Cervekka's mission: The poor

SMC grad returns to discuss the poor of Sao Paulo

By M. SHANNON RYAN

Sao Paulo's reconciliation

Held Cervenka has devoted the past two years to working with "non-brings" of Sao Paulo, Brazil's street-women who live off the side-walks or who occupy the streets. "They're the lowest of the low on the ladder of women who prostitute themselves," said Cervenka, a 1987 Saint Mary's graduate and Mary Callahan, who visited in campus was sponsored by the Human Rights COE, women's studies program and Campus Ministry.

"It's hard to live in Sao Paulo as a woman. It's hard to talk to women who have no rights," Cervenka said.

In the heart of the city, Cervenka and four other missionaries' outreach involves teaching women their rights as human beings. Two houses provide services for newly women and the missionaries also visit a jail on a week.

"If one does not vote, does not have a permanent address or a job is one still a human being? If they died tomorrow, no one would notice; no one would care," she said.

"Part of our work is sitting down and talking, listening to people who don't have anyone to listen to them.

Cervenka wrote about the country's crumbling economy, where more than one million people of Sao Paulo have been struck by unemployment, in the trap of desperation where these women live. "In a country where unemployment is rampant, why would someone hire these women?" Cervenka asked, emphasizing that the average level of completed education among the women is fourth grade.

"Some men don't even have the money to pay the women who are prostituting," she said.

Violence, sexual abuse and hunger are some of the causes. Cervenka noted that drive women from their homes to the streets to become prostitutes, a legal profession in Brazil. "I was asked only that the money be used by those must in need and others at Notre Dame be urged to respond at whatever level they can," said James Paladino, associate director of the center.

"The couple had traveled to Florida to make the down payment on the condominium in Florida but decided the funds would be better spent to aid victims of the recent hurricane in Central America.

Paladino said that the money would be given to several programs that have been assisting recent Notre Dame graduates in education and development programs in Central America. Of the Farm, an orphanage, school, and clinic in Trujillo, Honduras, the American Friends Service Committee and Catholic Relief Services will be recipients of the funds.

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Members debate group's duties

By FINN PRESSLY

The Campus Life Council took a major step in defining its role on campus by voting to amend its bylaws thereby expanding its scope of influence to include the University Officers Group.

"Instead of looking at one specific individual, it would be the Officers Group, which does include vice president for Student Affairs Patronal O'Illara, it would allow us to send any resolution to someone who would be more directly involved with the issue," said Susan Roberts, chair of the Bylaw Review Committee. The CLC is currently limited to sending policy recommendations directly and solely to O'Illara.

Sister Carrie Etheridge, rector of Farley Hall, expressed concern that the while O'Illara has agreed to respond to recommendations within two weeks, members of the Officers Group may not be legally bound to respond to CLC recommendations.

The council noted, however, that if the amendment is approved by the Board of Trustees, the Officers Group, just like O'Illara, will be required to publicly respond to CLC recommendations.

Father David Scheidler, rector of St. Edward's Hall, addressed the issue of whether or not the Officer's Group will be required to agree unanimously to CLC recommendations for approval.

"The University Officer's Group only meets a few times a year, and to have their agenda weighed down by the ten resolutions passed by the CLC in the first three months of the year would be inappropriate. Most of the issues would be specific to officer," Roberts explained, adding that it would be more beneficial to have resolutions addressed by just those officers involved with the issue.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Student Life, said that he felt the amendment might increase the number of resolutions, in theory reducing the amount of research and thought devoted to each issue.

"These resolutions aren't just done on a whim," replied Brian O'Donnell, chair of the Undergraduate Finance Committee, highlighting the long hours of research put into each proposed recommendation.

Student body president Peter Cesaro commented that he felt a higher number of resolutions was a "sign of productivity," rather than a reduction in quality.

Grad gives $75K for hurricane survivors

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Noreen McNeill, director of the Center for Social Concerns, the couple cited the biblical influences that aided their decision to donate the funds.

"They said in the letter that they were often guided by the Bible story of the land donor who could not share his bountiful harvest, but chose to build more storage bins," Paladino said.

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**Is it a Picasso, or a Garfunkel?**

Rochester, N.Y. — A Students Against Sweatshops demonstration atop a wobbly, three-legged metal stand barely 4 feet off the ground, which it carne.

And in its rusty, quirky glory, it elicited a compliment: one professor reportedly said, "This is an art school reject- can even derided that some people rose to it a corner spot sign Keohane's first public statement on the question currently facing Duke University: Should it sign the Collegiate Licensing Company's Code of Conduct, released last month? Keohane told the crowd she plans to sign the code — which regulates manufacturers of college-licensed apparel — although she thinks it contains flaws. In a press conference the next day that added she her daughter, Judy Mongillo, New Haven Police public information officer, said police had not determined whether the stabbing had occurred at the location where Jovin was found. The Farmington medical examiner's office confirmed the cause of death as a multiple stab wound homicide. "New Haven police are uncer­tain of motive, and have leads that are being followed," said John Menghetti, New Haven Police public information officer. Michael Kuczczkowski, press secretary for the New Haven mayor's office, said early indications showed this was not a random event.

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ND HOBY plants giving tree

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Almost 100 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) student volunteers performed between 250 and 300 hours of community service during "Make a Difference Day," last week estimates M.B.A. student Erin Shields, the project coordinator.

The program, which is sponsored by Purdue University, challenges M.B.A. programs around the nation to compete against each other by accumulating the most number of student volunteer hours in a 24-hour period. Notre Dame students performed their service between 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday, according to Shields.

"We offered maybe eight different events over the 24-hour time period," she said. Students served dinner at the Center for the Homeless, wrapped gifts for AIDS Ministry, and provided assistance to local children at the South Bend Women's Care Center for Christmas. They also cleaned cages and played with animals at the Humane Society, as well as providing assistance to a local woman—Mrs. Donahue—"on her idea around here and houses about 30 fis-}

Naval club raises $3,700 for charity

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

The Trident Naval Society of Notre Dame raised over $3700 for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics during their 24 hour run this September, according to the society.

Because most of the donations came in change, the club only recently learned how much they earned.

During the event, volunteers from Notre Dame's Navy ROTC unit ran in pairs for 15 minute shifts. Wearing orange vests and carrying blue and gold tridents, the volunteers ran to various locations around campus seeking donations from students that they met.

The club also raised money through dorm representatives who collected money in their respective residence halls. These representatives took collections either individually or at dorm masses. Other participants raised funds from dorm service project allotments.

