Men's soccer coach dies suddenly at age 48

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Notre Dame lost one of its own Tuesday morning with the death of Irish men's soccer head coach Mike Berticelli. Berticelli, 48, died suddenly at his home of an apparent heart attack.

University officials received word of Berticelli's death during an 8 a.m. meeting in which the coach was supposed to present.

"The meeting was cancelled and I advised the coaches of what had occurred," said Notre Dame athletic director Michael Wadsworth. "People just couldn't conceive of it. It was just shocking."

The University's coaching staff was not the only group shocked and dis­appointed by the news. Steve Maio, who played under Berticelli for three years, said Notre Dame athletic officials were training ... He was excited about the next season and the future. Nobody was expecting this. We're just trying to stick together and work through this."

A native of Lewiston, Maine, Berticelli began his involvement with collegiate soccer as a goalkeeper and captain for the University of Maine at Farmington. In his 23 years as a head coach, Berticelli compiled an impressive list of accomplishments.

He began his collegiate coaching career in 1977 at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine, where he guided an ailing soccer program back to health.

He found continued success at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, highlighted by earning an NCAA Division II National Championship in 1983. "As a coach, he was extremely moti­vating and driven to succeed," said Chris Petrucci, former Irish women's soccer head coach and player and an assistant coach under Berticelli. "Coaching with him was a great experi­ence. He taught me everything I know about soccer."

Berticelli went on to bolster a suc­cessful men's soccer program at Old Dominion from 1984-1989 before accepting the position of head coach at Notre Dame in 1990. "Hard work and dedication to the needs of his players during his years as

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Challenger aims to reform

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

With issues of the upcoming presidential campaign center­ing around finance and healthcare, Democratic can­didate Bill Bradley has emerged as the prime compe­tition Al Gore will likely face in the upcoming primaries. "He's something of a reformer," said John Roos, professor of government and Bradley campaign volunteer. "He brings a different approach to problems."

Bradley, an opponent of unregulated contributions, intends to attack campaign finance. He believes Americans should be able to trust government, instead of finding themselves embar­rassed by it.

He is also a strong support­er of social and ethnic equali­ty, and supports healthcare for all Americans. He believes Americans who earn less than they need to provide adequately for themselves and their families should be given a grant to buy private or governmental medical insurance plan.

Bradley has done well with liberals and young voters, including many college stu­dents looking for reform. He has also received much sup­port among male voters.

Bradley was unable to win the majority in Iowa, but was endorsed by the Des Moines Register and two newspapers in New Hampshire. Bradley is not simply polls," said Roos, "The most important question is leader­ship."

If Bradley is to win the Democratic nomination, "He will run much better than Gore against Bush," said Roos. Although Bradley is a Democratic candidate, he works as an independent thinker, Roos said.

Bradley originally planned to run in the 1992 campaign, but dropped out because he said he felt his timing wasn't quite right. "It's got to be the right per­son at the right time," said Roos, and for Bradley, the right time is now.

Bradley, who turned down a Duke University basketball scholarship in favor of acade­mia, is a graduate of Princeton University. After graduation, though recruited by the NBA, Bradley opted to attend Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. After two years, he returned to the States, and in 1967 was drafted by the New York Knicks, where he spent 10 years as a starting for­ward. In 1978, Bradley was elect­ed Senator of New Jersey and served three terms. In 1996, he made the decision to teach, and has since taught at the University of Maryland, Stanford and Notre Dame.
INSIDE COLUMN

Everyday Heroes

It was at about noon today when I realized that the utopia of the newborn semester was quickly fading. As the deadlines piled high on my desk, the list of things to do became unmanageable and the unfinished reading began to accumulate. I realized that stress, after its month-long hiatus, had triumphantly returned.

"You start to wonder if all you're doing is hanging on to the relentless pressure of expectations," said anthropology freshman Joe DeClercq. "You take a class to learn the material in it. There is no reason to cheat."

"Cheating has no benefits," he said. "Students who cheat are not learning the material in the course — they are not understanding the subject. They get nothing out of it."

However, many students find reasons to cheat, said assistant psychology professor Linda Gerard. She said peer pressure may be one of the most important factors behind student dishonesty.

"Students cheat for many reasons," she said. "The main factor may be a matter of conformity. Social pressure from friends to flirt with someone and try to get away with it may be encouraging a lot of the cheating."

Too large a focus on grades rather than learning course material encourages students to lie and cheat, especially in classes that give students a large opportunity to do so, Gerard said.

"When large lecture classes provide an easy way to cheat and get a good grade, students develop that type of mindset," she said. "It seems an easy way to benefit themselves."
By ALISON HEINZ
New Times

Katie Koestner, date-rape survivor and sexual assault prevention advocate, asked her audience Tuesday night, "How long does it take each of you to trust somebody?"

Koestner was raped during her first semester at William & Mary in Virginia and, because of what she calls her University's inadequate response to her story, Koestner now travels to schools all over the country to educate students about date rape. "Victims are often described as naïve. The definition of naïve must be rethought to mean that it is possible to be alone in a room with someone and not have sex," Koestner said.

Koestner's attacker was another freshman she met during freshman orientation during her first week at school. Koestner reported that the nurse gave her sleeping pills and told her she would feel better after a good night's sleep. "One in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. That means maybe your mom, your friend, your girlfriend, your sister or one day maybe your daughter," said Koestner.

William & Mary urged Koestner to rethink her decision to press charges against the young man who raped her, reminding her of the seriousness of the charge. Koestner refused to reconsider, and her attacker was found guilty at a University hearing. However, her punishment was a one-semester ban from Koestner's residence hall.

Outraged, Koestner took her story to the media and since appeared on the cover of Time magazine, the Oprah Winfrey show, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live and more than 30 other programs. "Last week I told my story to a high school in California and after the assembly I counted 52 hugs from girls who came up to me and said, 'Me too!,'" said Koestner. "I didn't reach these girls in time, but I haven't given up yet."

Koestner was invited to Notre Dame by the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), the Women's Resource Center, Lyons Hall, the Counseling Center and Notre Dame Security/Police. CARE vice-president Kelly McGeever said future activities sponsored by the organization include a sexual assault awareness week, which will be held later this semester.

Katie Koestner, a date-rape survivor, visited campus Tuesday to share her story with the hope of empowering others.

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Professor succumbs to breast cancer

By TIM LOGAN
Nov. Editor

Maureen Mulligan, a visiting assistant professor of history and core course instructor, died of breast cancer Saturday at her home in Dowagiac, Mich.

Mulligan, 53, began teaching at Notre Dame in August. She taught all students in core, he said, and did beautifully.

"She did beautifully with the gifts she was given, and those were considerable."

Walter Nugent
history professor

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A head coach led Berticelli to professional success and a 291-135-42 overall record. Mike Berticelli was great to his players," said Notre Dame associate sports director Bernardette Cahafarelli. "He was a man who genuinely cared about people and cared about making a difference in peoples' lives... He was a terrific individual who always had the best interest of the players in mind. The players were his first priority as a coach. He was driven to suc­ceed but not at their expense — he was always there for his players.

The University held a meet­ing with the mens' soccer team Tuesday to inform them of the death.

"We met with the team and it is difficult for them to believe," said Wadsworth. "We left our meeting where we were able to give them the basic information that we had, and they went off into their own meeting with assis­tant coach Chris Apple and Father Bill Seetch. Over the ensuing days they are going to want to ask questions and try to get some answers to things that are pretty difficult to understand."

In the wake of Berticelli's death, players and friends remember his commitment to Notre Dame and his team.

"It's very hard to lose a coach," said senior forward Ryan Cox. "When you've been with someone for four years you form a bond and a con­nection that's hard to break. All the players can look back on Coach Berticelli and know two things: one, that he brought us to the best univer­sity to play soccer, and two, that he coached us on a team that allowed us to establish so many bonds and friendships."

A funeral Mass will be cele­brated for Berticelli on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK

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WASHINGTON

Cuban grandmothers meet Elian

Under government orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed Tuesday to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandfathers Wednesday at a neutral site, the Bessemer Department Store. The grandmothers pressed for the boy's return and pleaded with Congress not to force U.S. citizenship upon him. "The meeting will take place at the time and site selected by the Immigration Service," Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said Tuesday evening. The agreement culminated a long day of negotia­tions marked by an order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to hold the neutral-site meeting, that had been threatened on Monday by the relatives. Florman said the agreement had the rela­tives that Wednesday's session at the Miami Beach home of the president of a Dominican college would be just a visit and would not result in his being taken back to Cuba.

