Florida holds key votes in what may be the tightest presidential race in history as poll workers head back for a recount

Observer Staff Report

Despite network declarations of a Bush victory early Wednesday morning, Texas Governor George W. Bush cannot yet move into the White House.

Bush maintains a slight lead in Florida this morning, where the state’s 25 electoral votes remain the deciding factor in one of the closest presidential races in history. Florida could put either Bush or Gore over the edge of the 270 necessary electoral votes needed to win the election.

Gore surged ahead in the nation’s popular vote slightly before 5 a.m. this morning, when NBC poll figures showed the vice-president with a 554 vote lead nationally over Bush. Gore had tallied 47,811,320 votes as of 5:40 a.m.

The vote margin in Florida between Mr. Bush and Gore wavered between a low of 629 votes and high of 1,200 votes in the early hours of the morning. Poll workers were called back to Dade County, Fla., shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday to recount state’s votes. Under Florida state law, the narrow margin of the election called for a mandatory recount.

Florida had been the epicenter of the campaign as a critical swing state, and was turbulent through evening election returns. Networks originally gave the state to Gore, but backtracked as Bush eased ahead.

Gore was prepared to concede the election after vote projections showed a Bush victory in Florida, but he decided not to when new figures showed the margin in that state was just a few hundred votes, and its electoral votes would not be assigned to either candidate yet.

“There’s never been a night like this one.”

William Daley
campaign chairman for Al Gore

Flora’s decision to continue his campaign continued in Nashville. The election offers voters a choice of four more years of Democratic rule or a Republican “fresh start.”

A Bush victory would give America its second father-son presidents after John Adams (1797-01) and John Quincy Adams (1825-29).

Two other states were still too close to call at press time: Oregon and Wisconsin also reported narrow margins. Wisconsin reported Gore with a 233 vote lead early Wednesday morning, while Oregon’s statistics also reported that the candidates’ margins were narrow.

Gore won Iowa, a Democratic bastion that nearly went to Bush.

With Florida officials continuing their tally, the New York Times said Bush had won and

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Total National Votes
5:40 a.m.
GORE: 47,811,320
BUSH: 47,603,233

Total Florida Votes
5:40 a.m.
GORE: 2,905,390
BUSH: 2,904,403

Courtesy of CNN.com

George W. Bush (left) and Al Gore (right) are locked in one of the tightest political battles in history. Reports had candidates swapping the lead position throughout the night. Final results are expected later today.
INSIDE COLUMN
Show support: stop laughing

(How many times have you heard a joke or comment that hung around or lingered in your mind and the feelings and confusion an individual encounters as they come to understand their sexual orientation in the world, let alone at this University. Unfortunately, Notre Dame is no exception. I feel horrible for all the senseless discrimination I knew he would endure. But at the same time, I felt horrible for all the senseless insults on this campus about gays and lesbians. They are also insulting the family and friends of those. These comments hit me home because although I am not gay, my best friend from home is. After a difficult struggle, my best friend determined his sexual orientation the summer before our senior year in high school and he has "come out" to several individuals, including his mother. But he has not told his father because he fears the outcome. This fear should not exist and my best friend should be free to express his true self and not to hide who he is in order to avoid hatred or ostracism. I love my friend for who he is, and the fact that he is gay and brave enough to openly share that trait makes him even more special. I constantly wonder when people will open their minds to people or ideas that differ from their own beliefs or ideals. Why is it that the minute someone reveals they are bi-sexual or gay, they are suddenly a completely different person? When my best friend sat down with me and explained what he was experiencing, our friendship was strengthened because he trusted me with this difficult decision. But at the same time, I felt horrible for all the senseless discrimination I knew he would endure. Some comments believe themselves to be distant from gays and lesbians, but in reality, they probably work alongside or are friends with someone with whom they are not even knowing. Just as Father Chamberland stated. "Homosexuals live and work at our University; they are our teachers and our classmates; they work in our offices and empty our trash."

Therefore, I strongly advocate his challenge: that we strive to create an environment that respects gay and lesbians for who they are and "commit ourselves to acknowledging the goodness and worth of every person, gay or straight." If you do make a conscious effort to do these things, you might be your best friend that finds the courage and strength he or she needs to reveal his or her true self to you.

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UCLA Students debate FAFSA question

Los Angeles
A federal drug enforcement provision has left more than 7,000 students with either partial or no government assistance this academic year.

Under the drug provision, which Congress included in amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1998, applicants may be ineligible for financial aid if they have more than two convictions for possession or more than one conviction for selling drugs.

Students may regain their eligibility by entering and completing a drug rehabilitation program that includes two unannounced drug tests, or by having the conviction reversed.

For some students, losing financial aid due to a drug violation could mean the end of their education.

"I would have to drop out of school because I am dependent on financial aid," said Bernardo Castro, a first-year chemical-engineering student at the University of California at Los Angeles. "I would have to depend on my parents and get a full-time job."

As of Oct. 22, the U.S. Department of Education reported that more than 8.6 million students had applied for financial aid, according to Joe Aiello, media relations director for Student Financial Assistance at the department.

He said 91 percent of those applicants were fully eligible for federal aid under the new drug provision, while only 0.7 percent, or 5,675 applicants, were partially eligible. Those eligible for partial aid may gain full eligibility up to two years after their last conviction or if they complete a drug program.

Less than 1 percent, or 1,327 students, were ineligible because of recent drug convictions.

University of Washington
Tas vote to strike in favor of union

With their polling stations closing last Friday, 86 percent of graduate teaching assistants voted to strike if the University of Washington administration refuses to recognize their union. More than 1,100 graduate TAs participated in the four-day vote, resulting in 934 votes in favor of a strike if necessary. "The number of teacher's assistants on campus range from 1300 to 1400 every quarter," said Melissa Meade, member of Graduate Student Employee Action Coalition/United Auto Workers. "We're pretty pleased with the turnout." GS/UEC organizing committee member U.S. said, "It's exciting." Lang said. "It's another huge mandate for the University to respect our demand for collective bargaining."

Since 1996, GS/UEC/UAW has argued that a graduate TA union would improve wages, working conditions, job security and employee benefits. Organizing two union card drives last winter and spring, GS/UEC reported more than 80 percent of UW graduate students support a collective bargaining agreement. Despite the majority, UW administrators refused to recognize GS/UEC/UAW.

University of Pennsylvania
Gene therapy lawsuit settled

The family of Jesse Gelsinger settled their wrongful death and negligence lawsuit against the University of Pennsylvania and others involved with Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy for an undisclosed amount of money last week. The settlement, announced on Friday, comes just six weeks after Gelsinger's family filed the lawsuit, and more than a year after 16-year-old Jesse died while participating in a Penn gene therapy trial, becoming the first known patient to die as a result of gene therapy. Gelsinger's death prompted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to suspend all human experiments at the HIGT and brought Penn national scrutiny for its scientific research methods. Last summer, the administration dramatically reduced the HIGT's mandate. "This has been a difficult year for everybody involved, and we are pleased that we have been able to reach a amicable resolution of the lawsuit," university president Judith Rodin said in an e-mail statement.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Faculty Senate

Members OK Student Senate rep

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

For years, students have sat in on Faculty Senate meetings. Now, a faculty member will have a seat in the Student Senate.

Stuart Greene, an associate professor in the University Writing Program, was unanimously approved to represent the faculty to the voice of the student body.

Greene has served on the Faculty Senate's Student Affairs Committee for three years. In that time, he has been a part of several major resolutions, including ones supporting the Women's Resource Center and The Observer's independence.

Currently, Greene is working with student and faculty leaders on revisions to Notre Dame's Honor Code.

He is looking forward to the new challenge as a go-between for student and faculty leaders.

"I've always worked closely with students, and I thought I could be an advocate for students on the Faculty Senate," Greene said.

He said he hopes to open the lines of communication between students and faculty on important issues that the two groups tackle.

The motion to put a faculty representative on the Student Senate initially came out of that group. Earlier this term, the Senate passed a resolution asking for a Faculty representative. Greene has been doing the job on an interim basis, and Wednesday, he was given its full-time. He is also one of two faculty representatives on the Campus Life Council.

In other Faculty Senate News:

- While election returns came in from across the nation Tuesday night, finance professor Richard Sheehan was awaiting some results of his own. Sheehan ran for South Bend School Board.

- Student body president Brian O'Donoghue and Dillon Hall senator Brendan Dowdall met with the Student Affairs Committee to discuss student concerns and tactics for influencing University policies.

"They had some very politically astute recommendations to make to the committee," said Ed Manier, the committee's chair.

Career Showcase to host over 40 exhibits

By KATIE RZEPKA
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host the 17th Annual Showcase of Careers Thursday to help students navigate the seemingly overwhelming search for a career.

The event is co-sponsored by the College's Counseling and Career Development Center and the Board of Governance.

"The main idea that we want to get across to students is career exploration," said David Wilkeson, assistant director for Career Development.

Wilkeson said that the showcase is geared toward all students. First-year students and sophomores may gather information to assist them in selecting majors and defining career direction. The showcase provides a chance to learn more about the world of work and to talk informally with employer representatives.

Juniors and seniors can benefit too, he said. The showcase provides students the ability to access up-to-date career information and learn about possible internships.

Nearly 40 organizations will visit campus to offer information about employment opportunities, internships, graduate school and volunteer programs. The variety ranges from Arthur Anderson to WSBT-TV to the Peace Corp.

"There is internship and job opportunities. That's why we ask people to bring their resumes," said Jolanta Szumal, Career Services Secretary.

Employers will gain as well because they have the opportunity to reach a large number of prospects in a short amount of time.

The showcase runs from 3 to 5 p.m. and will be held in the LeMans lobby.

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Student jets to Jersey to complete civic duty

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

At 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, Notre Dame junior Kelly Donnelly decided to fly halfway across the country to vote. "I didn't like the idea of missing this election, it being so close and all," Donnelly said from her home in Edison, N.J. "I didn't come, it was something I would regret for the rest of my life." Donnelly purchased her ticket at 2 a.m., and had to wake up at 4 a.m. to make her 6 a.m. flight. Although she had discussed the plan with her mother, no one in her family knew Donnelly arrived in New York's LaGuardia airport at 9:30 a.m.

"If everyone thinks that their vote doesn't matter, nothing is ever going to get done ... You're giving up the right to have a voice," Kelly Donnelly junior

Most of Donnelly's generation, however, would not make such a sacrifice. In fact, less than 1/3 or 32 percent, of 18 to 24-year olds voted in the 1996 presidential election. "If everyone thinks that their vote doesn't matter, nothing is ever going to get done," Donnelly said. "You're giving up the right to have a voice.

A major motivation behind Donnelly's decision to fly home was the closeness of the presidential race in New Jersey. "Gore's ahead, but he's only ahead by the margin of error," Donnelly said. in regards to pre-election polls in her state. Although she agreed with much of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's environmental and other policies, Donnelly said she decided to vote for the Gore/Lieberman ticket because the race was so close between Bush and Gore.