The group raised about $3,600 last year for the Special Olympics, according to Enique Blair, secretary for the organization. This year's total of $3,706.02 exceeded what the group hoped again to raise.

Most recently, the Trident Naval Society adopted a formerly homeless family for Christmas and provided them with various foodstuffs for Thanksgiving. They are currently making Christmas stockings for children at a South Bend homeless shelter.

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YULE CRACK UP

31st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VACATION

9 pm-midnight
LaFortune Ballroom

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or keep themselves alive," she said.

Another problem which is on the rise among these women is AIDS, Cerneka said.

Physicians come to the houses once a week to provide medical services, such as AIDS testing, and to urge the women to regularly attend the clinics.

The missionaries often face a fight with the government over the medical services they provide, Cerneka said.

"The state says that if we provide the services, then they won't come to the health clinics. But the truth is, they're not going to go," she said. "A life on the street is very immediate. It takes away your limits and discipline. They're not going to wait two-and-a-half hours to see a doctor. I'd rather see them getting the medical attention they deserve."

Most of the women come looking for anything from lunch to a job, she said. The missionaries provide workshop opportunities, art projects and a listening ear.

"Since their arrival, one house has also received a grant for four computers," she said. "She also dreams of establishing a literacy program among the women, many of which have been taught for anything from lunch to a job.

"Change in people's lives, but change in people's lives, but don't send things to would increase their newborn is also denied in jail," she said. The right to spend the first three to four months with their newborn is also denied in most cases.

Currently, the Maryknoll missioners are trying to transfer one pregnant woman to a jail with a nursery.

Cerneka also tries to locate family members for incarcerated women, who were also arrested without notice and subsequently lost contact with their loved ones.

Since there are no phone calls allowed, the women are commonly cut off from any connection.

"We spend a lot of time trying to find women's children. Many were adopted without their parents' knowledge," said Cerneka.

"It's done in the past. They tried it on a trial basis five or six years ago, and it worked," said Cerneka, "I'm still working with it. I have the basement there's a drop off after 4 a.m., and that's why we chose that time." She also called attention to a steady increase in the usage of the first floor over the past four years. "We're not going to call for something that isn't one hundred percent needed."

According to Cerneka, the only significant cost in extending the hours of the first floor was the additional staffing of the Huddle Mart, as well as a paid student monitor. He suggested that the cost should be absorbed by Student Activities.

"It would be interesting to see the revenue generated," said Schedler. "My hunch is that the revenue generated would pay for keeping the

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When Cerneka questioned a guard about the absence of electricity in the jail, she said, "His response was that before they were closed, 30 percent of these women lived under bridges and now they want a five-star hotel. I told him that five-star hotels have beds, two people in a room and toilet." Despite the frustration, Cerneka said she keeps hope through her daily contact with the women of the Brazilian streets and jails.

"I really love these women," she said. "We try to tell them they have the right to housing. They have the right to have rights. The idea of human rights is intrinsic with being a human being."
Hamas criticizes Clinton visit

GAZA CITY

The radical Islamic group Hamas on Monday denounced President Clinton’s upcoming visit to the Gaza Strip, but careful­ly avoided making any threats against him. Hamas is a bitter opponent of any peace with Israel and of the U.S.-brokered land­mark accord signed six weeks ago. “Of course we don’t welcome him,” Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, said of Clinton, who is to arrive next Monday. “He brings nothing for us, or for any Palestinians. ... He is a 100-per­cent supporter of Israel,” Zahar said in an interview with The Associated Press that despite its opposition to Clinton’s visit, Hamas had no plans to stage attacks during it, or to target the president.

“From our side, we don’t do anything. We don’t believe any aggression against this (visit) will serve our purposes,” he said. “We will leave him to practice his tricks.”

Diocese suspends priest

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

The Roman Catholic Diocese on Monday sus­pended a priest who conducted same-sex wed­dings, served Holy Communion to non­Catholics and allowed a woman to perform some duties on the altar. The Rev. James Callan, who had ministered for 22 years at the Corpus Christi Church, was reassigned in August for violating church policies. Callan, who cannot be reached for comment, has denied all charges.

Man falls in bear pit

BERN, Switzerland

A man had to be rescued by firefighters Monday when he climbed into the enclosure and threw snowballs at two bears with snowshovels, according to authorities. The 35-year-old man, who was not identified, was taken to hospital with “considerable flesh wounds” to his legs and shoulders. The man is “in a critical condition and speaking only on condition of anonymity,” said Meckenna.

Hyde: ‘Compelling’ case on Clinton

WASHINGTON

Backpedaling under pressure, the White House jettisoned plans for a fresh assault on Kenneth Starr Monday as it readied a last-ditch impeachment defense of President Clinton for the House Judicial Committee.

The White House recast its strategy on the eve of historic hearings as the panel’s chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said there was a “compelling case” for impeaching the nation’s 42nd president. “I haven’t heard anybody say Monica Lewinsky is a liar,” the Illinois Republican said of the former intern whose detailed allegations of White House sexual encounters with the president are at the core of the nation’s impeachment drama. Hyde challenged the White House to pre­sent exculpatory evidence over the two days allotted for the president’s defense.

With the committee expected to vote by week’s end on articles of impeach­ment related to perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power, Clinton’s defenders were increasingly turning their attention to a likely battle in the full House next week.

The White House has been given a list of 30 or so GOP lawmakers who officials believe could be persuaded to oppose impeachment, either on the merits of the case or on the basis of the political makeup of their districts, according to sources who are familiar with the situation and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

These lawmakers are from districts that Clinton won in his re-election campaign in 1996, and where there is a significant Democratic vote in gen­eral.

The list is heavily tilted to the Northeast — ranging from New York Reps. Jack Quinn, Rick Lazio and Michael Forbes to others such as Connie Morell of Maryland, Jim Leach of Iowa and Heather Wilson of New Mexico.

The GOP holds a 226-207 majority in the existing Congress. Only three Democrats are believed ready to sup­port impeachment, meaning that moderate Republicans hold the bal­ance of power in determining whether Clinton’s case goes to trial in the Senate.

Despite illness, Yeltsin fires top aides

MOSCOW

Boris Yeltsin roused him­self from his sickbed for three hours Monday, fired several of his top aides and then returned to a Kremlin hospital where he is recuperating from pneumo­nia.

It was a classic perform­ance from the ailing Russian president, who rarely seems so energized as when he is firing some­one. The dismissed aides included officials who had communed recently on the president’s poor health.

