitting Green Bay Packers receiver Robert Brooks with the crown of his helmet in a game Sept. 28, a union spokesman says.

"The league" said Carrier had a view of the ball and he could've avoided it. "I'm just getting stronger and stronger," Davis said. "I see John as still being the general. I'm just a foot soldier. As long as John is here, he's going to run this game."

Carrier was penalized 15 yards on the play. He also was penalized an additional 15 yards for removing his helmet to argue the call. Brooks said the Packers' replay didn't show the hit, so he didn't want to judge whether it was an illegal play.

"The guy was trying to make a play," Brooks said. "I don't know if he did it accidentally or on purpose, but if he led with his head, then the was fined) rightfully. You can't do that.

Earlier in the game, Carrier hit receiver Don Beebe with a high tackle that resulted in a concussion. Lions linebacker Stephen strawberry hit him on the head with an arm around the unconscious Beebe and twisted him to the turf.

Neither Carrier nor Bayd also played in this game, according to the Associated Press.

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Avalanche slide past Bruins, remain undefeated

Ted Donato had his first goal of the season and Tim Taylor got his second for the Bruins, who lost their second straight. Byron Dafoe made 20 saves.

Martha broke a 1-1 tie at 14:16 of the second period, sending a backhander over the sprawled Dafoe. Martin later sent the defense to send a backhanded shot between the legs of Billington and tied the game at 2:28 of the period.

Deadmarsh sent a rebound shot over Dafoe at 18:23 of the second period with the Avalanche on the power play. Sakic — who signed a three-year, $21 million deal with the Avalanche this season after going into the free agent market — gave Colorado a 1-0 lead 16:16 into the first period. The Avalanche captain broke in alone on Dafoe after receiving a pass from Deadmarsh at the red line and sent a waist-high wrist shot past Dafoe's stick.

Stars 4, Sabres 2

BUFFALO, N.Y.
Dominik Hasek allowed two goals on the first three shots he faced and was booed by Buffalo fans in pregame ceremonies as the Dallas Stars beat the Sabres 4-2 Tuesday night.

Jere Lehtinen scored two goals, including one on a penalty shot, to lead Dallas to its first victory in five games this season. Mike Modano scored 35 seconds into the game on a breakaway, and he set up Greg Adams' goal less than three minutes later for the Stars.

Miroslav Satan scored off a rebound for Buffalo, which was playing its first game this season at Marine Midland Arena. Wayne Primeau also scored for the Sabres after Dallas had built a 4-1 lead.

Fans, still angry about comments Hasek made about former coach Lindy Ruff, faced $500 fines for taunting Hasek during pregame introductions and several times throughout the game, including once in the third period when he appeared making several saves on a scoreboard highlight.

Hasek carried Buffalo to the Northeast Division title and became the first goaltender in 35 years to be named most valuable player, but got in trouble with fans for saying he did not want Nolan to return as coach.

Nolan, named coach of the year after last season, since has been replaced by Lindy Ruff. Lehtinen's penalty shot came later in the period after he intercepted Shannon's cross-ice pass and was pulled down by the defenseman during a breakaway. Officials ruled the penalty shot, Lehtinen faked Hasek to the ice and beat him with a backhand, drawing more abuse from Buffalo fans.

Senators 1, Sharks 0

SAN JOSE, Calif.
Shawn McEachran scored his first goal of the season and Damian Rhodes had 23 saves for his fourth career shutout as the San Jose Sharks beat the Ottawa Senators 1-0 Tuesday night.

Rhodes got the win by blocking off a flurry of shots in the first period, when the Sharks went 0-3 on the power play despite outshooting the Senators 13-3.

San Jose had two more power-play opportunities in the third period but the Senators' defense clamped it.宣传

The Sharks got off just one shot while they were short-handed, with Rhodes blocking it.

McEachran broke the scoreless tie at 5:32 of the second.

With Ottawa on the power play, Alexei Yashin passed off to Sergei Zholtok, who took a shot from the left circle.

San Jose goaltender Kelly Hrudey, making his first start of the season, stopped the shot but the puck trickled away and McEachran knocked in the rebound from just outside the crease.