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congratulated him on "the amazing political feat of lapsing to the White House after only six years in public office." The New York Post reported that Bush was the winner as well, publishing their morning edition with the headline "Bush Wins!" Green Party candidate Ralph Nader only captured 3 percent of the national vote, falling short of the 5 percent of the vote needed for the Green Party to be eligible for federal funding in the next election. Nader did well enough to potentially tip several states to Bush, however.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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As many as 21 children became infected with E. coli during a visit to a petting zoo in Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

Saudis open border with Iraq: Saudi Arabia has opened its border with Iraq for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War to facilitate exports, a newspaper reported Tuesday. Saudis had engineered contracts worth $500 million under an exception to U.N. sanctions that allows Iraq to export oil to pay for food, medicine and humanitarian supplies, the paper said.

Children get E. coli at petting zoo: As many as 21 children became infected with E. coli during a visit to a petting zoo in Lanodale, PA, health officials say. Two of the children, girls ages 3 and 4, remained on kidney dialysis Tuesday. E. coli infections have been confirmed in 12 of the children and are suspected in nine others. All of them had visited Merry Restaurant. Investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been at the farm collecting feces and analyzing the water supply and animal health to try to pinpoint the source of the bacteria.

15 years later, Oregon girl found: An 18-year-old woman who vanished 15 years ago was reunited with her family after she wandered into a police station and asked for help. Fallon Marie Hodges allegedly vanished with her baby sister, but the disappearance was not reported at the time. The Medford Mail Tribune in Eugene reported.

Rally and festival respond to KKK: A Christian-themed rally planned for Saturday in Wokarta is a response to another rally scheduled that day — one by the Ku Klux Klan. And on the same day, the Heart of the Strip, a festival that may have been just days away.

Barak weighs Palestinian state

Palestinian youths throw stones at Israeli troops during clashes Tuesday in the West Bank town of Hebron.

One Palestinian was killed and more than 50 were injured in conflicts in West Bank and Gaza Strips.

Associated Press

Jerusalem: Israel's prime minister Ehud Barak said Tuesday, in the clearest terms yet, that a Mideast peace treaty would produce a "viable Palestinian state" but he would not make concessions to the Palestinians under the threat of violence.

In new rock-throwing clashes and gun battles in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Palestinian was killed and more than 50 were wounded.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Tuesday renewed a call for the deployment of a 2,000-strong U.N. protection force that would shield Palestinians against Israeli troops.

Barak said he would raise the demand when he meets with President Clinton at the White House on Thursday.

The U.N. Security Council was to discuss the Palestinian request on Monday. The United States and Israel oppose an international force.

However, U.S. officials did not say whether they would veto the proposal, and diplomats, including some from the United States, noted that international observers were dispatches in the past to the tense West Bank town of Hebron.

Barak, who is to meet with Clinton on Sunday, sent a letter to heads of government worldwide to explain Israel's position.

Barak said Israel has acted with utmost restraint and the Palestinian Authority has been trying to "replace the peace process with an armed struggle."

The Israeli leader said he made concessions during a Mideast summit at Camp David in July. "We could resume negotiations which — based on the ideas discussed at Camp David — will lead to the creation of a viable Palestinian state," Barak wrote. "or we can succumb to the violence and unilateral Palestinian action."

If the Palestinians choose violence, he warned, "Israel will be forced to take measures to ensure the security of our citizens."

In the past, Barak has said he would not absolutely rule out the creation of a separate Palestinian state, but Tuesday's statement was his clearest promise yet of an eventual Palestinian independence.
TANZANIA

Chaotic election ends with ruling party win

Associated Press

The ruling party candidate was proclaimed Zanzibar’s new president Tuesday, ending a chaotic election that was censored by international observers and by an opposition that said it would not recognize the results.

The Zanzibar Electoral Commission, hand-picked by the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party, said party leader Amani Karume won 67 percent of the vote in the semi-autonomous region, while the leader of the opposition Civic United Front, Seif Sharif Hamad, got 33 percent.

International and Tanzanian election monitors said the original Oct. 29 vote was fundamentally flawed because of stolen ballot papers, voting irregularities and police interference.

A rerun was held in 16 districts on Sunday for some of those problems, but the Civic United Front had demanded new elections in all 50 districts under an interim government to guarantee a fair vote.

Despite opposition calls for a boycott of Sunday’s vote, the electoral commission said a total of 45 percent of Zanzibar’s 446,482 registered voters took part in the election.

As soon as the results were announced, hundreds of jubilant Chama Cha Mapinduzi supporters took to the streets of the impoverished island region, chanting the party’s name and singing campaign songs.

In opposition-dominated neighborhoods, shops were closed and people cleared the streets. Civic United Front officials have told their supporters to stay indoors to avoid any confrontation with police or ruling party supporters.

The electoral commission said the ruling party had won 34 seats in Zanzibar’s 50-member House of Representatives, a two-thirds majority that will allow it to alter the island’s constitution. The Civic United Front won 16 seats, all on Pemba, the smaller of Zanzibar’s two populated islands.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi leaders and electoral commission officials have said they are satisfied that the election was free and fair and deny there were any serious irregularities.

Karume, 52, is the son of Zanzibar’s first president, Abeid Karume, who was assassinated in 1972. He has distanced himself from outgoing Zanzibar President Salim Amour, who is reportedly under investigation for fraud.

Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous region of Tanzania, is off the main island of Zanzibar off coast of mainland Tanzania, and contains heavy industries that have been described by critics as undemocratic.

International donors cut all financial aid to Zanzibar in 1995 after observ ers said that the election was rigged.

CAMBODIA

Hospitals face rise in acid attacks

Associated Press

PINOM PINH

In Cambodia, aware in weapons after decades of war, there are plenty of ways to take revenge. But for those who throw acid instead of grenades, the aim is not to kill but to strip a woman of her beauty.

And unlike in other countries where acid-wielding is usually done by men, in Cambodia some two-thirds of attacks are perpetrated by women.

“I have little hope for anything now,” whispers 17-year-old Tat Somarina, a model and karaoke star who was doused with nitric acid one year ago in a high-profile attack by the wife of a man she was seeing.

Doctors and human rights workers count at least 20 copyclic attacks since Somarina’s, and many more probably have gone unreported.

Some blame rapid social change. Though still one of the world’s poorest countries, a market economy and international aid after years of isolation and communism have bred a rich urban elite.

Girls don’t get equal access to education, so beauty is often the only ticket to a comfortable life.

Bigamy, once discouraged, has become commonplace among the male elite.

“It’s not seen as a moral issue any more, even if the girl is very young,” said Oung Chanthol, executive director of the Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center, which provides acid victims with shelter and basic medical treatment.

A woman whose husband takes a “second wife” may beg him to stop or threaten the newcomer. But if she resorts to acid, it is most likely to be against the other woman, not the man.

Somarina now lives with a brother in Lynn, Mass. Her skin is thick, immobile mask, her nose reduced to two holes, her newly reconstructed lips swollen and raw.

She will undergo years of treatment at Shriners Hospitals in nearby Boston, but has little hope of regaining anything like her former looks.

SOUTH AFRICA

Passenger trains collide south of Johannesburg, at least 2 killed

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

Two passenger trains crashed head-on late Tuesday afternoon, killing at least two people and injuring 76 others, police said.

The two Metro Rail trains apparently were traveling toward each other on the same track and collided about 4:30 p.m. in Wadeville, and industrial area south of Johannesburg, Superintendent Andy Piek said.

“There’s one coach on top of the other so it’s really difficult at this stage to determine what may have happened,” he said.

Rescue workers were trying to get into some of the damaged carriages to see if people were trapped inside, Piek said.

The trains have the capacity to carry hundreds of people, though it was unclear how many were aboard at the time of the accident, he said.

The South African Press Association reported the two dead were the trains’ drivers.

One of the trains was traveling to the Johannesburg suburb of Kalkheuwel, while the other was headed toward the suburb of Elsburg.

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Queen Mother Ingrid dies at 90

Swedish-born queen helped modernize crown

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN

Swedish-born Queen Ingrid, beloved for her casual, forthright style and mother of Denmark's first female monarch in five centuries, died Tuesday, the royal palace said. She was 90.

Ingrid died at 4:27 p.m. at the Fredensborg Castle north of the capital, Copenhagen, the palace said. Her three daughters - Queen Margrethe, Princess Benedikte and ex-Queen Anne-Marie of Greece - and 10 grandchildren were by her bedside.

"Denmark today has lost a wise queen and a great human being with a deep solitude for our whole country," Prime Minister Poul Nyrop Rasmussen said in a statement.

Dozens of people with torches and candles silently gathered outside Fredensborg Castle, while others laid flowers at the central royal palace in downtown Copenhagen.

"When she said something, everyone listened. She was everybody's grandmother," said Michael Birk, a 43-year-old computer consultant.

Ingrid Victoria Sofia Louise Margartha was born March 28, 1910, at the royal castle in Stockholm, Sweden. She was the only daughter of Sweden's King Gustaf VI Adolf, a great-granddaughter of England's Queen Victoria and an aunt of Sweden's current King Carl XVI Gustaf.

She married then-Crown

Prince Frederik of Denmark at the age of 25 and entered Europe's oldest royal house, putting her mark on the monarchy from her earliest years as crown princess.

Ingrid was credited with helping to shape the modern, democratic royal way of doing business, an approach carried on by her daughter Queen Margrethe II, the woman to take over the monarchy since her namesake Queen Margrethe I ruled from 1387 to 1412.

Ingrid herself sat on the Danish throne as wife of King Frederik IX from 1947 until his death in 1972.

Danes loved the queen mother from the moment she sailed into Copenhagen in the spring of 1935 as Frederik's bride. By 1972, when she and her daughter followed him as a gun carriage carried Frederik's coffin through Copenhagen streets, the sentiment had expanded to respect and admiration.

Ingrid was a young mother during the bleak years of Nazi occupation in World War II. Ingrid pushed a baby carriage along Copenhagen sidewalks and used her bicycle for shopping. She also walked her daughters to school and steered them clear of some of theotation of the royal court.

Elegant and graceful, Ingrid was sometimes referred to as the first Danish queen to take a professional approach to the job, insisting on system, order and accuracy in her undertakings.

Ingrid remained active into old age, though osteoporosis often forced her to use a wheelchair in recent years and she broke her hip bone in a fall in 1997. She was patron to some 40 social welfare and aid organizations, compiling a unique record of visiting virtually every Danish social welfare and cultural institution.

Her summer home in Graaesten in southern Denmark became a common gathering place for her children and grandchildren living in Denmark, Germany and Greece.

Ingrid was credited with sorting out affairs in 1964 when Anne-Marie, her youngest daughter, fell in love at the age of 15 with the young King Constantine of Greece. She allowed Anne-Marie to become engaged at 16 and to marry at 18. The couple went into exile in London after the Greek monarchy was abolished in 1974.