“You can see how vigor­ous I am,” Yeltsin told his staff as he delivered the news, according to presi­dential spokesman Dmitry Yakshkin.

Among those fired was Presidential Chief of Staff Valentin Yumashev, one of Yeltsin’s closest and most loyal aides. A former jour­nalist who was the ghost­writer of Yeltsin’s memoirs, Yumashev had served as chief of staff for nearly two years — an eternity in Yeltsin’s Kremlin.

“The president has found a way to revitalise his staff — by firing them,” observed Alexander Shokhin, leader of the pro­government bloc in parliament and, until recently, a steady Yeltsin ally. Shown on television, Yeltsin appeared animated and robust as he scowled and delivered one of his patented tirades.

“Tough discipline, order and reform is what we need,” Yeltsin said slowly and sternly as he glared at his staff from the head of a long table. Aides looked down and scribbled notes.

Besides firing Yumashev and three of his deputies, Yeltsin announced that he was personally taking charge of “all power min­istries ... including the Justice Ministry and the tax police.”

“Power ministries” are usually defined as those related to national defense and security. The Justice Ministry and tax police are at the forefront of the fight against crime and corrup­tion, which has taken on new importance following the killing of a top liberal lawmaker, Galina Starovoitova.

Yeltsin’s announcement was seen as mostly symbol­ic, however, since the presi­dent already wields author­ity over all the ministries he mentioned, and the minis­ters who head them were left in place.

His remarks mostly sug­gested that Yeltsin is tired of being portrayed as a figure­head who has relinquished all power to his prime min­ister, Yegory Primakov.

Primakov, appointed in September, has been left to tackle the economic crisis that has mired the country deeper in poverty. Yeltsin has said little and done less about the economy since it went into a tailspin in August.
Panel: Do work you enjoy

By RUTH SNELL
News Writer

Without comparing notes beforehand, every speaker at the Women in Entrepreneurship panel program yesterday at Saint Mary’s emphasized working at what you enjoy.

The program, which was given separately at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, presented three women in business. Carol Pankros, CEO of her own financial planning firm in Illinois, was a senior Milan Milby, junior vice president and chief financial officer of Papa John’s. Pankros started her firm 15 years ago, partly so that her work schedule could be flexible, but she also wanted flexibility in her approach to financial planning.

"Almost everybody in financial planning these days represented a product, but I wanted to consult with a client to figure out their goals," Pankros said. "Even though I have technical skills, a lot of times what I’m doing is just getting through the psychology of money."

Now she is trying to get her daughter June to read "Do What You Want And The Money Will Follow," one of her favorite books and her career philosophy.

"Look at yourself, listen to yourself, find out what you really like," Pankros said as advice to future businesswomen.

"Everything happens for a reason," she said, emphasizing that careers evolve. "But it is also important to be sure to have the backing of credentials."

Milby started in business as a secretary, but said she missed being a part of the big picture.

"You have to be able to enjoy and enjoy in detail work has supported her well in her current career as a meeting planner.

Muldoon used her local reputation — her parents own a small local restaurant chain — to help build recognition for her business.

"I used name recognition to get my foot in the door, but anyone who will sink or swim with you," Milby said.

Muldoon is the current president of Women Business Owners of Michiana, a forum to share business information and act as a support group.

"I built my own path, my own way, but I had a lot of help," Milby said. "It came as a real shock that I only had 24 hours a day, just like everyone else."

She offered advice for anyone, not just those going into business.

"Be patient, be flexible and open-minded to learning from others," Milby said. "Set realistic goals; maintain a positive attitude; keep your heart and soul healthy; plan to live forever, but live each day as if it’s your last, be happy."

The program was sponsored by the Saint Mary’s Student Academic Council and the Business Department and by the Notre Dame International Council on Business Development.

Encuentro Chicago: A faith exploration of justice & hope through community immersion

When? February 5-7, 1999

Informational Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 7-7:30pm at CSC

Applications: Now available at both the CSC & Library Campus Ministry Office

On-campus students should practice increased vigilance during the last few weeks of the semester as well, said Gagnon, as this period is one of typically higher numbers of thefts. These often occur from library study areas and living halls.

"This is the time of year when we do get an increase in thefts," he said. "I explained that thieves have recognized the formable timing of this period because stealing an item in the last few days before a break is likely to leave the trail cold by the time victims can return to thoroughly pursue such thefts."

Another service offered by Security is the Winter Bicycle Storage which will take place this Thursday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium. Stored bikes will be registered and stored in a locked room in the stadium at no cost.

Registering a bike enables security to return it to someone when it is found or stolen and allows officers to spot suspicious situations involving persons on a bike with a Notre Dame decal on it, according to Gagnon.

The D2 Lot "Lock Up" will also be occurring this break. The lot will be locked and patrolled from Sat., Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. until Sun., Jan. 10, although officers will check the vehicles during that time may do so by calling Campus Security at 1-5555.

Storage options: Turning in VCRs can help prevent thefts, as well. These items will be registered and stored in a locked room in the stadium. Stored VCRs will be completely secured and patrolled from Dec. 19 to Jan. 10.

Registering VCRs will also be an opportunity to return it to "a police department in their jurisdiction.

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U.N. to perform surprise weapons inspections

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. weapons inspectors will begin a series of surprise inspections Tuesday in Iraq in a final test of whether Baghdad is cooperating fully in the search for banned weapons, chief inspector Richard Butler said Monday.

The Iraqis in the past have tried to block or thwart some surprise inspections, calling them provocative and an infringement of sovereignty.

After the surprise inspections are finished late this week or early next week, Butler said he will prepare a report for U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on whether or not Iraq has kept its Nov. 14 promise to resume unconditional cooperation with the inspectors.

Annan will then report to the Security Council, which must decide that Iraq is in full coop­eration with inspectors before it will undertake a comprehensive review of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

The U.N. Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, and the International Atomic Energy Agency must certify that Baghdad has eliminated banned weapons before the Security Council can lift sweeping economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Diplomats said if a comprehensive review is approved, it will not start until January.

Iraqi leaders see the review as the quickest route to easing or lifting economic sanctions, but diplomats say it will merely extend Baghdad's out­standing obligations. The United States insists the review will not necessarily lead to ending sanctions.

Iraq curtailed UNSCOM's activities Aug. 5 and completely shut down inspections Oct. 31.

