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The bane of my existence

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Graduate Student Union
Members debate healthcare plans

"We need current information concerning what is going on in the GSU," said Samual. "A Web site must be created that all people can use to gain current information. A lot of work needs to be done soon." Samual proceeded to propose a plan to hire a web-designer to fix, update and maintain the GSU Web site. The Union decided to wait a week for a graduate student to offer his services, until opening up the job to all students. If the student fulfills his required duties, the Union will pay him a dividend of $500.

In other GSU news:
- Buckles addressed a possible name change for the student organization at the onset of the meeting. After of confusion with other student unions, Union members unanimously decided to retain their original name, confident that it was clearly distinct from other student organizations.
- The Union also addressed computer difficulties in the GSU computer clusters. Union members complained that computers continued to crash and that the problems continuously were jammed.
- Ed Kang, head of the computer cluster committee, defended himself against the complaints.
- "There is absolutely no dialogue," said Kang. "I am not omniscient, I cannot know everything that goes wrong in there. Please, e-mail me, call me, contact me if there is something wrong. The problem is completely with the apathy of the users who do not take the time to contact me," Kang said.

Despite the complaints, the Union had a positive announcement as well. The GSU reached a new agreement with OIT, and the OIT agreed to provide a consultant in the graduate computer cluster.

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Trade panel: U.S. violated NAFTA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A trade panel ruled unanimously Tuesday that the United States violated Mexican Free Trade Agreement by barring Mexican trucks from most of its highways. But it said the United States can require Mexican trucks to meet U.S. safety standards.

The ruling leaves to President Bush the question of how to comply with the American public's demands not to share roads with unsafe Mexican trucks.

The Transportation Department's Inspector General's office did not say how authorities would keep unsafe trucks from entering the country.

Kretzu said workers are threatened.

"This is outrageous considering that they are working eight to 15 hours per day, six to seven days per week for the most profitable sportswear company in the world."

Additional harsh living conditions, Keady and Kretzu said workers were afraid to union and improve their situation.

Workers told them they were threatened and assaulted when they tried to organize.

"Two days after we arrived, a bomb went off at the Philippine embassy where students were demonstrating against sweatshops, we were posed to be there," said Kretzu.

Faculty

"I do not believe the University will be extending benefits for domestic partners, either heterosexual or homosexual," said Hatch.

Hatch cited statistics that illustrate the small gains in faculty diversity. The number of female faculty increased from 17 to 21 percent in the past four years. The percentage of minority professors, excluding non-resident aliens, increased from 12 to 13 percent.

"The progress continues, although not at the rate I wish it was," said Hatch. He said that plans are underway for forming a discrete office to handle issues of affirmative action and diversity.

Hatch also noted that he sees faculty appropriate to the University's Catholic mission as an important racial and cultural issue.

Mexico estimates that about 14,000 trucks cross the border daily and that it has lost about $2 billion because of the U.S. policy.

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About 70 percent of the approximately 5 million trucks entering the United States every year come through Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety, which is responsible for truck safety inspections, says it inspects about one percent of those trucks.

A report issued Tuesday by the consumer group Public Citizen and its sister organization, Global Traffic Watch, found that Texas border communities have seen a dramatic increase in high-speed fatalities and serious injuries from crashes involving trucks with Mexican registrations.

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The American Trucking Associations applauded the panel's decision.

"ATA strongly believes that motor carriers operating in the United States must abide by U.S. safety standards."

Walter McCormick Jr.

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Miami man goes on trial: A Miccosukee Indian accused of drowning his two sons by driving into a canal had ruled. Their bodies were found in the canal after a nurse’s assistant said the extreme cold after a nurse’s assistant

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man dies outside nursing home: The state has issued a warning to a Clay County nursing home where a resident died. 70-year-old John Davis Buckley, said the man died of a heart attack.

USDA may seize suspect sheep

The U.S. Department of Agriculture can seize two flocks of imported sheep suspected of carrying a form of mad cow disease, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. U.S. District Judge J. Garvan Martin said the owners of the sheep imported from Belgium must comply with an order issued last summer by former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to give up their herd.

The USDA moved to seize the 55 sheep in July, after a laboratory test indicated that four animals were infected with a form of “transmissible spongiform encephalopathy,” a family of illnesses that includes mad cow disease. The owners, Linda and Larry Faillace of Warren, and Houghton Freeman of Stowe, appealed the ruling in U.S. District Court. They claimed the science used in determining that the sheep were infected was flawed.

In November, the owners turned down a government offer of more than $2.4 million for the sheep.

“By the time you hear about this, we’ll have already moved the sheep to a new location,” said Linda Faillace, who repeatedly said she did not want to discuss the case.

Dave Buckley, a lawyer for the Faillaces, said they would appeal the ruling and asked the USDA not to physically seize the sheep while the appeal is pending.

“We’re looking at our options, we’re considering appealing but we haven’t made a decision,” said Thomas Amidon, a lawyer for Freeman.

Linda Faillace criticized the Agriculture Department as being selective in its measures to prevent the potential introduction of infective meat and cattle by-products into the United States from Europe.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Eritrean agrees on a buffer zone: After months in a stalemate, senior Ethiopian and Eritrean officials agreed Tuesday to set up a U.N.-patrolled buffer zone in an area where the two neighbors fought a bloody border war for 2 1/2 years. A 16-mile-wide temporary security zone will be established starting Feb. 12. The plan requires the Ethiopian army to withdraw from territory inside Eritrea that it has occupied since last May, as well as the repositioning of Eritrean forces, the statement said.

Rain drives Bolivians from homes: Weeks of rain, the heaviest to hit Bolivia in recent years, have driven thousands from their homes across the country, the government said Tuesday. News reports said at least 20 people have been killed as a result of the steady downpours.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Study shows TV sex on the rise: Sexual content on television has risen sharply since 1997, showing up in two of every three programs last season, according to a study released Tuesday. Researchers conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found sexual content in 68 percent of the 1999-2000 shows studied, compared with 56 percent in 1997-98. Such content includes talk about sex, flirting, kissing, intimate touching and depictions of intercourse. For “Ally McMein” and ABC’s soap “Port Charles” were noted as having depicted intercourse.

Supporters of right-wing Likud party leader Ariel Sharon celebrate his victory over incumbent Ehud Barak in the election for prime minister Feb. 6 in Tel Aviv. Sharon thrashed Barak with a 19 point margin.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Ariel Sharon, the tough-talking former general dubbed “The Bulldozer,” lived up to his nickname Tuesday with a landslide victory over Ehud Barak, the prime minister whose peace hopes were dashed by some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian bloodletting in decades.

“Israel is freedom and true peace,” the portly, white-haired Sharon told cheering, chanting supporters at his campaign headquarters.

“I call upon our Palestinian neighbors to cast off the path of violence and to return to the path of dialogue and solving the conflicts between us by peaceful means,” he said. “Peace means peace requires difficult compromises — from both sides.”

Sharon said President Bush had called to congratulate him and to urge close cooperation, and also urged Barak to join forces with him in a broad-based national government.

An emotion-choked Barak conceded defeat soon after TV exit polls predicted Sharon had rolled over him with 59.5 percent of the vote to his 40.5 percent. Partial official results — about 25 percent of the vote — showed a nearly identical margin of victory.

“The road we chose is the one and only true path,” Barak said as backers, some teary — eyed, slowly waved blue — and — white Israeli flags. “The true path requires courage... and it is possible that the public is not fully ready for the painful truth... The truth will prevail.”

Barak, who said he would step down as Labor Party leader and give up his seat in parliament, did not rule out an alliance with Sharon, but made no promises either.

“We should not rule out being part of a unity gov­ernment,” he said. “If it is not possible, the Labor Party will be a fighting opposition, and will fight for what it believes.”

