Fire blazes through Seton Hall dorm

Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. Fire broke out at a Seton Hall University dormitory early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 62 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas and waving flames creep under doors.

But the fire department—located on campus next to Haggar Hall—focuses on prevention first. The on-campus fire department gives official permission to enforce fire code regulations more easily and check sprinklers, alarms and extinguishers frequently, Antonucci said. The rest have full systems with a sprinkler in every room. These, and an extensive network of extinguishers and alarms, help the department combat blazes.

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But many soon heard screams for help, smelled the smoke and saw flames creep under doors.

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How was your millennium celebration? Did you watch the millennium coverage on ABC? Maybe you've heard President Clinton talk about our country in the new millennium, schmellinnium. I still have a year to plan my millennium celebration and so do you. Sorry to break it to you, but the turn of the century and the new millennia starts next year - Jan 1, 2001. We're still in the 20th century and still in the second millenium. Anyone with a first grade education and a little common sense could tell you that.

Last time I checked, there was never a year zero. Back in the sixth century, a monk named Dionysius Exiguus literally translated the idea that time should be marked by the birth of Jesus. As a result of his studies, he set the year zero. However, in his plan, he counted backwards from the birth of Jesus down to the year 1 BC, and then immediately shifted to the year 1 AD. There was no year zero in between. So anyone who can count to 100 can tell you that the first century comprised the years AD 1 through 100. The second century began with AD 101 and continued through AD 200. By extrapolation we find that the 20th century comprised the years AD 1901-2000. Therefore, the 21st century will begin with AD 2001, and continue through AD 3000. Similarly, the first millennium comprised the years AD 1-1000. The second millennium comprises the years AD 1001-2000 and the third millenium will begin with AD 2001 and continue through AD 3000.

Here is another way of looking at it. If you had 100 pennies, the 100th penny would complete the dollar. The 101st penny starts the next dollar. Therefore the 100th year is the last year of the centur and the 101st year starts the next century. Similarly, the 1000th year is the last year of the millennium and the 1001st year starts the next millenium. So the third millennium and 21st century start at 2001.

Now that that's not so difficult, is it? You would think a society that invented the computer, landed on the moon and cloned a sheep would be able to do a little math and accurately point out the start and end of the centuries and millennia. I guess not.

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This WEEK at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

Thursday
• A cappella: LaFortune, 9 p.m.
• Racewalk: Rave and Ho­down, Alumni-Student Club.

Friday
• Ceremony: Rededication of gallery spaces, Little Theatre Lobby, 5:30 p.m.
• Movie: "Eyes Wide Shut," Snite, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
• Performance: "Dream Team Comedy Show," O'Loughlin Auditorium, 8 p.m.
• Concert: Pat Helden Quintet, Jazz and blues music, LaFortune, 8 p.m.

Sunday
• Sessions: Scuba diving course information session, 218 Rockne, 1 p.m.
• Concert: Allenberg Trio, Snite, 3:2 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Live animal experiments canceled at Illinios

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

Live animal experiments for first­year veterinary students were can­celled this semester by the College of Veterinary Medicine, as adminis­trators explore alternatives to experiments that kill animals in order to teach students.

The new policy will likely estab­lish procedures where students will learn how normal animals function by using less invasive methods in their basic physiology classes. They also might watch demonstrations instead of doing their own experi­ments. But those procedures require "change the intensity of studies," said the college's dean, Victor Valli.

University veterinary students were never forced to participate in the experiments, but were not offered alternatives. More than 25 students opted out of the experi­ments last semester. Some profes­sors said available alternatives were not good enough.

The policy that has been developing since last fall will probably make the alternatives a formal part of the class, said Gerald Pijanowski, the college's associate dean for academic and student affairs.

"This is not new," he said. "We're trying to be deliberate and work with reasonable speed. It just takes time. It has become a media event.

However, veterinary schools nationwide are moving toward reducing live animal less - especially in beginning classes.

"From what I understand, most veterinary schools aren't using live calves or pigs and 1001 is just not necessary," said Teri Barnato, national director of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights. "There is a move­ment to bring respect for non-human animals and vet schools need to move forward." Valli agreed that veterinary schools are moving toward a less hands-on approach but said real experience is still the best way to learn.

Washington student sues LSAC

SEATTLE

A class-action lawsuit against the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) was filed Tuesday in Pennsylvania on behalf of disabled students in Seattle, one a student at the University of Washington. It joins one filed by the US Justice Department last month. The most recent lawsuit alleges that the LSAC, which administers the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), violated Americans with Disabilities Act when they refused to make testing accommodations for the disabled.

The class-action lawsuit alleged that the council, in its policy of granting or not granting accommoda­tions to the disabled, controls who can go to law school and who cannot. In that way it acts as a black­list to those trying to earn a law degree. "Every law school accredited by the American Bar Association requires the LSAT," said attorney David Ferleger, who has been hired to take the case. "To become a lawyer you need to graduate from an accredited law school.

The lawsuit from the US Justice Department also says that the LSAC violated the law when it denied additional­time to four physically disabled persons.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Senate discusses uses of old tests

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

At its first meeting of the new year Wednesday night, the Student Senate addressed the issue of professors using past tests as study guides.

"The real problem is that the use of old tests can give students a major advantage. They will help students to have a good idea about which questions will be asked," said Philip Dittmar, the Fisher Hall senator. "This is an unfair advantage because from dorm to dorm, test files are unequal.

Last semester certain students were given an advantage by acquiring specific tests from other residents living in their halls. The same tests were not available to students in all dorms or to off-campus students, Dittmar said. "The fact is, if a teacher offers an old test as a study tool, that's great. But if kids are buying tests to study by rather than reading the book and studying their notes, it is not fair that they do better than students who are studying the correct way."

Dittmar said that he will continue work on this issue. "I would like to see either teachers put tests in the library or on the Internet so that students all have equal access," he said. "Across the board, all students should have equal access. There must be high integrity in the teachers' action or our actions. The fact is, test files in the dorms do not equal.

Dittmar explained that he will address the Campus Life Council and try to have this issue addressed in Delac.

In other senate news:

- The nomination for Dan Peate as senate parliamentari­an was unanimously approved.
- A resolution in honor of Father Theodore Hesburgh was passed unanimously. The reso­lution recognizes Father Hesburgh for being a true model of servant-leadership to follow and congratulates him for winning the Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Freedom, the highest award given by the United States gov­ernment to a civilian.
- Another resolution was passed ordering the Club Coordination Council, the Off­Campus Council, the Senior Class Council and the Freshman Class Council to submit a transi­tion report to the senate.
- Student body president Mirah Murphy announced that the administration and the Hall Presidents' Council agreed to name the student section at basket­ball games Matt's Outrageous Bench, or the MOB.
- Murphy added that Safetide will begin in approximately two weeks.
- Joe Cassidy, Director of Student Activities and the LaFortune Student Center, also addressed the senate. "Cushing is currently under construction," Cassidy said. 
- Also, a banner offering con­ferences to Seton Hall University, where three students died in a dorm fire on Tuesday, will be available for students to sign.

Asbestos discovered in Le Mans Hall during pipe repairs

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

A hot water pipe containing asbestos-filled insulation was removed from the attic directly over the fifth annex in Le Mans Hall during winter break. The asbestos was discovered when repairs were needed on the pipe, causing minor inconve­nience to fifth annex residents. Several residents were required to move furniture in order to provide space for workers to complete the removal.

The process, which took approximately one week, required "clean rooms" for workers to clean up following removal. Five rooms in fifth annex were affected as either clean rooms or passageways to the attic. "No asbestos was removed from any of the rooms," said John DeLee, director of facilities at Saint Mary's. "There was no hazard whatsoever to the resi­dents in the rooms. Unfortunately, it was just an inconvenience to the women because it was our only way to the attic."

Asbestos, a fibrous material that can cause lung damage and other medical complications if the fibers reach the air, is found in several older buildings as an insulating material.

Testing of the air in the rooms and attic was completed follow­ing the removal to ensure that no asbestos particles were in the air.