Under threat of U.S. airstrikes, Iraqi leaders reversed course Nov. 14 and promised to give inspec­tors un­fet­tered access to all sites and docu­ments related to its pro­grams to de­velop nu­clear, chemical and biolog­ical weapons and long-range mis­siles.

Since the weapons inspectors returned, they have been testing Iraq's promise, seeking access to documents, interviewing Iraqi weapons experts and monitoring previously inspected sites to make sure dual-use equipment is not used for banned weapons.

Butler said the senior weapons inspector in Baghdad had informed Iraq's National Monitoring Directorate Monday that the surprise inspections were about to begin.

Former weapons inspector Scott Ritter, in an article published Monday in The New Republic magazine, said sur­prise inspections will fail because Baghdad has had time to shift documents and materi­als to new, secret locations.

"Iraq has had plenty of time to shuffle the deck, to hide its weapons to stay one or two steps ahead of the weapons inspectors," Ritter said Monday at a press briefing.

"When inspectors start carry­ing out no-notice inspections, they will find nothing, and in so finding nothing they will only reinforce Iraq's argument that there is in fact nothing in Iraq," he said at the briefing.

Ritter insisted the Iraqis are hiding weapons of mass destruction, but he said the Security Council isn't pushing for Iraq's disarmament.

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Laughing at MySELF: (a.k.a.) Mocking My Own Crap

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All of the rhetoric against the Women's Resource Center are false. Wonderful institutions never recommend that any woman go to an abortion clinic. No women came forward to tell the University that the center had given them abortion referrals. They were simply thrust upon, silly arterists, "creepy little witches" in the words of one. In fact, the WRC library is a model of balance and diversity. Feminist advocacy is only a part of what they do. They, of course, accurately represent the opinions of all parties relating to gender issues, including those of the Church. The Women's Center has always acted within the confines of our Catholic morality. Any interference with the Women's Center is a sacrilege committed by it; it was a conspiratorial violation that snared these saintly people.

The same is true with our oppressed, downtrodden homosexual community. I, the hellfire Vinck, the knife fingered to the Buddha's heart. Those of us who have been motivated by a particular animus towards homosexuals, our concern for this issue having nothing to do with upholding any church teaching. Indeed, our homophobia is rooted in a deep sense of intolerance that precludes us from understanding that sodomy can lead to one greater a awareness of your vision.

It was this homophobia that blinded us to what modern-effective a lie. David Garck. I am responsible for the atmosphere that drove him from this University. Indeed, I, a vocal like no, favored design to protest bigotry. No, the esteemed Fr. Garck had no political motives. No, he didn't covertly assist CNHMM. His "suspicions" from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart was organized by a group of homophobes operating outside of the confines of the University. Homophobia — this suspension had nothing to do with the fact that only a finite number of priests can perform sacraments in the Basilica. No, it was the hellish atmosphere that my rottuere and I perpetuated which forced Saint Garck to leave.

True to form, our campaign of distortion has even attacked that pillar of Catholic faith, that center of patty, the UN. The Department of Religious Studies, with the help of a group of Activist. McLerren. D'Angelo and the rest have no political agenda. The are fully in communion with the Holy Father. This, to be sure, is the only criticism of the religious right that is an organized campaign. Nazi-like fundamentalists who hate the UN, this is a legalized defense action. Institutionally, hatred and unhallowed underperforming PBS incendiary terms like "heretic" and "apostate" at their very core, pursuing a right-wing campaign of derision. Indeed it is my close-minded attitude, and others with a similar disposition, who hindered awakened, academically inquiry, which enlightened person knows the heart of a liberal education — the Women's Center and its allies told us so.

My suggestion that certain faculty resign in protest followed from this same spring of misinformation. This is another piece in the puzzle of my nefariously. In my weekly conversations with Richard Mellon Scare, he commented that student leaders at Buckney and others, a plan to rid this University of our enemies. His enemies face a measure of power to make Notre-Dame a haven of right-wing lunacy.

The truth of the matter is that our leftist faculty members are the true villains of this sleuth, the fact that they have not perpetrated evil, politicized curriculum in their courses. Of course, faculty members are expected to follow our rules of conduct. Thanks to the tremendous financial assistance of Buckley and Scare, Right Fleece has now accumulated enough money to be able to maintain a "liberal" faculty with the intention of further oppressing the soothing homosexuals. We have so much money that we could reconfigure our student body if we wanted to. Indeed, the only source of support that I have ever seen these offices because we keep them hidden.

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According to the Youth advocate Program's International Report in Spring of 1998, the UN CRC states, "...inquiry, infancy, mortality, abuse and neglect became the focus of concern during the convention... Its Statistics of a rising infant mortality... The declaration stresses that deaths of children are due to factors in their environment, the community, and the health care system... It is the purpose of this Convention. To protect the child's rights to survival... and to provide a comprehensive approach to the protection of the rights of the child... the Convention promotes parental authority by recognizing that the state must respect the fundamental responsibilities and parents..."

Michele Costello

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Progress Report on US Ratification

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is an international treaty that has been ratified by the General Assembly of the UN. As of 1999, 191 nations, and is thereby one of the most widely ratified human rights treaties in the world. The Convention was adopted on October 21, 1989, by the United Nations General Assembly and signed by 213 nations. It entered into force on September 2, 1990.

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The CRC is comprised of a small number of conservative organizations. It is a broad-based consensus on the global responsibility to stop human rights abuse in its most basic form. To date, there are only two countries that have not ratified the UN CRC treaty.

According to Children's Defense Fund research, this is an area where the US has failed to live up to the international standards set by the CRC. Many US families are not able to stay home with their children during the critical stages of the child's life because there is no national parental leave policy that facilitates mandatory paid or unpaid leave periods. Third, there is a specific convention that states children have an inherent right to life, and therefore the State is under an obligation to ensure the child's survival and development (Article 6, UN CRC). Here, we find that the Article 6 rebuts the opposition's claim that the convention supports euthanasia. Four "America's Children: Behind the United States and the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child" p. 9. main concern is that the convention is not family-friendly. While recognizing the parental authority, encourages children to use their parents and encourages abortion. When examining the text, I found no support for these accusations. In reality, the CRC encourages family cohesion and parental empowerment. In order to declare the air on these issues, I will examine the relevant clauses of the treaty for depth. First, the convention promotes parental authority by recognizing that the state must respect the fundamental responsibilities and parents...
Take a little quiz to get into the holiday spirit and test your Christmas IQ

1. In "We Three Kings of Orient Are," what are the frankincense and myrrh the wise men bring?
   A) Gold tablets highly prized for their value
   B) Plants with medicinal value
   C) Sweet-smelling gum resins
   D) Coins made from precious metals

2. What carol is also known as “Greensleeves”?
   A) "The Holly and the Ivy"
   B) "King Jesus Hath a Garden"
   C) "O Christmas Tree"
   D) "What Child Is This?"