It could take weeks or months for Labor to choose a new leader, depriving Sharon of a negotiating partner in the rival political camp.

Once election complete results are announced, within eight days, Sharon will have 45 days to form a coalition government and get it approved by Israel’s parliament, or Knesset.

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"We'll share duties ... There won't be any animosity if one of us asks the other to do something," Nelson said. "I look forward to do the prospect for us to work together," Zimmerman said. Nelson and Zimmerman first discussed running during last year's student body president election, according to Nelson. Zimmerman initially suggested the idea, so he is the one heading up the ticket. "This was the first person to say we should run, so that's why he is president," Nelson said.

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Student body candidate

candidates has senate experience, but they said they do not believe it is necessary to be an effective senate chair.

"I know experience matters, but I think what matters most in the election will be good ideas and a desire to do good things for the University," Nelson said. "I was never in the Senate," said Norton, who as current vice president has been running the group for almost a year. "As long as you like to work with people, you can be chair of the senate."

Not only is it possible for someone without senate experience to be its chair, it can also be beneficial to have an outsider as chair, according to Norton. "It also brings new flavor to the senate, new ideas," she explained.

Other candidates added that what is important is for the vice president to have some form leadership experience, not necessarily experience in a particular group. "I do have leadership experience," Andre said. "I have been involved in this community." Similarly, Henisey and Zelder said that lack of senate experience was not a problem for a student body vice president. Henisey has held leadership positions and knows how to run meetings, according to Zelder, who credited Norton as having done a good job as senate chair without having been a senator.

Factors other than experience and strong working relationships my also play into the vice presidential selection process. One such factor is gender. Four of the six pairs in the race consist of one female and one male. While Becker said gender was not the only factor he considered in picking a running mate, he added that he felt it was beneficial to have a male and female running together. "I felt that it was important to have a female as vice president to balance the ticket," Becker said. "Women's issues are very important."

Gender balance is not necessary for a strong ticket but can help, according to Moscona. "We'll with any other hopefuls. Some candidates added that it was an "incorrect assumption" to believe that male and female tickets are identical because they are both sophomore males. Nelson explained that they come from different backgrounds, different high schools, and different families, and also do different activities on campus.

"It's not like you're electing Chris and his clone, or Andy and his clone," Nelson said. "Chris and I bring a certain kind of diversity." Whether it is better for the candidates to be from different graduating classes was another point of disagreement among the candidates.

Over the past year working with current student body president Brian O'Donnogue, a senior, Norton said she has learned that there are many benefits to having a student body president and vice president from different classes. "I think you get more perspectives that way," said Norton, a junior. She added that that such a ticket is "more representative of the student body."

"I'm not so far away from freshmen," said Moscona, a sophomore. "She's coming from more of an upperclassman's perspective." Becker, a junior, and McCord, a sophomore, similarly feel that coming from different classes adds to their ticket. "It definitely helps. Student government is about representation for the whole student body," said McCord. Some candidates, however, feel that a sophomore could not be as prepared as a junior for the role of vice president. "I think one of our strengths that she has another year of experience," said junior Zelder, referring to his running mate, junior Henisey.

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Palestinians willing to talk peace

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RAMALLAH

The Palestinians said Tuesday they are ready to conduct peace talks with Ariel Sharon but warned that his hard-line program was a recipe for war.

"We respect the Israeli people's choice and we hope the peace process will continue," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying by his adviser, Nabil Aburdeneh.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, news of Sharon's victory over Ehud Barak in the February 7 Jordan Valley, I think that he will be producing a recipe for war," said Arafat.

"If [Ariel] Sharon wants to talk about the peace process, he has to understand that we have to begin where we left off," said Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian negotiator.

He said with Sharon in power, he was braced for the worst. "If he reacts rashly to violence, I expect a war," he said.

Although Barak's offer to the Palestinians at the negotiating table was the most generous ever made by an Israeli leader, many ordinary Palestinians judged him largely a failure, according to an NEC/ERC poll.

Of those questioned, nearly 90 percent said they would not support his government, which also included a separatist faction known as Hamas.

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WEST BANK

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Associated Press

RAMALLAH

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Elsewhere in the Arab world, news of Sharon's victory over Ehud Barak in the February 7 election was met with dread.

Yesha Qabbani, 18, a Palestinian living in the Al Hussein refugee camp near Amman, Jordan, said Sharon is "a criminal and he killed all my family's hope to return to our home."

In Kuwait, Mohamed al-Othman, a 40-year-old civil engineer, watched the election results on TV. "Can't they have chosen someone else, someone with clean hands?" he said.

Sahib Neuriedine, managing editor of the Lebanese newspaper Al-Shafa, predicted more bloodshed. "There is little opportunity for negotiations. The door has been shut firmly by Israel," he said.

The Palestinians say negotiations must resume where they left off last month - when Barak offered them a "day of rage," but the clashes were relatively muted by the standards of the past four months.

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MEXICO

Strike supporters block university

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

About 1,000 supporters of a dying strike movement blocked branches of Latin America's largest university and marched on Mexico City's main avenues Tuesday, to commemorate the first anniversary of a political crisis that ended their nearly 10-month school takeover.

Members of the self-named General Strike Council barred workers of the National Autonomous University of Mexico from entering the university's main buildings.

The students also blocked several other branches of the university. Accompanied by members of unrelated radical neighborhood activist groups, they later marched along Mexico City's main avenues.

Despite the disruptions - which also included a separate march by about 200 students opposing the strikers - university officials said the vast majority of the school's facilities were open and operating normally.

The same strikers had occupied the campus for months, demanding academic reforms and giving students more power over the university.

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Microsoft's fate

WASHINGTON

The appeals court reviewing Microsoft's antitrust case Tuesday invited lawyers on both sides to debate whether the federal judge who ordered the company's breakup last year was too tough.

The court also questioned the government's claims that breaking up the company would achieve the breakup's declared goal of curtailing anticompetitive practices.

A footnote to the court's ruling said the government's evidence of anticompetitive practices was "thin tissue," adding that it was"embellished with colorful language" and "involved an examination of Microsoft's business decisions and internal records that may be inadmissible in this proceeding."

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Lavalas Family delegate to talks

Haiti

Talks collapse, turmoil continues

PORT- AU- PRINCE

Talks collapsed Tuesday between Haiti's opposition and President-elect Jean-Bertrand Aristide's party, and the opposition immediately announced any alternative president a day before Aristide's inauguration.

The 15-party opposition alliance Convergence announced former presidential candidate Gerard Gourgue as the country's provisional president, setting up a power struggle with Aristide.

One of the Convergence leaders, Evans Paul, called for the people "to rise up" and peacefully demonstrate their rejection of the president in front of the National Palace on Wednesday, where he is to give his inaugural address at noon.

Convergence refuses to recognize Aristide's legitimacy as president, saying his party won legislative and local elections last year through fraud. The opposition boycotted the presidential vote.

The talks, which began Sunday, had aimed to find a common ground for the two parties. Convergence wanted to create a decentralized government, where they went ahead and made up about 90 percent of the facts on their own.

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the company was looking forward to presenting its arguments.

"We are ready to talk about any of the issues the court wants to talk about," he said.

Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona declined to comment.

The appeals court also decided to do a total of 90 minutes to discuss penalties against Microsoft. The company and the government had settled on only 60 minutes.

Taken along with the decision to talk about Jackson, Lande said the court may think Jackson rushed through the penalty process.

"That implies there's at least one judge that thinks there's a chance of a violation," Lande said. "so we do need to talk seriously about relief."

Kovacic said the court will probably give less deference to all of Jackson's decisions throughout the trial, which could only hurt the government's case.