While asbestos does insulate pipes in several buildings around campus, it is encapsulated, meaning that it cannot become airborne, said DeLee. Asbestos is removed when the area is renovated or repaired, which increases the chance the material will become airborne, he said. No areas on campus are in danger of asbestos conse­squences at this time, he said, although it is something facilities constantly monitor.

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Patel, who lives on the third floor down the hall from the lounge where the blaze broke out, said he put a wet towel under his door, kicked out his window, and climbed the ladders to the ground. Witnesses said he was completely blackened by burns.

Two firefighters and two police officers were among those hurt. The injuries ranged from burns to broken bones. Police officers were among those killed. Two of those killed were found in the lounge and one was found in a bedroom nearby. Their names were not released. It was not immediately known whether they were students.

Two firefighters and two police officers were among those hurt. The injuries ranged from exposure and smoke inhalation to burns. The blaze was largely confined to the lounge. Students said they frequently saw people smoking in the lounge, though it is prohibited.

Assistant Rector for University Residence Halls

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Cuban Elian Gonzalez leaves for school outside his Miami home Tuesday. Elian has been caught in the middle of a custody battle between his father in Cuba and relatives in Miami.

Gonzales family goes to court

Associated Press

MIAMI

Elian Gonzalez's relatives in Miami went to federal court Wednesday to challenge the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that the 6-year-old boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, filed the federal lawsuit after Attorney General Janet Reno declared last week that the boy's status was an immigration matter solely in the jurisdiction of federal law.

"It is about protecting Elian's civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child," said Spencer E.C. Pig, a lawyer for the great-uncle. Elian has been living with his Miami relatives since he was found floating on an inner tube off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day.

The lawsuit names as defendants Reno, INS Commissioner Doris Meisner, INS District Director Rober Wallis, the Department of Justice and the INS. It accuses the government of violating Elian's rights in due process of law and asks the judge to prevent the INS from returning the boy to Cuba before the agency gives him an asylum hearing.

No hearing date was immediately set. The Justice Department and the INS said in a statement they were prepared to respond quickly and would ask the court "to expeditiously address this matter."

"It is important for the well-being of Elian Gonzalez that the status of this 6-year-old boy be resolved as quickly as possible," the statement said.

Reno had brushed aside a ruling from a Miami family court judge delaying the boy's return.

U.S. to continue help in Venezuela

Associated Press

TANAGUARENA

The United States will keep helping victims of Venezuela's deadly floods despite President Hugo Chavez's recent decision to reject hundreds of American military engineers, a U.S. diplomat said Wednesday.

"We are moving ahead. There is work to be done. Relations are good," Ambassador John Maisto told The Associated Press during a helicopter tour of the coastal zone most heavily damaged by last month's massive flooding and landslides that killed as many as 30,000 people.

Nevertheless, the U.S. relief effort is less ambitious than it would have been had the army engineers been allowed to come. There are about 120 U.S. soldiers in Venezuela whose main mission is to help provide clean drinking water to survivors.

Some 450 Marine and Navy engineers had been expected to help rebuild the coastal road, an essential link for the region's transportation and commerce.

But after Chavez said last week that he did not want the American soldiers in his country, U.S. officials ordered a U.S. Navy ship that was en route to Venezuela to reverse course.

U.S. officials said they were dismayed by Chavez's announcement, since Venezuela's defense minister had requested the help in a letter on Dec. 24.

Ambassador Maisto toured the disaster area—a swath of coastal communities just north of the capital of Caracas—a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter.
University of Notre Dame

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday 2000

Monday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom

The Dream Through Fr. Hesburgh’s Eyes: A personal reflection on Martin, the Movement and their realities at Notre Dame.
Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, c.s.c., President Emeritus

Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom

Colors of the World - A Student Panel
Presented by the Student Government. Food from around the world will be served.

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
Chapel of the Holy Cross (Keenan-Stanford)

Who We Are Today: Walk in the Light of Christ - Prayer Service.

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Prize: Scholarship for the Center for Social Concerns, Spring Break Civil Rights Seminar.
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integrity to the monitoring process," said Hoyer.

"One of the key points is that when you have a code, no matter how good the code is, you have to have a moni-
toring mechanism. [The task force] certainly addressed that very well," said Father
Oliver Williams, a university management professor.

A new addition to the task force's efforts requires the right for workers to organize
labor unions.

"The right to unionize is something that everyone should have, and I think that
we should try to help people get that right," said Williams.

The University strengthened its policy for including this right, stating that it will
not maintain business with any companies or countries unwilling to commit to pro-
viding workers with this right.

"One new addition to the task force's perspective is that
exception holds a specific stipula-
tion against China. While
most labor organizations and
university task forces man-
date that such countries have
special exceptions for places
like China, that isn't addressed
in China," Hoyer added.

"There is a big gap in the
implementation of a living
wage as enough money
to be able to provide food and
moder-
ate shelter for self and
family while working as much as a 10-
hour day.

The
living wage is something that
everyone should have, and I think
that we should try to help people get that
right," said Father Oliver Williams,
management professor.

The companies in China that contract with universi-
ties will be forced out of the country in order to maintain their business relations.
That will result in massive job loss for the Chinese, he said.

But for Williams, the implementation of a living wage is an important aspect of creating and
enforcing fair labor condi-
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difficult, taking into
account that one-fourth of
the world's population resides there. Fair labor
conditions should be
improved in cooperation with
everyone and the United
States should work with the
Chinese government to
improve its labor laws.

Williams said the
living wage is something
that must be addressed, and
so I think we have to contin-
ue to pressure foreign (China)
and to monitor it. That's a big gap
that isn't addressed yet," he
said of the task force's new
recommendations.

Morphy stated that the
new group is still researching the
living wage and will address it in the future.

"Our business is not done
in making this latest recom-
mandation to Father Malloy,
but it's a good launching
ground," Morphy said.

ND's Review of Politics publishes forgotten text
Special to The Observer

A recently discovered and
previously unpublished text by
the American Catholic theolo-
gian Rev. John Courtney
Murray appears in the Fall
1999 "Millenial Issue" of Notre Dame's Review of
Politics.

The text, entitled "The Crisis
in Church-State Relationships
in the USA" is a 1950 memo-
randum written by Father
Murray to Msgr. Giovanni
Battista Montini, a staff mem-
ber of the Vatican's Secretariat
of State who became Pope paul VI.

Rev. Joseph Kononchak, pro-
fessor of religious studies at the
Catholic University of America
and author of the Review arti-
cle which introduces the new
text, believes that the memo-
randum provides "the clearest
brief statement" of Father
Murray's views on church-state
relations and that its controver-
sial reception by eccen-tral
ofﬁcials both in Rome and the
United States helps measure
the profundity of doctrinal
change brought about by the
Second Vatican Council.

Father Murray's views on
curch-state relations were
declared "erroneous" in 1954
by the Vatican's Holy
Office (now called the Congregation for the Doctrine of faith) and in
1965 his Jesuit superiors forbade him to publish articles on the
subject, despite these struc-
tures, he eventually became the
principal architect of the
Second Vatican Council's
Declaration on Religious
Freedom, which substantially
incorporated assertions that
earlier had been unacceptable.

Father Murray, who died in
1967, wrote prolifically on a
wide variety of issues including
not only church-state relations,
but also funding for private
schools, the Cold War and the
problem of conscientious objec-
tion, he argued that the consti-
tutionally enshrined notion of
the separation of church and
state was not incompatible with
Catholic social teaching.

On Dec. 12, 1960, he was featured on
the cover of Time Magazine
after his book "We Hold These
Truths: Catholic Reflections on
the American Prophecy"
greatly influenced public atti-
dudes during John F. Kennedy's
presidential campaign. Murray
was appointed a theological
adviser to the Vatican Council
in 1963 by Francis Cardinal
Spelman of New York.