3. Who was Good King Wenceslas?
   A) Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century
   B) Ruler of Bethlehem — he helped Mary and Joseph find a room for the night
   C) King of Egypt when Christ was born
   D) King of Germany when Christ was born
   E) An imaginary character created for the song

4. What brings Frosty the Snowman to life?
   A) His corncob pipe and button nose
   B) The children’s laughter
   C) The traffic cop’s whistle
   D) An old silk hat
   E) The sun

5. The first instrument on which the carol "Silent Night" was played was:
   A) A harp
   B) A pipe organ
   C) A guitar
   D) A kazoo

6. In Guatemala, Christmas Day is celebrated:
   A) On Jan. 6
   B) On Dec. 25
   C) On Oct. 31
   D) Never

7. Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in:
   A) 1944
   B) 1895
   C) 1976
   D) 1492

8. Medieval English Christmas pantomimes did NOT include which character?
   A) St. Nicholas
   B) The Bold Slasher
   C) Father Christmas
   D) The Turkish Knight

9. The name of Scrooge’s deceased business partner in Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” was:
   A) Bob Cratchit
   B) Jerry Cornelius
   C) Bill Sykes
   D) Jacob Marley

10. In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts use:
    A) Old hats
    B) Beer mugs
    C) Shoes
    D) Stockings, just like everybody!

11. Which of these events did NOT occur on Christmas Day?
    A) Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts
    B) Charlemagne was crowned Roman Emperor
    C) Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in World War II
    D) King Arthur pulled Excalibur from the stone

12. In Syria, Christmas gifts are distributed by:
    A) The Three Kings
    B) Tom o’Bedlam
    C) One of the Wise Men’s camels
    D) Father Christmas
13. One notable medieval English Christmas celebration featured:
A) A giant, 165-pound pie
B) Snowball fights between rival courtiers
C) A swimming race across the English Channel
D) Huge crackers that sometimes exploded fatally

14. In Sweden, a common Christmas decoration is the Julbukk, a small figurine of a goat. It is usually made of what material?
A) Candy
B) Straw
C) Uranium
D) Fir wood

15. The real St. Nicholas lived:
A) At the North Pole
B) On the island of Malta
C) In Turkey
D) In Holland

16. Quick: How many gifts would you have if you were given all the gifts in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
A) 12
B) 24
C) 39
D) 78
E) 101

17. Believe it or not, one Indiana town is called:
A) Christmasville
B) Wenceslas
C) Noel
D) Santa Claus

18. The poem commonly known as The Night Before Christmas was originally titled:
A) Santa's Secret Visit
B) A Visit from St. Nicholas
C) The Night Before Christmas
D) The Midnight Guest

Christmas Quiz Answers:
1) C 2) D 3) A, Wenceslas was the Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century. He was a fervent Christian who was slain by his brother and later sainted. 4) D 5) C, The Carol was first sung as part of a church service in Austria. A guitar was used because the church organ was so badly rusted it couldn't be played. 6) B, Guatemalan adults, however, do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day. Children get theirs (from the Christ Child) on Christmas morning. 7) B, The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles. 8) A, In Medieval England, Nicholas was just another saint — he had not yet metamorphosed into Santa Claus and had nothing to do with Christmas. 9) D, Jacob Marley's spirit was the first of four to appear to Scrooge on Christmas Eve. 10) C, Shoes — traditionally, the shoes used are wooden ones called sabots. 11) A, Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts. The four spirits appeared to Scrooge on Christmas Eve, not Christmas Day. 12) C, One of the Wise Men's camels — The gift-giving camel is said to have been the smallest one in the Wise Men's caravan. 13) A, A giant, 165-pound pie. The giant pie was nine feet in diameter. Its ingredients included 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridges, 2 newts' tongues, 2 curlews, 6 pigeons and 7 blackbirds. 14) B, Straw — A variety of straw decorations are a usual feature of Scandinavian Christmas festivities. 15) C, In Turkey — St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus. 16) D 17) D 18) B, A Visit From Saint Nicholas
Terps pound headless Demons

George Washington as he shot 1-of-8 from the field in a limited 21 minutes as he turned his right ankle.

Williams had 16 points for DuPaul and the third freshman, Bobby Simmons, added 13.

DuPaul finished with a 38-32 rebounding advantage, including 21-13 on the offensive end, the second game in as many nights Maryland was outrebounded.

This was Maryland's third straight appearance in the tournament championship game. The Terrapins beat George Washington 70-67 and lost to the Colonials last year.

No. 6 Stanford 70, George Wash. 56

Mark Madsen scored half of his career-high in his three-quarter stretch of the second half to lead No. 6 Stanford past George Washington 70-56 Monday night in the consolation game of the BB&T Classic.

Tim Young had 12 points for the Cardinal (5-2), who were coming off 29-point losses to North Carolina and Maryland. Stanford outscored the Cavaliers 25-15 in the foul line and controlled the boards 42-33, the 15-straight time over season in the season.

But Stanford went 3-for-3 from the 3-point area and had a season-high 12 fastbreaks to the defense, held the Cavaliers to 37.7% shooting. Fortunately for Stanford, the defense held the Cavaliers to their lowest scoring game of the season.

Young scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half, the margin was once 14-0, 22-12 and 33-19, then 35-23.

That's when Madsen took over, scoring six straight points — two free throws, a layup and a dunk off an alley-oop pass — to make it 61-50. Minutes later, Madsen made a 3-pointer for Washington as he followed with a 3-pointer for a 67-54 lead with 4:33 left.

Arthur Lee had 10 points, five assists and two steals for Stanford, which also got 10 points from Bracken Currey.

Stanford led 36-31 at halftime despite going 1-for-9 from 3-point range, committing 10 turnovers and committing six minutes worth without a basket. The Colonials failed to take advantage because made 2-12 from 3-point attempts, including a 2-for-13 effort by Jackessen.

No. 23 Arkansas-90, W. Carolina 54

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Moceanu faces legal battle

Associated Press

HOUSTON

The parents of gymnast Dominique Moceanu won't get an opportunity to question their daughter about her accusations against her father before the three meet in a courtroom this week, a judge ruled Monday.