"It unmistakably diminishes the government's prospects for success," Kovacic said. "If (Jackson's) aim was to teach Microsoft a lesson, this was a perverse way of trying to do it."

Aristide's opponents, however, have vowed to continue their protests and to call for new elections. A leader of the opposition coalition called for the formation of an alternative government to be appointed by Convergence.

"We want a compromise," said Jonas Petit, a Lavalas Family delegate to the talks. "Unfortunately, convergence wants to wipe the slate clean."

Aristide first won the presidency in a landslide electoral victory in 1990. The army ousted him in September 1991, and a U.S. military invasion three years later restored him to power.

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Bush urges airlines to avoid strikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush urged the nation's four largest airlines and their workers on Tuesday to avoid strikes this spring and said he would "explore all options" if they are unable to settle their differences.

"I am worried about strikes at airlines. ... It could have a harmful effect on our economy," Bush said during a visit to a toy store in the Washington suburb of McLean, Va., to promote his tax plan.

Urging agreements, he said, "The president's got some opportunities if they're unable to do so. ... We will explore all options.

In the next few months, Delta will have to settle with its pilots, American with its flight attendants and United and Northwest with their mechanics. The four airlines combined carry more than two-thirds of the 858 million domestic passengers who travel on U.S. airlines annually.

The prospect of major disruptions during spring break travel and summer vacations has attracted the attention of the White House, which last week began conferring with the National Mediation Board, the government agency that oversees labor relations in the airline and railroad industries.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said if federal mediation fails, Bush could declare an emergency and create a presidential emergency board to force an end to a strike for 60 days while it considered recommendations for a settlement. Those recommendations would be non-binding. But Bush also could ask Congress to order the board's recommendations be followed, he said.

The first pending strike could come as early as next month if an agreement is not reached between Northwest Airlines and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which represents about 9,500 mechanics and cleaners.

Both sides met Monday afternoon with National Mediation Board mediators and talked through the night until about noon Tuesday, said Steve LaNier, the board's区域性 secretary.

Negotiations were resuming Tuesday night and another all-night session was expected, said LaNier, who would not discuss details or predictions.

The union opposes the appointment of a presidential emergency board.

"White House intervention now is premature, unjustified and unprecedented," O.V. Delle-Femmi, Union spokesman

U.S. pilots could strike as early as April 1.

Judge orders power sold to California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - U.S. Judge Frank Damrell ordered a power supplier to continue selling power to the state, effectively extending an emergency federal directive. Two other suppliers agreed they would continue sales as well.

U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell, citing the possibility of "obvious irreparable harm" to the public, said Tuesday his temporary order requires Reliant Energy Services Inc. to continue sales at least until a further hearing on Wednesday.

Wholesalers AES Pacific Inc. and Dynegy Power Corp., not covered under the temporary injunction, said they would continue sales until that hearing, as well.

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"This time, Reliant is spending $40 million to $50 million a day to buy power for energy-strapped parts of the state while lawmakers try to reach a long-term solution to the crisis.

The state is buying power for the utilities because energypeople have refused to sell to them directly, fearing they won't be paid.

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Thoughts from an American classroom

All right. Here we go. Only 52 minutes. I can handle this. Just don't think about the time. Concentrate on the professor. Yeah. This sounds important. Like test material. I should learn this. Concentrate.

Concentrate— that's a Scott Blaszak nice coat. Black leather. I should get a coat like that. Then I would be cool. Who am I kidding? I can't pull off a coat like that. You have to be Robert Downey, Jr. to add the right clue to your personality. I'm not playing with you. It's decided. It's going to be me.

I think Shiny-Watch Brunette is looking at me. Maybe. Nice eyebrows. She looks very studious today. I should try to talk to her after class. Ask her to borrow her notes. "So didn't I see you at Corby's this weekend?" I could say. Or something. She probably looked down on me because I didn't do the reading. Or maybe she'd like it. Rebellious. Brave. My own man. Like a young Steve McQueen. Hollywood Bad Boy. Hmmm.

Paragraphs were so daunting. Two or three-page paragraphs. Like continents.

"So you are really studying for class or not?" she'd have the answer. That's it. Keep talking. Keep taking up time. You have to prepare for class or study for tests. Or come to class. Or buy the books. Back then I couldn't sleep the night before big tests. Now I can sleep through tests. Yeah. Well. Memories.

"Is that clock even moving?" It's been like 3:51 for about 15 minutes. Oh. Very good then. 3:54 and I feel like a new man. Umm. Hey you. Yeah. You with the high school class ring on. Stop. Just stop it now. Stop. Talking. Can't someone do something? He obviously doesn't have a clue what he's talking about. If you don't know anything keep your mouth shut. Like me. I'm not paying $30,000 a year to Mr. High School Ring Man can play professor. Of course I'm not listening. But at least I'd like the option. I wish the teacher would just tell him for once what she really feels about his insights. Just once. It would be good theatre. We could all eat popcorn. Alright then.


46 minutes. Come on. Move. Clock. Come on. Move. Come on. Eileen oh I swear well he means at this moment you mean everything with you in that dress. My thoughts could converge on dirty ah come on Eileen. Good song. Wow. Listen to that girl swallow. Do I swallow that loudly? Sounds like a seal or something. Hmm. I wonder if other people are thinking these same kind of thoughts? Probably not. Well. Maybe. That guy in the corner looks like he could be doing this right now. Hmmm. There she goes again. Swallowing. So loud. This is wierding me out. All right. "Here for experiment. I'm taking a sip and listening. Here we go. Sil... Jesus I do swallow loudly. It's disgusting. I'll never swallow in public again. I'll get an I.V. or something.

Wait a second. What is she talking about? I'm completely lost now. Ubiquitous? What does that mean? I have no idea. But that guy in the corner is lost with me. He doesn't know what it means either. We're in this together. Shiny-Watch Brunette looks a little puzzled herself. Or she doesn't care. Yeah. I think that's it.

In fact. Look around. I think maybe no one is paying attention anymore. For all I know they're having the same thoughts I'm having. Except Mr. High School Ring Man. Five minutes ago the professor sneered and he recorded it in his note-book.

Kind of sad though. All these uninterested faces. In fact you sort of have to feel for the professor. I mean here she's going on and on. And she's a smart lady. To this class full of people who don't care or probably don't understand what she's trying to say anyway. Uh oh. I can feel myself getting cynical here.

Hey look at that. Only 39 minutes to go. Well I'll be. Now. Don't think about the clock.

Scott Blaszak is a senior and his column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Material poor share in spiritual wealth

How should we as Christians handle the issue of the poor, of individuals living in physical poverty? In Matthew's Gospel, we are given the rich young ruler's question: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (19:21). Through the Border Issues seminar over Christmas break, our group reflected on the meaning of this passage and sought answers to many challenging questions and ideas. For a week in January we experienced life along the El Paso-Juarez border. We slept through the freezing nights in houses of single-cinder block walls, lived without running water and shared in the joy of the families, children and community. One of the greatest challenges was understanding the happiness of the people who lived in what seemed to be such desolate and impoverished conditions.

Families of six lived on less than one hundred dollars a week, making 60 cents an hour working in an American company located in Mexico. Yet the community celebrates Sunday Mass and the solidarity of children running through the dusty roads kicking a deflating soccer ball showed an alternative life of happiness not centered around money and material possessions. Whatever the people in the colonias had simple desires and lived a happy life. After hearing from the people, we started to understand the people's happiness in poverty, we learned from Father Peter and Sister Betty, two holy individuals committed to a life of assisting the poor in Juarez not physically but spiritually and emotionally. They spoke of the aura of beauty that they witnessed everyday in the eyes of their friends and their neighbors. They also expressed their sentiments of hope and gratitude, with the growing commercialism, competition and materialism that continues to infiltrate contemporary American culture, which in turn borders cultural shift.