The Review of Politics was founded by Waldemar Gurian, a Jesuit theologian
who, forced to flee from Hitler's
Germany in 1937, found a home at Notre Dame, where he died in 1954. From
its first issue in 1950, the Review has
emphasized a philosophical and
historical approach to politics.
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**Initial Report to Father Malloy of the University's Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives—January 9, 2000**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Task Force, composed of the University’s Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives, was established in December 1999 in order to update us on the work of the University’s Social Justice Task Force, which had been established in 1991. The Social Justice Task Force, which had been similarly established in 1991, was similarly established in order to address the needs of the poor and dispossessed. 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Chechen conflict intensifies as forces push toward Grozny

Associated Press

RUSSIA

The Russian military redoubled its drive to conquer Chechen rebels on Wednesday, with troops fighting street by street in the capital Grozny while helicopter gunships and cannons relentlessly pounded the southern mountains. Lt. Gen. Gennady Trosev, Russia's deputy chief commander in Chechnya, announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 26, although news agency reported. He did not explain how he arrived at that date.

Federal forces pushed toward the center of Grozny from several directions, trying to squeeze rebel fighters into an ever-tightening circle, the military said.

It was impossible to verify the army's claims of progress. Reporters are constrained from moving freely about the capital because of the danger and the restrictions imposed by both the Russian and Chechen sides.

But an Associated Press reporter watched Wednesday as Russian forces in a northwestern neighborhood called Mikrorayon-3 seized several shell-punctured, five-story apartment buildings. They failed to take nearby nine-story buildings, from which Chechen snipers kept up a steady barrage of bullets.

Russia's military command said 23 soldiers were killed and about 50 wounded in the past three days of fighting in Grozny, the ORT television channel reported.

Russian jets rained bombs targeting the motorcycle race crossing through empty streets. Grozny has been a bastion of Chechnya. During that war, which has entered its fifth month, and its capture would give the Russian forces a boost after a series of surprise counterattacks by the rebels.

But control over Grozny could backfire, as it did during the 1994-96 bloodshed in Chechnya. During that war, Russians took the city and held it for more than a year, but lost it to the Chechens in a humiliating and bloody defeat.

After facing relatively little resistance in Chechnya's northeastern lowlands, Russian forces have been stalled at Grozny for months and only recently began pressing into rebel strongholds in the southern mountains.

On Wednesday, Russian helicopter gunships and artillery pounded the steep, wooded mountain slopes near the mouth of the strategic Argun Gorge, about 30 miles south of Grozny. An AP reporter took shelter behind some rocks on the edge of the village of Dachu-Borzoi as helicopters swooped down to strafe the woods.

Eleven civilians were killed Tuesday in an air raid against Dachu-Borzoi, including seven members of the family of local administrator Abu Khanayev. At the edge of the nearby village of Duba-Yurt, a knot of elders crowded around the family of local administrator Alu Khasayev.

"As we want to leave the village, the Russians prevented, promising not to target the village," he said.

Meanwhile, a pro-Moscow Chechen leader claimed Wednesday to be mediating in talks between several Chechen warlords and federal authorities. Malik Korotkov, said the talks were proceeding "with difficulty," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. He refused to say which federal agencies were involved in the alleged negotiations or to name the Chechen commanders.

"The federal authorities need to carry out a political dialogue with these people, which is what I'm doing," said Sadiullayev told Echo of Moscow radio.

Government spokesman Andrei Kostikov confirmed that four Chechens had arrived in Moscow for talks on conditions for civilians in the breakaway republic, but said they did not constitute an official delegation.

"Negotiations are held continuously," Kostikov told the AP. "As for these envoys, we don't know whom they represent." Russian troops marched into Chechnya in late September after rebels staged armed incursions into the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan and allegedly organized the bombing of several apartment buildings, killing 300 people.

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Kennedy relative surrender to cops

Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. - A nephew of Robert F. Kennedy has been charged Wednesday with bludgeoning a girl to death with a golf club in 1975 when he was 15, providing the long-awaited break in a case that frustrated police in wealthy Greenwich and raised suspicions of a Kennedy cover-up.

Michael Skakel, 39, flew to Connecticut from his home in Florida and surrendered at Greenwich police headquarters after a warrant was issued for his arrest in the slaying of Martha Moxley. Because of Skakel's fame and the time of the crime, the case will be handled, at least initially, in juvenile court.

"Michael has stated all along he did not do this. He had no knowledge of it," Michael Sherman, Kennedy's lawyer, said at a news conference Tuesday to clarify its position after Skakel's arrest.

"I have no knowledge of it. He had no part in it. He is not guilty."

But police said the science that matched the club and a South American treatment center in Maine that Skakel attended from 1978 to 1980. Prosecutors filed court documents that said Skakel admitted killing Martha to fellow students at a Connecticut university.

Prosecutor Jonathan Benedict said juvenile law prevented him from identifying the suspect. But Sherman confirmed it was Skakel's client.

The case could get stalled in juvenile court for a year or more if Skakel's lawyer fights the prosecutors' bid to transfer the case to adult court.

New dietary standards target fat

Washington Nutrition experts revising the government's dietary guidelines want to tell Americans to limit sugary drinks and coffee and cut down on foods rich in saturated fats such as meat and dairy products.

The guidelines also would specify the first time who might benefit from moderate consumption of alcoholic drinks, primarily middle-aged men and women — according to a new version of the new standards obtained by The Associated Press this week.

The revised standards also will put more emphasis on eating whole grains, fruits and vegetables and include a special section on food safety.

"These guidelines will be better than they have ever been," said Margo Wootan, a senior scientist with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition advocacy group.

First published in 1980, the guidelines are revised every five years to reflect the latest developments in scientific research.

Federally funded nutrition programs, including school lunches and Meals on Wheels, are required to adhere to the guidelines. The government spends on them.

The guidelines also will be used by companies that want to get their food products approved by the departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. The departments typically go along with the advice committee's recommendations.

Panel members either declined comment on the draft or did not return phone calls.

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Susan Borra, a dietitian with the International Food Information Council, said the food industry's consumer research arm. "The goal is to get people to manage their fat, control their fat. We need to find the word that communicates where to cut back on is saturated fat."

Wootan said the wording change emphasizes that "what's really important is to cut back on is saturated fat."

The existing guidelines say "moderate drinking is associated with a lower risk for coronary heart disease in some individuals." The draft guidelines specifies who those individuals are — men over 45 and women over 55 — and says there is "little health benefit for younger people."

Moderate drinking is defined as one drink a day for women and no more than two drinks for men.

Before the guidelines are finalized, the revisions must be approved by the departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. The departments typically go along with the advisory committee's recommendations.

Panel members either declined comment on the draft or did not return phone calls. The department were recently used by the Physicians Committee for Responsibility in Medicine and other groups that contend the committee is stacked with scientists biased toward meat and dairy products because of their ties to those industries through research and advisory work.

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White House sets new drug policy

Associated Press

Washington The White House drug policy office set guidelines Tuesday to clarify its approach with broadcasters who want government financial credits for inserting anti-drug messages into their programs.

Under the new rules, the government will not review program episodes for such credits until after the episodes have aired or been published. The office also said it would keep separate its process for granting financial credits from its anti-drug networking and producers on how to portray situations involving drugs.

The White House press secretary, Joe Lockhart said the change should put "the program on a track where it will get universal support." They've revised their policy to no longer look at scripts or do changes in programs granting for credit before the program is finished," he said.

The office was responding to recent fallout from the disclosure that the government used financial incentives to get TV networks to run anti-drug messages into their shows, in some cases even reviewing the scripts before the programs aired. The arrangement has been criticized as government intrusion on the independence of networks.

"The guidelines set out how day-to-day actions are handled. It means that there will be no longer look at scripts or do changes in programs granting for credit before the program is finished," he said.

The New York Times" said the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. The new parameters still require a 100 percent match for every dollar the federal government spends on media outlets and continue to allow broadcast executives to decide how to meet this requirement. Namely, networks can still receive financial credit for the content of their programs.
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American scientists widely distrusted and suspected "Asian-Americans of being unfairly targeted because of their race." Nevertheless, Asian-American scientists have found evidence of racial profiling being conducted by the department. In 2000, a three-year espionage investigation of Wen Ho Lee, a Chinese scientist, was admitted by the FBI to be racially motivated. Lee, at the center of a three-year espionage investigation, was indicted in December for copying top-secret nuclear weapons files and remains in jail, awaiting trial. He has been charged with espionage. Lee could face life in prison if found guilty of the security violations.