With about four minutes remaining, Ottawa's Marian Hossa got off a shot from the crease but Hrudey made a sprawling stick save to turn it away and keep the game within reach. But San Jose, managing just four of its 23 shots in the final period, couldn't muster any offense.

Each team played without one of their top players due to contractual problems, though the Sharks announced before the game that the team and restricted free-agent Jeff Friesen had agreed to contract terms.

Ottawa and All-Star forward Daniel Alfredsson are still trying to work out a contract.

Friesen, the Sharks' second all-time leading scorer with 133 points in 209 games, is expected to rejoin the team at practice Wednesday. Alfredsson, who had 24 goals and 71 points overall last season, was told to Los Angeles to meet with his agent, Mike Barnett.

There is a chance the two sides could get together for discussions while the Senators are in Southern California for games Friday against Anaheim and Sunday against Los Angeles.
Marlins take first in Atlanta

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Atlanta at Florida if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 14
Florida at Atlanta if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Florida at Atlanta if necessary

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**CINCINNATI**

Pete Rose Jr., who struggled during his first major league call-up, was assigned to the Cincinnati Reds’ Triple-A farm club Tuesday.

Rose’s spot on the 40-man roster was taken by right-handed reliever Todd Williams, who was promoted from Indianapolis.

The Reds also claimed right-handed pitcher Donna Wall off waivers from the Houston Astros. He took the roster spot of left-handed reliever Pedro Martinez, who chose to become a free agent rather than accept assignment to Indianapolis.

Rose Jr., 28, was called up on Sept. 1, started at third base and went 1-for-3 with a triple against the Reds. He also played in all six playoff games.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, he batted .225 in 12 games for Indianapolis.

Williams, 28, was signed by the Reds as a free agent in January 1997, and spent last season in the minors. He was 2-2 with a 5.12 ERA for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 16 relief appearances in 1995.

Wall, 30, spent most of last season with the Triple-A Reds in Evansville, Indiana, going 8-7 with a 3.85 ERA. He is 14-14 with a 5.00 ERA in three major-league stints.

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**ATLANTA**

The Atlanta Braves stumbled around the field, hardly looking like a team that’s supposed to be used to the postseason spotlight.

A groundober slapped between Fred McGriff’s legs. A chopper down the third-base line was mishandled into three runs by Chipper Jones. Kenny Lofton bunted into the wall but forgot to catch the ball, leading to two more unearned runs.

Not even a great throw by right fielder Michael Tucker to cut down a Florida runner at first base could make up for the shaky defense that resulted in a 3-2 loss to the Marlins in the first game of the NL championship series Tuesday night.

Greg Maddux hardly looked like a four-time Cy Young Award winner, walking three, throwing 109 pitches in six innings and giving up an RBI double to Charles Johnson on an 0-2 pitch.

But Maddux could sue his teammates for non-support. They committed two costly errors and another miscue — by Jones — was deemed a three-run double for Moises Alou but should have at least been knocked down by the third baseman, keeping two of those runners from scoring.

The Braves fell into a deep hole in the first inning. With two out and two runners on, Jeff Conine hit a sharp grounder to first that hand­cropped McGriff, one of Atlanta’s shakiest defensive players with 13 errors during the regular season.

The ball slipped between his legs for an error and the bases were loaded.

Alou followed with a three-hop­per down the third-base line. Jones, who skipped Monday’s workout after failing a ball off his right foot the previous day in batting practice, appeared to get a slow break on the ball and drifted away from it rather than directly toward the line. His glove closed on a handful of air. The ball continued on down the line, Jones’ head sunk and the bases crowded.

The Turner Field crowd of 49,244 made more noise than was heard in at least Atlanta all year, suddenly fell quiet. With Florida 2-0, Kevin Brown on the mound, they knew the home team was in trouble with a 3-0 deficit.

Brown wasn’t at his best either. The Braves managed three runs in six innings against the 16-game winner. But an­other defensive miscue doomed any hope of a come­back.