Princess Benedikte married German Prince Richard of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg in January 1973, celebrating Margrethe's 25 years as Denmark's popular fig- urehead monarch. Ingrid made a very personal and moving speech.

Turning to Margrethe and addressing her by her nick- name, she said, "Daisy, you have two wonderful sons and they will do their best for Denmark so I can safely close my eyes."

Russia

Authorities call off sub recovery effort

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russian and Norwegian divers cast a wreath Tuesday on the arctic waters above the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk and gave up their effort to recover more bodies from the vessel, saying they had done all they could.

The remains of only 12 of the 118 crew who died in the Aug. 12 disaster were brought to the surface and identified during the risky 18-day operation in the Barents Sea off Russia's northern coast. But many officials had cautioned that most bodies would not be recovered.

The explosions that sank the Kursk likely blew many of the crew to bits, and buried heavy equipment and machinery around the shattered vessel's compartments, making it impossible for divers to safely reach parts of the sub.

Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky said the decision to end the operation was made after a conference between Russian and Norwegian officials supervising the work. The divers assembled on the mother ship Regalia for a short ceremony before the vessel headed for home in Norilsk.

"In their short speeches, the divers said they had done everything possible for the Kursk, and more," Navrotsky said.

The divers had worked for the past two days to remove sagging debris from the upper deck of the submarine's fourth compartment, yet could only move 6 feet along a single passageway, and no remains were found. The divers then welded shut the hole they had cut in the sec- tion.

Divers decided not to search for remains in the fifth compartment because any bodies were likely to be locat- ed on a lower level, which could only be reached through a hatch too small for the divers' bulky suits, Navrotsky said.

All the bodies were recovered from a rear compart- ment, farther from the bow where the explosions are believed to have occurred. The Russian cruiser Peter the Great and a ship checking for possible radiation leaks stayed at the site. The Russian divers will remain aboard the Regalia for several more days to complete decompression necessary after deep diving, he said.

Navrotsky and officials from the Norwegian arm of Halliburton, a Dallas-based oil-services company hired by Russia to organize the recov- ery effort, said the operation had been a success.

"We did what we set out to do," Halliburton spokesman Birger Haraldseth said. "We did something no one else has done, by cutting a hole in a submarine at the bottom of the street below the surface, with occasional pauses because of harsh weather.

After attempts to find more bodies failed, divers went back down to the submarine Tuesday to inspect the hull in preparation for a possible operation to raise the entire vessel next year, Navrotsky said.

The divers worked in shifts around the clock more than 30 feet below the ocean's surface, with occasional pauses because of harsh weather.

At least 23 divers survived the initial explosion in the rear of the vessel, as indicat- ed by a letter found on the body of Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov.

The cause of the Kursk's sink- ing remains unknown. Russian officials favor a theo- ry that a collision with a for- eign submarine set off the powerful blasts. But others have said the most likely rea- son was a torpedo exploding in its tube because of a tech- nical malfunction.

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Ministers support intervention in spiraling euro crisis

**About the Euro**

**Last Sep. 22, the European Central Bank (ECB) and the central banks of United States, Japan, Britain and Canada joined to defend the euro. On Nov. 3, the ECB carried out an intervention in a renewed attempt to try and bolster the continuously sliding European currency. On Nov. 6, another intervention was attempted with no success.**

**Recent euro developments**

**Friday Nov. 3**

Wim Duisenberg

ECB’s President

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**Tuesday Nov. 7**

Finance ministers, backing ECB President W. Duisenberg, agreed with the intervention decision.

**The finance ministers**

Pedro Solbes

ECU’s commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

**Laurent Fabius**

French Finance Minister

**Hans Eichel**

German Finance Minister

**Karl-Heinz Grasser**

Australian Finance Minister

**Anne-Therese Nyberg**

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Metropolitan 'Flying Squad' foils Dome diamond heist

Associated Press

LONDON
Police foiled an elaborate plot to steal hundreds of millions of pounds worth of diamonds from a display at the Millennium Dome in what they said would have been the world's biggest robbery.

Scotland Yard police headquarters said 12 people had been arrested following the attempted heist - which would have netted some £350 million pounds - after a police operation that took months to plan.

With robbers disguised as workmen, Flying Squad officers disguised as cleaners and a powerboat waiting on the River Thames outside as a getaway, the audacious bid had all the makings of an action movie plot.

The robbers' plan may even have been inspired by the latest James Bond movie "The World Is Not Enough," which featured a speedboat chase to the Dome.

"When they entered the vault they imprisoned themselves for us," Detective Superintendent Jon Shatford, who led the 100-man operation, told a news conference. "Had we arrested them beforehand we would have increased the threat to the public."

"If this robbery had been carried out ... this would have been the largest robbery in the world," Shatford said Tuesday morning.

The robbers' plan may have been working closely with the police and our own security advisers and had been notified this raid was going to take place," company spokesman Andrew Lamont told Reuters.

"On the basis of that information we switched the diamonds literally hours before the raid," Dome Chief executive Pierre-Yves Gerbeau was simply relieved the operation was over without any injuries. "I had known about the operation for some time. I was very worried," Gerbeau said. Publicity is just what the beleaguered attraction badly needs.

The Dome has been a business failure, swallowing up a billion pounds of public money. Having fallen far short of its target for visitor numbers, the buyer lined up to take it over at the end of the year then pulled out amid a financial scandal.

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A getaway car on the far side of the speedboat, one was arrested after they had smashed through the glass case protecting the diamonds with sledgehammers and nail-guns.

The vault usually holds a rare display by South African diamond mining company De Beers, including a huge diamond described by experts as priceless.

"Having the diamond mining goal on the glass case was very worrying," Gerbeau said.

De Beers said they had been told about the raid and had replaced the diamonds with worthless copies late on Monday.

One of the gang was caught in the speedboat, one was arrested in a getaway car on the far side of the Thames and six more were held in raids in Kent. Police hinted there could be more arrests, saying the operation was still going on.

The prize the robbers were striving for was a huge, flawless 203-carat pear-shaped diamond dubbed the Millennium Star - one of the world's largest gems. It is surrounded by 11 other unique blue diamonds.

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I believe it was the so very wise Mel Gibson who once said (in Braveheart) that "every man dies but not every man really lives." And then he proceeded to really live, painting his face in bold, I'm going to chase my land blue, raising a big broadband over his head and kicking some British butt. People don't "live" anymore quite like William Wallace did. I wonder why?

That's my question for the day. Why the heck don't we fight the British anymore? No, not exactly, that's a separate issue. I want to know why the heck the apathy of individuals, at least in the United States, has skyrocketed? Why do people are everywhere so depressed, bored, tired of living or generally uninterested by life? I'd also like to know why kids can play video games until their eyeballs fall out on Monday and be back playing more games on Wednesday, but that's also a separate issue.

Now, I've pondered the apathy of people, and I've come to some conclusions. People are apathetic because they buy water. We buy water. We also buy sunlight. But I will discuss this in a moment. Why do we buy water? We buy water because we have no sense. In a two-hour time period at the HudU, $30 worth of water will easily be purchased. If you do the math and analyze a lot of factors, you will come up with statistically significant figures concerning people's water buying habits. People have lost the will to get free water. We have discovered that a fresh bottle of Evian is so much easier but faithful, bent-up water bottle. We've got to have new, new, new. Have we lost our minds? The water in South Bend, after its purification processes, is fine. Now, imagine this scenario: Next spring break you decide to go to Baja California. As you are flying over Death Valley, your plane goes down. You survive but you wish you were dead because you are stranded in Death Valley. We all know that in Death Valley any water is good water so why can't we translate this extreme love of free-flowing, Death Valley water into our normal, everyday lives?

Because we have lost the gift of appreciation somewhere in the midst of fast food, Land Cruisers and 32-screen movie theaters, we have lost the ability to appreciate the free things in life. And because we can no longer appreciate what comes freely, cheaply, naturally, how can we expect ourselves to know happiness? Nothing will ever be good enough in a world where people would rather buy bottled water than have almost the exact same water for free.

This brings me to my second agenda—the American need to buy sunlight. Now, what the heck is this all about? The goal of tanning is basically to burn oneself. We know that in Death Valley any water is good water so why can't we translate this extreme love of free-flowing, Death Valley water into our normal, everyday lives? This is due to the ability to appreciate the free things in life. But the ability to appreciate the free things in life is due to the ability to appreciate free water. And the ability to appreciate free water is due to the ability to appreciate free things. And the ability to appreciate free things is due to the ability to appreciate the free things in life.

Love cannot be bought. Air cannot be bought. Or can it? There have been oxygen bars in Tokyo. Are we just going to name a price for everything?

As soon as everything has a price tag, everything is in jeopardy of becoming unobtainable. When cars were considered unnecessary luxury items, people did not need them. Now cars are very important in everyday life for most people. But what happens when you take something you already cannot live without, like water, air or love, and you make it profitable? A person can live without a car but not without the essentials for physical and mental well-being.

So, in a decidedly roundabout way, the next time you buy water or pay for sunlight, you are contributing to your own unhappiness. You have chosen not to really live. Sometimes it is necessary to have discomfort, to take the longer route or to reuse one water bottle over and over so that in the end, the ability to appreciate the natural, free things, to appreciate life, can still exist. Don't lose the ability to appreciate life.

And for God's sake, stop buying gold and blue, twice-as-expensive M&Ms at football games, when the regular ones, already overpriced, taste exactly the same, melty-in-the-mouth-not-in-the-hand, exactly the same. One is tempted to tell people who buy water, tan and the most expensive colored M&Ms that she also has some land in Florida she would like to sell them.

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Cyril Connolly

SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is a maze in which we take the wrong turning before we have learned to walk."

Cyril Connolly

author
### Open doors to co-ed life

Did you know that no two students who claim to be Asian/Pacific-Islander, African-American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American on their applications consistently are going to be roommates with one another as a freshman? As a matter of fact, minority students are intentionally placed with his classmates - and his classmates could learn about him. Did you know that Notre Dame administrators have pondered the question of whether or not to have designated "dry" residence halls or Floors for students of a certain gender? The student name Alex, who was born with only one limb, was accepted to Notre Dame, but didn’t have an accessible home. A ramp and a couple automatic doors later, one can’t help but wonder, why can’t someone like Alex live with his classmates — and his classmates could learn about him. Ed’s became a place that someone like Alex could live in. Of course, the idea was never to have designated halls but to have people of different races living together. Did you know that Notre Dame started making a concerted effort to make their residence halls handicap accessible? The idea was to increase alcohol education and ends up setting some standards that make our residence halls the envy of other colleges. Did you know that no two students who claim to be Asian/Pacific-Islander, African-American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American on their applications consistently are going to be roommates with one another as a freshman? As a matter of fact, minority students are intentionally placed with his classmates - and his classmates could learn about him. Did you know that Notre Dame administrators have pondered the question of whether or not to have designated "dry" residence halls or Floors for students of a certain gender? The student name Alex, who was born with only one limb, was accepted to Notre Dame, but didn’t have an accessible home. A ramp and a couple automatic doors later, one can’t help but wonder, why can’t someone like Alex live with his classmates — and his classmates could learn about him. Ed’s became a place that someone like Alex could live in. Of course, the idea was never to have designated halls but to have people of different races living together. Did you know that Notre Dame started making a concerted effort to make their residence halls handicap accessible? The idea was to increase alcohol education and ends up setting some standards that make our residence halls the envy of other colleges.