First Euro rocket launch of 2000 works

EVERY, France

The first launch of the millennium of the Ariane-4 rocket successfully sent an American Galaxy XR telecommunications satellite from the launch site in Kourou, French Guiana. The launch late Monday is the 52nd straight success for the Ariane-4 rocket, the workhorse of the 13-nation European Space Agency. Built by Hughes Space and Communications for the PanAmSat Corporation, the Galaxy XR will allow trans­mission of television and Internet signals to and from North America. Galaxy XR is the 15th satellite placed in orbit by Arienspace for PanAmSat. Arienspace dominates the world's commercial satellite-launching market, competing with U.S., Russian and Chinese firms.

COLUMBIA

Cuban Army violations decline

WASHINGTON

Colombian President Andres Pastrana expressed hope Tuesday that a sub­stantial decline in human rights violations by the Colombian Army will ease congressional concerns about a proposed two-year, $1.6 billion U.S. aid package for his country.

"We know we have prob­lems regarding human rights in Colombia," Pastrana said after a 45­minute meeting with President Clinton.

But, he said, there has been a substantial drop in the number of violations committed by the Colombian Army. Without being more specific, he said, the violations have fallen since the government's 1998 human rights report to the Congress.

A State Department official, asked not to be identified, agreed that the army's rights record has improved in its struggle against both leftist insurgency and drug traffickers. He said the paramilitary groups linked to the army are responsible for most violations, followed by leftist guerrillas.

Paramilitary groups have killed thousands of people they accuse of collaborating with the guerrillas.

Pastrana spoke briefly with reporters outside the White House, buffeted by a snowstorm.

Among skeptics about the aid package, is Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who has said a concerted effort is needed by the Colombian Army to thwart the paramilitary groups.

He also says the Colombian Army must show a greater willingness to turn over personnel accused of rights violations. Other Democrats share Leahy's concerns.

Before his meeting with Pastrana, Clinton acknowledged that there was no guarantee that the aid program, primarily aimed at curbing drug traf­fickers, would produce the desired results.

"There's always a risk when you go out on a limb to try to save a neighbor and help people to help themselves, that it won't work," Clinton said.

CROATIA

Election sets Croatia on new course

ZAGREB

There is still a round of voting to go before Croatia has a new president, but that ballot seems almost anticlimactic in the wake of two elections that have set the nation on a new course.

The first election, a cont­est in January that resulted in a Western-oriented Parliament, dealt a stunning defeat to the party of the late authoritarian president, Franjo Tudjman. The sec­ond vote, held Monday, eliminated the Tudjman party nominee from the presidential contest.

Now, the two leading can­didates, Stipe Mesic and Drazen Budisa, will face each other in a runoff on Feb. 7. Both have pledged to lead Croatia out of nearly a decade of authoritarianism and into genuine democracy.

"It is the end of one histor­i­cal process, which is open­ing big chances for Croatia's future," said Branko Smerdel, one of the creators of Croatia's constitution.

Croatia is a mix of Balkan, Mediterranean and south­eastern European values, and voters seemed ready to be rid of Tudjman, who had ruled Croatia since it gained independence in 1991.

His refusal to initiate democratic change, sup­pression of human rights and free speech and dreams of annexing part of Bosnia to Croatia left the country mired in political and eco­nomic isolation.

And now suddenly, we are breathing freely," said Milorad Cupic, a 40-year-old computer expert. "There is hope. There are brighter days ahead.

Western governments have already welcomed Croatia's new course.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright tele­phoned congratulations to Social Democratic leader Ivica Racan soon after his party and the Social Liberals won the Jan. 3 parlia­mentary elections. Top European Union leader Romano Prodi came to Zagreb last week to show support for democratic changes. The EU, which currently maintains only low-level relations with Croatia in recent years, decided Monday to form a joint EU­Croatia task force to work on future relations.

Both Mesic and Budisa pledged to accept curtail­ment of presidential powers that critics say Tudjman abused. And they also have promised to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal and hand Croatia toward EU and NATO membership.
Board of Governance

Board considers press rights, co-sponsorship funding

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Board of Governance representatives met with College President Marilou Eldred in late December to discuss a proposal by Notre Dame's administration that The Observer refuse ads from certain groups unofficially affiliated with both campuses.

The student government organization has yet to make an official statement regarding its stance on the issue.

"Morally, from an administrative point of view, [the administration felt] it's not really an issue that we can do a lot about," said student body president Nancy Midda.

"The Observer administratively falls under Notre Dame, and Saint Mary's does not have the same fiscal relationship."

Executive board members said this does not mean that Saint Mary's administration believes College students should not voice their opinions on the matter.

"They see our position as subscribers and contributors, and as subscribers, we do have a role in the paper," said vice president Angie Little.

"We, as subscribers, should be free to take whatever action we see necessary," said Notre Dame/Saint Mary's liaison Maureen Donovan.

An official statement from Board of Governance is not expected soon. A statement will not be made unless students request one, Midda said.

Selecting co-sponsorship

The board also voted to pass co-sponsorships for athletics, political science, the El Salvador program, and a yoga class to begin this semester.

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Sophomore class president Michelle Nagle requested funding for two political science students selected to represent Saint Mary's at Election 2000, an intensive academic program that focuses around the Democratic and Republican national conventions this summer.

"This is something that goes right along with the student government mission statement," said Nagle, who will attend the program with junior Heather O'Donnell.

The board passed the motion to give students $600 to cover airfare, food and transportation expenses while at the conventions.

The athletic department also received financial support for Midnight Madness, scheduled for March 31. Event coordinators received clearance from Eldred to include a free semester's tuition, free semester's books and free room and board for a semester among the prize list.

The board voted unanimously to co-sponsor that project.

Andrea Sondag requested funds to assist eight students who will travel to El Salvador during spring break. The program, which needs approximately $15,000, is appealing to various boards and outside groups for funding.

"We're basically going to listen to the people and hear their stories," Sondag said.

The board upped its co-sponsorship of the El Salvador project from last year's $600 to $1,000, voting 12 to one.

Stacy Anderson also presented a proposal that would bring a yoga class to Saint Mary's athletics for the spring semester. Anderson recognized a need for the program, citing the fact that Saint Mary's students cannot have access to Notre Dame's Bolles athletic facility unless they are on a sports team.

The board voted to supply funding for the instructor of the program, but withheld further funding until a strong base of interest was shown by the student body.

In other BOARD news:

• Elections for student body president and vice president will be Monday, Jan. 31. "Meet the Candidates Night" will be Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in Haggar Parlor. Campaigning begins today at noon, and four teams are running.
• All-campus formal tickets can be purchased beginning Monday, Jan. 31. The Muns lobby during dinner hours. One thousand tickets will be sold.
• The board voted unanimously to donate $150 to St. Margaret's House, a shelter for women in downtown South Bend.
• Molly Kahn, mission commissioner, expressed interest in receiving student feedback to the first draft of the revised college mission statement. The revision, which has been in the works for several years, seeks to condense the statement to keep Saint Mary's in touch with the heart of the statement, Kahn said.

• The Winter Carnival is currently being planned, possibly to coincide with Little Shus Weekend, Feb. 23-27. Events will include a recognition ceremony for spring athletes, a dunk booth with hot chocolate and s'mores, the SAC college bowl, a snowwoman building contest and a campus Mass in one of the residence halls.

BOG members discuss the relationship of Saint Mary's students and administration with The Observer.

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Storm dumps snow on East

Associated Press

A surprisingly fast-moving storm blanketed the East Coast with up to two feet of wind-blown snow Tuesday, closing airports and schools, paralyzing the nation's capital and leaving North Carolina looking more like North Dakota.

"The snow has completely covered my car. It's gone. I can't even see it," Thomas Allen said in Raleigh, N.C.

A 5-year-old girl was missing and feared dead in Massachusetts after falling into an icy river while walking to school in heavy snow.

At least three people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents Monday or Tuesday in the Carolinas, and two people were found dead outside from exposure in South Carolina.

The storm even intruded on the presidential campaign. Most of the candidates flew to New Hampshire after the Iowa caucuses, but Republican Alan Keyes got stuck in Detroit, unable to fly into Boston.

The storm — known as a nor'easter — drove northward along the coast, with moist air from the ocean colliding with cold air over the land. During the morning, snow fell from South Carolina all the way to Maine.

The storm raced into the Northeast with a speed that surprised forecasters.

"We knew it was coming. It just decided to hit us a day earlier," said National Weather Service meteorologist Tim Morris in New York.