In the third, Gary Sheffield led­led with a drive to the farthest reaches of the ballpark in right­center. Well hit, to be sure, but certainly catchable — especial­ly with Lofton, a four-time Gold Glove winner, patrolling that expansive of grass.

It didn’t turn out that way. Lofton, apparently worried that he would slug into the padded wall, made a short-armed stab at the ball as it approached.

Like Jones, he came empty.

Sheffield cruised all the way to third and wound up scoring on Alou’s grounder. Another unearned run, the fifth of the night, came home when Maddux hung an 0-2 pitch to Johnson, who slammed it into the left-field corner to bring home Bobby Bonilla.

For Lofton, it was another defensive letdown for a player reputed to be one of the best fly­chasers in baseball. Most observers feel he’s even better than best center fielder on the Braves, pointing to Andruw Jones’ spectacular play when Lofton was on the disabled list in September.

While Lofton was charged with only five errors during the season, there were plenty of other times when he failed to come up with balls that probably would have been snared easily by his predecessor, Marquis Grissom.

But Grissom’s in Cleveland now — and the Braves find themselves down 1-0 to the Marlins.

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**Cincinnati sends Pete Rose Jr. to minors**

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and just the overall coaching of
the team.

There has been a lot of dis­
cussion concerning who should
be at the helm of the Irish
offense, but Davie, the ball
doesn't lie in the hands of Ron
Powlus.

"As far as changing quarter­
hacks, of just putting Jerious
Jackson in for a series, I don't
think the solution right now," Davie
said.

"Ron Powlus gives us the best
chance to win on a game-to­
game basis right now. But cer­
tainly the idea of playing
Jerious has been discussed,
and there may be some merit
to doing that." Davie said.

In fact, according to the
coaching staff, Powlus has been
one of the squad's top
performers.

"I had all the coaches on
offense and defense rate every
player," Davie said. "Ron
Powlus rates as our No. 1 foot­
ball player this year on produc­
tivity, competitiveness, attitude — all of those things."

The Irish are close to having
their offense and defense rate every
player, but Davie now, Davie
said that wide receiver Joey
Nicks are listed as
start to work for
see all that pent up frustration
around. As soon as

"That's all talk and that's all
theory," Davie continued. "We
have to play better, and we
have to coach better to let that
dam break and let that
momentum start for us.

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Belles hope to rebound from Bethel nightmare

Saint Mary's tries to bounce back at Lake Forest

By SHANNON RYAN

Preparation is key. To prepare for an away battle against Lake Forest tonight, Saint Mary's head volleyball coach Jennie Joyce is encouraging her team to subdue their most dreaded foe - themselves.

"We have really been our own worst enemy," Joyce stated. "We always play from behind. If we could play a game to 10, we'd have no problem coming back."

Unfortunately, the rules of volleyball are not going to change any time soon, and the Belles are left searching for sufficient adjustments.

Passing competency is the Belles' most popular solution for defeating a strong Lake Forest squad.

Sophomore outside hitter Agnes Bill agrees with her teammates. "Passing will definitely be key. We really need to focus on our ball handling if we want to win."

Joyce's other ingredients for success include aggressive attacks, potent serving, and effective swings.

She is also expecting her team leaders to rise to the challenge Lake Forest offers. With a team outnumbered by freshmen, Joyce demands the sophomores join the two seniors as seasoned players.

"I'm looking for veteran players to step up against Lake Forest," Joyce said. "The sophomores were together last year, and I want them to play with junior and senior calllers."

The showdown in Chicago is going to be anything but light homework for the Belles.

'We're really going to have to keep the intensity on our side of the court," b. foot outside hitter Mary Rodwisch said. "Lake Forest is a tough team."

The Belles' coach affirmed the tenacity of the opposing opponents. "They're having a wonderful season. They're huge, terrific, and always good."

There's no doubt Lake Forest is going to be a high hurdle to leap, but the Belles' kneespares are not knocking together yet.

"I'm excited to play Lake Forest," senior co-captain Beley Connolly said. "It'll definitely be a chance to redeem ourselves."