To depict this problem Sister Betty provided an example of how a certain neighborhood boy took over $500 of his parents' hard-earned yet scant savings to purchase a pair of the latest urban-styled jeans. "He thought he just had to have them," commented Sister Betty. "He chose to give his family's hunger on the line for a material desire." After hearing from them, we were confronted with some challenging notions. At one end of the spectrum a majority of the American public is educated on tithing, on contributing to the developed community emphasizing family values and cooperation. At the other end of the spectrum people praise the physically poor and see them as the archetype of what it means to live simply. They believe that the poor have a well-developed community emphasizing family values and cooperation.

What are we to conclude? Should the poor stay poor? Do we want their self-disappointment and humiliation of their physical poverty? And in doing so do they risk living more typical materialistic Americans? Does a balance exist between the two extremes of physical and spiritual poverty? What kind of change do we want to see? Do we want the physically poor to attain the same basic amenities Americans possess that constitutes a truly happy and fulfilling life? Do we want the poor on the border to eventually live as Americans do? Even though we feel that many individuals tend to favor such changes, they tend to overlook how ethnocentric these perspectives are. Why should Americans decide what is the best remedy for the Mexican poor? Perhaps the best ideas for change should come from the poor themselves.

Today's article was written by several participants of this year's Border Issues Seminar: The Winter Break Social Concerns Seminar explores immigration and related issues that surface between the United States and Mexico through travel to El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. Participants meet with refugees, work with parish organizations and discuss policy issues. The Center for Social Concerns' column appears every other Wednesday.
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Letter to the Editor

Television misrepresents Asians

I am a second generation Korean Canadian. It seems that by all accounts I have fully assimilated into Canadian society. I watch Hockey Night in Canada, not Korean soap operas; I listen to the Hip, not Seo Tai Ji; I eat Kraft Dinner, not Korean instant noodle soups; I play ice hockey, not kung-fu, and I say "eh" sporadically at the end of my sentences. But are there any gaps or differences between my conservative Korean upbringing and the more liberal Canadian environment that surrounds me. But when I walk down the streets people are not gawking at me, nor are they snapping photos of me, nor are they pointing their fingers at me in curiosity. There seems to be a sense of belonging and feeling at home. This makes sense since I and many other Asian-Canadians have been born and raised here.

Despite this sense of belonging many Asian-Canadians and many Asian-Americans have, it is not indicated in the media. We are rarely cast in television and film roles. Although Asian-Americans make up 7 percent of the population, only 25 percent of all television roles consist of Asian-Americans actors and actresses.

Is it why that Magnus L.F., set in Hawaii where the majority of the population is Hawaiian, but contains an Asian-American sidekick? More recently, the sitcom Suddenly Susan and Dr Quinn, and Greg, which are supposedly more realistic, also recall the prevalence of Asian-Americans in its nine years of being on the air — not really indicative of real world demographics. Finally, the CBC show Survivor has not had any Asian-Canadians in its first installment, nor will it have any in this year's Australian series.

Asian-Americans are not only under-represented in the media, but when they are cast, they play stereotypically "Asian" roles. Asian-American characters are stigmatized and fixed with a male Caucasian partner to make it more "palatable" to the audience. The directors of All American Girl starring Margaret Cho purposely de-faced the show and fixed her up with a Caucasian boyfriend to target a wider audience. Asian-American actors play the kung-fu expert or the passive emasculated inarticulate homosexual with buck teeth or the lost tourist with the big camera or a combination of the three stereotypes. All the while, they speak in broken English.

In short, they are cast in "Asian" roles rather than representing fully assimilated Asian-Americans. As a result of the blatant discrimination, there has been a massive exodus of Asian-American actors and actresses away from the screen to the stage. As East Bay actor Lance Nishikawa remarked, "I'm much more interested in exploring the Asian experience in America than playing a Japanese banker in Rising Sun."

Asian-Americans are not only under-represented, but also misrepresented in the media. Blatant racism and discrimination in the media has been an age-old problem. However, there is no Jesse Jackson of the Asian-American/Canadian community to lead protests against these forms of racism. Years of activism have landed five African-Americans out of a cast of 32 on the show Survivor. Somehow Asian-Americans have gotten lost in the shuffle in what has predominantly been a black-white issue.

I urge all people—Asians, Caucasians and African-Americans alike—All races and any form of racism and discrimination to boycott shows such as Survivor. Suddenly Susan, Dr Quinn, and Greg and the like. A choice to boycott may seem drastic but this personal choice not only reaffirms your position against all forms of discrimination and racism but it also adds a little to push along the process of change.

Michael Sohn
Canada
February 6, 2001

A laughing matter

I was sitting around the theology department lounge today having a good laugh with some friends about Christopher Miller's Feb. 6 letter about why the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church uses wheat bread. He is correct to say the choice of leavened versus unleavened bread is a matter of tradition, but claims wheat was the choice of Jesus. Actually, the one rubric which states the preference for unleavened bread is the same one which states the church's preference for wheat, giving the same reason for both: "according to tradition." "Don't believe me? Check out General Instruction of the Roman Missal n.282.

While tradition and scripture are intimately linked, they are two very different pillars on which the church grounds its teaching. Scripture teaches us that Jesus primarily taught (1) about Abba (not the music group, but God) and (2) the kingdom of heaven. The number of sacraments, the recipes for bread, oil and wine, the color and style of vestments, the order and words for liturgical celebrations and the sex of ministers are just a few things among thousands about which Jesus never spoke one word. But why were weighting in the theology department? The Passover celebration is a celebration of the barley harvest. If the Last Supper was a Passover celebration, Jesus would have been eating barley, not wheat.

Barley. Once again, a nice idea is proven wrong by a fact.
PlayStation 2 can’t compare with old school Nintendo

During vacation, I played “NFL Madden 2001” while in "party mode" at another institution of higher learning known as UCLA. This "party mode" made me both more relaxed and confident that I could judge just how fun PlayStation 2 is, especially for potential players in my condition.

My friend Jeff, who was also "feelin’ groovy," picked up the PlayStation controllers with me. We immediately tried to find the A and B buttons, but I couldn’t. We couldn’t.

What led to our confusion? There were lots of buttons on the controllers, in lots of colors. They had weird symbols on them like an X, a circle, and a triangle, but no A button or B button.

Once Jeff and I finally made it past the opening screen, we had to make countless choices about the game we were going to play. Choice after choice after choice concerning difficulty level, the stadium and the weather conditions.

It took forever.

We returned to Jeff’s dorm and decided to play an old classic, "Mario Tennis." The quarterback for the Raiders is Jay Schroeder. Oh, and that’s the Los Angeles Raiders. But despite having too much "nectar of the gods" that night, I couldn’t beat Jeff. Tecmo Tecmo Jackson ran for 200 yards. I laughed when I scored, I cried when I lost (not really), but most importantly, I had a great time.

"Super Tecmo Bowl" is the most fun game I’ve ever played. Its simplicity makes it fun. You can actually talk (or slur) to someone while you play. It doesn’t consume all your attention like "Madden 2001" and kill your fun.

I bet you have found in many cases video game designers design the fun right out of their games. With each extra button, they make the game that much more complicated and that much more difficult to master.

The majority of today’s games are marketed at hard-core video game players that find new riddles as personal challenges. But many people just want to pick up the controller and have fun, not spend time trying to learn how to play the game. These are the people that don’t get video game magazines, or go on the Internet to find out how to beat a level.

As opposed to other “Zelda” games, “Majora’s Mask” contains only four temples, each referring to elements: swamp, mountain, ocean and canyon. Each boss holds a mask, which serves as his remains.