The storm system was to press toward Maine by Wednesday morning, bringing moderate to heavy snows from Pennsylvania through New England. The Southeast was to get a break from the heavy precipitation.

Tuesday's storm the third snowfall in a week for some states, but for much of the region it was the first major storm in a season that has seen little snow. It was also the worst snowstorm to hit the area since the blizzard of January 1996.

Most federal agencies shut down in Washington, and were scheduled to be closed again Wednesday. Legislative meetings were called off in Delaware, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, and Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper had to postpone his State of the State address for the second time in a week because of snow.

Schools were closed from South Carolina to Maine, including nearly all schools in New Jersey and Maryland.

Up to 17 inches of snow fell in parts of Virginia. The Baltimore-Washington International Airport got more than 7 inches. Ten inches had accumulated outside Philadelphia at King of Prussia, and New York City measured 6.

Snow up to 18 inches deep was forecast by the end of the storm in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts.

The storm hit hardest in the Carolinas. North Carolina got a record 20.3 inches at the Raleigh airport.

The North Carolina utility CP&L had 81,000 customers without power. Duke Power Co. reported 87,000 outages in North Carolina. More than 140,000 people were without power in South Carolina and Virginia. Power reported fewer than a thousand customers in the dark.

North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt declared a state of emergency, activating the National Guard to help clear streets and rescue stranded motorists. Stalled cars and trucks shut down five miles of Interstate 85.

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Editor in Chief

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Applicants should submit a resume and five-page statement to Michelle Krupa by 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31. For additional information about the position or application process, contact Michelle Krupa at 631-4542, or stop by the office downstairs in South Dining Hall.
Tens of thousands of pro-life demonstrators participating in the 27th annual March for Life greeted members of Congress as they returned to Washington, D.C., on Monday.

The protest annually commemorates the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that permitted legalized abortion in the United States. The National Right to Life Association and staple groups like the Knights of Columbus were joined by pro-life organizations of all kinds, from the Bishops for Life to the Pro-Life Elderly and Homebound.

However, continuing in the trend of recent years, the majority of the marchers were students predominately from Catholic high schools and colleges across the country. Nearly 200 members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community dedicated much of last weekend to participate, according to trip co-coordinator Julie Fritsch, a Notre Dame senior. Members of the Notre Dame Knights of Columbus and two Holy Cross priests joined the ND/SMC Right to Life club for the event.

Father Felippe Morel, of Santiago, Chile, president at a Mass that began the official event for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's participants. Father Pat Neary, gave a homily that set the tone for weekend as he invoked the memory of Mother Theresa's prophetic criticism of the United States' pro-abortion stance in 1994. He likened the weekend's mission to Jonah's warnings of God's wrath at the negligence for life in Nineveh.

Students then attended the inaugural College Conference for Life held at Georgetown University. The conference featured Helen Alvare of the United States Catholic Conference, and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde. Hynde, who compared the estimated 40 million casualties of legalized abortion in the United States to the tragedy of the Holocaust, reminded his audience that "unlike many of the Germans during the beginning of the holocaust, we cannot claim ignorance of this mass homicide."

In her speech, Alvare described the efforts of her office in recent years to bring legislation against partial-birth abortions and the sale of victim's organs to research and medical facilities. Twice in recent years Congress has brought such legislation forth only to be vetoed by President Clinton. In both cases the majority was strong enough in the House for an override, but lacked necessary votes in the Senate. "Clinton is literally the one man in the way of protecting the lives of these children," Alvare said.

The March for Life itself started with a rally on the White House Ellipse at noon Monday.

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islamabad
afghanistan's ruling taliban and pakistan's military leaders have rebuffed u.s. appeals to crack down on terrorism, and one militant group warned tuesday of a violent backlash if they tried.

on a visit to the region last week, a top american envoy urged the outlawing of a group blamed for hijacking an indian plane last month and that steps also be taken to bring terror suspect osama bin laden to justice.

pakistan's military did not agree to any specific actions. india charged that pakistan had a hand in the hijacking, a claim that the united states has rejected. and in neighboring afghanistan, taliban leaders have refused to hand over bin laden, charged with masterminding the indian airlines hijacking that ended with 155 hostages freed in exchange for the indian government's release of three members of the group.

a spokesman for a sister organization, harkat ul-mujahedeen, warned of violence if the taliban, which rejected the us government's request to hand over bin laden to justice, isflatten UI-Mujahedeen, the organization.

the taliban rejected, in its military and its intelligence agency.

pakistan's foreign minister, said monday that his government had asked the taliban to shut down camps in the afghanistan, where pakistanis were receiving military training. while publicly denying the existence of these camps, hussain said the taliban privately promised pakistan to close them.

the united states also has asked pakistan, one of only three countries to recognize the taliban, to use its influence against bin laden.

wakil ahmed muttawakil, the taliban's foreign minister, said monday that bin laden won't be extradited or handed over to the united states or a third country for trial. taliban leaders had met with hiderful, but of further discussions with the united states, muttawakil said "we don't want to talk to them.

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guatemala

police issue warrant in bishop's death

*authorities seek bishop's assistant for questioning, arrest cook and military personnel

guatemala city

authorities again want to arrest a priest who was implicated and then released in the slaying of a roman catholic bishop and human rights leader.

the warrant monday for the rev. mario gerardi comes after weekend arrests that indicate possible military involvement in the slaying of bishop juan gerardi. police did not clarify the renewed interest in orantes.

gerardi was bludgeoned to death in his garage april 26, 1998, two days after presenting a report blaming the military and pro-government death squads for most of the deaths during guatemala's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996.

it was the first slaying of an activist since the government and leftist guerrillas signed the peace accord.

orantes, who was gerardi's assistant, was jailed for seven months but was released in february after protests that he was implicated and then released in the bishop's death.

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portillo, a former marxist scholar, vowed during the campaign to clear up the case.

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Africa

U.N. begins efforts to reinforce failing cease-fire in Congo

United Nations
Responding to African leaders' requests, the U.N. Security Council was laying ground-work Tuesday for an eventual U.N. peacekeeping force to shore up Congo's faltering cease-fire.

The gesture of support came after seven African heads of state -- including major players in the regional war -- accused the Security Council of shirking its responsibilities by delaying the deployment of peacekeepers. Congo's government, the country's rebels and the surrounding nations that were drawn into the conflict signed a cease-fire accord last summer. The accord envisioned a U.N. peacekeeping force.

But the agreement has since teetered on the brink of collapse, with fighting between two sides in several parts of Congo.

Meanwhile, the possibility of a full-fledged peacekeeping mission has remained distant. The United States has been seen as a major stumbling block to sending in troops. But on Monday, it said it would support a peacekeeping force if all sides begin consolidating peace.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, the current president of the Security Council, told reporters Tuesday that a resolution now being drafted outlines U.N. recommendations for an initial 5,500-man force, including 500 military observers and 3,400 troops to protect them.

So far, there are 79 U.N. military liaison officers in Congo. Approval and deployment of the observer mission could be weeks away, although authorization for a full-fledged peacekeeping force is still in doubt.

The U.S. Congress must approve any expansion of the current U.N. mission.

"We think that yesterday's extra-ordinary meeting of the African presidents illustrated both the fact that they all want to make progress, but that there are serious problems, and that the U.N. has an important role to play there," Holbrooke said. The war in Congo has drawn in half a dozen African nations. Uganda and Rwanda back the rebels who rose up in August 1998 to oust Congolese President Laurent Kabila. Meanwhile, enlisted the support of Zimbawe, Angola and Namibia.

The war has destabilized the entire region, killing untold numbers of people and uprooting close to 1 million from their homes.

Holbrooke invited leaders of the nations involved to New York this week to renew their pledges to last summer's cease-fire agreement. The sides began talks Monday. On Tuesday, they met in closed-door meetings to discuss details of implementing the peace accord.

Kabila said Tuesday he still wants to make the peace process work. He said the cease-fire agreement had failed thus far because it hadn't led to the withdrawal of Rwandan and Ugandan troops from his country. The peace accord calls for the full withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Rwandan and Uganda said they are supporting the Congolese rebels to protect their own borders from attacks by Rwandan and Ugandan rebel groups based inside Congo. Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu said Tuesday he was willing to withdraw his troops "even tomorrow" as long as Rwanda and Hutu militaints in Congo are permanently disarmed.

"We don't want them shooting in our own backs," he said.