"While specific incidents and examples of racial profiling may differ from site to site, the general concerns and issues were virtually identical department wide," said the report. Asian-American scientist Richard Richardson last summer when the department was over alleged Chinese espionage at weapons labs was at its peak.

Despite directives from Richardson against racial profiling, managers and supervisors at the weapons labs — Sandia, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore — and other DOE facilities were found to question the loyalty and patriotism of some employees based upon racial factors," the report said.

Yvonne Lee, a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and a task force member, said there is "a general sense of fear" among Asian-Americans of being unfairly targeted. They cited an example, she said, a practice by the FBI to call Asian-American scientists simply because of their race "to see if they knew Lee.

Tom Tamura, another task force member, said Asian-American scientists related how counterintelligence officials joked about the Chinese cousins in briefing to scientists. The briefers would ask the scientists whether they knew why there were so many Chinese restaurants in town. "For saying of course," the briefers would laugh, "the Asian-Americans are having as much fun as we are." Richardson said no specific case of racial profiling has been proven but "we're admitting to a problem, a problem of perception, of mistrust".

To emphasize that such profiling "is never welcome." Richardson said there would be a department-wide initiative to stamp it down." The coming weeks could face life in prison if found guilty of the security violations. While not admitting to a problem, a problem of perception, of mistrust, said Asian-American scientists, "We are seriously concerned about what is going on at weapons labs was at its peak.

"The Energy Department policies have been crafted to protect our national security, and at the same time to ensure employees..." said the report. The Energy Department policies have been crafted to protect our national security, and at the same time to ensure employees will never single out or fired from his job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory because of his race.

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Humanity is on both sides of the Rio

Kate Rowland

Read this. It may save your life.

El Paso, Texas, is a city set up for success. Main tracks crisscross its streets, serving several active cargo stations and at least one active passenger depot. Greyhound and other distance-traveling buses pull into two different stations. Trucks transport parts to be put together in Mexican factories. Interstate 10 streaks through downtown, intersecting with Interstate 54. Streets are cleanly asphalted and labeled with signs large enough to assist Mr. Magoo about the city. Juarez, Chihuahua, is a city transportationally distinct. Two-thirds of the roads in the city are not paved, and cars and buses clog the streets that are. Pedestrians and motor vehicles dodge donkey carts, even downtown. Trucks transporting manufactured goods to the U.S. chug around the city on their way. It is clean, shock tourist-attracting trolloys of El Paso contrast starkly with the recycled school buses that carry passengers around Juarez. Some still have familiar signs up: Do not disturb driver. Do not use profane language. No standees permitted.

The no standing signs particularly amused me as I rode, standing, on a packed bus back to the border from the colonia of Puerta de Anapra on my last day in Juarez. The other 10 participants of the CSC’s Border Issues Seminar and I were returning to the U.S. after Mass in the colonia. Anapra is the largest of Juarez’s colonias, shanty towns where people live in self-built houses made from cardboard, wood or cinderblock, with no running water and pirated electricity. The residents of the colonia are employed mostly by maquilas, factories run by United States companies. The average weekly income from the maquila is about $35.

The reality of how little money that is came quickly, on the first day of the seminar, before we even saw the colonia. In groups, we were given a scenario based on actual people living in Anapra. My group’s family was headed by a single mother with three children. Working on a maquila salary, we figured that our average daily food budget was $1.60, if all of our earnings for the week went to food. Tim and Oscar, both volunteers with the Annunciation House Organization and our hosts for the seminar, took us over the border to a supermarket, where we learned exactly how far that money could stretch. The four of us walked out with a packet of tortillas, a bag of beans, a box of rice and one small tomato. We cooked lunch in the colonia, eating water in from a cistern outside to boil the rice. As we cooked a sufficient but uninspiring meal, I noticed that one of the groups, who had been given a different scenario, finished off their meal preparations by slicing into a block of cheese that had cost more than our entire day’s budget.

For the first time I thought crossed my mind: Wait a minute, that’s not fair. It was certainly not the last time any of us thought or said that during the ensuing five days. We saw all kinds of injustices: children limited to fifth- or sixth-grade educations because their families can no longer afford their schooling, mothers forced to the lone shelter for women in Juarez by sexual threats from family members or by abusive spouses, United States employers who first contact a shelter to offer work to immigrants and then threaten to call immigration authorities to avoid having to pay them. I had expected to encounter injustices when I signed up for the seminar, but I encountered a lot of surprises, too. While in the colonia, we spoke with Cristina, a mother of four children whose husband was leaving soon for the United States. She told us that she never imagined that he would have to leave Mexico to be able to provide the most basic things for their children.

Another man we talked to at Annunciation House, the shelter in El Paso for undocumented immigrants, said he had been working in the United States for years without papers. He’d gone back to visit his wife and his nine children in Chihuahua and was returning to the U.S. just for another year or two, he said, until he had saved enough money to be able to go home for good. We never met with anyone who was looking North for anything but a job. No one wanted to settle here or raise children here. That surprised me. Despite the silt poverty in the colonia, the normalcy and the happiness that never quite reached contentment of life there surprised me. The attitude of the Border Patrol agent with whom we spent an entire morning surprised me. He admitted freely that the U.S. depends on an immigrant workforce and that the Border Patrol is helpless to completely stop illegal border crossings.

My time on the border was short, but the seminar accomplished what I hoped it would. I have a much better understanding of the problems that make people want to come to the U.S. from Mexico. It is work and little else. I had anticipated feeling differently about the border and about illegal crossings.

I had wanted to come back with some hopeful idea as to how the problem could be solved. I knew now that even people who have been here for years still haven’t figured that out. They strive for a personal interaction, a little boy-throwing-starfish kind of approach to helping the people and the undocumented. Over and over again, the people we talked with said, “Somos todos hermanos.” (We are all brothers and sisters.) That’s what I tried to take away from the seminar, the humanity of all people, on both sides of the Rio Grande.

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Scott Adams

"How strange when an illusion dies. It’s as though you’ve lost a child."

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Quote of the Day

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PHILADELPHIA — The birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. marks a familiar annual American ritual of remembrance and celebration. Millions of citizens of all racial and ethnic origins are encouraged to reflect upon the amazing achievements of King and the words of hope, love, and more broadly, what it means to be an American. Many critical for cynical observers have noted the more somber tone of this national holiday: the implication that the days of racial injustice — specifically against black Americans — are behind us, that the disgrace of "separate but unequal" ended a long time ago. But I'm not going to reiterate these objections which, after all, have more to do with the politics of American society than the life and death of a great leader and visionary.

Instead, I'm going to talk about the kind of places where King's dream never comes close to being dream. A couple of months ago, I met an old classmate who is now working on the Penn campus. I hadn't talked to him for almost two years and was surprised to find out that he was also teaching at a middle school in North Philadelphia. Though I didn't grow up in a neighborhood like the one around my friend's school, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what conditions there were like. I was wrong.

Kids coming to school high — if at all — or the selling of drugs you've never even heard of in the bathrooms and cafeterias. A majority of students can't even read at a fourth-grade level. Over three-quarters of black males disappear from the Philadelphia public school system between the ages of 10 and 18, many literally lost from the records.

One can debate endlessly who is to blame for allowing conditions to deteriorate to the point of such an amplitude. But there is no question that these children grow up on blocks where the only functioning traces of social organization are liquor stores and drug-dealing operations. This is probably the worst imaginable environment for fostering self-esteem, hope or academic performance.

Walking down the block to a school that hasn't seen repairs, new lab equipment or bathrooms, I heard the bells that signaled the beginning and end of class time were mercifully absent. There were no clocks in the corridors. The only sound was a fan. The only light was a fluorescent tube. The only view was the garbage-piled streets of Harlem in 1967, seeing despair far beyond any he'd seen.

"Inequalities," such empty slogans cause even more damage to children who desperately need real answers and hope, not worthless platitudes and political soundbites. Rarely in a suburban high school would you see a banner proclaiming the survival of the American Dream. It would seem not only unnecessary, but almost laughable. Why broadcast the obvious?