This is the same concept as the medallions in “Ocarina of Time” — the masks don’t really do anything, but you must have them all to complete the game. To fill in the loss of gameplay, these temples are enormous and tremendously difficult to master.

In addition to temple difficulty, another added concept in "Majora’s Mask" is a notebook, which keeps track of certain people you meet that are in need of assistance at a certain day and time.

By ADAM TURNER
Some Video Game Reviewer

As we move through life, a few things are constant. Engineers get no play. The best way to a woman’s heart is not through haiku poetry. Fish and peanut butter do not go together.

"The Legend of Zelda: Majora’s Mask" is a crowning achievement for the development staff at Nintendo, recreating a classic in a bastardized gaming world dominated by first-person shooters and fighting games.

While some still consider "Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time" to be the greatest game they ever played, "Majora’s Mask" is a close runner-up. Once again, you, the player, are hidden to journey together with Link through a brand new land known as Termina, after defeating Ganon and leaving the land of Hyrule.

You travel through the woods of Termina, a fiendish little limp known only as the "Skull Kid" steals your horse, Epona, and the Ocarina of Time. After this you are changed into a plant-like "deku scrub” and told that the moon will crush the land of Termina on the day of the great festival, set to take place in three days.

Next you meet another familiar character, the man from the Happy Mask Shop from Ocarina of Time. He informs you that your quest is to steal back Majora’s Mask from the Skull Kid, who is using it for its evil power.

This all sounds well and good, and almost surprisingly simple. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, this is the most difficult “Zelda” yet, both in terms of environmental changes and puzzle solving.

You have three days to complete the game. Now you may think this means you must beat the game in 72 hours in order to avoid having the moon crush Termina. However, this is not the case.

Each day in the game translates to about 30 minutes in real time. Thus there are about 90 minutes between the start of the game and the moment when the moon crushes the land.

This impossible hurdle is jumped by being able to warp back in time to the dawn of the first day, and continue through the game, warping back occasionally when the moon is about to fall again.

As opposed to other “Zelda” games, “Majora’s Mask” comes from playing a temple. If you have to warp back to the first day when the third night comes, the game effectively erases everything previously accomplished in solving the temple puzzles.

This is the most infuriating concept ever, except for the presence of the physics department at this University.

Overall, "Majora’s Mask" is an incredible and highly recommended game. If you like "Zelda," and you don’t own this game, you should be pummeled with small animals.
Magic of ‘Final Fantasy IX’ creates best in series

By JOSE CUELLAR

Known as one of the most popular series in the role-playing game genre, “Final Fantasy” returns with its ninth installment under this title, the last to appear for the PlayStation console. “Final Fantasy IX” is a great overall game. The full motion videos are incredible, with great detail. The graphics are a step higher than those from previous titles, and the music is just as impressive.

Composer Nobuo Uematsu has written the music for all the “Final Fantasy” installments. Since this is the last “Final Fantasy” for the PlayStation, Uematsu decided to do something that was unheard of for previous titles: “Final Fantasy IX” is the first title to have a character with a voice — Garnet the princess.

Unlike “Final Fantasy” VII and VIII, this ninth installment has a great mix of old and new. The creators wanted to return to the style that made the series popular. Some of the old elements that creators kept are knights and mages, airships, the job system and having abilities determined by the job. New elements include learning magic and an improved level of involvement in the game.

The player can decide whether or not the character is impervious to attacks, and whether or not the player helps in that situation. With the introduction of “active time events,” the player can decide what to watch. These active time events provide the option of jumping to scenes that are happening all at the same time.

Also, in “Final Fantasy IX,” the Moogles are back. These characters return with different jobs, and some will ask for favors. The Moogles enable players to have their progress, use their tails and regenerate their party.

The characters in “Final Fantasy IX” draw you into the game. Each character has a past that haunts them throughout the game.

Returning to the world of knights and mages, this story begins when a group of thieves is sent to kidnap the princess of a nearby kingdom. The princess, Garnet til Alexandros the 17th, bored of her life of royalty, instead runs away with the kidnappers, led by the thief Zidane. Before leaving the kingdom, a black magic Vi, joins them in their flight and the princess’ bodyguard, Steiner of the Knights of Pluton, tags along to protect her. Along the way they meet Freya, a dragon knight, Eiko, a summoner, Quina, a blue mage, and Amarant, a martial arts expert.

One story involves in “Final Fantasy” titles, the first part of the story seems easy. In this case, the princess is to return, to find out about her mother, who is trying to invade the world and to persuade her to stop.

The second part, which makes “Final Fantasy IX” a great series, begins when the party finds out that a power larger than what they expected is actually behind, controlling, the queen.

The magic system in this ninth installment is similar to the “Final Fantasy” titles before the game jumped to the PlayStation console. “Final Fantasy” VIII and both had a magic system that enabled every character to use every magic.

“Final Fantasy IX,” on the other hand, has a system that gives characters certain abilities depending on their role.

A white mage can use magic that protects and heals characters. A black mage can only use magic that harms enemies. A blue mage uses magic in different ways in this title, eats, from enemies.

Knights and dragon knights have magic that protects and heals their weapons. Summoners receive help from beasts and supernatural beings called eidolons who cause a great deal of damage.

Items and weapons acquired throughout “Final Fantasy IX” provide skills and abilities that empower each character in different ways. They raise important stats in the characters that increase their power and defenses against abnormal statuses.

The acquired weapons and items can also be combined to produce new ones. Synthesizing shops use weapon shops and item shops as important stops of the journey of the game.

Enjoy this game if you have the energy and the time, because “Final Fantasy IX” was made for the long haul.

And for those who end up playing this game and become trapped in the eighth story of the story, about to be defeated by a powerful foe, remember these words from an old “Final Fantasy” commercial: “The fate of the world is in your hands ... You are up against enemies of incredible power ... If you win, you will be a hero ... If you lose, you can always hit the Reset button!”

Mario Tennis’ challenges novices and pros alike

By MATT ORENCHUK

Throughout the years, Nintendo has given its fans some great games. From the original “Super Mario Brothers” all the way up to “Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time,” Nintendo puts out high quality games year after year.

One of the latest installments for Nintendo’s N-64 platform is “Mario Tennis.” This game is exactly as it sounds: Just like “Mario Kart,” this game uses the “Mario” characters in a tennis game.

But this game is far more than just Mario and Luigi running around on a tennis court. Mario Tennis is a superb tennis game.

Just what is it that makes Mario Tennis so great? The game can be picked up very easily, yet it is hard to master. Anyone can pick up a controller and press the A button to hit the ball back to your opponent. Nonetheless, the mastering of drop shots, lobs and volleys will take time and keep this game interesting.

One drawback of “Mario Tennis” is that the game is very frustrating. For example, even though you lose a set 6-0; you still feel like you were one or two shots away from being in the set.

Players may feel like they aren’t getting any better at the game, especially if they are playing against someone who has played the sport in real life.

For those who have never played tennis before, it may be difficult to get the hang of the different shots and the instinct needed to play the game well.

Yet the game is frighteningly addictive and will keep you coming back for more. “Mario Tennis” has everything that a great tennis game must have.

Characters play different types of games. Some are speedy, some play a technique game and some have a power game. In addition to Mario, Luigi and the Princess, “Mario Tennis” introduces new characters like Waluigi. Waluigi is an evil version of Luigi, basically a counterpart to Wario, who is also in the game. There are also several other characters with unique features.

One of the most interesting things about the “Mario Tennis” phenomenon is that it is not limited to just girls. Many girls see “Goldeneye” or sports games like “Blitz” and “NFL Football.” But “Mario Tennis” seems to have caught the attention of girls and girls alike.