John Johnson

Work in Britain

\[Image\]
Don't slash the ballot — I want to vote

This column is a lament for Monday night's losers. I haven't voted yet. And I don't mean in this election. Being an Independent living in Maryland, I am not allowed to vote until November.

I haven't voted in any election since I became eligible for such a privilege in 1993. Yes, I was a government major at Notre Dame. Yes, I watch CNN and whatever I can. Yes, I do have extensive opinions about American politics.

A long period of time without any permanent address and a lack of Maryland state elections in 1999 will make the first presidential election of the new century also the first election in which I will vote.

The only problem is that I am not too certain that I want to. Unlike a large number of people that I know, I am an immediate liberal. I would have voted for Bill Clinton despite his scandals. But he didn't need my help.

I was ready to embrace Al Gore as a carrier of similar ideals but with the added bonus of being an environmentalist (and relatively scandal-free).

Then I heard the man try to give an impassioned speech. I hate to say it, but our vice president just does not sound sincere in that tune. He sounds like a man who thinks to himself, "This will get applause." before he says something.

Another unfortunate aspect to the Democratic frontrunner is that, in his normal tone of voice, he couldn't inspire wet grass to grow on a warm, sunny day.

So I turned my thoughts to the multitalented Bill Bradley. Suppressing the retch of voting for a New York athlete, I watched his demeanor on the campaign trail and the Sunday morning talk shows.

What I saw was a man who could lead the country. He gives off the air of a leader. None of his policy statements about gun control, education or campaign finance seemed too radical for a Republican Congress but rather like a strong position.

Ignoring medio-fuffy hype about his temper or his heart problems, he seems dynamic enough to do the job. Unfortunately, a poor showing in Iowa against Gore may go long way to eliminating him from consideration before I even get around to the booth.

I wasn't even going to think about the Reform Party. It should be renamed as the I Don't Have a Chance-in Hell-of-a Regular-Party Nomination Party.

I was hoping for in a movie "Predator," as he so eloquently puts it in the movie. "Preparator," and therefore completely out of contention for a job that needs to be held by a man who will NEVER have sex, at least for the next few years.

In my estimation, Pat Buchanan is the perennial recipient of the Adolf Hitler award for most hatred espoused in one lifetime since 1945. Plus, he went to my rival high school, Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., so I couldn't vote for him even if he were human.

Then I considered whom I might take from the right.

George W. Bush is the great unknown. As governor of Texas, he has led one of the largest states in the country. But that doesn't help me to get past the creeping sensation that he is a front candidate when a large portion of the Republican Party is getting behind simply because he can win with his name, I liked his father as president.

But that doesn't mean I am ready to vote for the son.

Steve Forbes is trying to buy the presidency and should therefore be sent to Canada.

Alan Keyes is from Maryland. We have heard enough out of him here.

Gary Bauer gives me the creeps. The way that he stares at the camera, I want to run and hide under my bed. I don't know anything about him and I am afraid that if I find out it might scare me more.

 Orrin Hatch has all of the charisma of a man without a pulse. Has anyone checked for his heartbeat recently?

I lived in Arizona for a couple of years and thus felt a special connection to John McCain, who used to be my senator. Yes, he has a temper. Yes, he did say that Nancy Reagan's "Just say no" campaign actually worked. But still, he has proven that he is willing to work with Democrats on such vital issues as campaign finance reform and gun control measures. Such non-partisanism is what I was hoping for in a candidate. That, in addition to his record of war service to this country and his attitude of certainty about his principles, makes him the only candidate on the ballot that I can vote for.

But alas. He, like my Democratic choice, also did poorly in Iowa. I only hope that this state — and other minor players like it — don’t keep either of these candidates from my ballot when I step up in November.

I want to vote. I really do. I just don't think that I can, in all good conscience, unless Bradley or McCain is on the ticket.

Can you?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing."

Bernard M. Baruch

former presidential advisor
Student players present ‘Jeffrey’

By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

A gay man’s decision to give up sex spurs the complex series of events that take place in the Notre Dame Student Players’ production of “Jeffrey.”

The play centers on the main character, Jeffrey, played by senior Quincy Starnes, who decides that sex is too complicated. Consequently, he decides to become celibate in order to detach himself completely from all temptations.

Supporting characters include Steve, an HIV-positive man who wants to be with Jeffrey, and a gay couple, Sterling and Darius, who offer their unique insights to Jeffrey’s situation.

The play contains controversial matter, including vulgar language, sexual dialogue and sensitive topics, such as the conflicts between homosexuality and religion. Sophomore Kathleen Lano, who serves as student director for “Jeffrey,” acknowledged the potential for controversy, but remained confident in the production. “I’ve gotten good reactions from most people I’ve talked to about the play,” said Lano.

This material posed a challenge for some actors. Lane said one challenge lay in “forming deep relationships between some of the characters. We had to work on connections between characters and instant attraction. One look has to show so much emotion.”

In a play with only nine cast members, eight of whom play multiple characters, character development proves especially important. Sophomore Michaela Murray-Nolan, who plays four strikingly different characters, from a “Jersey Mafia princess” to a symbolic Mother Teresa, particularly enjoyed the role of Debra Moorhouse. “She’s the nation’s hottest post-modern evangelist,” said Murray-Nolan, quoting the script. “I love her because she’s so confident and kick-butt.”

The Notre Dame Student Players is an entirely student-run group, so students do everything for “Jeffrey,” from costumes and lighting to directorial decisions. Lane noted that the players do work with the theater department, but all decisions are student-made. “We don’t have scenery and lighting to work with like mainstage productions,” said Starnes. Instead, the cast uses creative costumes and distinct acting to separate characters. Scenes are designated by details as small as the addition or removal of chairs or tables. Still, the impact of “Jeffrey’s” content far outweighs its scenery. The subject matter proves strong enough to carry the play through Jeffrey’s tumultuous emotions.

Cast members seem to share the desire to enlighten their audience. “I hope people can come in and take something away from ‘Jeffrey,’” said junior Tom Dolphin, who plays Steve, Jeffrey’s love interest.

Starnes agrees. “It’s hard being so young, but we deal with this every day,” he said. “AIDS is out there. What if you do fall in love with someone who’s HIV-positive? You need to know how to deal with this.”

“Jeffrey”
• Who: Notre Dame Student Players
• Where: Washington Hall
• When: Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
• Tickets: $2 at the door

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Quincy Starnes and Otis Hill star in “Jeffrey.”

Quincy Starnes and Tom Dolphin star in this weekend’s Notre Dame Student Players production of “Jeffrey.”

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The Golden Globe Awards was fourth in last week’s Nielsen. Angelina Jolie shows off her best supporting actress Globe, which she won for “Girl, Interrupted.”

Source: Associated Press
VIDEO REVIEW

FTT's 'The Loft Tapes' showcases ND's student films

By MIKE VANEGAS

The '90s were a tumultuous decade. With the threat of an oncoming millennial revolution which never took place, all facets of American culture encountered identity crises concerning their roles and purposes in the future. But within the mind of every man and woman in every corner of the world, all imaginable risks and dangers disappeared into nothing. Those minds lived daily on creative inspiration found in the most commonplace bits of life.

Alas, those minds created what common folk call student films. But in truth, they are gaining ways into the crazy imaginatations of Generation X. In the newly released room conversion "The Loft Tapes," one sees the Seinfeldian miniatuar that dominated the '90s.

The 110-minute videotape, available at the bookstore, begins with the film "Eat, Maze, the" by Brent DiCrescenzo and M-K. Kenedy. The film takes a look at the future of humanity, presenting a mountainous world in which all that people do is eat, made and, of course, die.

The nonchalance of the inhabitants of this world allows them to take a jog over countless dead bodies and the "Star Wars"-ian nature of human development while burying bodies at the beach. Eventually, the mildly sarcastic tone of the pieces perspers viewers for the rest of the student films to appear on the videotape.

In "The student film," and Kevin Lancer's "Lungsman," a young girl finds a primal urge to find his Native American roots becomes a leg-endary story into the American peers. What first seems to be a corny story, as the narrative, later on, becomes a critique of society.

"The Lofts Tapes: Student Films from Notre Dame"...

At the bookstore for $24

"The Loft Tapes" is FTT's new video containing student films.

With lavatory use. Using various scenes from "Leisure to Beaver" dinner to a Mafia shootout, the film humorously but effectively brings the bathroom into American social prominence.

Addressing a more serious subject through lighthearted teen angst, "Pocket Guide to White Youth" flashes through various sequences of typical American teenagers. But when the film spirals toward its attack on suburban race relations, it strays from the "Dawson's Creek." It tries to be and advances toward the "American History X." It becomes well, perhaps it is not as dramatically heavy as "X," but it does prove to be a smart commentary on "White Youth."