Camelia and Dumitru Moceanu had requested that their attorney be allowed to question the 17-year-old gold medalist before a judge on Wednesday considering making permanent a temporary restraining order barring contact between the gymnast and her father.

But Moceanu's court-appointed attorney, Ellen Yarrell, challenged the request and asked that it be blocked. Associate Judge Michael Hay complied.

"We thought it was inappropriate," Yarrell said Monday. "We offered to answer written questions.

However, Katherine Scardino, attorney for Moceanu's parents, rejected that offer, Yarrell said.

Calls to Scardino were not immediately returned Monday to The Associated Press.

Yarrell said she was concerned that if a judge granted the parents' motion, they would use the session to speak to the gymnast in their native Romanian language, as they had in at least one other meeting with their daughter. Yarrell characterized the behavior as an intimidation tactic.

"Later she told me that she felt that they were putting incredible pressure on her at that time," Yarrell said.

Speaking through publicist June Yarrell, Moceanu said she felt "very good," about the Monday ruling.

In court affidavits filed a week ago, the Olympian claimed her father had hired a private investigator to track her comings and goings. Moceanu also said police officers informed her that her father had negotiated to pay a hit man $10,000 to kill a friend, 32-year-old Brian Huggins, and Luminita Misucenco, 26, the coach and Huggins' ex-girlfriend.

Both she and Huggins have been granted a restraining order against Dumitru Moceanu.

On Wednesday, Moceanu and her parents will appear before state District Judge John Montgomery, who will determine whether to make the restraining order permanent.

The restraining order request marks a deepening rift between the gymnast and her family that began last October, when the Houston-area teen-ager fled her home, hired a lawyer and then sued to be declared an independent adult.

She was granted adult status Oct. 28, allowing her to begin making inquiries about how her earnings have been spent.

She has claimed that her trust fund bankrolled unauthorized risky investments and a $4 million gym bearing her name.

However, it is not known how much was spent.

There was no answer at the Moceanu family home Monday and a message left for the parents at the family's private gymnastics business was not immediately returned to the AP.

NHL players Chris Pronger (24) and Theo Emly Flurry (74) celebrate a goal for Canada in the 1998 Winter Olympics.

NHL, Olympics prepare for split

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The future of NHL participation in the Olympics remained in doubt Monday despite drawing praise during the first day of the league's annual Board of Governors meeting.

Other issues discussed during the day included: this season's two-referee, two-linesman system has streamlined games without congesting the playing area.

The flow is better and the obstruction is less," he said, explaining that one referee can hang back and make sure that players stay within the rules away from the puck while the other skates ahead of the rush up-ice.

It's an advantage that Campbell believes accounts for a drop in fighting to an average of 1.3 fights per game since 1.6 last year.

Officials now also have a chance to watch the jostling around the net before making in-the-moment calls.

Bettman said the governors would decide at this meeting whether to make the experiment permanent or use it in playoff games.

"We have it scheduled through February games," he said. "There's no reason to make a judgment until all the data is in, so if they continue to perform well we'll use it.

Deterrents to the program are the cost and the amount of training it takes to send another NHL-caliber referee onto the ice.

"Can you go to 54 teams instead of 27 like that without watering it down?" Campbell said. "It's not an easy business. We're finding that out.

The governors also discussed creating a $300 million collective bargaining fund and renewed their working agreement with the Canadian Hockey League's cluster of junior major teams.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ricky Williams returned for his final year at Texas with modest goals: Win games and have fun.

Mission accomplished, and he will get to play in the Cotton Bowl.

On Monday, Williams won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

"Anytime you are considered the best it's flattering," Williams said, "and to be picked the top player in college football by the reporters who watch the games so closely is truly an honor."

Williams provided college football fans with an extra special season. While running for 2,214 yards and 27 touchdowns — he also had a TD pass — Williams became major college football's career rushing leader and carried his team to an 8-3 record and a Cotton Bowl matchup against Mississippi State on Jan. 1.

"If I was to tell someone before the season that we were going to win eight games, they would have told me I'm crazy," Williams said. "But the time will come and I'll prove they were wrong not to take me here."

Bowden, an assistant for 19 years before becoming Tulane's coach, stayed at the school only two years, snap­ ping a 15-year non-winning streak his first year and giving 11-0 this season.

Scefio, 35, plans to stay longer than that.

"I am where I dreamed about as a kid, the one I want to be for the rest of my life," Scefio said. "You've heard that said before, that's the last time you'll hear it here."
 Owners mull over ‘replay’

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After two weeks of well-publicized officiating gaffes, the NFL is considering a return to instant replay for this year’s playoffs.

League spokesman Joe Browne confirmed Monday that if the owners approve, “a limited form of replay” could appear in the upcoming postseason is a possibility.

The new replay system would likely take the form used in professional boxing — if a referee gives a limited number of challenges per game and officials make the final decision from monitors on the sideline.

But it also would be what one league official called “liberal,” meaning if a coach is out on challenges on a game-deciding play, he’d be allowed an additional one.

That would apply to plays such as the one by the New York Jets’ Vinny Testaverde with 20 seconds left against Seattle on Sunday. That play was called a touchdown, although countless replays showed Testaverde had come up short of the goal line.

A proposal for a limited form of replay, which was in effect from 1986 to 1991, was voted down at an owners’ meeting in March. It got “yes” votes from 21 of the 30 teams, two short of the three-fourths needed.

But Browne, who added that plus a questionable call that allowed New England to beat Buffalo a week ago and the botched coin flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game that led the Steelers to a 10-3 victory over the Lions had a ripple effect around the league.

Buffalo’s Ralph Wilson, who voted against replay in March, said last week that he had changed his mind. And Browne said that calls to owners by commissioner Paul Tagliabue had convinced him that there were “enough votes to approve the proposal.”

The “no” votes last March came from seven teams that have voted regularly against replay — the New York Giants, Arizona, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Chicago and Tampa Bay. They were joined by San Diego and Oakland.

Tagliabue spent most of Monday discussing the proposal with owners and league officials.

Tagliabue couldn’t have missed Monday’s New York newspapers, all three of which had a front-page picture of Testaverde lying on the ground a foot short of the end zone. Still, the play was ruled a touchdown and the Jets beat Seattle, 32-31.

The call in the game’s closing seconds kept the Jets tied with Miami in the AFC East and in effect knocked the Seahawks from playoff contention. It also had an impact on Buffalo’s Bills, Miami and New England, which are in a four-way scramble with the Jets in the AFC East.