This makes “Mario Tennis” a fun game for everyone to play for several hours and not even realize it.

One of the best things about “Mario Tennis” is that it can be played to relax after class without a huge time commitment. At the same time, you can also play “Mario Tennis” for several hours and not even realize it.

Of course, the attention-getting and addictive nature of the game is what Nintendo seems to have done no wrong with “Mario Tennis.” It is fun, entertaining, and best of all, a high quality tennis game.
By CHRISTINA MARTINI

A rich blend of vibrant music, impressive dance moves, eye-catching cast numbers, colorful comedy, well-honed New York accents and raw talent combine to produce a premium Pasquerilla East Musical Company performance of Frank Loesser’s classic musical, “Guys and Dolls.”

The musical, opening Thursday, is directed by senior Matt Baggetta and senior assistant Tiana Cheechia, also the show’s choreographer.

“Guys and Dolls” is set in New York City and tracks the back-alley shenanigans of well-known gambling coordinator, Nathan Detroit. The plot is centered on Nathan’s scheme to rent out a location for the “Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York.” To raise the $1,000 he needs to rent out the Biltmore Garage, he bets gambling extraordinaire Sky Masterson, known for his high rolling and affinity for betting, that he cannot get a date with virginal mission worker Sarah Brown.

Amidst the crap shooting and glitzy gambling scene, Nathan also diverts committing to a wedding date with Miss Adelaide, his fiancée of 14 years. “The cast is amazing,” said Baggetta, who became the show’s choreographer, “They are the most talented people I’ve ever been around.”

“Guys and Dolls” marks Baggetta’s first directing experience. “I’m flying by the seat of my pants,” he said. Baggetta and Cheechia chose to direct “Guys and Dolls” because of its large supporting cast. “We wanted to get a lot of people on stage,” Baggetta said.

Both Baggetta and Cheechia said it was a hard decision to refrain from performing this year, but both feel the decision to direct has been ultimately rewarding.

Their efforts have clearly paid off. The musical gleams with professionalism and every character, supporting or principle, is expertly cast.

The show is fast-moving, as each cast member devotes their all to the lines, songs, dance moves and jokes. “Half of the funniest people on campus are in this show,” said Junior Alan Maginn who stars as Nathan Detroit.

“The auditions were veryTaken,” Cheechia said. Out of the 120 students who auditioned, only 29 were chosen.

From the large pool of budding actors and actresses, several freshmen were selected and one, Tricia Gilbert, was even given the principle role of Sarah Brown.

Gilbert has vocal, acting and dancing talent. Her voice is superb and she plays the role of Sarah with maturity and style.

She admitted that performing in “Guys and Dolls” was a huge commitment, but that she could not help but throw her whole self into it.

“It was definitely intimidating,” she said. However, many fruits have come from her labor. “My life is never going to be the same again,” said Gilbert. “The cast and crew are a part of my life now.”

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Tommy Curtin plays Sky Masterson, the gambler who pursues Sarah Brown. Fineness and sensitivity are needed for this part, and that’s exactly what Curtin gives. “Guys and Dolls” marks Curtin’s third performance with the Company.

“I always loved theater and it’s especially great with a company like this,” Curtin said. “The people you meet make the experience—that’s what lasts.”

Curtin’s fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, is played by the talented junior Heidi Kellner. Kellner’s petite frame and powerful voice make a great combination on stage.

Kellner’s character is distinctly humorous. “This was a fun role because Adelaide is a really upbeat character,” said Kellner. “People like her and she is challenging to play.”

Because of Detroit’s elusive marriage promises, Adelaide develops a psychosomatic cold that leaves her perpetually sneezing. This adds even more absurdity to her extremely high-pitched voice.

The humorous antics of Detroit’s comical cronies, Nicely-Nicely Johnson (junior Ryan Cunningham) and Benny Southstreet (freshman Ray Areaux) are also entertaining.

Cunningham and Areaux have a charismatic flair that makes the not-so-bright duo particularly likable. Their duet which gives the musical its name — “Guys and Dolls” — consists of a complicated yet precise tap act.

“Luck Be a Lady Tonight,” an all-male dance number in the second act, is definitely impressing. The well-choreographed moves show off the actors’ rhythm and the song’s harmony displays their vocal talent.

Another fun full-cast number is “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat,” a big closing act performed by Nicely-Nicely Johnson at the Save-a-Soul mission. This is a well-known song that is energetic, catchy and pleasing to the eye — a wonderful end to a spectacular show.

Good Directing, a wonderful cast, time, talent and dedication are expertly packaged together in this spring’s production of “Guys and Dolls.”
NHL

Red Wings extend win streak to seven against Senators

Associated Press

DETROIT—Sergei Fedorov scored his team-leading 24th goal and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Ottawa Senators 4-2 Tuesday night, extending their home unbeaten streak to seven games.

Alexei Yemurzaev scored 3:55 into the game and the Red Wings defeated the Senators 2-0 Wednesday. They are 6-0-1 in their current string at Joe Louis Arena, where Chris Osgood stopped 26 of 28 shots.

The Red Wings beat Ottawa at home for the first time since Nov. 26, 1997.

Igor Larionov and Yemurzaev scored goals 5:18 apart early in the first period.

Martin Brodeur, a Montreal native, stopped 27 shots for his 36th career NHL shutout, his second of the season and extended his point-scoring streak to 10 games.

Perreault, who hadn’t played since Nov. 26, 1997, put a shot over Theodore in the opening minutes.

Hackett, who hadn’t played since re-injuring his right hand, stopped 14 shots as Montreal held a 27-25 margin in shots.

Brylin’s goal.

The Senators cut the lead to 3-1 just over a minute remaining.

Sykora scored his 20th of the season a little more than a minute later and Andreychuk made it 4-1 with his 29th at 10:29.

Brylin beat Montreal goalie Jose Theodore for his 15th of the season and tied it 1-1 after 20 seconds when he backhanded a quick shot past Theodore.

Once the game was in hand, Savard took the night off and Hitchcock returned in the third period, but Philadelphia returned to win 5-2.

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NBA

Robinson arrested on drug charges

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Cliff Robinson rebuilt his career with the Phoenix Suns. Now, he's the third member of the team to run afoul of the law in less than two months.

"Everything that we've been going through," a chastened Robinson said Monday. "This is another shot that we didn't need."

Robinson was arrested early Monday in Scottsdale on charges of possession of marijuana and speeding, and prosecutors dropped the intimidation charge that involved declined to cooperate.

Colangelo, a deeply religious man who always has preached that he seeks players with high character, found himself defending his franchise.

Colangelo said that the collective bargaining agreement prohibits him from taking any action against players until the legal issues are resolved.

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tured during the early part of the season. Also missing tonight’s game will be forward Dallas Williams, who is ill and will not make the trip. Even playing shorthanded, Waltes expects her team to put out a good effort. “That’s going to be tough to play there but we’ll go in and try to do as best we can,” she said. “We’re going out there with few bodies, but we still look for a good outcome.”

In Notre Dame’s last two games against Boston College and Providence, the Irish have struggled to build a significant lead—not leading by double figures until the final minutes of the first half in each game. McGraw looks to improve on that tonight. “We worked a lot on our offense (Monday) and I think we’re getting back to being just a little bit sharper,” McGraw said. “I think since we’re playing at home that we’ll shoot the ball a little bit better.”

Despite Notre Dame’s superior record, the Irish are aware that they must play the Panthers. Last season, the Panthers rebounded from a 22-point deficit with four minutes remaining to pull within six points before falling 81-74.

“We pressed our bench and outscored us like 16 to 4 to four to end the game,” McGraw said. “That doesn’t really concern me. I think our bench is better this year. I think I have to be a little more careful about subbing.”