Perhaps the wackiest of the 15 films, "Leather Coat" at first glance looks to be another social commentary on the drama subject of homelessness. But it quickly becomes a farcical enjoyment that puts into question the motives of these disadvantaged Americans who are at all costs try to help the disadvantaged. But like "Pocket Guide to White Youth," the film ends bravely, with the goodness of good will winning out over the cynical nature of life in the '90s. Finally, "Love Dad" takes a look at dads and their unwillingness to show their love for their kids, especially their sons.

But instead of some mother-daughter melodrama on the lines of last year's "Anywhere But Here," "Love Dad" is a slapstick.

Tennis Hall of Fame inducts Navratilova

The International Tennis Hall of Fame has thrown open its doors to Martina Navratilova.

She will be inducted July 15 in Newport, R.I. In a career that stretched from 1973 until 1994, Navratilova won 167 singles titles and 165 doubles crowns, both records. Her singles titles include a record nine Wimbledon, four U.S. Opens, three Australian Opens and two French Opens.

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Robert De Niro will receive a lifetime achievement award at the Berlin Film Festival.

Robert De Niro will be honored with a lifetime achievement award next month at the Berlin Film Festival. Festival chief Moritz de Hadeln said De Niro "has captivated the theater public worldwide with some of the most exciting and noteworthy acting performances in films."

de Hadeln said he hopes De Niro will accept the award in person during the Feb. 9-20 festival, which will also feature 12 of De Niro's movies.

De Niro was an Academy Award for best actor in 1980 for "Raging Bull." His other movies include the Oscar-winning "The Godfather Part II," "Taxi Driver" and "The Deer Hunter."

Boss makes encore of reunion tour

The Boss and his band are coming back for an encore of their acclaimed reunion tour.

On Tuesday, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band announced 28 new shows in 24 cities beginning in February and running through June.

The first show is scheduled for Feb. 28 at State College, Pa. Tickets go on sale Feb. 5. The tour concludes with a five-night stand at Madison Square Garden — June 12, 15, 17, 20 and 22. Those tickets go on sale Feb. 19.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday in nine other cities, and additional shows will be announced later this year.

Last year, Springsteen and the band did 87 shows in 44 cities in Europe and the United States for more than 1.8 million fans.

It was their first extended series of shows in more than a decade. The band had a long break after the tour of 1999, bringing in $61.4 million, according to Pollstar magazine.

1930s record may be Sinatra's first

HOBOKEN, N.J.

Experts say a lacquered aluminum record from the 1930s could contain Frank Sinatra's first recording as a solo artist.

The recording, made by amateur musician Walter Costello, features Sinatra singing "Rosies of Picardy," accompanied by Costello on the accordion.

"My opinion is that the record is for real," said Tom Owen, a voice identification expert. "If it's not Sinatra, it's the best fake you could do."

Sometime over the past decade, sound from the warped record was transferred to a CD.

Costello's widow, Angela "Dolly" Calandrelli, said she has no plans for the disc other than to display it at a Sinatra mini-museum in Hoboken, called From Here to Eternity.
Sabres shock Lightning, 2-1

Associated Press

BUFFALO - Miroslav Satan and Michael Peca scored goals 2:37 apart in the second period, leading the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday night.

Martin Biron made 21 saves for the Sabres, who snapped a three-game losing streak as well as a three-game home losing skid.

Darcy Tucker scored for Tampa Bay, which has lost six three-game losing streaks as well as a three-game home losing skid.

Satan opened the scoring with 8:01 remaining in the second period. He scooped up a loose puck behind the net and guided it into an empty net for his 15th goal of the season. Cloutier missed the rebound on a shot by Cary Sarich and was caught on the wrong side of the goal. Peca then scored his eighth goal of the season, poking home a rebound after Cloutier made the stop on Eric Rasmussen's slapshot.

Tucker spoiled Biron's shutout 1:30 into the third period. After getting his stick on the puck, Ryan Russ entered the Sabres' zone and moved over . TheSabres' Tim Taylor put in a rebound of his 16th goal and third in six games against New York. Ritter stopped 38 shots to pace the Sabres to their third straight win.

The Rangers, obviously missing Daniel Alfredsson, were without his 16th goal and third in six games against New York. Ritter stopped 38 shots to pace the Sabres to their third straight win.

By winning eight of nine, the Rangers moved into the Eastern Conference's third spot, one point behind Philadelphia. The Flyers have six games left to play.

SEATTLE - Former Rangers player Martin Biron made 21 saves as Buffalo defeated Vancouver, 2-0, Tuesday night.

The Sabres, who have won six of their last 10 games, took a 2-0 lead in the first period and then held on for the win.

Buffalo's Scott Gaarder scored his 15th goal of the season at 1:51 of the second period. He was set up by Paul Gaustad and Mark menn on. The Sabres outshot the Canucks, 33-29.

The Sabres are now 19-13-5-3 and are in fifth place in the NHL East Division. They are five points behind Philadelphia, which has a game in hand.

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The Tennessee Titans and St. Louis Rams, both Super Bowl novices, left their dog collars at home Tuesday. For good measure, they avoided anything that could be construed as an insult and respectfully declined to guarantee a victory in Sunday's game.

"We want to be careful in what we say and what we do," Tennessee receiver Derrick Mason said Tuesday at the annual phenomenon known as media day. "We don't want to say anything about the Rams that might get our team motivat­ed.

A year ago, Buchanan first guaranteed a victory, then arrived for interviews wearing a silver-studded dog collar as a way of dramatizing his team's underdog role against the Denver Broncos. Instead of being motivated, the Falcons melted, losing 34-19.

With that in mind, everyone watched their words this year. "We're not going to do stuff like that," Rams tight end Roland Williams said. "We're going first class to get the job done. We respect our fine opponent, the Tennessee Titans."

Hey, wait a minute. Who's that guy over there wearing the black bandana and carrying a microphone? Why, it's Mr. Dog Collar himself.

"These guys took a little tense, a little intense," Buchanan said, a special media badge around his neck instead of something studded. "They need to loosen up, have some fun."

Figuring he was just the guy to dress down this formal affair, Buchanan waded into a group of reporters surrounding Titans safety Blaine Bishop, armed with a microphone from the Black Entertainment Television network.

"You should be loose. There should be a smile on your face," Buchanan advised, grinning mischievously.

"I'm pretty loose," Bishop responded, managing a weak smile.

"Just don't guarantee a victory," Buchanan quipped.

"Oh, no," Bishop said. "I would never do that. Not with all the weapons they have."

Not the kind of answer you'd get from Deion Sanders or Jim McMahon. Then again, this game just doesn't have the star power of past Super Bowls.

Many reporters kept glancing at the one-page rosters that were handed out at the Georgia Dome, trying to figure out who they were talking to.

No. 77. Who's that?

Long before each team exhausted its one-hour ses­ sion, the crowd in front of most podiums went from thick to thin instead of something stu­died. "They need to loosen up, have some fun."

At issue in the grievance, filed two weeks ago, is whether Arizona came to a one-year agreement with Moore while a long-term deal already was completed or near completion simply to retain the franchise tag.

By announcing a one-year agreement with Moore 12 days before a multi-year deal was inked, Arizona believed it had retained the right to use its franchise tag on another player for the 2000 season.

Had the four-year deal been announced originally, the Cardinals would have lost the franchise tag for the duration of that contract.

"Any situation in which there was a wink, nod or tacit agreement," in order to retain the tag is not allow­able, Richard Berthelsen, general counsel of the NFLPA, told the Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix.
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NFL

Judge denies Belichick's request

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Bill Belichick remained a coach without a team Tuesday as a federal judge denied his request for an order allowing him to seek another NFL coaching job.

In a sternly worded ruling, U.S. District Court Judge John W. Bissell said Belichick created the very problems he asked the court to solve for him when he resigned as coach of the New York Jets one day after being appointed to succeed Bill Parcells.

His lawyers claimed the NFL is preventing Belichick from making a living the only way he knows, and Bissell acknowledged Belichick's distress at not being appointed to succeed Parcells.

"But who does he have to blame for that?" Bissell asked. "He had a head coaching position with the New York Jets, highly compensated, with the prestige, the title, the exposure, the market and the team that certainly should have provided him adequate rewards."

Bissell said Belichick created the market and the team that certainly should have provided him adequate rewards.