### Alcohol-free on the FlipSide

I am responding to the Wednesday, Nov. 1, "In Focus" section on the Notre Dame alcohol policy, mainly to the article entitled "University begins long-term study of alcohol problem..." I simply want to set the record straight.

Throughout the report, the article lays out the three-pronged plan of action that the Board of Trustees proposed in order to improve the social scene of Notre Dame. The blueprint begins with a plea for consistency in the application of drug, lasts for a couple of years, with a call to increase alcohol education and ends with a need for more alcohol-free events. In all but one of the article cites examples of past or present successes in these programs, yet only criticizes the existing alcohol policies. The final paragraph of the article states, "Student government chief of staff)" Smith pointed out that such events currently have low turnout because it is difficult to compete with Riley in the Alley, Lafayette." Until Student Activities can afford bigger productions, said Smith, non-alcohol events may take a back seat. This is simply not true, and FlipSide proves it every weekend.

Flipside is a student-run organization whose sole purpose is to provide alcohol-free events on the campus weekends for those who choose not to party and drink. FlipSide’s only purpose is for only one right. We are not an "anti-alcohol" group — we simply do not want any person to feel pressured to drink due to a lack of alternatives.

Yes, we find fun things to do in South Bend, and when we cannot uncover them, we create them. Over the past couple of years, we have at least doubled our numbers and popularity with activities such as trips to haunted houses, bowling and dances. Last weekend at our ice skating event, we set a new FlipSide record with more than 250 attendees; however, this record will not last for long. With upcoming events such as paintball (this Friday), a Christmas shopping and sightseeing trip into Chicago (Dec. 2) and snow tubing (next semester), we could not possibly go anywhere but up!

One more thing. As a student it is easy to hear other students complain about the lack of social action on campus, despite our attempts to rectify this situation. I realize that not every event is suited for everyone, but we strive to serve as much of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross community as possible. If student has any ideas on how we could help them (i.e., suggestions for events, more effective advertising, etc.) or would like to become involved with one of the fastest growing organizations on campus, they can always contact me or come to our weekly meetings at 8 p.m. on Sundays in the second floor lounge of LaFortune. Thank you for taking time to think about this. — Dagostino promises one thing and then delivers the opposite. I think, like "Ending Abortion's Reality," you may expect either a discussion of a woman's right to privacy, an unholy right to murder, or even whether or not a fetus is a living being. Instead, the letter is a list of stock, stream-of-consciousness musings on such things as our imperfect world, God and the evil of judging the behavior of others. It essentially bypasses any serious discussion of the abortion issue.

Ms. Dagostino says that "God understands that we're just humans and so we screw up once in a while. Therefore, she says, we should be allowed to "deal with the consequences of our mistakes so over broadly a statement that I doubt even Ms. Dagostino actually believes it. Suppose "screws up" drinking my money on beer and cigarettes. Broke and hungry, I decide to deal with the consequences of my actions by walking into a 7-11, shooting the clerk and stealing enough cash to get by. Would Ms. Dagostino support me in this decision to deal with the consequences of my actions or would she be one of those "more perfect neighbors" and condemn my decision to shoot the clerk and rob the store? I have to think that she'd be the former case and she'd be right. As soon as my decision to deal with the consequences of my mistakes involved shooting the wrong of another person, my decision ceased to be personal and rightfully became the business of Ms. Dagostino and the rest of society.

I also have difficulty understanding whether or not a woman's right to an abortion outweighs an unborn child's right to life is a matter for debate. However, to offer a supposedly considered opinion on abortion without even addressing the argument that it destroys an innocent human life can hardly be described as "facing abortion's reality."
Robots can now play fetch, mow lawns, score goals

Hey kids, what’s more American than getting someone else to do something for you? Getting a robot to do it instead! And if you have the pocket change to buy one, they can dramatically increase your time on the couch, leaving you to watch the Bears and drink with a frothy beverage of your choice.

We’ve all seen “The Real World,” where our beloved wiener 20-somethings cuddle with a robot dog so real it will even mount your leg “if the mood catches him right.” That dog is Aibo, a Sharper Image product, and can be had for a cool $1,999.

The technology that makes Aibo like a real dog is its ability to learn and mature with artificial intelligence. It can even adapt to its surroundings with a camera in its nose.

Included with your Aibo is a software package for “personality.” It allows Aibo to express surprise and anger, among other emotions. There’s nothing quite like an angry robot dog chasing a kid around the house because the ankle-biter threw Aibo’s pink ball at it. Pink ball included.

Although Aibo may be dumb as a post at first, it can eventually learn up to 50 verbal commands like “sit,” “stay,” “bite” and “chase cars.” Apparently, they have even programmed a soul into this plucky pup. It will respond to your voice, and you can even name it. Suggested names include “Waste of Money,” “Rich People’s Toy” and “Spot.”

No cash for Aibo? I think they still sell Chia-pets and real dogs at the mall. But seriously, this product shows the degree of commercialization of artificial intelligence.

Some critics believe we should keep “intelligence” strictly human. But Aibo is hardly a threat to the human race’s unique thinking. Go on a wagging tail could be construed as a threat to dog intelligence. The National Association of Real Dogs has even praised Aibo to treasurers and Old Yeller, have lobbied Congress to ban Aibo.

While you may not share Lassie’s passionate protestation of Aibo, you may still want a more useful robot for your money. Take Sundays, for example. Sundays are for football, not for mowing the lawn. And nobody wants to pay the neighbor’s kid’s $20 to do a sub-par job.

Straight out of Europe comes the Robobomber, a product that uses the same technology as Aibo. Robobomber is a machine aimed at the huge lazy-American market. All the owner must do is put special pegs around his or her yard. Press a button, and off the Robobomber goes, avoiding birds, dogs, even robot ones and that pink flamingo Aunt Helga bought you for Christmas. An on-board computer directs the mower, which retail for $795. The processor interprets ultrasound signals from the pegs while mowing in a triangular pattern. These signals tell the Robobommer when to turn and how to avoid obstacles. It will mow any shape yard and go up and down hills easily.

But there are several downsides to this gift from heaven. The Robobomber will take up close to your lawn longer than your lawn than it would take you, and will only run for 2 1/2 hours. That means if you start the Robobommer at half time, you might have to leave the living room during the fourth quarter to stop it—a tough sacrifice to make.

Still, using the Robobomber is better than cutting your lawn yourself, and you can justify your laziness by saying it’s environmentally friendly, which it is. The Robobomber is virtually silent and for a change, no emissions from its battery-powered operation.

For the presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush shared opinions about the Robobomber in this frenzied election season. Gore said that, like the Internet, he “invented” the Robobomber. Bush asked about his position on robot lawnmowers, he replied, “What a lawnmower!”

If getting robots to mow your lawn isn’t high on your agenda, how about using them to improve sports? Everyone knows soccer is boring. So those enterprising Australians have come up with something Aiberish: robot soccer. Hope Cup 2000, held in Melbourne, Australia from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, brought together robots from all over the world to test their mettle in five divisions.

The competition is for robots passing, shooting, and playing soccer strategy just like Manchester United. However, because these robots are simulating soccer players, no artificial intelligence is required. Apparently the games have scores high enough to make it a legitimate spectator sport, unlike human soccer. Also in developmen is robot soccer hasilogs that throw computer chips at the competing robots and trash each other’s circuits in the stands.

The moral of the story is that you can make robots do lots of things you want to do, like play soccer and mow the lawn. And that’s a good thing, for us, the lazy Americans.

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Michigan still undecided: Republican U.S. Sen. Spence Abraham and Democratic challenger Debbie Stabenow spent more than $18 million — the most expensive campaign in Michigan history — in a fight that drew national attention as Republicans fought to hold onto their majority in the U.S. Senate. Then they waited into Wednesday morning to find out the result.

With 57 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Abraham had 51 percent with 1,192,792 votes and Stabenow had 48 percent with 1,121,429 votes.

"Regardless of what happens, what's important is that the people have participated and come to the polls, and it's wonderful to see that happen," Stabenow told supporters just after midnight.

"What can you say? We've just got to wait until all the votes are counted," Abraham spokesman Joe Davis said.

An exit poll, which found the race too close to call when the polls closed, showed Stabenow fared better among women, while Abraham did better among men.

Suburban voters were almost evenly divided between the candidates, but Abraham dominated rural areas and Stabenow ran strongly in cities, according to the exit poll conducted by Voter News Service, a partnership of The Associated Press and the ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox and NBC television networks.

Montana seniors power Republican win: In the U.S. Senate race, a majority of voters over age 65 favored Republican Conrad Burns, despite Brian Schweitzer's campaigning for lower prescription prices and powered Burns to a tight win. Independents and moderates favored Schweitzer, but the Democrat still lost by 13,000.

Democrat wins Jersey race: New Jersey voters reelected multimillionaire Democrat Jon Corzine with a seat in the Senate for a campaign that set new standards for spending by a very slim margin.

Corzine, the former chairman of Goldman Sachs & Co., assured himself a place in the record books by spending an estimated $65 million — most of that from his own pockets — in an effort to succeed retiring Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.

Franks, a four-term congressman and former state GOP chairman, accused Corzine of trying to buy the election and confidently predicted he would pull off an upset for the ages.

But it was not to be, as Republicans continued a string of futility in Senate races. The last GOP win came in 1972, when Clifford Case won a fourth term.

"We were outspent better than 10-to-1," Franks told supporters after calling Corzine to concede. "The assault on the airwaves, it never stopped."

Nebraska Republican squeaks by: George Bush's popularity lifted Republican Don Stenberg into a tight Senate race against former Gov. Ben Nelson, but Nelson pulled out a close win.

Despite wintry weather in much of the state, Secretary of State Scott Moore stood by his pre­ ceding that 24 percent of the state’s 1,085,000 voters would cast ballots.

Overwhelming voter turnout caused polling places in at least four counties — Douglas, Sarpy, Cuming and Buffalo — to run out of ballots and others faced long lines as polls closed. After long waits to get their ballots, no voters were turned away.

Some 538,000, or nearly 50 percent, of the state’s voters are registered Republican, 392,000, or 36 percent, are Democrats. Another 153,000, or about 14 percent, are registered as independents.

Nader may spoil election for Gore:

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader speaks at the last of his campaign SuperRallies in Washington, D.C. at the MCI Center Sunday. Nader encouraged his supporters to vote for him despite claims that their votes would band a victory to George W. Bush, saying, "A vote for Nader is a vote for Nader."