The technology is in place because of the replay experiments during exhibition games.

All that’s needed is a phone call to the owners to timetable for that conference call has been set.

There is one objection: “get the calls right,” Jets coach Bill Parcells said Monday. “No second chance, no calls in the second half of the last quarter or overtime of the end zone. It’s got to get the calls right.”

The system that has been tried in exhibitions involves giving coaches challenges on calls — perhaps a half or two a game — with the referee making the final decision after viewing the play on a sideline monitor.

That would help end the objections to the old system, which used a replay official in a booth and was filled with endless challenges and endless delays, same lasting longer than five minutes.

The positions on the challenge system came mainly from the coaches, who have been split among a number of proposals. Some wonder what would happen in a situation such as the Seahawks-Jets game if a coach had exhausted his three challenges before a game-turning play at the finish.

However, the proposal under study by the NFL is a liberal version that would allow a coach an additional challenge on just such a game-deciding play.

Few pretend that replay solves everything. Dan Rooney, president of the Steelers, said last week he thinks officials are overly managed already, leading to indecision.

Phil Luckett, the referee in the Seahawks-Jets game, said that once head linesman Emile Pranzo signaled touchdown, as he did almost as Testaverde hit the ground, the debate was over.

“Because he had signaled a touchdown, so far as we’re concerned it’s over,” Luckett said.

But NFL rules specify that if another official disagrees with the call, the referee can reverse it. On Sunday night in Minnesota, a referee Bob McElwee reversed himself after he ruled a fumble and other officials saw Tony Stewart’s knee had hit the ball before the helmet came on.

The difference may be that Luckett, who is well-regarded by coaches and players, is in his second year as a crew chief and his eighth as an NFL official.

McElwee is in his 23rd year as an official, most of a referee.

Doronno confirmed Monday night to join his father, Lou Holtz, on the coaching staff at the University of South Carolina. Skip Holtz will become offensive coordinator of the Division I-A team, USC officials announced Monday.

Lou Holtz, 61, was named South Carolina’s head coach Friday, and announced Monday he had addressed his father, Lou Holtz, on the South Carolina athletics director Lew Perkins Tuesday afternoon.

Lou Holtz also had scheduled a news conference in Columbia. S.C., Tuesday, South Carolina athletics spokesman Kenny Tharp said. Connecticut officials would not comment Monday night on Skip Holtz’s departure.

Even before Lou Holtz accepted the position at South Carolina, there was talk of his son joining him, with the coach saying that he would succeed his father in two to three years.

“There are no formal or informal guarantees for him,” South Carolina athletics director Mike McElwee said Monday. “It’s always helpful to have potential succession in a staff.”

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Kansas State heads for Alamo Bowl

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.
Kansas State's players are so depressed over being snubbed by the major bowls that their coach is worried about their effort in the Alamo Bowl.

"I certainly am," Bill Snyder said Monday.

In less than 24 hours, the Wildcats (11-1) plunged from the brink of getting to play No. 1 Tennessee for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl to having to play unranked Purdue for nothing in the Alamo Bowl.

They remained third in the Bowl Championship Series rankings even after blowing a 15-point lead and losing 36-33 to Texas A&M in double-overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game. They dropped to fourth in The Associated Press poll.

Had they beaten Texas A&M, they were assured of the Fiesta Bowl and get on with the brink of getting to play No. 1 rankings even after blowing a

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Bowl to having to play No. 1 they were assured of the Fiesta...and get on with this as well. They are hurt, during a conference call with...way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you.

This might be an example where that is not the case. I'll ask them not to lose faith in the system we have here, that it will work for them if they do the right thing. This is obviously a setback and a tremendous test. Perhaps a test of our character to see how we're able to deal with this.

Snyder emphasized he was not blaming anybody - "I can only blame myself for not having our team well enough prepared to win a ball game," he said. "Outside of that, I wouldn't know where to start."

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum did not sound sympathetic.

"This is the way the system works," said Slocum, whose Aggies got a bid to the Sugar Bowl. "Last year a very fine UCLA team got left out and Kansas State took their spot in the Fiesta Bowl. It's hard to get away from the idea of somebody feeling they got left out."
The Arizona Diamondbacks completed their free-agent binge Monday by signing center fielder Steve Finley to a $21.5 million, four-year contract.

The Diamondbacks spent $118.9 million on six free agents during the past month in a dramatic effort to transform an expansion team that lost 97 games into a NL contender.

Finley was a late, unanticipated postscript to that endeavor. Arizona’s managing general partner Jerry Colangelo said after the team signed Randy Johnson to a $52.4 million, four-year deal, Colangelo said that the Diamondbacks were finished with free agents.

When Finley heard that, he said he quickly called Danny Ainge, coach of the NBA’s Phoenix Suns, a team Colangelo also owns. Ainge gave Finley Colangelo’s cell phone number and said to call him right away.

Finley reached Colangelo in New York, where he was about to join the NBA labs.

“Jerry and I had a conversation and I told him at that point that I wanted to be a Diamondback, and the rest is history,” Finley said. Colangelo said the Diamondbacks had moved in other directions after initial talks with Finley didn’t go anywhere.

“I was not taken the initiative because he wanted to be here. I don’t think we’d be here today,” Colangelo said.

Finley said the Diamondbacks’ signing of Johnson was the clincher.

“I’m going to be 36 next season,” Finley said. “I’m not a 25-year-old who’s going to play another 10 or 12 years and maybe have a couple of chances to go. I want to win now. When I saw they signed Johnson, I wanted to be here then for it.”

Arizona’s deal far exceeded Johnson’s $12 million, three-year offer Finley had to remain with the San Diego Padres. Finley gets a $500,000 signing bonus and salaries of $2.25 million per season.

Most of the Diamondbacks’ spending agree went for pitching. Todd Stottlemyre agreed to a $32 million for year years. Armando Reynoso got $5.5 million for two years and reliever Greg Swindell received $5.7 million over three years.

Arizona also picked up pinch-hit specialist Greg Colbrunn for $1.8 million over two years.

As in the Johnson and Stottlemyre deals, Finley is deferring salary — $2.5 million in each of the first two years and $2 million in each of the last two. The money is deferred for four years at 6 percent interest, making the total payout of the contract $23.66 million.

The starting rotation of John, Stottlemyre, Reynoso, Andy Benes and Reliever Randy Johnson, Stottlemyre, Andy Benes and Armando Reynoso combined to go 15-13 with 142 starts, 120 complete games and 19 shutouts last season.