The judge scheduled a conference call with lawyers for the sides Wednesday to determine if another hearing should be held Friday to consider a preliminary injunction enabling Belichick to seek another job in the league.

The practical difference between a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction is that an injunction could last longer. But, more significantly, if Bissell denied a preliminary injunction, Belichick's lawyers would then be free to take the case to a federal appeals court.

Belichick, angry with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling last week that he cannot coach another team this season without the Jets' permission, sued the league on Monday. His lawyer, Jeffrey Kessler, said the league's coaches have been ordered to boycott Belichick in violation of federal antitrust law.

Tagliabue's ruling applied only to the upcoming 2000 football season and did not address the other two years remaining on the contract Belichick signed with former Jets owner Leon Hess, who died a year ago.

That $1.4 million contract called for Belichick to become coach upon Parcells' retirement, which occurred Jan. 3. Belichick stunned the team by resigning the next day, citing the uncertainties posed by the impending sale of the team, and potential problems from Parcells' continuing association with the team in its front-office capacity.

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Bissell said an early look at evidence in the case did not bode well for Belichick's antitrust claims. He said Tagliabue's ruling prohibiting Belichick from coaching elsewhere for the 2000 season was logical and well-reasoned, and said the league's anti-tampering policy was "a legitimate program to ensure the sanctity of contracts."

Belichick's lawyers argued that he would suffer irreparable harm if a restraining order was not granted. Kessler said New England presents an ideal situation for Belichick, who is an assistant there under Parcells.

He also said there is no guarantee that Belichick would receive another head coaching offer.

"New England is particularly well-suited for him," Kessler told the judge. "It's in a conference he knows, he coached there, he's familiar with the players, and he has a relationship with the owner of the team. If this opportunity is lost to coach Belichick, there is no assurance he will ever be given another opportunity to be head coach in the NFL again."

Bissell rejected that assertion, noting that former Philadelphia Eagles coach Dick Vermeil, after a long absence from coaching, led St. Louis into the Super Bowl.

"We do have examples of people who have left the NFL coaching lines and returned to successful revivals of their careers: Bill Parcells, Jimmy Johnson, and Dick Vermeil," he said. "Mr. Belichick a year from now will bring to the table for any team that may have a vacancy, still an excellent resume."

The judge said, "It's acknowledged as a defensive genius. He will not lose the benefits of that ability or that reputation one year from now. He is being asked to abide by the consequences of his actions."

Kessler said he was disappointed by the judge's ruling, but declined further comment until after he could discuss it with Belichick, who did not attend the hearing.

Jets lawyer Glenn Kuritz declined comment other than to say, "We're happy with the decision."

He would not say whether the Jets would pay Belichick's salary if he were forced to sit out the 2000 season.

"But never came up," he said.

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NCAA adopts basket review rule

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Officials will be allowed to review last-second baskets in a replay monitor under a rule change adopted Tuesday by the NCAA.

The men's and women's basketball rules committees unanimously approved the change after an emergency conference call Monday. The change takes effect Friday once officials are made aware of the change.

The rare midseason switch was prompted by controversies over last-second baskets that altered the outcome of recent games, including Johnny Hemmig's buzzer-beating 3-pointer Jan. 17 that gave Miami a 67-66 win over Villanova, and the final basket in Texas A&M's 88-86 victory Jan.15 over Texas Tech.

"Obviously there is no call in the game that is more important, and it's the one call that's remembered longer than any other," the Associated Press reported.

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NCAA officials will be allowed to review last-second baskets in a replay monitor under a rule change adopted Tuesday by the NCAA.

The men's and women's basketball rules committees unanimously approved the change after an emergency conference call Monday. The change takes effect Friday once officials are made aware of the change.

The rare midseason switch was prompted by controversies over last-second baskets that altered the outcome of recent games, including Johnny Hemmig's buzzer-beating 3-pointer Jan. 17 that gave Miami a 67-66 win over Villanova, and the final basket in Texas A&M's 88-86 victory Jan.15 over Texas Tech.

"Obviously there is no call in the game that is more important, and it's the one call that's remembered longer than any other," the Associated Press reported.

"If this opportunity is lost to Belichick, there is no assurance he will ever be given another opportunity to be head coach in the NFL again."

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Australian Open

Agassi meets Sampras in semis

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round too soon in the Australian Open semifinals. It is the final before the final. A set that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

The year-long final would be infused with greater drama if Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport, Olympic champions who took different paths to reach the same juncture, were to meet for the title. Instead, they you, face each other in the semifinals.

Reaching the semis on the other side of the women’s draw Wednesday were three-time defending champion Martina Hingis and 1998 runner-up Conchita Martinez.

Hingis crushed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-1, 6-1, and Martinez upset defending champion Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 winner over Elena Likhovtseva, who had previously knocked out Serena Williams.

Defending men’s champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the semis, beating Yonesz El Aynaoui 6-0, 6-3, 7-6 (4), and will face the winner of Wednesday night’s match between No. 4 Nicolas Kiefer and No. 12 Magnus Norman.

Agassi and Sampras both are anticipating the high voltage that courses through all their matches, a charge that emanates from their days in Grand Slam finals.

For Sampras, history awaits as he tries to win his 13th Grand Slam title and surpass Roy Emerson, who won 12.

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“While I think it’s better for the game if we play in the final, just because of the interest that it draws, it doesn’t matter a lot,” Agassi said. “We both feel like the other is the potential guy in our way.”

By the same time Sampras finished his aerial performance in the quarterfinals Tuesday night — flying high for overheads, launching 135 mph serves, rock­eting backhands down the lines — he left no doubt he is ready to take on Agassi.

“I felt like I was playing one-on-one with Michael Jordan,” Chris Woodruff said after absorbing a 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 pounding by Sampras. “He brought the A-game today. He came ready to play from the first ball. I didn’t have a chance.”

Sampras had struggled to find his rhythm in the first week and nearly crashed out in the third round when he lost the first two sets to Wayne Black.

But, as he has so often in the past, Sampras raised his game match by match.

“It took a week and a half, but it definitely came together tonight,” Sampras said.

“It was my best match so far. As the match went on, my confidence grew and grew.”

Of the 28 times Sampras and Agassi have played against each other in their pro careers, Sampras has won 17, including four of six in Grand Slam tournaments.

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“Quality wise, none of the best matches that we ever had between us happened at the quarterfinals of Paris [indoors] in 1994,” Agassi said. “Unfortunately, it wasn’t televised back home, but it was incredible tennis, explosive and powerful.”

The match he probably played best against me, you could probably flip a coin between the 1990 final of the U.S. Open, or this last Wimbledon. I would have to say last year at Wimbledon.”

...
Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Derrick Thomas is expected to be released from a hospital today after suffering a spinal injury in a car accident. The team's medical staff said they were optimistic about his recovery, but that he would need at least four more months of rehabilitation before he could return to the field.

Doctors said surgery went as well as could be expected, and that Thomas' spinal cord was not damaged, although they said it would still require a long recovery period.

Thomas, 27, was transferred to a rehabilitation facility in about two weeks. He will be surrounded by family and friends. His mother, Edith Thomas, said her son had a sense of humor and he was optimistic about everything. "We're going to get through this," she said.

In the meantime, he will be transferred to a rehabilitation facility in about two weeks. He already has begun working with therapists.

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The Kansas City Chiefs linebacker's operation included decompressing the spinal cord, stabilizing the spinal column with screws, titanium rods and hooks, and implanting bone grafts from Thomas' hip.

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Doctors originally thought it might have been severed when Thomas, 27, was thrown from his car Sunday after losing control on a snowy highway near Kansas City, Mo. Thomas broke his spine and neck and was dragged several hundred feet with no feeling in his legs.

Though the NFL star remained paralyzed from the chest down at Jackson Memorial Hospital, doctors expressed hope he'd walk again.

"There have been cases of people with similar injuries who have recovered and there have been people who haven't," Green said.

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The hospital is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on several famous athletes, including race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi.

"We know that we have a long road ahead of us, but we're going to get through this," he said.

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Martinis Hingis felt sorry to see Serena Williams depart so soon from the Australian Open, only because she wanted to knock Williams out herself.

Hingis, seeded No. 3, might have stood in Hingis' way in the semifinals but self-deluded with unforced errors in a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Russian Elena Likhovtseva.

Asked whether it was a relief for her to have Williams gone from the tournament, Hingis smiled and shook her head.

"I would have liked to play her actually, especially from what I've seen of her play," Hingis said. "She didn't do that great, so I thought I would have a good chance to beat her right here right now, because it has been my tournament for the last three years.