Green Party candidate garners 2 to 3 percent of nation's popular vote

By JASON McFARLEY Assistant News Editor

Ralph Nader's failed presidential bid Tuesday won't keep his name out of the history books. With the votes the Green Party nominee received, he may have become the first third-party candidate to possibly cost a major-party candidate the election, according to some.

Although Nader only received about 2 to 3 percent of the nationwide presidential vote Tuesday, he took votes from Democratic nominee Vice President Al Gore in key battleground states, said Notre Dame sociology professor Robert Fishman. In particular, Nader's showing in Florida may have handed George W. Bush the presidency.

"In effect, Nader has hurt Gore. He's handed the presidency to George Bush."

Robert Fishman sociology professor

"I did not run for President to help one of the other of the major candidates."

Ralph Nader
Green Party presidential candidate

You can't spoil a system spoiled to the core. Nader stood a standing-room crowd in the ballroom of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Tuesday.

Nader failed Tuesday to collect the 5 percent of the national vote needed to qualify for federal campaign funds in the 2004 elections. But he may have also played a factor in races between the major-party front-runners in Colorado, Nevada and New Hampshire — states predicted to have been won by Bush Tuesday.

Nader, who made it a point throughout his campaign to blast the other candidates for their seemingly similar, moderate views, denied accusations that his candidacy might dictate the outcome of the election.

"I did not run for president to help elect one or the other of the two major candidates," Nader told the Associated Press earlier Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.
CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Republican students promote political activity

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

WASHINGTON

Members of the College Republicans at the University of Maryland-College Park felt it was important to show their support for Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush Tuesday, though they correctly believed that Democratic candidate Al Gore would carry the state.

Gore won the state's 10 electoral votes by a 1-point margin, 57-50.

"I think it's important that we have a presence on campus," said Jessica Ryan, a 19-year-old sophomore. "I think some people are Republicans but they feel shy or they feel like it's hopeless, and even though it probably won't amount to a whole lot in the state of Maryland because we are majority Democrats, I think just letting people know we're here and that there are people on the other side is important.

To that end, the university's College Republicans passed out signs, bumper stickers and literature outside their Stamp Student Union. Government and politics major Ken Shepherd said he believes that although the state has traditionally voted for Democrats, the students' presence could cause others to reconsider their political affiliations.

"We're not changing," he said.

As a recent graduate, she added, she feels it is vital to students that Gore win the presidency, especially for his stance on education issues. It's very important, she said, for young people to make their voices heard because "voter turnout for our generation is so low. We need to show the leadership that we have a voice."

She called herself "100 percent supportive" of Gore and Lieberman, and said more Democrats need to be in Congress.

Democrats are more in tune with important issues, she said, especially those that affect her as a young woman.

Rachel Klikaer, a volunteer in D.C.'s Gore/Lieberman headquarters, agreed. "It's crucial for women especially," specifically those of reproductive ages, to understand and agree with the Democratic Party, she added.

In a room wallpapered with hundreds of "Goren/Lieberman 2000" posters, volunteers from across the Washington, D.C., area went to work campaigning for Vice President Gore.

Her job as a campaign volunteer is important, she said, because a lot of Democrats are not necessarily those who had the time or transportation to get out and vote.

Klikaer, who plans to study political science at the University of Maryland next year, said she voted for Gore mainly because of his stance on contraception and financing education, both hot button issues for young voters.

"This is their future," said deputy press director for the D.C. Gore/Lieberman headquarters of the youth vote this year.

Daniel, who involved herself in campaign volunteering when she was college-age, said she is "shocked" at how few young people get out and vote.

"This is so much fun. I can't imagine not investing in the future and being a part of it," Daniel said.

The 45-year-old public affairs director has worked on campaigns at the national and local level, and said young voters should take as much advantage of political volunteerism as they can.

"It's important for [students to volunteer because they get to be in the age group where issues like Social Security will impact them," said volunteer Cynthia Owens, 49.

Owens, among others, spent her election day calling people encouraging them to vote, specifically for the Gore/Lieberman ticket. Other volunteers focused on providing transportation for those voters whom otherwise could not reach their polling places.

Volunteering for the Democratic Party, Trich said, is one way she has been able to help energize her generation in the political process.

"I think it's really important that we do show we are here, bring some attention to ourselves if we have to," she said. "So that they see that we care about what's going on."
Chocola concedes defeat

By ERIN PIBUTEK
Senior Staff Writer

Remington Anksorus spent the last several months campaigning to elect Chris Chocola to an office he hopes to one day hold himself.

"I want to be a politician when I grow up," said Anksorus, noting he hoped to be Indiana Representative from District 3 someday. And the Penn High School senior isn't even old enough to vote.

But for now, Democratic incumbent Tim Roemer will return for a sixth term in Congress. And although Anksorus is disappointed in the election results, Chocola supporters can look forward to supporting Anksorus in future elections.

"I picked Chris because he basically stands for the same beliefs that I have," Anksorus said.

The race between Chocola and Roemer was too close to call for much of the night. Even when local media declared Roemer the winner around midnight, Chocola staffers refused to accept defeat, counting on the final precincts to push their candidate into the lead.

Finally, at 1 a.m. Chocola conceded the race.

Nevertheless, he remained positive.

"There is no losing tonight. We've got a lot more friends than we had a year ago," the challenger said.

Many of his volunteers had no previous political experience, but supported Chocola because they believed in his message. Volunteers included the very young.

"A lot of people have had their kids involved with the campaign from the beginning," said Chocola volunteer Brenda O'Grady, a mother of five. She supported Chocola in part because of his support for school voucher programs. She felt that the campaign offered a good opportunity to teach her children about the political process, an experience that she didn't have when she was younger.

The future voters at the Chocola gathering learned first-hand how important a few votes can be as the race unfolded.

Although Roemer jumped into a large early lead from St. Joseph County returns, Chocola steadily gained throughout the night, as results from the traditionally Republican Elkhart and Kosciusko County were reported.

The atmosphere grew more tense, as Chocola slowly and surely made the race a dead heat. Even into the early hours of the morning, support remained strong at the Republican camp at the Holiday Inn in South Bend. People crowded around big screen televisions, trying to glimpse the election results and local television shots of Roemer's sparsely-attended South Bend victory party.

Supporters consider the relatively unknown Chocola's effort a successful challenge to the popular incumbent.

"I think it opened a lot of people's eyes I think Roemer's next election will be tough for him to win," said Jason Mazurkiewicz, Chocola headquarters director.

Chocola did not discuss his future plans.
### ELECTION 2000

#### Electoral Votes

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**Key:**
- **Democrat**
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*At press time*

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#### Senate

- **Hillary Clinton (D)** 54%
- **Rick Lazio (R)** 45%

Hillary Rodham Clinton triumphed in her historic quest for the U.S. Senate, defeating homegrown GOP Rep. Rick Lazio on Tuesday to become the only first lady ever elected to public office. Just before 11 p.m. Tuesday, with 51 percent of precincts counted, Clinton had 1,698,421 votes, or 54 percent; Lazio had 1,423,562 votes, or 45 percent.

"You came out and said that issues and ideals matter," Clinton told a cheering crowd minutes later. In the wings, her husband, the president, watched and grinned. "I am profoundly grateful to all of you for giving me the opportunity to do what I was able to do," she said. "It is an honor to be able to do everything I can to be worthy of your faith and trust and to honor the powerful example of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan."

The campaign, which pitted her against a powerhouse New York City mayor and then a lesser-known Republican congressman, was the longest and costliest race in the state's history. It saw issues of character, place of birth, marital fidelity, and campaign finance collide with discussion of education, Social Security and the state's economy. But Clinton herself — her activism, her issues, her president husband and her love-it-or-hate-it personality — proved to be the main issue in the campaign against the Long Island congressman to replace retiring Democrat Moynihan.

"She overcame the skeptics, and worked and worked and won," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

- **Mel Carnahan (D)** 50%
- **John Ashcroft (R)** 49%

Missourians elected a deceased to the Senate on Tuesday, choosing Gov. Mel Carnahan — who perished three weeks ago in a plane crash — over Republican incumbent John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow had agreed to take her husband's place. With 84 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Carnahan had 1,075,872 votes, or 50 percent. Ashcroft, a Republican, had 1,039,409, or 49 percent. The plane crash that killed Carnahan, his son and an aide happened to a two-year term should Ashcroft lose. Mrs. Carnahan became the implicit challenger when she declared herself strong enough to accept appointment. Some Republicans had threatened a court challenge if that happened. Early Wednesday, as her husband pulled ahead, she addressed hundreds of St. Louis-area supporters by phone from her home in Bolivar. "You have stayed the course; you have kept the faith; you have carried our hopes and dreams," she said.

#### House of Representatives

- **Republican** (215)
- **Democrat** (203)
- **Independent**

*53%* (by party)

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Missourians retain Senate, House

The Republicans held a 54-46 advantage in the Senate and had 19 seats up for reelection. At press time, csn.com predicted the Republicans would win only 15 of those seats. Hillary Clinton and Delaware's Republican governor Mel Carnahan helped the Democrats win 18 seats. The race in Michigan was still too close to call at 5 a.m. Democrat Debbie Stabenow held 20,000 vote lead with 87 percent of all precincts reporting over Republican incumbent Spencer Abraham.

In addition to Missouri incumbent John Ashcroft who lost to Galan, Republicans lost several key Senate seats. Delaware Senator William Roth, the former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, lost to Democratic governor Tom Carper. Internet millionaire Maria Cantwell defeated Washington Senator Slade Gorton and Minnesota Senator Rod Grams fell to Mark Dayton. The Republicans, however, struck back with wins in Nevada and Virginia. Incumbent Democrat Charles Robb lost to former governor George Allen in Virginia while Republican John Ensign captured the empty former-Democrat seat in Nevada.

In the House, Republicans captured open Democratic seats in Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri and Virginia and barely retained seats in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina.

The narrow victories and tiny majority held by the Republicans could make partit­san battles even worse in the next two years.

"We will have to reach across the aisle and do things in a bipartisan basis," Republican House Speaker Dennis Hastert said on CNN. Hastert recaptured his seat in Illinois with 74 percent of the popular vote.

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Republican George Allen became the first Senate candidate to unseat an incumbent with his victory over Democrat Charles Robb in a close Virginia Senate race. Allen, the former Virginia governor, had a 52 to 48 percent lead with almost all the precincts reporting. Robb's loss ended more than 20 years of public service for a man who was first elected to statewide office in 1977. Robb was first elected to the Senate in 1988. Before his election to federal office, he served as governor and lieutenant governor. After his upset victory helped the Republicans hold onto their majority, he said. "This is your Senate seat and I will be a senator for all the people of Virginia."

Tonight, my friends, we begin moving for­ward and it sure is sweet," Allen told the hundreds at his election celebration at the Richmond Marriott.