Consider on the other hand what happened to Kozol in the 1960s, when he dared to have students in a poor grade school in Boston read Langston Hughes' almost equally famous words about "a dream deferred." He was promptly relieved of his teaching position for including "inappropriate material."

Once again, Kozol points out, suburban schools place no such restrictions on their curricula. One poem by a great writer of the Harlem Renaissance poses no threat to the minds of young, well-off, mostly white children, who are more likely to reflect on how they might not grow up to be an astronaut than on the contradiction of being poor in the richest nation on earth.

To be sure, as author Walter Mosley argues in his most recent book, this is beginning to change now that more and more white Americans are losing control of their lives and finding themselves victims of downsizing, corporateדווח בactices and climate change. For the children of North Philadelphia and many other urban hellholes across the country, King's birthday — meant to be a celebration of all the moral and social progress that has been made against racial oppression and inequality — has become yet another painful reminder of a world beyond their reach.

To those children, and to those who suspect that I have done a disservice to the name of the great Southern preacher, consider this: In 1964, a leader of a very different black civil rights movement angrily declared, "I don't see any American dream. I see an American nightmare."

By the time of his assassination four years later, King was starting to agree. Walking through the garbage-plied streets of Harlem in 1967, seeing despair far beyond any he'd encountered in his years of leadership, the great idealist expressed doubts about the realistic chances of his dream.

It was then that he, in one historian's words, "began to understand something of the world that created Malcolm X."

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Fantasia’ makes big splash into millennium

By LAURA PETELLE
Some Movie Crit.

"Fantasia 2000" opens with a good but not great sequence set to part of Ludwig van Beethoven's well-known "Symphony No. 5." Featuring butterfly-like triangles having a battle over a flower, the vignette is fairly dark and even frightening at times, but of course, the good butterflies make it out OK in the end. The opening of the sequence is as good as the opening J.S. Bach piece in the original "Fantasia." Some of the animation does not fit the music, and sometimes it seems that the soundtrack and picture are just a fraction of a second off. But things improve. The music for "Fantasia 2000" is performed by the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Levine. It features eight sequences, including Paul Dukas' famous "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Unfortunately, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" is slightly grainy in the IMAX format, since it was drawn for a smaller aspect ratio. It was never my favorite sequence in the original "Fantasia," so I was surprised by how well-done it was, and by how dark it was. Mickey Mouse chopping up the evil broom with an ax is definitely scary, as is the mindless procession of the brooms to pour the water into the overflowing river. The second episode in "Fantasia 2000" is a dance of whales set to Dukas' familiar "Pines of Rome," a piece which will probably be unknown to most audiences. The music and animation fit together startlingly well, and in part, is an exceptional job capturing the changing mood of the music. The flying whales are initially a little off-putting, but as the song continues, it captures one's imagination. The finale of the piece, where the whale swim in the clouds is particularly moving. What "Pines of Rome" takes advantage of -- and indeed, what most of "Fantasia 2000" takes advantage of -- is the ability of animation to take viewers to places they can only imagine. So many animated movies merely present a story that could just as easily be told in live action. "Fantasia 2000" takes viewers to the realms of the imagination, showing things that could never be seen in "real life" or even in live action with really good special effects.

Less impressive was Dmitri Shostakovich's "Piano Concerto No. 2" Allegro, Opus 102," which was united wtih the story of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." The animation and music fit well together, and the story was compelling, with the one-legged tin soldier meeting the ballerina, initially thinking she has only one leg as well. He discovers she has two, but she doesn't care about his deformity, and he manages to defeat the evil jack-in-the-box and win her heart. It was a nice enough story, but it was so Disney - very much the type of story one expects from Disney, using the style of animation that is so associated with Disney. The two-minute finale to Camille Saint-Saens's "Carnival of the Animals" features a free-spirited flaninis with a yo-yo who manages to confound his stoody peers. It is two minutes of pure, joyful silliness, and the theater was laughing out loud.

Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" Marches Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 was one of the best pieces, despite the merciless cutting and pasting of the various marches. Most moviegoers will Recognize Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" as "that graduation song," but "Fantasia 2000" turns it into a Noah's Ark story featuring Donald and Daisy Duck. I expected this sequence to be silly if mean, Donald Duck, but the animators gave it a surprising nobility, as well as a few moments of silliness. And in case you're concerned, we never see Noah's face.

One of the best sequences in the film was George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." It's animated in a style reminiscent of Al Hirschfeld's caricature. It features four characters in 1930s New York, each of them happy and unhurried. It's unbelievably imaginative, and makes "Rhapsody in Blue" into a poignant story of despair and redemption. And trust me, you'll love it when the overbearing wife gets her due. But the best piece of the entire film is the finale, Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird suite." Disney chose not to use the traditional Russian fairy tale in animating "Firebird," and made the firebird into an evil volcano being, but the sequence is so stunning that they're forever. It features an elk and a woodpecker who bring life to a forest, only to have the firebird/ volcano destroy everything, plunging the woodpecker into despair. But the elk convinces her to bring renewal to the forest. The entire episode is dizzyingly gorgeous. Parts of it are dark, parts are joyful, invoking a full range of emotions. The woodpecker is a marvelously use of animation, a constantly shifting and whirling, vaguely female-shaped character.

"Fantasia 2000" is confined to IMAX screens until April 30, which means the closest place to see it is Chicago. See it on the IMAX screen, despite the high price of tickets. Being plunged into the lush animation by the enormous screen is breathtaking, and the IMAX sound system is the closest thing to a concert hall I've ever heard for canned music. Some of the clarity of the low bass is lost, but the brass is bright, the woodwinds reedy, the strings warm and the percussion incredibly clear.

Austin's Movie Chart

Theatre

Prints: $12.5 million

Screening: $16.9 million

Summer: $12.5 million

Smoke: $12.7 million

Nightengale: $10.5 million

"Fantasia 2000": $3.4 million

Winning: $9.3 million

Stardust: $8.8 million

Miami: $8.5 million

Sunset: $6.8 million

Dancer: $6.7 million

Story 2: $6.6 million

A Suitable Blue: $5.5 million

Tickets:

Name/Event: $10.5 million

Ticket Price: $12.5 million

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**Three-hour flicks flood holiday theaters**

A side from the weekend flicks, this past holiday season was marked by a barrage of three-hour epic films, hoping for Oscar attention as their big box office cash cows. Here are a few major films that made news over the past month.

**Man on the Moon**

Andy Kaufman, the man who seemed to thrive on controversy stemming from his unconventional routines and attempts at humor, Andy Kaufman was the best cinematic definition of the old saying about a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

"Man on the Moon" is an episodic and mostly satisfying look at the comedian and his many antics. Named after a song by R.E.M. and directed by Milos Forman ("Amadeus"), the film comes off as not much more than an impressively recreated highlight reel of Kaufman’s famous and infamous routines and appearances. 

Without it really ever fully explaining this act or getting the audience to truly rattle about him, the film feels as if it’s missing something.

However, Jim Carrey’s performance is guaranteed Oscar nomination is a veritable triumph of physical imitation. His "Andy" is so good and dead-on that any one coming from Carrey with comic may often forget it’s Kaufman himself.

Where the film may disappoint viewers is in the fact that like many other films about comedians (such as "Punchline"), this one is too dependent on caricature and actually only offers a few truly funny moments. And although a clever opening starts the film off with a great bit, the rest of film doesn’t live up to anything Kaufman himself would have approved of.

For those with no sense of Kaufman’s career or brilliance, this movie might act as a nice introduction. But fans of the comic will find themselves frustrated by the lack of imagination perpetuated by the joke of life and will probably look to documentaries for a more real thing.

Three and a half shams. 

*Review by MATT NAYA*

**The Hurricane**

Through the sheer power of his acting, Denzel Washington gives a star-studded and starry cast waves "The Hurricane," an ambitious but flat film based on the true story of Robbie "Hurricane" Carter. 