You win with pitching and defense. That’s what we did last year in San Diego,” Finley said. “When you walk into the clubhouse, and you see what you have around you, sometimes that’s half the battle. You’ve just got to believe when you go out there on the field that you’re going to win. With the talent we’re going to put out there on the mound, you’re going to see that just about every day.”

Center field was a top priority because Devon White, Arizona’s MVP last season, agreed to a $12 million, three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Finley hit a career-low 249 this year with 14 homers and 67 RBIs, two years after set­ting career highs in batting average (.297), doubles (45), home runs (30) and RBIs (95) and winning his second straight Gold Glove.

He blamed much of last season’s troubles on a foot injury that bothered him the last half of the 1997 season. He underwent surgery after the team signed him for $1.8 million over two years.

“It’s a tough year. It’s a tough season. You’ve just got to believe me when I say I want to win,” Finley said. “I’m not going to believe him, after going through everything I went through last year.”

Colangelo said the team was looking to make a trade for a right fielder. The team has a surplus of starting pitchers, with young left-hander Brian Anderson the leading candidate to go.

“If you’re asking me are we going to sign any more free agents,” Colangelo said, “the answer is no.”

But he knows himself well, and after a brief pause added, “I think.”
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at home against Toledo last Wednesday. The Rockets threatened to upset Notre Dame in the opening minutes of the second half before senior captain Sheila McMillen rose to the occasion. She shot 3-for-3 from three-point range to spark an 18-3 run to bury the digging Rockets. 82-64.

Also strong for the Irish from the field have been Danielle Green and freshman Sharisha Hills. A great deal of their momentum has come with the play of Niele Ivey at point guard, being a leader and getting the ball on the play of Niele Ivey at point guard, being a leader and getting the ball.

Williams also added to her Big East honors by becoming last week's rookie of the week. She came off of a 17-point performance vs. UCLA, scoring her career-high in points while collecting six rebounds, four steals and two assists in 17 minutes of play.

Like the Irish, the toughest threat that Connecticut holds is their balance and bench. "What makes them so good is that they are so well balanced," said Riley. "They have eight players that they sub in and not just one player that does all the scoring."

The biggest threat off the bench in recent games has been Adja Jones. Jones joined the conference rookie of the week award in Connecticut this week after coming off the bench to average 16.6 points and 5.5 rebounds against Rhode Island and Holy Cross. She shot 82% (15-17) from the field in the two games.

Continuing to be a key factor in their balance is senior guard Sheila McMillen's long-range accuracy should cause problems for the top-ranked Huskies.

Insight

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McGraw has her squad in exceptional form for this early in the season with two double-digit wins over top-10 foes Duke and UCLA. It's a clash of two titans in women's basketball. An Irish win would be historic.

It would be nice to have some students actually witness the event. The townies will be out in force as they have realized that Notre Dame women's basketball is one of the best winter shows in town.

But Joyce Center maintenance crews have not yet had the opportunity to change that trend. The Irish will need some decision to stop Auriemma's juggernaut. The Huskies are used to big crowds, but usually the crowds are there to cheer on and witness the machine that is the Connecticut women's basketball team.

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish set to square off against Huskies**

No. 6 Notre Dame has highest ranking in school history

By ANTHONY BEANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

No one could have predicted that the Irish would be in perfect shape coming into their seventh game of the season. Standing out with a slate that included the nation’s fourth, sixth, and 25th-best teams in Duke, UCLA, and Illinois, respectively, it figured that Notre Dame would be in a good position if they were just able to maintain their No. 17 ranking.

But the first six games brought the Irish past their preseason 17th-place ranking and closer and closer to the top. Fending off promising opponents by an average of 18 points a game, the Irish have gotten off to their best start ever with a 6-0 record.

And that start is just the beginning. The Irish have a chance tonight to topple the No. 1 Huskies of Connecticut at the Joyce Center in the first Big East game for both teams. Far from labeling this a must win, the Irish are instead using tonight’s matchup to measure where they stand.

“We know this isn’t a must-win situation and it’s too early in the season to put that much emphasis on it,” said Irish center Scott Dame. “It should be a fun game and a good opportunity for us to possibly knock off the number one team in the country. It will be a good gauge to see where we are at.”

The Irish will enter the game having not played in just less than a week, their last game against the Irish are instead in the strong Big East conference.

**Battle of titans** hopes to draw attention of student body

JOEY CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Students in attendance at tonight’s basketball game at the Joyce Center will be treated to a lot more than free subs, adidas giveaways, and airline tickets.

They’ll get something a little more significant.

Tonight Ge’oro Auriermann makes his top ranked Connecticut Huskies into the Joyce Center to take on Muffett McGraw’s perfect Irish, who are ranked sixth in the nation.

A win over the mighty Huskies would undeniably be the biggest regular season win in the program’s history. It would catapult the Irish into the top five and their highest ranking ever.

When the 1996-97 women’s team officially arrived on the national scene with a surprise trip to the Final Four, not many students witnessed that piece of history.

Not many students can say they saw the Beth Morgan-Katrina Gallher combination that scored more than 4,400 points in their careers. But tonight presents another chance.

With the presence of Ruth Riley in the key, the versatility of sharp-shooter Shaina Miller and the timeliness and relentlessness of guards Niele Ivery and Danielle Green, the Irish could see the unmatchable.

The Huskies have left the competition in their wake, running over every poor team that is on their schedule by an average of 32 points a contest, if you can call it that.

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Rosenthal named Football News All-American**

Senior Notre Dame offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal has been named a second-team All-American by Football News, plus six other Irish players have received postseason recognition from that publication based on their play in 1998.

Rosenthal, who led the way for the Irish ground attack, previously earned first-team honors from the Walter Camp Foundation.

Senior tailback Autry Denson, Notre Dame’s leading career ground-gainer, was a Football News honorable mention selection.

Selected to the Football News All-Independents squad were Rosenthal, Denson, offensive tackle Luke Petitgout (started all 11 games), kicker Jim Sanson (11 of 12 field goals), inside linebacker Bobbie Howard (he led the team in tackles) and punter Hunter Smith (47.7-yard average).

Also, rookie defensive end Anthony Weaver started 10 games and played more minutes than any other Irish freshman was named to the Football News All-Freshman team.

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  - vs. Connecticut Today, 7 p.m.

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  - vs. North Dakota Jan. 2
  - vs. Alma College Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

- **Swimming**
  - vs. Jasmine College Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.