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*Compiled from The Observer's wire services*
**INDIANA GOVERNOR**

**Incumbent O’Bannon eludes GOPs McIntosh**

**Democrat runs away with 13-point victory**

By LAURA ROMPF and MAUREEN SMITHE

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**INDIANAPOLIS**

Coming as no surprise to most Indiana voters, Democrat Frank O’Bannon was reelected as governor for a second term, beating Republican David McIntosh handily — 57 to 42 percent.

The outcome was evident early because O’Bannon led McIntosh by double-digits for much of the campaign season. Some Indiana voters waited in lines for up to 90 minutes Tuesday, giving this year’s election one of the highest turnouts in recent history.

At a celebratory party in Indianapolis, O’Bannon thanked his many supporters from across the state.

"I want to give thanks to all of you who believed we put Frank O’Bannon in the governor’s office," he said. "It’s been a remarkable, remarkable year, and we’re glad to have won a victory on this night."

O’Bannon cited his improvements over the past four years, including adding 500 police to the streets and a $1.5 billion tax cut. He also said he intends to further improve education.

"We look at the next four years to make sure the community college system is up in the state of Indiana," O’Bannon said. "There are things that need to be done in the streets of Indiana. We’ve got a lot more to do."

From his political headquarters in Muncie, Ind., McIntosh delivered his concession speech around 7:50 p.m. Tuesday. McIntosh said he was too much a Democrat to go for it — organized a primary challenge against incumbent Governor O’Bannon in 1994. Unshaken spec­

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Poll workers keep elections running smoothly

By KERRY SMITH

The imposing metal box stood cloaked in a dingy off-white drapery as a Portage Township resident cast his vote using the machine ballot during Tuesday's election.

Poll worker Martha Choitz looked on from her Precinct 1 post at a table in the Joyce Center. As she heard the crack of a vote being cast, she grinned broadly.

"With the election to get rid of that thing, I want to buy it and put it in my basement," Choitz said. "It's so old, it reminds me of my childhood."

Almost as old as the machine ballot is Choitz's affinity for involving herself in the community, particularly around election time. A long time public activist, Choitz is in her element helping voters cast their ballots in a precinct made up of students often bewildered by Indiana's particular voting regulations.

"It's always confusing to vote here," Choitz said. "The records can't be kept up because students are always moving and changing addresses. We're here to help. Just thank heaven they have been coming in and asking us questions. That's why we're here."

If voters are the lifeblood of a democracy, then poll workers are the nurses that keep the election flowing smoothly. Without the help of the poll workers stationed in the Joyce Center, many Notre Dame students would have been out of luck at the voting booth.

Students poured in with questions about casting their votes, some came armed with absentee ballots unsure if they could still be counted, others unaware of the differences between Indiana and their home states' registration and voting rules, while others had no idea what precincts were or where their designated ones were located.

"A lot of the people coming in here today have been confused," inspector Diane Freeland said. "One, there weren't many advertisements about where to vote and two, some of the students' voting places were moved."

Despite the confusion inherent in student balloting, Choitz and the Precinct 1 staff patiently worked through each problem.

"We want everyone to vote. That's why we try our darndest to straighten everyone's situation out right here," Choitz said.

Yet despite their attempts, the poll workers were not able to remedy all students' problems. Many students were out of luck at the voting booth, McDonald worked alongside other poll workers to keep the fluctuating line of voters moving.

Wedges between a leg press and sets of dumbbells, McDonald sat checking off her list as she gained a first-hand taste of the electoral process.

"A lot of people have come already — the turnout has been good," McDonald said. "Indiana's election day moved to Tuesday. We've had some confusion with people showing up at the wrong precincts, but everyone has been so nice and they've been working it out."

In the end, McDonald's hard work paid off as the legislatuine Michael Dvorak, doing business as his family friend, McDonald said, pointing to two separate lists spread across the table in front of her. "My job is to mark off the voters on one list and the circle the number that's been assigned to them on this one. Then every couple of hours the Lists (from Dvorak's campaign) will come and pick up the list from me. I'm not sure what they use it for, but I guess it helps.

"Not yet old enough to vote, McDonald has just begun to learn the ins and outs of election day strategy and the roll will only get harder.

While just up the road, Choitz added one more election to her list. She was surprised they, along with thousands of other poll workers across the state, were still at work this year.

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CAMPAIGN CLOSE TO HOME

All of the three most publicized tickets seeking the White House visited the South Bend or Chicago area during their campaigns.

* Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader addresses citizens at the University of Chicago-Illinois on Oct. 11 (left).
* Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, running for Vice President on the Democratic ticket with Al Gore, discusses faith and values at Washington Hall Oct. 25 (below).
* Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush rallies a crowd at the Michiana Regional Airport after a visit to Lake Michigan College Oct. 28 (bottom).

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ring sites: cost, speed, accessibility separate competitors

ing. It also allowed users to download movies and other video files. These services led to a lawsuit filed by the Motion Picture Association. In October Scour.com filed for bankruptcy.

Just one day after Napster’s deal with Bertelsmann, Listen.com, a music search site partially sponsored by all five major record companies, bought out Scour.com and its file sharing technology. The deal prompted Scour to shut down its service, and when it finally becomes available again, it will no longer be a free service.

iMesh (www.imesh.com)

Just anyone sue a free file sharing site when its icon is a cute little ladybug? That may be what the creators of iMesh were thinking when designing the site. If so, their theory has worked so far. Of the three major file sharing services connected by a central server and iMesh is the only one currently working.

While iMesh does not boast as many users as either Napster or Scour, and thus offers less files to search from, it is still very easy to install and use. Working just as well as either Napster or Scour, the iMesh application also allows the user to search for videos, images, software and documents. Probably the most useful feature of iMesh is that once an item is added to the download list, it remains there until it is completely downloaded. This is particularly helpful when you only manage to download part of the song. iMesh keeps on searching for the user to complete the song, and often finishes the download unexpectedly.

iMesh contains many other features, like a “media manager” which allows you to preview all of your new files without having to open, install or run a separate player. This feature is confusing to operate, however, and may not be particularly useful.

iMesh also allows you to chat with other users—a new feature common to Napster and Scour as well. In the absence of Napster and Scour, iMesh is the best option for finding other users, since it may take a little more patience to find obscure songs.

Gnutella (gnutella.wego.com or www.gnuteliums.com)

Since the Napster blockage on campus, Gnutella has grown in popularity. Unlike Napster, Scour or iMesh, Gnutella has no central server. Each computer connects individually to other computers, forming a large network.

Gnutella therefore lacks a central database where a list of all the songs and files available for transfer are stored. No central server means Gnutella software is a lot harder to block and according to the gnutella.wego.com site, allows it to withstand a band of hungry lawyers. Gnutella was originally created by Nullsoft, the creator of Winamp. The original version was scrapped, however, because AOL, Nullsoft’s parent company, declared it an unauthorized freelance project.

The open source code was still made available for testing to a few hundred users, and thus the technology spread through many different clones, which are still available from different sites.

The one disadvantage to using Gnutella is that it is nowhere near as user friendly as Napster or iMesh. In order to get the most out of it, you need to read all the various tutorials and FAQs available. Even then it may take a lot of trial and error before you can begin to download on a consistent basis.

Despite this difficulty and the lack of cute insect icons, Gnutella still promises to be the most versatile and legally-resistant file sharing service in the future. And for anyone with an interest in computers, the time spent trying to choose between the various Gnutella clones and learning how to use them can be an adventure.

Aimster (www.aimster.com)

Aimster is actually listed as one of the clones of the gnutella.wego.com site. According to the website, this application today’s two most powerful Internet applications: file sharing and instant messaging. The basic idea is that Aimster allows you to trade files with people on your buddy list. However, your buddies must also be running Aimster and AOL at the same time, and have the file you want. Since AOL’s Instant Messenger already contains a file-transfer system, the Aimster service seems somewhat irrelevant.

Also, Aimster’s recent development has resulted in many minor problems that still need to be worked out. Still, in the absence of Scour and Napster, Aimster may prove to be a valuable tool in sharing files.

FreeNet (freenet.sourceforge.net)

If you thought Gnutella was complicated, you may want to steer clear of FreeNet. This application works along the same lines as Gnutella—it has no centralized server, making it hard to trace information transfers. However, FreeNet claims to be more efficient than Gnutella. Despite this, FreeNet’s download instructions are complicated and a bit intimidating.

Yet in the post-Scour and Napster environment, FreeNet may become a legitimate option, provided one has the patience to figure out how to run it and is not intimidated by computer jargon. With all the options out there, this is just a glimpse of the various file sharing resources available. There is no definite date for Napster or Scour services to begin again. There is also no word on how much they will cost or how they will operate.

In the meantime iMesh remains the easiest and most reliable source for getting mp3s, even though its library of files is not as extensive as Napster’s was.

For the more adventurous and technologically-adept, Gnutella and FreeNet are two other viable options whose technology is likely to become more widespread and popular in the future.
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defense in their practices leading up to the exhibition contest. "We've focused a lot on defense in the preseason," Carroll said. "Last year, we played a lot of zone and this year we are going to push out and play a lot of man-to-man. We've been working on our help on our backside defense." The Irish will also look to their bench for some quality minutes, Sophomores Jere Macura and Ivan Kartelo saw extended time last season and were key contributors. They will also get his first glimpses of freshman forwards Torrian Jones and center Tom Timmermans.

"The boys in college basketball all have eight, nine or 10 guys that can play," Carroll said. "We are a lot deeper than we were last year and that will help us as the season progresses."

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Associated Press

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Pittsburgh Steelers struggle with poor offense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Steelers are closing in on a defensive record set by the famed Steel Curtain defense, yet it almost slipped out of their grasp by the griping and complain- ing about Andy Reid.

Those complaints made it to the coach's office Shortly after his team's 27-20 win over AFC Central leader Tennessee on Sunday, and Bill Cowher wants to prevent them from reaching his play- er's ears. "That's why Cowher sug- gested his players simply tune out the criticism of an offense that has scored only four touch- downs in each of its last four games. And not lose sight that the defense in playing as well as any in the NFL.

The Steelers' streak of 20 consecutive quarters without allowing a touchdown is the NFL's longest since the 1976-77 Cowboys. They had a team-record 22-quarter streak. That streak shot past five of its final nine opponents.

These Steelers haven't allowed a touchdown since Jacksonville's meaningless score with nine seconds left in a 24-13 Steelers victory on Sept. 25.

"I told our football team that every team in this league, or most of them, have shortcomings right now," Cowher said Tuesday. "The teams that can handle the football that recognize and not dwell on it are the teams that will separate themselves from the rest." "The thing you try to do is strengthen your weakness, but, at the same time, don't weaken the strength," Cowher said.

So, Cowher's marveled Stewart was only 7-of-22 for 112 yards and an interception Sunday, Cowher said the Steelers (5-1) must throw the ball often -- only more effectively -- to pre- vent defenses from loading up against the run.

Stewart will start Sunday against Philadelphia (6-4), his first start in Three Rivers Stadium in more than 11 months, or since he was pulled from a 27-20 loss to Cincinnati on Nov. 28, 1999. "If you don't strengthen the weakness, you put too much pressure on what you're doing well," Cowher said. "We've got to throw the football and make people honor that, to allow the running game to continue to be the threat it is.