Portraying Carter, a middleweight boxer who spent more than two decades in prison for a 1966 triple murder, Washington gives one of the best performances of his career, one that likely earn him an Oscar nomination. Through the course of the film, Washington burns through a range of emotions. He is proud and swaggering, frustrated, humiliated and broken down, and finally, still and smoldering, trying to contain a fire burning underneath his skin. 

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*Review by JOHAN CRAWFORD*

**The Talented Mr. Ripley**

Dare to go where you’ve never been before. Such is the task Matt Damon took on with his subtly manic role as Tom Ripley, a nobody who wants to be a somebody.

Set in 1950s Italy, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" takes viewers on a wild ride inside the mind of a man who will do anything to become anyone but himself. Initially narrating the film with regret, Damon introduces the unlikely thoughts that despite his murderous ways, Ripley is the film’s hero, however tragic he may be.

But once viewers become acquainted with the laid-back lifestyle of the Mediterranean, the film’s slow pace becomes exhilarating. Little by little, viewers watch Ripley envelope the people he admires, making damn sure one gets in his way as he obsesses over his own nihilists.

Jude Law plays Ripley’s prime object of desire, American Dickie Greenleaf, whose tanned, happy-go-lucky demeanor becomes addictive even to viewers.

Gwyneth Paltrow’s Marge, Dickie’s fiancé, is a small but integral character. She is manipulated by Ripley, unappreciatively allowing her into his and Dickie’s lives. Eventually she suffers because of this trust.

Clearly, the homosexual feel of Damon’s character provides an uncharacteristic twist considering the tough-guy image Damon has built in his film to date. The fact that he pulled off the emotional weights of a man in love and in lust with another man, such with believability proves that Damon is this generations true great actor.

Several Oscar nominations are sure to come to "The Talented Mr. Ripley," proving to the film to be one of the big surprises of 1999. Four shams.

*Review by MIKE VANEGAS*

**Magnolia**

After viewing some very odd occurrences in the opening scene of Paul Thomas Anderson’s "director, and co-producer" "Magnolia," the narrator says, “these things just happen.” The audience is not told that this line is taken from Anderson’s first feature film “Little Night.” The film is “these things just happen” — you just deal with it.” This is a major theme in "Magnolia." The storyline is based on the loose interaction of nine main characters during one rainy day in California’s San Fernando Valley. Tom Cruise plays T.J. Mackey, a “seduce and destroy” motivational speaker who teaches men “how to fake like you are nice and caring.”

A live-in nurse producer played by Phillip Seymour Hoffman attempts to reunite Mackey with his dying father Earl Partridge, a game show producer played by Jason Robards. Julianne Moore plays his high-strung trophy wife. The game show Partridge produces has an alcoholic host Jimmy Gator (Phillip Baker Hall) for­ broken by his daughter Laura, excellently played by Melora Walters. She is the romantic interest of police officer Kurring (John C. Reilly). The star of the game show is the “cute” brainiac Stanley (Jeremy Blackman). He reads up on the former star of the show kid. If you want to understand America today, you just deal with it. The film appears fast paced, which is also a tribute to his sequel skills. He is in love with long, held shots and extreme close-ups. Brilliant and original, look for "Magnolia" at the podium of the Academy Awards. H.E.M. and Sun. 

*Review by JEFFREY Q. IRISH*

**Snow Falling on Cedars**

"Snow Falling on Cedars" is a pretty film but suffers from an overabundance of dialog. Based on the David Guterson novel, it’s part love story, part murder mystery, and the director does an admirable job in weaving the two. Unfortunately, the skillful narration can never breathe under the weight of its images.

In director Scott Hicks’ follow to up the acclaimed “Shine,” Ethan Hawke plays Ishmael Chambers, a journalist reporting on a local murder trial in which he is accused of being a Japanese fisherman. The set­ ting is just after World War II and most of the population is still paranoid around Asian immigrants. As the trial unfolds, Ishmael reflects back on his former Japanese girlfriend while deciding whether or not he can help against the town’s prejudices.

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The film is pretty much what the title says: a murder mystery with a few more extraneous landscapes to com­ prise many Kodak shots and while it looks spectacular, the viewer can only watch so much before finally getting lulled to sleep.

Three shams.

*Review by GUNDER KEHOE*

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*Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures and Magna*
After helping the New York Yankees win a World Series title, Charlie Hayes wants to win one with the New York Mets.

The 34-year-old third baseman, who played hurt most of last season and considered retiring, agreed to a Wednesday to a minor league contract with the Mets that would pay him $500,000 if he makes the team.

"I'm not going to be out on the field every day," Hayes said yesterday. "I'm going to be prepared to play. If I'm only out there once a week, I'm going to make the most out of the opportunities I do get.

With Todd Zeile at first and Robin Ventura at third, Hayes figures to be a backup unless there is an injury. He hit .260 in 130 games and 114 RBIs in 1995 and was acquired last month in a trade from Boston for a slow roller and fell on his back. "I don't think that it was anything serious," Hayes said. "I played a full season before. It was a lot worse than it looked. It was my fault. I'm one of those players who tries to stay out of the training room. My job is to perform." O'brien said that when the wrist first of the season that he was surprised that it would heal and be ready for the abbreviated season to the first World Series.

While the leagues recog­nized each other, they have separate governing boards, umpires, officials, statisticians and rules — with most of those traditions continuing into the 1970s and beyond.

And on the field, the met mostly in the All-Star game and World Series.

But the distinctions started to blur when the AL moved from Boston to New York in 1974 and the NL followed through Spring training in 11 years later.

Under the changes expected to be approved after the two-day session, commissioner Bud Selig's ability to fine players will increase from $2500 to $2 million, which should give more leverage in dealing with bulky owners, some of whom have refused to give up the control­lerier minorities for all GM and manager openings.

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Air Jordan returns to NBA as part-owner, president

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Look who’s back — in a business suit and not a Chicago Bulls jersey, and with a team that can’t get much worse.

One year after he retired from the NBA, Michael Jordan joined the struggling Chicago Bulls as part-owner and president of basketball operations.

“I don’t get to play. I don’t get to wear a Wizards’ uniform,” Jordan told a packed news conference matched in size and scale only by his own retirement announcements in 1993 and last year.

“But I will have influence with the players who wear the uniform. I’m going to try to have my imprint and footprints all over this place.”

Jordan becomes only the third minority black owner in NBA history, matched in size with the players who wear the Wizards’ jersey, and with a team that can’t get much worse.

“IT’s going to show our children what it means to be an executive, a role model,” Mayor Anthony Williams said. “It’s going to electrify our city.”

Jordan attempted to become the league’s first black majority owner last year when he negotiated with the Charlotte Hornets, but the deal fell through.

Jordan becomes only the third minority black owner in the NBA, with Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers and Edward and Bettiann Gardner of the Denver Nuggets.

“This is new to me ... being in the top 1%,” Jordan said. “I have an attitude about the way I win ... It’s going to take some time for me to come in and evaluate what’s here, what’s going to stay here and what’s going to leave.”

For now, Jordan said he will retain general manager Wes Unseld and coach Gar Heard. Although he won’t be able to suit up at games —the NBA’s constitution says players cannot be owners and owners cannot play—Jordan said he envisioned himself practicing with the team.

“The best way to evaluate a player is to look in his eyes and see how scared he is, and I’ve seen that,” Jordan said.

That same competitiveness was evident to Leonsis, who initiated the negotiations to bring Jordan to the nation’s capital.

“I’d like to see a player disregard Michael Jordan,” Leonsis said. “Every part of your DNA, when you’re with this man, says this guy knows what it takes to win.”

Wizards players immediately welcomed Jordan’s arrival. Point guard Rod Strickland, who earlier this season said he wanted out of Washington, said he now wants to stay.

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“Thats very, very fair to say,” Strickland said. “This changes everything.”

Jordan said he will continue to live in Chicago, where he won 10 scoring titles and five MVP awards during his 13-year career. His family lives there, and he said he will commute to Washington.

“This is new to me ... being in a city to give my support to another team,” Jordan said. “Normally, I am in support of the Chicago Bulls.”