Students who attend the game will be treated to some early Valentine’s Day treats and celebration. Contests throughout the game provide students the chance to win various prizes, including Taco Bell gift certificates. Top-off is at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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that he has yet to play a college game. But if the Irish land Cody, Emfinger will elevate the Irish from his current “16, 17, or 18” to “12 or 13” in his national recruiting rankings.

Thus far, Notre Dame has received 20 verbal commitments. In addition to Cody, the Irish are in the hunt for North Carolina running back Alvin Pea­rson, who has nar­rowed his choices to Notre Dame, N o r t h Carolina, Virginia and Northwestern. Lydell Ross, a running back from Florida, may also sign with the Irish. He verbally com­mitted a few weeks ago but changed his mind after visiting Florida and Ohio State. Emfinger believes Ross will sign with Florida and that the Irish trail Ohio State, as well.

“On my Web site I’ve had Notre Dame people ask me questions all year if they’re going to get Lydell Ross or someone whose big game run­ning back,” Emfinger said. “But if you lose a Lydell Ross and pick up a Ryan Grant is running back who verbally committed to Notre Dame, I don’t see how that’s much of a dif­ference between two players. In fact, I think Grant’s a little bit faster.”

Grant’s situation shows how diffi­cult it is to trust recruit­ing ana­lysts’ predic­tions. While Emfinger believes Grant could be a great running back, Lemming says, “I think he’d be an All-American at safety.”

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Quentin Barrell S 6-foot-1 185 lbs. Decatur, GA
Carlos Campbell WR 6-foot-1 190 lbs. Hampton, VA
Aldo De La Garza OL 6-foot-4 295 lbs. New Braunfels, TX
Dwight Ellick CB 5-foot-11 170 lbs. Tampa, FL
Zach Giles OL 6-foot-4 280 lbs. Marshfield, MA
Ryan Grant RB 6-foot-1 200 lbs. Nyack, NY
Brandon Hoyte LB 6-foot-1 220 lbs. Sayreville, NJ
Cory Jones RB 6-foot-2 215 lbs. Burien, WA
Mark LeVoir OL 6-foot-7 297 lbs. Eden Prairie, MN
Corey Mayes LB 6-foot-2 230 lbs. Chicago, IL
Darin Mitchell OL 6-foot-6 270 lbs. Lovejoy, GA
Matt Root TE 6-foot-6 225 lbs. Tallahassee, FL
Matt Shelton WR 6-foot-1 170 lbs. Collierville, TN
Dai Stevenson OL 6-foot-5 275 lbs. Barrington, IL
Jeff Thompson DL 6-foot-5 260 lbs. Granger, IN
Justin Tuck DL 6-foot-5 215 lbs. Kellhony, AL
Marcus Wilson RB/DB 5-foot-11 190 lbs. Brooklyn, NY

from Virginia. The Irish have also received commitments from five offensive linemen and four defensive backs. But Cody is the real story on signing day 2001. The 6-foot-5 240 pounder is ranked fifth among Lemming’s top 100 recruits. "Cody’s" kind of the players that Notre Dame has gotten in the years past,” Emfinger said. “But they’ve slipped in the past few years. They haven’t been able to get those dominating players like Shaun Cody.”

THE OBSERVER • SPORTS

Wednesday, February 7, 2001
"Our Achievements of Excellence" in Black History

Jackie Robinson is a legendary figure and his name is now synonymous with the desegregation and redefinition of professional sports. From his earliest experiences with his family in Pasadena, California, he quickly learned that he had to actively respond to racist ignorance. In his first three years in the league, Jackie was forced to passively respond to racist taunts and threats. In fact, the required silence was his most difficult sacrifice, as it went against how he had chosen to live his life. When he was free to speak out, it became clear that he had his own athletic and political agenda to pursue. Throughout the whole experience, especially in his final years in baseball he used his athletic stature and popularity, to turn society's focus towards humanity and equality for blacks and whites. Robinson is heroic, in part, because of the excellence of his athletic achievement; and equally important, for his political commitment to racial equality. He reaffirms for Blacks that ours is a history of struggle, survival and accomplishment.

Marian Anderson, an artist and musician, was renowned throughout the world for her extraordinary contralto voice and remembered for her dignity and grace under pressure. Before her death in 1953, Marian Anderson placed her personal papers—including letters, music scores, programs, photographs, and sound recordings—with the University of Pennsylvania Library. Thankfully, it is still possible to enjoy Ms. Anderson's renderings of Lieder and spirituals, get a glimpse of the preparation and performance of her repertoire, and through the papers that she left behind, investigate and understand how, when, where, and with whom her life took shape, which was enriched, and became enriching not only for her audiences but also for others in need.

1. In the 1920s which African-American created and promoted Negro History Week?
   a. George Washington Carver
   b. Harriet Tubman
   c. Carter G. Woodson
   d. Martin Luther

2. George Washington Carver is best known for cultivating what?
   a. Cotton
   b. Peanuts
   c. Rice
   d. Wheat

3. When he was a lawyer, what landmark court case did Thurgood Marshall win?
   a. Roe vs. Wade
   b. O.J. Simpson vs. the State of California
   c. Brown vs. the Board of Education
   d. Plessy vs. Ferguson

4. Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to sit on the Supreme Court. Which president appointed him?
   a. Ronald Reagan
   b. John F. Kennedy
   c. Dwight Eisenhower
   d. Lyndon Johnson

5. The NAACP distributes an award for the "highest of noblest achievement by an African-American during the preceding year or years." What is the name of the award?
   a. The Spingarn Award Medal
   b. The NAACP Award of Merit
   c. The Hugo Award
   d. The CAPI Award

Dr. Patricia Bath is no miracle worker, though her skilled hands continue to shatter darkness for the blind. For Bath, who is now fifty-three years old, an internationally acclaimed ophthalmologist and surgeon, the greatest experience is saving or restoring the sight of people afflicted by eye diseases like glaucoma or cataracts. "The ability to restore vision is the ultimate reward," said Bath. "It is a really great joy to remove eye patches the day after surgery and the patient can see again." Dr. Bath is credited with a number of achievements during her almost thirty year career in medicine. After she earned a patent for a medical invention, she joined the surgery staff at UCLA Medical Center and faculty. She also co-founded the ophthalmology training program at Martin Luther King, Jr - Charles R. Drew Medical Center, and much more.

William Edward Burghardt DuBois, to his admirers, was by spirited devotion and scholarly dedication, an attacker of injustice and a defender of freedom. A harbinger of Black nationalism and Pan Africanism, he died in self-imposed exile in his home away from home with his ancestors of a glorious past—Africa. Labeled as a "radical," he was ignored by those who hoped that his massive contributions would be buried along side of him. But, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "history cannot ignore W.E.B. DuBois because history has to reflect truth and Dr. DuBois was a tireless explorer and a gifted discoverer of social truths. His singular greatness lay in his quest for truth about his own people. There were very few scholars who concerned themselves with honest study of the black man and he sought to fill this immense void. The degree to which he succeeded disclosed the great dimensions of the man."

6. Who was the first Black woman from the South to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and call for the impeachment of Richard Nixon?
   a. Shirley Chisholm
   b. Ann Richards
   c. Barbara Jordan
   d. Jane Addams

7. Which African-American entertainer began his career at the age of three performing with his father and uncle?
   a. Bill Cosby
   b. Spike Lee
   c. Sammy Davis, Jr.
   d. Flip Wilson

8. Which civil rights leader has been referred to as the "Black Moses?"
   a. Malcolm X
   b. Louis Farrakhan
   c. Harry Reid
   d. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the leader of which boycott, spurred by Rosa Parks?
   a. The Montgomery Bus Boycott
   b. The Tallahassee Bus Boycott
   c. The Oil Boycott
   d. The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott

10. In 1949, Jackie Robinson was the first Black player to receive what prestigious baseball award?
    a. The Most Valuable Player Award
    b. A nomination into the Baseball Hall of Fame
    c. A retired number
    d. Sportsman of the year

Test your knowledge of some of the key events and happenings in Black history.