Obviously, the Steelers' defense is a strength that has allowed 93 points in nine games, including six field goals in five games. They are the only NFL team to allow fewer than 100 points.
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AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. - The Cleveland Indians appear willing to let Manny Ramirez check out the free agent market for himself. But general manager John Hart also has a warning for the slugger: There might not be any money left in Cleveland for him if he eventually decides he wants to come back to the Indians.

"We're probably first on a list of people's lists," Hart said Tuesday at the GM meetings, where he is plotting a strategy for life without Manny. "Players on the market view Cleveland as a very attractive place to play. We have a great team, a great core, great ballpark and great fans."

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"Nothing has happened to change our position and it doesn't appear that anything has changed theirs," he added. "There really hasn't been anything new in the last 24 hours."

Hart said he believed that Moorad had created an "artificial market" for Ramirez, and could be in for a surprise when he starts negotiating dollars with other teams on Saturday.

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Woods lashes out at PGA Tour in interview

Associated Press

TRUMBULL, Conn. — Tiger Woods lashed out at the PGA Tour for taking advantage of him, saying in a magazine interview that his frustration is serious enough that it “could escalate into a bigger situation.”

In an interview for the Nov. 10 issue of Golf World magazine, Woods said commissioner Tim Finchem speaks to him only when he wants the No. 1 player in the world to play in a certain tournament.

Woods also said he didn’t like how the network coverage was doing his image for its own marketing and promotional purposes.

“I understand the whole picture. What amazes me is how much the public doesn’t understand,” Woods said.

When asked the seriousness of his conflict with the tour, Woods said, “Serious enough that if we don’t make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation.”

Tour spokesman Bob Combs said Finchem does not discuss player relationships with the media, but added that the commissioner and Woods have a “solid relationship.”

“I’m confused by these implications,” Combs said. “At every tournament, Tim has been very public and very clear about the excitement Tiger has injected into professional golf.”

“Obviously, the Tour takes the concerns of any of its members seriously. I’m sure the commissioner and Tiger will have an opportunity to discuss Tiger’s concerns,” Combs added.

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Major League Baseball

Strawberry’s lawyer argues his condition

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Rather than expose Darryl Strawberry’s medical and mental health secrets, his lawyer is dropping a legal strategy that argued his client should be treated leniently because of problems unrelated to drugs.

Joseph Ficarrotta told Tuesday he will continue arguing that Strawberry should be returned to a Tampa drug treatment center instead of being kept behind bars.

Some of Strawberry’s doctors may be called to testify Thursday when the case resumes.

Strawberry, 39, is battling a drug addiction and colon cancer. He is being held in the Hillsborough County Jail on charges that he violated his house arrest in October by leaving a residential drug treatment center with the intent to use crack cocaine and the prescription drug Xanax.

Tuesday’s developments come just four days after Strawberry appeared before Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster and told her he was using drugs and had stopped chemotherapy because he wanted to die.

Prosecutors said it’s the third time Strawberry has violated his probation from a 1999 arrest for drug and prostitution solicitation. The State Attorney’s Office is asking that the eight-time All-Star be sent to prison.

“It’s the State Attorney’s position that草莓 would accept society,” prosecutor Steven Wetter said.

Initially, Ficarrotta had indicated he would ask the judge to consider that Strawberry was a “dual diagnosis,” a legal term that could net Strawberry a lighter sentence.

Under Florida drug laws, a dual diagnosis means a defendant has both a mental illness and a drug addiction. The designation — which comes after doctors complete formal evaluations — lets judges opt out of mandatory prison sentences and instead send defendants to treatment.

In Strawberry’s case, Florida’s sentencing guidelines wouldn’t result in a new arrest to send him to prison, but she could. She also has the option of sentencing him to more time in the county jail or returning him to treatment.

Strawberry had lived at the center since Foster sentenced him to house arrest in September. Ficarrotta said Strawberry would agree to being monitored if he could be sent back to the center.

“The bottom line is this guy is a drug addict and he needs treatment,” Ficarrotta said.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Furcal named Rookie of the Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal was a runaway winner Tuesday in voting for the NL Rookie of the Year.

Furcal, who hit .295 with 40 steals in 54 chances, received 25 of 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

The only player listed on all 32 ballots, Furcal got six seconds and one third for 144 points.

Nick Ankiel of the St. Louis Cardinals, who gained notoriety during the playoffs by becoming the first pitcher in 110 years to throw five wild pitches in one inning, was second with 87 points, getting six firsts, 17 seconds and six thirds.

New York Mets outfielder Jay Payton was third with 37 points, followed by Philadelphia outbound-first baseman Pat Burrell with 10 points and Houston catcher Mitch Meluskey with seven.

Furcal, whose claimed age of 19 has been disputed, became the first middle infielder to win the NL award since Steve Sax of Los Angeles in 1982. He became the sixth Braves player to win, joining Alvin Dark (1948), Sam Jethroe (1950), Daril Williams (1971), Bob Horner (1978) and David Justice (1990).

After spending 1999 at Class A, Furcal led NL rookies in runs (87), walks (73), steals and on-base percentage (.394). He had only four homers — all in September — and 37 RBIs.

Though he batted .250 against right-handers, Furcal slumped to .200 against left-handers.

Ankiel was 11-7 with a 3.50 ERA and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings, helping St. Louis win the NL Central.

That was overshadowed by his performance in the third inning of the Cardinals’ postseason opener, when he became only the second pitcher in major league history to throw five wild pitches, joining Bert Cunningham, who did it for Buffalo of the Players League on Sept. 15, 1890.

“Something obviously was wrong,” Ankiel said. “What do you do? Put it behind you and look forward to the next one.”

During the regular season, Ankiel threw 12 wild pitches. By the time the postseason was done, Ankiel had nine wild pitches and 11 walks in only four innings.

“He’s a young kid and he’s tough as nails,” Cardinals pitching coach Dave Duncan said after Ankiel threw two wild pitches in the NL Championship Series finale against the New York Mets, “He’s going to be fine.”

Voting was done before the end of the regular season, and the 21-year-old left-hander impressed his opposition.
Defending champion Connecticut tops rankings

Associated Press

NEW YORK

UConn was unanimous at No. 1 Tuesday in the Associated Press women's basketball poll, the third time since 1995 the Huskies have started the season on top. The defending national champions, ranked No. 1 from beginning to end last season, return all five starters and all but two reserves from a 36-1 team that romped through the NCAA tournament, winning every game by at least 15 points.

"I think if we weren't pre-season No. 1 and people didn't expect us to win the whole thing, our kids would be disappointed," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said.

"That's the pressure that followed. Now, since we started the season on top, since every game was a championship game. Our kids would be disappointed if we weren't pre-season No. 1." Auriemma said, "and we're going to be even better than we were last year."

Connecticut received all 42 first-place votes from the national media panel and were No. 1 for seven weeks, last week, and the entire first team, was a solid No. 2 with 1,002 points - 48 more than No. 3 Georgia, which has twins Kelly and Coco Miller for one more sea-...
NCAA Football

No. 2 Miami scrutinizes BCS

Associated Press

Coral Gables, Fla. Defensive tackle Matt Walters staked at the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings, analyzing Miami’s position in each poll and trying to figure out what the Hurricanes need to happen to move into one of the top two spots.

Walters, like many of his teammates, is learning more and more about the BCS every day. Even coach Butch Davis is studying the system for the first time.

Miami has to, especially beating the top two teams in the country and being ranked second in both major polls may not be enough to get the Hurricanes into the BCS championship game.

“It’s getting more of a trend,” Walters said. “The BCS was a good attempt to do something other than the two spots, but right now it doesn’t look like it’s the best idea. I’d be really disappointed if we won out and didn’t play for a national title.”

Matt Walters Miami defensive tackle

to third in Monday’s BCS rankings, but is a little more than three-tenths of a point behind the Seminoles. And by the end of the year, FSU’s strength of schedule will rank higher than Miami’s. The Seminoles play No. 5 Florida on Nov. 18; Miami does not have a ranked opponent remaining.

But perhaps the biggest reason Miami trails Florida is the computer polls, one of four components that determine the BCS rankings. Of the eight computer polls, seven have Florida in the No. 1 spot.

Florida State is beating teams by an average of 37 points a game, Miami is winning by an average of 26 points. FSU’s 54-7 win against No. 10 Clemson probably means more than the Hurricanes’ 20-point win against Virginia Tech.

“It used to be there was a time when only the bookies were concerned with how many points people won the games by,” Davidson said. “Obviously now, that’s become a factor.”

Walters said in his opinion Miami is an 11-point win over lowly Louisiana Tech and a season-opening win over McNee State that doesn’t factor into the BCS because the Cowboys are a Division I-AA school.

Miami could make up the difference by running up the score in its last three games. If not, the Hurricanes might need to start rooting against Oklahoma, Nebraska and Florida State.

“We have to continue to keep scoring points,” receiver Reggie Wayne said. “It’s going to be real important because that’s what it’s all going to boil down to. It’s different when you’re running up the score for no reason.

But when you’re running up the score to try and get somewhere, to the national championship, it kind of makes you look good.”

“We’re trying to get to the national championship. (The computer) doesn’t care who’s running up the score. People have to understand it’s out of our hands, so we have to do what we have to do get there.

Davis, once opposed to a playoff system for college football, seems to be leaning toward one after what has transpired in the BCS rankings.

“I think it’s the best idea. I’d be really disappointed if we won out and didn’t play for national title. But we’ll see. Hopefully, it will take care of itself.

“Who knows? It might work out for us. Or it might not.”

The Hurricanes (7-1, 4-0 Big East) might need to win big against Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Boston College, their three remaining opponents. They also might have to hope for help, despite already beating then-No. 1 Florida State 27-24 last month and then-No. 2 Virginia Tech 41-21 on Saturday.

Miami moved up two spots

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Battier, Murphy lead All-America team

Associated Press

NEW YORK Shane Battier, a defensive star with an impressive all-around game, and Troy Murphy, the first player to lead the Big East in scoring and rebounding, were the leading vote-getters Tuesday for The Associated Press pre-season All-America team.

Battier, who enters his senior season at Duke, was one vote short of being a unanimous selection in the 72-member national media panel, while Murphy, who was a junior at Notre Dame, was on 62 ballots.

Joining the forwards on the pre-season team were Arizona senior center Loren Woods, who got 45 votes and sophomore guard Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State, who received 40 votes. Sophomore forward Joseph Forte of North Carolina, who had 39 votes, was the third guard on the team.

Maryland senior forward Troy Murphy was sixth with 19 votes.

The 6-10 Murphy is the only returning All-America from last season and the first individual accomplishments he’s looking for is to consolidate all of the goals he has, I’ll be around here,” Murphy said. “The thing that’s missing from my college experience is playing in the NCAA tournament. I don’t care if I average 12 points a game or 15 points a game. I want to get into the NCAA tournament.”