Entering Wednesday night’s game with Dallas, the Wizards were 12-27, with the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference. The franchise hasn’t won a playoff game in 12 years and has scored high-priced, underachieving players —Strickland, Mitch Richmond and Juwan Howard —who will be difficult to unload because of the league’s salary cap rules.

One area where Jordan can help right away is attendance. The Wizards have not sold out a game this year at the 20,200-seat MCI Center. Wizards President Susan O’Malley did not miss the opportunity to peddle tickets and shouted out the toll-free ticket number during the televised news conference.

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Leonsis’ group bought the Capitals from Abe Pollin last year. Leonsis also owns 44 percent of the Wizards and the MCI Center and has right of first refusal to buy them both when Pollin retires.

But Pollin and Jordan sparred during last year’s owners lockout of NBA players, for whom Jordan was a key negotiator.

Both, however, said that shouting match is behind them.

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HOUSTON
Charley Casserly, who won three Super Bowl rings in 22 years with the Washington Redskins, is picked as general manager and executive vice president of Houston's NFL expansion team Wednesday.

"This is not an easy job and we know it is going to be a tough call," said Casserly. "We interviewed a lot of people and we looked a lot."

Associated Press

"The overwhelming response was that Casserly demands respect in the NFL."

Bob McNair
Houston Chronicle

Casserly officially took over the team it was a matter if I left then or in six months. "I wanted to go then so I could face another job. I was prepared to do that," he said, adding he has no hard feelings for Snyder. "Now, this is the best thing that has happened to me because now I am here."

The Redskins made the playoffs this year led by other players Casserly acquired.

Charley was considered a candidate for general manager jobs with the New Orleans Saints and New York Jets.

"As a family came to the conclusion that Houston was the best fit for us," Casserly said. "The toughest calls I had to make were those other teams to tell them I was not interested."
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Irish face adversity, show toughness during holidays.

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While most students were thinking of returning home for their semester break, members of the Notre Dame hockey team were preparing for a shot at rising in the collegiate ranks.

The holidays brought an eight-game schedule which finished with the Irish traveling to Superior on January 14. The Wildcats had an early 1-0 lead in the first game, but needed a power-play goal to force a 2-2 stalemate. In the series finale, the Wildcats scored three first-period goals, en route to a 6-0 rout.

Despite earning only one win during the holidays, Poulin sees some positives in the recent run of games.

"We all of our bodies back for that series," Poulin remarked. "The second time we played was the first time we'd had our whole team on the ice. Notre Dame had little success in the first game, but goals by Kopischke and Dusbabek pushed the Irish to within striking distance before another run put the game away. The Irish finished 1999 with a

In the second game, Lake Superior jumped out to another early first-period lead, but a goal by Notre Dame's freshman Michael Chin secured a 1-1 stalemate. Things were beginning to look up for the Irish, mostly due to the arrival of the Junior National team members and veterans off the injury list.

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TIGER VICTORY

Junior Dan Carlson pushes the puck past a Michigan player in a recent game. Carlson assisted on the game winning goal in the Irish victory over Superior State on January 8.

"It was a strange sequence of events," Poulin said. "We've been there, we played well enough to be in those games, and haven't played well enough to win. We simply haven't done it."
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Jordan era begins with Wizards' fall to Mavericks

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Say Michael, you sure you can't play for these guys? They really could use you.

On the day Michael Jordan became part owner of the Washington Wizards, his new team put on one of its worst performances of the season before a less than half-full arena. The Wizards lost to 104-96 to the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

With Jordan and President Clinton watching from the owners box and security keeping fans at bay, Washington fell at the end of the first half to narrowly lead Dallas 54-47. The Mavericks built their lead to 85-69 with 4:07 remaining before Indiana took the lead to 54-75 with 2:42 run as the Boston Celtics opened the second half with a 3-point jumper by Miller and the Celtics trailled 75-62 at the start of the fourth before mounting a 16-4 run that included two 3-pointers and four free throws by Pierce. After Toronto expanded the lead to 89-78, the Celtics ran off the next 14 points.

Pacers 106, Bucks 84
It's 13 and counting at home for the Indiana Pacers. Reggie Miller scored 29 points and Mark Jackson had 12 assists as the Pacers defeated Milwaukee 106-84 Wednesday night.

Indiana hasn't lost at home since Nov. 25, when Detroit post ed a 107-99 decision.

Jim Paschke, led by Glenn Robinson with 25 and Ray Allen with 16, dropped their eighth straight at Indiana, including two playoff losses last year.

Robinson had 15 in the second quarter when he was 5-of-7 from the field. Still, Milwaukee trailed 61-54 at halftime as it was unable to match Indiana's 54 percent shooting.

The Bucks were already missing coach George Karl, who picked up two quick technicals with 4:54 left in the first half.

Milwaukee cut the deficit to 67-63 on a free throw by Sam Cassel after Jalen Rose was assessed a technical foul for throwing the ball at Milwaukee's Scott Williams. Indiana responded with a 19-foot jumper and a 3-point jumper by Miller and the Bucks weren't closer than six again.

The Pacers led 78-70 going into the fourth quarter and took control with a 10-2 run to open the period. Indiana's biggest lead was 22.

There were six lead changes and one tie in the first quarter before Indiana took the lead to stay, closing the period with an 8-2 burst.

The Pacers shot 55 percent (11-of-20) to lead 32-27 at the break with Miller contributing nine points and Jackson six assists.

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## Football

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### Recruiting Notes:

- Wide receiver Ronnie Rodamer from Morgantown, W.Va., will announce his college school teammate of current Notre Dame quarterback from Nebraska, will announce his school today. The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Rodamer, a high school teammate of current Irish player Chris Yura in an already-impressive group of quarterback recruits, is expected to make his decision this week.

- This coming weekend is a big recruiting weekend for the Irish. Twelve recruits have narrowed their schools to Notre Dame and Florida. They are: College.

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### Softball

#### Irish ranked first in preseason poll

**Special to The Observer**

The 2000 Notre Dame softball team has been chosen to finish first in the Big East in a preseason poll of conference coaches released Wednesday. The Irish, with eight of their nine first-place votes, finished with 64 votes overall, 11 more than Boston College, which finished second in the voting with 53. Notre Dame junior pitcher Jennifer Sharron (Apopka Hills, Calif.) was selected the Big East preseason pitcher of the year, while junior shortstop Melanie Alkire (Union City, Calif.) was picked as the Big East preseason player of the year. Sharron and Alkire were joined on the 12-member preseason all-Big East Team by outfielders Lizzy Lemire (Irving, Calif.) and Jennifer Kriech (Indianapolis, Ind.), giving the Irish the most selections of any of the conference’s nine teams. The Irish are coming off a 42-20 season in which they went 12-7 in the Big East championship and advanced to the NCAA regional round. Sharron earned second nod in as many seasons as the 1999 Big East pitcher of the year, while Alkire was honored as the 1999 Big East player of the year. Sharron, Alkire, Lemire and Freshman of the Year and Michigan team selections in 1999. Boston College placed three players on the preseason all-Big East team including pitcher Mary Dietz, catcher Summer Jarrait and utility player Lauren Buschetti.

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### Notre Dame selects Conrad as coach

**Special to The Observer**

Two-time first team All-American and former Michigan standout Tracey Conrad has been named an assistant softball coach at Notre Dame. Conrad replaces Stephanie Kuchta who took over the head coaching position at Loyola Chicago. Conrad, a native of Frankfort, Ill., will help coach the batters and infielders at the field, 250-word article as Big Ten Freshman of the Year and Michigan Rookie of the Year. Conrad also earned a gold medal while playing for the 1997 Pan Am Qualifier team in Medellin, Colombia, and was a participant in the 1997 and 1998 USA Softball National Team Festival.

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Magloire lifts Kentucky over winless Mississippi, 74-69

Associated Press

Kentucky center Jamaal Magloire had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the 18th-ranked Wildcats used inside dominance to overcome poor shooting in a 74-69 victory over Mississippi on Wednesday night.

The win was the eighth in nine games for Kentucky (12-5, 3-1), while Mississippi (11-6, 0-5) remained winless in the Southeastern Conference.

The Wildcats put their size advantage to work by outrebounding Mississippi 45-35 and leading by as many as 18 points before a garbage-time surge by Mississippi.