"A champion, even if she's not playing well, still gets through matches like that," Hingis said in a jab at Williams. "But she hasn't played much.

To become the first player to win the Australian Open four times in a row, the Open era, Hingis must get past Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the quarterfinals, Likhovtseva or Conchita Martinez in the semifinals most likely, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport in the final.

"You see all these girls out there, especially the younger ones, and they hit the ball so hard," Hingis said. "They run and they work every day. Then you see Conchita and Arantxa still in the draw and they knock the quarterfinalists again, over and over, because they use what they have. They use their weapons very well and they are very hard working.

"They know what to do out there. Sometimes that's what's more important than anything else."
Texas uses stingy defense in 82-55 routing of Nebraska

AUSTIN

Lawrence Williams and Chris Mihm each scored 14 points and No. 17 Texas held Nebraska to five points over four steals. Chris McColpin had 13 points.

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NBA

Cavaliers snap five-game losing streak in overtime win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Brevin Knight found his range just in time and Bob Sura scored a career-high 31 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing streak Tuesday night with a 116-107 overtime win against the Detroit Pistons.

Knight, who missed his first four field-goal attempts, scored 12 points in the quarter and four more in overtime for a 13-1 run to open the game. Sura added 10 points in the game and 12 rebounds for the Cavs, who were welcomed home by just 10,930 fans, the smallest crowd in Gund Arena history. Kemp played just 23 minutes because of foul trouble. Lindsey Hunter added 17 points and Tony Mills 14 and 12 rebounds for the Pistons, who lost their fifth straight.

Jerry Stackhouse, forced to the bench in the second half with Grant Hill injured, scored a season-high 38 points for the Wizards. Hill missed his second straight game with a bruised right hip despite getting all-day treatment.

Lamond Murray had 19 points in overtime — and Shawn Kemp had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who were welcomed home by just 10,930 fans, the smallest crowd in Gund Arena history. Kemp played just 23 minutes because of foul trouble. Lindsey Hunter added 17 points and Tony Mills 14 and 12 rebounds for the Pistons, who lost their fifth straight.

With the score tied 96-all, Stackhouse, who scored 24 points in the second half, missed a fadeaway jumper from the left corner at the buzzer.

Sura scored to open the extra session and Knight's defense was responsible for Cleveland's next two baskets. He tipped away a Detroit pass before hitting a short jumper to make it 100-96, and then made a steal that Murray followed by draining a 3-pointer to put the Cavs up by seven.

"After trailing by 14 to start the second half, the Pistons quickly pulled within eight after Mills hit two three-pointers in the first four minutes. And when the Cavs fell out to get out of cover him again, the 6-foots-10 Mills hit another try to bring Detroit within 61-55.

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The Heat 115, Celtics 89

The Miami Heat ran off 16 consecutive points in the second period for a 25-point lead and took the game away early, pulling off the 115-89 victory over the Boston Celtics.

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal scored 21 points and Alonzo Mourning added 20 for the Heat, who shot 55 percent, including 9-of-13 on three-pointers. Miami's starters played only half the game and took the fourth quarter off.

The Celtics missed 13 consecutive shots early in the second quarter, which allowed the Heat to score 16 points in a row, their largest run of the season, for a 47-22 lead.

The margin was 59-39 at halftime, and Boston was never closer than 18 points after that.

Miami was without starting guard Dan Majerle, who went on the injured list before the game. He's expected to be sidelined six weeks with a stress fracture in his left leg.

Boston played without starting forward Paul Pierce, who strained his left hamstring Saturday against Charlotte.

Pacers 93, Phoenix 87

A return home was just what the Indiana Pacers needed after losing three consecutive road games, the Fresno defeated for their 14th straight victory in Cleveland.

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Robinson led the Suns with 24 points and Jason Kidd had 22.

Phoenix trailed 83-68 after Miller, who made all 10 of his free throw attempts, was fouled attempting a three-pointer and hit all three shots with 7:35 to play. But Indiana missed its next seven shots while the Suns rolled.

Consecutive three-pointers by Rodney Rogers ignited an 11-point run. Sam Perkins responded with a three-pointer to give Indiana an 86-79 lead.

Two free throws by Jalen Rose, who had 15 points, put Indiana ahead 89-79 with 3:55 remaining. Phoenix then surged again on a jumper and jumper by Penny Hardaway and four free throws by Chris Webber.

Dale Davis made one of two free throws for Indiana, which shot only 29 percent from the field in the fourth quarter, to give Indiana a 92-87 edge with 39.4 seconds remaining.

After Theil-Gl officiated a foul on Phoenix, Miller was fouled with 23.7 seconds left and his free throws put Indiana ahead 91-87. He then hit two more free throws after Kidd missed an off-balance 3-point attempt.

Kings 110, Hornets 99

Nick Anderson scored a season-high 29 points and the Sacramento Kings kicked off their longest road trip in 13 years with a victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Chris Webber had 30 points and Sacramento shot 53 percent in its first victory in Charlotte in nearly 10 years.

The Kings, starting an eight-game Eastern swing, shot 9-of-13 from three-point range, including their first three in the fourth quarter. Anderson led the way with a 3-for-3 showing from beyond the arc, helping Sacramento end the Hornets' five-game home winning streak and four-game overall winning streak.

Charlotte could not overcome an off night by top scorer Eddie Jones, who missed 11 of his first 13 field-goal attempts and wound up with 11 points on 5-for-18 shooting.

The Kings hit three-pointers on back-to-back possessions in the fourth, with a 26-footer from Anderson making it 100-89 with 5:36 remaining.

Charlotte got no closer than eight of Sacramento's 20-point lead as it hung as high as 12 in the closing minutes.

Hawks 96, Bulls 89

Isiah Rider scored 28 points and Bibby Mutombo had 14 points and 23 rebounds to lead the Atlanta Hawks past the Chicago Bulls.

In a game between the two worst teams in the Central Division, the Hawks put together their first two-game winning streak since pulling down 29 against Minnesota on Dec. 14, helped Atlanta to a 52-42 advantage on the boards.

Elson Brand, who fouled out with 1:01 remaining, led the Bulls with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Ron Artest had 17 points and four steals.

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Irish fans should take cue from Wolverines

The semester has just started, but I already have some confessions to make.

First of all, like I said once last year, I don't know a whole lot about hockey. Secondly, despite not being a so-called sports writer, before last Friday, I had never actually been to a Notre Dame hockey game.

However, over break, I had the chance to attend two Michigan hockey games with a friend who prides himself on being a Wolverine. The second game was on Michigan's home ice at Yost Ice Arena.

My third confession? Well, whenever I go to Yost, although I have a general aversion to cheering for any sports team donning the maize and blue, I become a Michigan fan for three periods.

How, you ask, could someone who dislike of Michigan football pumps through his blue and gold blood have more than a working knowledge of hockey and enthusiastically cheer for the enemy for three hours? Confession No. 4: It's really fun to mess with the other team, especially their goalie.

Now I don't mean just standing there by yourself, yelling "Hey Burleigh, Your momwears combat boots!" But when the whole crowd starts to mess with the other team, you turn just beautiful.

Example: Michigan just scored its third goal of the game. Everyone holds up three fingers and waits for the announcer to say who collected the assists. At the goalie by one fan don't really do much except wear one person's voice out. If everyone, or most everyone, could join in and direct those guilty of penalties, "To the box!" or "Remind the goalie," it's all your fault!" (except, of course, when he makes 52 saves, as the Western goalie did) the JACC would be transformed into a true college hockey venue.

After all, people that will look at the Joyce Center a little differently. Hockey fans crossing the country will tell the incoming freshmen "Going to South Bend? Man, that's tough."

And then, stating the obvious, a new sign will be hung outside the JACC bearing this simple message: "When the JACC starts a rockin', don't come a knockin'."

We could just forget that last part and leave it to the referees. However, when you needed to talk. He was a coach and a friend. His dedication to his players' well being was so apparent that his players viewed him as more than simply a coach.

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pushed his players to do the same. "I had been injured and out for a while and then I came back and got another minor injury," said Ryan Cox, a senior Irish forward. "I shed away from playing because I was afraid of getting injured again and he came up to me and said, 'You need to get back on track and get over that injury mentality.' He was very direct with the team — if he thought you should be doing something or needed to improve on something, he would come right out and tell you. He was that kind of coach."

In a career that spanned three decades, Berticelli earned enough professional accolades to fill a reference book.