“Notre Dame hasn’t been in the NCAA tournament since 1990,” Murphy said that means a lot to him.

Woods missed the final month of the 2000-01 season and the NCAA tournament due to an ankle injury that required two operations. That forced him back to AA school. But he says he’s stronger than before.

The 7-foot-1 Woods, who set the NCAA record for rebounds last season and the NCAA tournament according to the Buck and coach Mike Krzyzewski has

“Shane and Murphy are a Division I­AA school. It’s a real difference,” Woods said. “You can’t take care of the opposition’s top scorer regardless of size, as well as the last act of taking charges, but his offensive game has been impressive throughout his career.

He averaged 17.4 points and 10.3 rebounds last season and was among the top five in the ACC in 3-point percentage, game, scoring, free-throw percentage, field-goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

Then there is the matter of Battier, a second-team All-America last season after being a honorable mention pick in the preseason, being one of the best leaders Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has ever had in his program.

“Shane can score in every way,” Krzyzewski said. “He’s our 3­point shooter, he’s an outstanding foul shooter, he can post, he can fill a lane, he’s really improved on driving the basketball. His position defensively is magnificent, almost on every play.”

Murphy averaged 22.7 points and 10.3 rebounds last season to lead the Big East in both categories, but even more surprising was that he returned to Notre Dame for his junior season. Matt Doherty left after one season to coach at North Carolina, but Murphy is ready to play for new coach Mike Brey.

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If we were to the national championship and we play to the level we’re expected to play, then we will be the greatest team ever,” Woods said.

Tinsley ran the offense last season for the Cyclones while Marcus Fizer received all the individual attention. The 6-3 New York City native averaged 11.0 points, 5.1 rebounds and 7.5 assists. The other four starters for the top-10 team were guard Quentin Richardson of DePaul, forward Shelden Williams with 19 votes.

“The ACC’s rookie of the year last season as he became the first North Carolina freshman to lead the team in scoring. His 16.7 scoring average might have been affected this season as he will help with the ballhandling chores following the graduation of point guard Ed Cota. Still, the 6-4 Forte was more than a shooter last season when he averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists.

Last year’s pre-season All-America team consisted of Mesten Cleaves of Michigan State, Scoonie Penn of Ohio State, Chris Paul of Wake Forest and Quintin Richardson of DePaul and Morris.

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8:15 PM Question and Answer Period.

8:30 PM Mr. Morrison “Same-Sex Attraction and the Call to Be Saints.”

9:15 PM Question and Answer Period. Refreshments and reception following lectures.

Rev. John Harvey, OSFA, STD. COURAGE is an organization that provides spiritual support for men and women striving to live chaste lives in accordance with the Catholic Church’s pastoral teaching on homosexuality. Fr. Harvey is the founding Director of this remarkably effective movement. He has written and lectured for over forty years on the pastoral care of individuals with same-sex attractions. He is the author of two books including The Truth About Homosexuality: The Cry of the Faithful (Ignatius Press, 1996).

Mr. David Morrison. Aware of his attraction to other boys from about age 13, Mr. Morrison grew up as an isolated, angry adolescent who then became a gay activist until his late twenties. Becoming disillusioned with the actively gay life, he turned to God and, later, the Roman Catholic Church. He has written extensively on issues of faith, identity, sexuality, and culture. Mr. Morrison is also the author of the widely-read book Beyond Gay (Our Sunday Visitor, 1999).
The Notre Dame seniors came out strong in the third game but we showed some composure to pull it out in the end.

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Debbie Brown
Irish head coach

I was kind of a little scared in the second set but I was serving well. I thought it was great for the seniors to play together for two and a half games," Brown said. "They did a great job. For a last regular-season game I think it's good. I think our young ones learned that they needed to get the job finished and they finally did — they just made us all sweat a little bit.

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set a career-high with nine kills and five blocks in the match while Girton also set career-highs with 15 kills and 11 digs.

Senior Denise Baylan racked up 40 assists and Kreher added 13 kills, four blocks and six digs.

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The Irish seniors lead the Billikens.

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FOOTBALL

Politics, election hit home for Davie, Irish

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Proving that the attention given to close presidential elections extends everywhere, Irish head coach Bob Davie told reporters of his feelings regarding the campaign at his weekly news conference Tuesday afternoon.

Davie compared the preparation that the candidates put into their campaigns to the weekly preparation the Irish go through before taking the field on Saturday.

"I look at the schedules those guys have kept — not that I follow it closely — but just all the time those guys have put into things," Davie said. "All of a sudden it comes down to today. They're going to tabulate those votes just like you tabulate (the score) at the end of that game."

Davie also revealed having an acquaintance in College Station, who Bush News-Press coach H.C. Slocumb. The two had jogged together around a pig farm adjacent to the football practice fields while coaching together in College Station. Where that pig farm once sat is now the Bush Memorial Library.

Slocumb has also become good friends with former president Bush.

"RC has become good friends with George Sr.," Davie said. "They golf a lot together. They're good friends."

Davie also addressed the possibility of moving injured starting quarterback Anraz Battle to another position when he returns next fall.

While making it clear that Battle would be the current starting quarterback were he not injured, Davie admitted that with the development of freshman Matt Leinart, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday, he has loyed with the possibility of switching the athletic Battle to another position.

"You know what, if those young quarterbacks make that kind of development and can pass him up," Davie said. "I think it would be a win-win situation for us because that means those young quarterbacks would have to be really good."

Looking onto Saturday's game against Boston College, Davie is paying little attention to talk that Eagles' star quarterback Tim Hasselbeck will miss the game with an injury. Davie believes that Hasselbeck's backup, Brian St. Pierre, is nearly as capable as Hasselbeck.

"He throws the ball well. He's pretty mobile," Davie said. "I'm not sure he runs the same way Tim Hasselbeck does. He can run. We recruited him."

Facing a multi-faceted Eagles offense, Davie expressed concern after the Irish defense has proved vulnerable in the fourth quarter of the last four games.

"I think looking at it, it's been three different kinds of situations," Davie said. "But it's still a situation where we need to improve on pass defense. I mean, that's still our Achilles heel, just like it was back before a game was ever played here."

The pass defense will have to improve as reserve corner back Clifford Jefferson is out with an ankle injury.

Jason Beckstrom will get more time on the field as a result of Jefferson's injury. Davie believes this week's game will be a test for Beckstrom.

"Jason Beckstrom is going to play," Davie said. "He played a lot at the end of the Air Force game. He got tired at the end of the Air Force game. No. 5 did some good things against him at the end of the Air Force game."

NOTES

• With offensive coordinator Kevin Belin's name being mentioned for various head-coaching spots, Davie believes that wide receivers coach Urban Meyer would be an appropriate replacement. He also revealed that Meyer has been considered for the head coaching spot at Bowling Green.

"I've got no reservations about Urban Meyer being a head football coach. I have no reservations about him being an offensive coordinator. He has a tremendous future," he said.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Dasso wins Midwest singles, doubles championships**

By STEVE KEPPEL  
Sports Writer

Another women's tennis tournament, another outstanding performance for Michelle Dasso. This past weekend Dasso won both the singles and doubles finals at the Midwest Regional Championships in Michigan. This is the first time the Irish have won both the singles and doubles finals in the event. Dasso won the singles title as a freshman in 1997, and also won the doubles last year with partner Becky Varnum.

"One of my goals has been to win both my senior year," said the All-American.

This tournament marked Dasso’s second finals appearance this season. Her first came in the T. Rowe Price Invitational in September. The No. 1 seeded Dasso came out strong in singles and won a pair of straight-set matches to get her to the semifinals.

She later teamed up with partner Becky Varnum as the defending champion doubles duo reached the semifinals after two more straight-set victories last year in their first tournament as a team the two advanced to the finals after a tough first few rounds and then won the Midwest Regional Championship.

"This year we played a lot better as a team," Dasso said. "Becky played unbelievable and we pretty much rolled though the tournament."

In the semifinals Dasso and Varnum rolled through Western Michigan's fourth-seeded Larisa Chivash and Meaghan Colville 8-2 to reach the finals for the second consecutive year.

In the same day Dasso defeated Northwestern's fifth-seeded Colleen Cheng 6-1, 6-1 in her third straight set singles match of the tournament. The win set up a finals match against second-seeded Kristy Dascoli from Ohio State, who had knocked out Dasso in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional last year.

In the singles final, like in much of the tournament, Dasso came out strong in the first match winning 6-2. Dascoli, however, battled back in the second, sending it into a tie-breaker after being down five games to two. In the tie-breaker, Dasso finished her off winning the match 7-4 (6-1).

"Dascoli and I always have tough matches," Dasso said.

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**Irish ready to move into season**

By BRIAN KESSLER  
Sports Writer

The 2000-01 season hasn’t even started yet and the Notre Dame men’s basketball team is already sick of each other. Sick of playing scrimmages against each other, that is.

"We’ve been playing against each other since July," sophomore guard Matt Carroll said. "We’re ready to get out there and take on some new guys."

The Irish will have that opportunity tonight when they host the California AAU All-Stars in an exhibition game at the Joyce Center at 7:30 p.m.

"I don’t know too much about them, but we looked at some of their stuff today and there were a few plays that I recognized from other teams," Carroll said. "They are a bunch of talented guys that had successful careers in college and they’ve played a lot of good teams tough in the past."

Notre Dame finds itself ranked No. 15 in the AP Poll and No. 17 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll after posting a 22-15 record last season on route to a runner-up finish in the NIT. It is the first time the Irish have been ranked since the first regular season poll of 1989-90.

The Irish, under first-year head coach Mike Brey, return four starters from last year’s squad, including All-American and player of the year candidate Troy Murphy.

As a sophomore, Murphy was the only player nationally to finish in the top 10 in both scoring and rebounding as he averaged 22.7 points and 10.3 rebounds on his way to Big East Player of the Year and first-team All-American honors.

Murphy and senior transfer Ryan Humphrey are expected to be one of the best front-line tandems in the nation. Humphrey, a 6-foot-8 forward, will see his first action in a Notre Dame uniform since transferring from Oklahoma where he was a third-team All-Big 12 selection in 1998-99.

Junior Harold Swagaman (6.4 points per game) also returns at center for the Irish.

"It’s definitely a lot of fun to play with Troy, Ryan and Harlod," Carroll said. "We have some good big men and you know when you get the ball inside to them, they are going to score."

Sharp shooters David Graves (13.2 points per game) and Carroll (9.8 points per game) expect to pick up where they left off last season, while senior Martin Ingelsby will run the show at point guard. Ingelsby, who started at point during his first two seasons for the Irish, played behind senior Jimmy Dillow last season.

"Martin has looked really good," Carroll said. "He worked really hard in the preseason and he done a great job so far in practice. He’s a senior with a lot of experience and I know he’s going to be great.

With a potent scoring attack in place, the Irish have stressed..."