On the offensive boards, an 18-13 Kentucky advantage led to 17 second-chance points and helped the Wildcats compensate for another poor shooting night by the SEC's No. 6 team.

No. 6 Syracuse close until the unbeaten Orangemen could put away Pittsburgh 82-72 Wednesday night.

Williams, who had scored in double digits only twice previously this season, had five 3-pointers while scoring all of his points in the first 28 minutes. He had 12 points combined in his previous six games.

Williams consistently hit 3-pointers from the right wing over Pittsburgh's zone defense, going 4-of-5 from 3-point range in the first half as Syracuse rallied from several seven-point deficits for a 35-all halftime tie.

Evan Thomas and Jason Hart took over after that as Syracuse (15-0, 5-0 Big East) remained the only unbeaten team in Division 1, taking the lead for good with a 13-6 run to start the second half.

Thomas hit a jumper just to the right of the foul line to stretch Syracuse's lead to 70-64 after Brandin Knight split a lane for a left-handed layup for Pitt (8-7, 0-4). Ryan Blackwell hit a runner off the glass and Hart made two free throws to put Syracuse up by eight with 3:21 to play.

Duke 92, N.C. State 88

No. 5 Duke matched the ACC record for consecutive regular season wins in heart-stopping fashion Wednesday night, getting a career-high 30 points from Chris Gairrall in a 92-88 victory over North Carolina State.

The Blue Devils (14-2, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 27th straight league game over a three-year span, matching the mark set by N.C. State from 1972-75.

Carrwell, whose previous high was 28 points set in the season opener against Stanford, had five in the overtime, while freshman Carlos Boozer had six of his 24 in the overtime.

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The Norm of Greatness
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

How do we determine who is great among us? Who decides just what greatness looks like? I fear that if it were left to society the measures would miss the mark. Things like wealth, or appearances, or relative fame, or even athletic prowess, would be held up over virtue, or the degree to which one is willing to sacrifice, or to love. The greatness that Jesus held up had little to do with charm, or grades, or good-looks, or money. The norm of greatness for Jesus had to do with humility, kindness, mercy, patience and love.

On Monday past, our nation celebrated the anniversary of the birth of a child, born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia. This child would be destined to change forever how we view ourselves as Americans, and would almost single-handedly redefine for us, as a nation, the measure of our greatness. On January 17th, our nation marked with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, "King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back." Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Whatever one might think of him, Dr. King's contribution to this nation and the world are undeniable. He woke a world from complacency and indifference, and articulated a dream which has given hope to generations of Americans. That dream is a universal one, one which seeks love and justice for all people, regardless of race or creed. It is a quest that this community must claim as its own. The Gospel which we here so proudly profess, demands it of us. That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, around whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn’t take a rocket, or even social scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that is indeed not true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. If we are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, two years younger than I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later, at 39, he would die a martyr’s death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn’t at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in the Observer about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

For some months the MLK Celebration Planning Committee has been meeting to prepare a series of programs that we hope will further an appreciation of the richness and diversity of all peoples on this campus and beyond. Please join with them in reflecting on and redefining our norm of greatness. Please join with us in celebrating the rich diversity of this community by attending the events which will take place next week, which we will advertise in these pages. And finally, a word to thanks to the members of the MLK Celebrations Planning Committee (listed below) for their remarkable spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of our entire community.

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Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community’s norm of greatness can include an appreciation of the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to say it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine:

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless night of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.
WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles surprised by recent splash into record book

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Record-breaking swims are generally the exception rather than the rule for Saint Mary's swim team.

After a series of dual meets over winter break, the women are not only rewriting the record book, but proving they know how to break the rules.

Returning from 10 days of grueling training in Cocoa Beach, Fla., freshman Lauren Smith rewrote her own record in the 200 breaststroke against Calvin College last week, lowering the mark to 2:36.15.

Smith's swim, and a number of season and lifetime bests posted by the team at the peak of their training regime, caught first-year coach Gretchen Hildebrandt by surprise.

"I don't know why it's happening, but I'm not complaining," Hildebrandt said.

"(Smith) knew that her times hadn't been where they should be for the past few meets, and mentally she was ready for this one. She was tired and worn down — this was a total mental swim."

The peak training period over winter break generally produces some of the slower swims of the season, due to the athletes' fatigue from their training regime.

"I'm not complaining, but I'm not complaining," Hildebrandt said. "Looking at their times, I knew that we could get second and third in almost every event. We wanted to give them good competition.

Smith re-set her own record in the 500 freestyle, finishing in first place in 5:04.87, and a number of other individuals improved upon their season best times.

Freshman Meghan Harris swam past the 6:00 barrier in the 600 freestyle, securing a new best time in the event.

Close performances also came from Michelle Samreta, who finished 1-2 in the event.

Olivia Smith also posted a season best in the 1,000 freestyle, finishing in first place in 11:37.40. Lori Schulte cut her time in the 100 backstroke, and Erin McCarthy secured a new best time in the 200 individual medley.

The peak training period over winter break generally the exception rather than the rule. While Saint Mary's currently stands at 2-5 on its season, continual strong individual performances give the team reason to believe that the MIAA championship — swum against Hope College, at Rock's Aquatic Center — could bring blessings and hard earned results to the team.

But they are not there yet.

“Closing their dual meet competition this weekend at home against DePauw and Kalamazoo, the Belles face tough MIAA competition from Kalamazoo, and will have to step up to defeat DePauw. Furthermore, the absence of sophomore sprinter Danielle Clayton from a back injury leaves some uncertainty in the lineup until she returns. Clayton is anticipated to compete Saturday, dependent upon practice performance this week.

“If we’re on Saturday, we can beat DePauw,” Hildebrandt said. “But we’re not resting for this. We’re training hard this week.”

The odds are against them point-wise, but if the team follows its past few performances, it could make another exception the rule — again.

Michelle Samreta finished first in the 100 breaststroke Tuesday against Hope College. Despite the loss to Hope, which is ranked No.1 in the MIAA, the Belles improved upon numerous personal records.
Irish players lead in World Junior Championships

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The U.S. National Hockey team reached the semi-finals of the World Junior Championship with the help of three Irish players. Sophomore centers Brett Henning and David Inman, along with freshman center Connor Dunlop, all traveled to Sweden for the three-week tournament from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4.

The three selections from the Irish roster marked the fourth straight year a player from Notre Dame has made the 22-man roster, while it also was the most number of players from any one single school. Boston College leads the way with nine selections to the National Junior Team during the past four years, followed by Notre Dame with seven.

The U.S. team finished 1-2-2 in the Championships, including ties with eventual finalist the Czech Republic (2-2) and Canada (1-1). The lone U.S. victory came against host Sweden with a final score of 5-2. Dunlop figured in the scoring in the victory with his goal came unassisted to give the U.S. a 3-1 lead, while his assist came on the first goal scored. "It was a great hockey experience—the best that I have ever had," Dunlop said. "To be on a world stage against the best players under twenty from around the world is great. Representing the country is something that I was really glad to do."

The Czechs eliminated the U.S. team in the semi-finals, before Canada was able to beat them in an overtime shoot-out in the Bronze medal game. The Czechs went on to become the eventual champions by defeating Russia in a shoot-out.

The competition helped a lot," said Dunlop. "The speed of the game is a lot different from the college level and we played on Olympic sheets, which really pushed our skills."

The Irish players put up impressive statistics throughout the Championship, with Dunlop leading all U.S. centers in face-off percentage. He won 69 of 108 (64 percent) as the second line center. Henning also played as a center for the Americans, winning 14 of 37 face-offs. Inman was listed as a wing on several different lines for the U.S. in the tournament.

"I think Notre Dame would have had a very good shot at getting Harris' attention because, among other things, the season won over, he lost interest because, among other things, the school's atmosphere," said Palmer whose best friend and high school teammate Jeff Faine is currently a freshman center for the Irish. "They've got some great guys there.

"The small school atmosphere with the big-time football program," Palmer said, sounding like the perfect fit for the Irish. "What attracted me to Notre Dame."