If the Belles' strategy goes according to plan, not only will the squad gain confidence and inch up on the 50 percent mark, but they can also chalk up a conference win.

Saint Mary's plans on arriving as a cohesive unit with conviction in its talents. The Belles are careful not to entirely shake off their past problems but use them as a valuable learning lesson.

"This season has really been a roller coaster," Rodwisch said. "But I think we're going to be very competitive."

The Belles are awaiting tonight's ride to discover if the steep inclines, rolling slopes, and unexpected loops of their season will smooth out with a vital win against Lake Forest.

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Irish top Redbirds in five games

Redbirds go the distance, but fall to Irish in fifth longest game in ND history

By BILL HART

Some teams may be, always have different times with an opponent for no apparent reason. In last eight's case, the result was a victory, as Notre Dame's volleyball team managed to defeat the Illinois State Redbirds in an epic five-game match, 15-17, 15-7, 11-15, 16-14, 15-9.

After Notre Dame took a quick 6-2 lead in the first game, the Redbirds went on a 7-0 run to take the lead. Each team took the lead again before ISU pulled away to take a one-game lead. In the second game, the Irish took a quick 3-1 lead and extended it to 10-6 before the Redbirds were forced to take a time-out. They then went on a 5-1 run to tie the match at one apiece.

After a relatively lopsided Irish victory in game three, the Redbirds took a quick 5-0 lead in the fourth game before the Irish came back a second time. Backed by sophomore Mary Letters and senior Angie Harris, Notre Dame went on a run to tie it at six and traded leads with the Redbirds over the course of 16 minutes.

Finally, with the game tied 11-11, the Irish scored three straight to give them an advantage.


Redbirds battled back from game point three times, but a wide attack by the Redbirds sent it to the fifth and deciding game.

Under rally scoring, the Redbirds managed a 4-0 lead before their defense unraveled. The Irish took a 7-3 run and then later extended it to an 11-7 lead. The Redbirds attempted to rally, but a serving error, followed by a crucial ace by junior Lindsay Treadwell, sent the game to match point. The Irish only needed two attempts to end the prolonged match.

The past six matches between the Irish and Redbirds have gone the full length of five games, and are usually decided by an average of four points. With the win, Notre Dame improves its record to 3-5 against ISU and 10-5 on the season. The team also extends its winning streak to four matches, its longest of the season.

"I think we played particularly in the fourth and fifth games with a lot of heart," head coach Debbie Brown commented. "It was good to see that our backs were against the wall, and we responded very well.

"I'm pretty pleased with how our offense is doing, but our defense could use a little work. It's like we concentrated on one aspect of our game, and we feel like the other aspect is falling behind.

"They're always a tough team to beat," Treadwell commented on the Redbirds. "It's always a long match, and Coach Brown was ready for that. She said, 'I don't want this to be an 11-7 lead in the fifth game, and we feel like the other aspect is falling behind."

"I don't want this to be a long match," Brown commented. "It's like we concentrated on one aspect of our game, and we feel like the other aspect is falling behind."

The Irish team is now 15-11, 15-10, 10-16, 15-14, 15-9.

The Observer/John Davie hopes his team will live up to the challenge of the situation presented to it. It's a great opportunity for us to show character, to not flinch in the face of adversity, to not flinch in the face of defeat," Davie commented.

"I'm really excited about the attitude of this football team. The team goes out there and practices on a day-to-day basis extremely hard."

"There continues to be a great chemistry between the coaches and the players," Davie continued.

"We've got a clear vision of what we need to do. And there's a lot of people working together to try and solve these problems."

One of those problems has been the team's failure to come out of the locker room after halftime and execute. Through five games, Notre Dame has yet to score in the third quarter, which has been devastating.

"There's no question that the first series of the third quarter is very important, much more important than the first series of the game," Davie noted.

The coaching staff has addressed that issue, but it has simply come down to timing up and executing.

"We talked about getting the team out a little bit earlier after halftime to let them warm up a little bit more," Davie said.

"But let's face it, when it comes down to some penalties and it comes down to some linebackers running through it comes back to execution.