DID YOU KNOW?
The answer to question #1 chose the 2nd week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population.

Frederick Douglass & Abraham Lincoln.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles aim for upset against league-leading Flying Dutch

By KATIE McNOY
Assistant Sports Editor

As women athletes are recognized nationwide, the Belles are looking to soar to victory over the No. 1 ranked Flying Dutch of Hope College tonight.

Today, National Girls and Women in Sports Day, is set aside for recognizing high school and college women in athletics. During tonight's half time, student athletes at Saint Mary's will be recognized for their contributions to athletics and scholarship. But, for the basketball team, tonight's focus is on Hope.

The Belles, who have recently hit a nine-game losing skid, will have a challenge in the 18-2 Flying Dutch who are still undefeated in the MIAA. However, Saint Mary's is still hoping for victory.

"To me, you always have to go out for the win," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We played a good game the last time we played them and we're excited to play them at home." The last time these two schools met, Hope defeated Saint Mary 75-51. This time Saint Mary's is aiming to keep the Dutch at bay.

"We have to shut down their offense. They have a great transition game. A concussion during Saturday's game may bench Belles' post player Kristen Matha who recently returned to the court after suffering a hip flexor muscle injury. Smith will count on Kelly Roberts again to play in the starting post position along with Anne Blair and guards Julie Norman, Mary Campione, and Katie Christiansen. Matha will warm up with the team and, depending on her condition, she may play during the game. "We're counting on Kelly to start and if Kristen can come off the bench, that would be great," Smith said.

With Blair leading the offense, Saint Mary's will be focusing on the strong Hope offense. In Saturday's loss to Calvin, the Belles turned the ball over 13 times in the first half alone.

"We've been trying to push the ball, which is why we've had so many turnovers," Smith said. "Now we're trying to make better decisions and clean that up.

The Saint Mary's defense will have its work cut out facing a strong Hope offense. "We have to shut down their offense," Smith said. "They have a great transition game and very good post players."

The defense will have to keep an eye on Hope's leading scorers. Junior forward Laura Poppema and sophomore post player Amanda Kerksstra averaged 10 and 16 points a game respectively. Joining them are senior forward Kristin Koenigsknecht, who averages eight points and eight rebounds a game, and sophomore guard Amy Baltmanis, with eight points a game.

Tip-off will be at 7:30 tonight in Angela Athletic Facility.

BASEBALL

Two Irish named as pre-season best

Special to the Observer

The annual Collegiate Baseball magazine college preview edition has tabbed Notre Dame senior shortstop Alec Porzel as the 2001 Big East Conference pre-season player of the year while listing Irish senior righthander Aaron Heilman as the Big East's pre-season pitcher of the year.

Collegiate Baseball earlier ranked Notre Dame 14th in its pre-season poll while naming Heilman a first-team pre-season All-American and Irish sophomore righthander Brian斯塔夫斯基, a second-team All-American.

CB's college preview edition includes six Notre Dame players among "Big East players to watch": Heilman, Porzel, Stavisky, junior centerfielder Steve Stanley, junior catcher Paul O'Toole and senior righthander Danny Tamayo. The magazine's listing of top professional prospects in college baseball for 2001 included Heilman (listed seventh), Stavisky (No. 18) and O'Toole (45th).

CB also picked Notre Dame to win the 2001 Big East regular-season title, followed by newcomer Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Porzel's pre-season honor is all the more noteworthy considering the fact that his teammate Stavisky was tabbed the Big East pre-season player of the year by both Baseball America and the Big East coaches poll.

Porzel heads into 2001 on the verge of becoming the first Notre Dame player ever to reach 30 home runs and 30 stolen bases in his career (29, 26) and he could challenge Notre Dame career records in as many as six categories, including RBI, hits and doubles.

Porzel's overall season totals in 2000 included team-best totals in RBIs (45), third Big East, doubles (24, first BE) and slugging percentage, plus nine home runs and a .342 batting average.

Heilman shared pre-season billing from CB with Rutgers sophomore RHP Bobby Brownlie, who also was named the Big East pre-season pitcher of the year by both CB and the Big East coaches poll.

Irish prospects for 2001 season boosted by the return of the three-time All-American Heilman, who elected to return for his senior season rather than signing the Minnesota Twins after being selected with the 31st overall pick in the Major League Draft.

Heilman was named the Big East pitcher of the year in 2000, after posting a 10-2 record, 3.21 ERA, 118 strikeouts and just 29 walks in 103.2 innings pitched. The 6-5, 225-pound righthander's career numbers at Notre Dame include a 28-7 record, 14 saves, a 2.80 ERA and 314 strikeouts in 290 innings pitched.

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National celebration calls attention to women athletes

Belles and Irish celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day

By KATIE McVOY Assistant Sports Editor

Today isn’t about being Division I or Division III or about being nationally ranked or unknown. Today women on the Saint Mary’s campus and women on the Notre Dame campus have something very important in common. Today, all the women athletes of the nation are being recognized for their contribution to the world of sports. Today is National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Girls and Women in Sports Day exists to highlight the current and past careers of professional women athletes. Established by the Women’s Sports Foundation; the day celebrates women in athletics and encourages gender equality in sports.

The national celebration began in 1987 in remembrance of Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, whose career and work towards the equality of women in sports have been making news both in the media, and in financial circles, women’s sports have been making more and more appearances in recent days. The Women’s Sports Foundation came into existence to make sure those appearances keep happening, and chose Feb. 7 to highlight the place of women in sports.

The celebration will be spotlighted in Washington D.C. and high schools and universities across the nation will join in presenting the accomplishments of their athletes.

Tonight, both Saint Mary’s women athletes and Notre Dame women athletes can come together in a mutual celebration of women in athletics.

This is a great way to call attention to all women in sports,” Saint Mary’s athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

The Saint Mary’s athletic department has prepared a special half time presentation during tonight’s basketball game against Hope College. Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm will lead the ceremony that is aimed to reward athletes for academic and athletic success.

The Belles volleyball team will be honored during the celebration, along with several individual Saint Mary’s athletes.

The Saint Mary’s spikers earned a team GPA of 3.49 during the first semester. This presentation will highlight the importance of academics and athletics.

Joining the volleyball team during halftime will be any woman who made an all MIAA team. This includes women from several teams, including women’s golf and volleyball teams.

“This gives us a chance to recognize our athletes,” Kachmarik said.

This is the first time that Saint Mary’s has planned events to help celebrate this day. As the athletic director at an all women’s college, however, Kachmarik believes that highlighting women athletes is important. She hopes that this will be only the beginning.

“This is the first time we’ve done this,” Kachmarik said. “Each year we’d like to see this grow.”

The Notre Dame athletic department does not have plans for a special celebration or any presentations. However, the No. 1 ranked Lady Irish will take the court against Pitt at home.

The hoopsters have epitomized the importance of women in athletics as they took the No. 1 spot this year, boosting fan attendance and keeping the program in the national spotlight.

Although the Irish are a nationally ranked, Division I program, and the Belles a lesser known, Division III program, both teams are looking to showcase the aspirations of women athletes in America.

By 7:30 tonight, 10 women will be on the court showing fans why women in athletics have received so much attention in recent years.

The Irish hoopsters (right) will join the Saint Mary’s Belles in celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Members of the Belles soccer team (below), along with other Saint Mary’s student athletes, will be honored during tonight’s basketball game against Hope.

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