He was awarded consecutive coach-of-the-year honors from 1977 to 1984, then again in 1989 and 1993 in the conferences in which he coached.

Berticelli's players respected him both on and off the field. They painted a picture of a man who was dedicated not only to his passion for coaching but also his concern for others.

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Mike Berticelli, pictured here coaching a youth soccer camp, made an impact on many lives at Notre Dame.
Wednesday, January 26, 2000

Kessler

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we're going to put things together and we'll be the team to beat."

That day better come soon. With just 10 games remaining on the regular season schedule, the Irish need to make a move if they hope to earn an NCAA bid.

Saturday's game with St. John's could be the turning point of the season. A win over the Red Storm would get the Irish in the right frame of mind as the season winds down toward rematches against Syracuse, Connecticut and Miami.

But the Irish obviously didn't have that frame of mind last night, as two Irish players were benched for not being mentally prepared.

"Everyone has a scouting report and they're supposed to know the players or group of players they could possibly guard," head coach Matt Doherty said. "David (Graves) and Harold (Swanagel) weren't as prepared as I would have liked them. So I got on them and told them starting is a reward. After that I said this was behind us and I thought Jere and Ivan should start.

In addition to not being prepared, last night's 63-49 loss to the Hurricanes could be an indication that the Irish are going to have a difficult stretch ahead of them.

"During the key moments we tried to turn things around and hope momentum would swing our way," Dillon said. "It's tough. It's the Big East and it's hard for us, but we were going to strike back and learn from it and get ready to play Saturday. "Our defensive effort wasn't bad," Dillon continued. "We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. That was the bottom line."

According to Doherty, the loss had nothing to do with a lack of effort.

"I think at Rutgers they took the fight out of us. Tonight I think our kids competed," Doherty said. "We didn't execute our plays as well as we should have, but that's something we'll work on."

It has been Notre Dame's "play hard" attitude that has bred confidence and made this season a successful one. On the down side, it has also been a source of encouragement for opposing teams.

"I think our players' effort tonight was a result of the respect our players have for the Notre Dame basketball program." Miami head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "The coach has done a tremendous job with that team. They play within themselves. They have one of the top four or five players in the country. They are a tremendous shooting team and our youngsters went in to the game with a clear understanding that if we were not on our defensive game tonight we could very well have our hat handed to us."

Nevertheless, Doherty was apologetic about his team's performance.

"I want to apologize to the fans and the students. I appreciate them being there. That means a lot to me and the guys. We want nothing more than to give them reason to get them really excited and we didn't do that. It's not that we didn't try. I promise you that.

And the Irish will be sure to give it the good ol' college try when nationally ranked St. John's storms into town.

"I think we really have to watch the film and study it and see what we can do in the framework of our personality and what we have," Doherty said. "I'm not going to scrap our offense or what we've been doing because it's been successful here and it's been successful at Kansas. We just have to make sure we execute it.

Dillon, however, still remains confident and knows the Irish will be ready to play Saturday. The only question for him is whether St. John's will be ready for Notre Dame.

"I've been very four years now and I was talking to people before the game and they're asking, 'Are you going to be ready for these guys?,'" Dillon said. "I don't look at it like that anymore. Those teams should be ready for us."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare to weather Red Storm in Big East match up

By KERRY SMITH
National Sports Editor

While everyone wants to win, there is always an advantage to being the underdog. If you're not at the top then you have nothing to lose.

That's not the case with the Irish this season, however, as they sit atop the Big East rankings with an unblemished conference record and hold fast to a fifth-place national ranking. Riding an 11-game winning streak, the Irish have little room for improvement and everything to lose.

But as pressure seemingly mounts for the Irish as they enter a pivotal final stretch of the regular season, the squad isn't nervous.

"Most people say that with being ranked fifth in the nation comes more pressure, but we don't put emphasis on that. We don't feel it that much," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "We've just been concentrating on playing well during each game."

In fact, the only pressure the Irish have felt most of the season is the pressure that they've put on their opponents.

Despite a rocky 4-2 start, the Irish have doneled out decisive defeats to their opponents since their winning streak began in December. And the only two losses that scar the squad's 15-2 record were on the road to Illinois and Purdue — two top 20 teams.

Downing their opponents by double digits in all but one of their losses, the Irish have seen stellar performances by mere players than just their starters.

"We're a deep team. That's one of our advantages," said Riley. "We're changing the starting line up around quite a bit." Riley has been a necessary component of the squad's winning style. The junior All-American candidate leads the Irish across the board, averaging more than 15 points and seven rebounds a game.

Veteran guard Niele Ivey has also been a solid player all season. Even though she is the third-leading scorer for the Irish, she leads the team in assists, proving herself as a playmaker.

With a firm foundation for the team to be built around Riley and Ivey, the rest of the Irish players have stepped up whenever necessary to get the job done.

"Each game a different player steps up," said Riley. "Everyone has the ability and each time it's someone new."

Freshman starter Alicia Ratay has had her share of impressive outings. She leads the team in scoring and comes up with key baskets at several points throughout the season. Meanwhile, senior guard Danielle Green had her best game of the season as she turned on the heat to lead the Irish in their win over Miami (Fla.) Saturday.

Riley also credits the team's chemistry for their success so far this season.

"This year we've a lot closer as a team," said Riley. "I think that has a lot to do with experienced players coming back. During my freshman year, we were a relatively young team. This season we've gained more experience and play together well."

Given the squad's style of play, which calls for a big presence in the paint backed by more than capable shooting from the perimeter, any player on the court can earn her time in the spotlight.

The Irish will have their next opportunity to shine tonight as they make their final stop on a three-game away stint in New York to take on the Red Storm of St. John's.

The Irish won't be doing anything different than what has worked for them all season long when they step on the court.

"We really don't change our game plan a lot from game to game," said Riley. "We basically use the same strategy for each game. We don't change according to who we're playing."

St. John's, with a 6-11 record has struggled to put together a successful program all season. With one of the worst conference records at 1-4, next to Seton Hall and West Virginia, the Red Storm has won only one of its last nine games.

A St. John win over Notre Dame could be a turning point for the Red Storm, as the squad has been unable to pull off a win over a ranked team yet this season.

The Irish hold the edge over the Red Storm if history plays a role. Notre Dame has never lost to St. John's in the schools' six-game history.

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Berticelli embodied ND spirit

By KERRY SMITH Associate Sports Editor

Bernadette Cafarelli was having a bad day. So, of course, she went to talk to the friend she knew could cheer her up.

"I always enjoy talking to him. Many times I would go down to his office with the intention of staying only five minutes but end up being there for over an hour just talking," said Berticelli.

The unexpected death of Berticelli leaves a void in the Notre Dame community that will be hard to fill.

The University will remember Berticelli, who died Tuesday of a heart attack at the age of 48, as a demanding coach, a thoughtful colleague and a loyal friend.

In his 23-year coaching career, Berticelli was known for rebuilding failing soccer programs, into success stories. In the last 10 years, he took Notre Dame from a lackluster program in the late '80s and thrust it into the national spotlight with impressive recruiting and consistent winning records in the '90s.

Although he could share a joke off the field, Berticelli was an intense and demanding coach on the sidelines.

"As a coach he meant a lot to the team. He cared more about the players and the team than anything," said Stephen Maio, a junior associate coach.

"He put so much effort into coaching and brought a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to the program. Berticelli worked hard and

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BY KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Notre Dame (12-8, 3-3) and Miami (12-7, 5-2) were virtually even in every statistical category Tuesday, with one major exception—shooting, which led to a 63-49 Miami victory.

"It's tough when we're shooting the ball and it's not going down," said Charlie Coen, a co-worker or demanding his attention the lowest point output of the season for the Irish.

Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said the effort was there, but Miami came at the blue and gold with more than it could handle.

"You really have to credit Miami's defense, and I didn't have an answer for it," said Doherty. "It was really an awful, helpless feeling on the sidelines. I thought their defense took the energy out of us. I thought our kids played hard, and I thought our kids competed. We didn't have many open looks. Miami had a lot of open looks, thanks to the 11 assists by Vernon Jennings.

The two teams played on an even keel to open up play, but the Miami defense smothered Notre Dame's shooting.

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• Both teams had 31 rebounds and 18 personal fouls in the conference contest. Miami had 16 assists to Notre Dame's 13, and 17 turnovers to 18 for Notre Dame.

• Macura and freshman Ivan Karteo started in place of Graves and Swanson, who Doherty said were not mental- ly prepared at the pre-game dinner.

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