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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

New administration takes office

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The gavel bang ended Tuesday night's Graduate Student Union meeting symbolized more than just the conclusion of a meeting. Outgoing president Mark Buckles handed over command of IV Section 3 to newly elected president Gabriela Burgos and outgoing vice president Kishori Deshpande.

"I officially hand the committee over to my new president and vice president," Buckles said at 8:30 p.m.

"It was a great pleasure working with you all," said Alexander Samuel, outgoing vice president and Burgos's opponent in the election. "I want to personally thank all of you for your hard work this year.

"We wish we could have done better. We made some ground on computer clusters, healthcare and social life," Samuel said, challenging the new administration to continue the work begun by the outgoing team.

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"We are really enthusiastic. We don't want to let go of what you've done," Burgos told the committee. "Mark and Joe already agreed to help us on the [healthcare] issue."

The two quickly got to their forum by announcing the main points of their platform to improve new student orientation, fostering a better rapport between students and faculty and focusing on job placement for graduate students.

Burgos and Deshpande plan to establish programs meant to ease the transition that students face entering graduate school. They also hope to make this change easier on students' spouses and their children.

"For married students we came up with something like a dentist day where kids can go and get a free checkup or sports activities," Deshpande said. "It will give us a better life for students and their families."

She told The Observer her administration intends to implement mentoring programs, greater communication between incoming students and their more seasoned counterparts, and talks by professionals about issues like stress management.

In an attempt to cement stronger student-faculty relations, Deshpande proposed getting the two groups together via formal dinners and athletic events.

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Kishori Deshpande
new vice president

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Wiskirchen's condition upgraded to 'stable'

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Father George Wiskirchen, assistant director of Notre Dame Bands, was upgraded from critical to stable condition at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Tuesday, following a stroke Monday morning that left him paralyzed on one side of his body and unable to speak.

As of Tuesday night, Wiskirchen, 72, was in stable condition but remained without motor abilities on the right side of his body and speech capacity, hospital officials said. Doctors expect to know the full extent of the stroke's effects by Thursday.

On Tuesday, physicians moved Wiskirchen from the hospital's critical care unit to a general patient floor, where they are monitoring the congestive heart failure he already suffers from.

In the meantime, band members and colleagues have been in almost constant vigil at his bedside.

"We saw him Monday, and the situation looked very grave," band director Kenneth Dye said. "Today we went in, and he was conscious and responded very well."

Word of Wiskirchen's illness led well-wishers to hold a prayer service Monday night.

"This has brought the band community closer together ... everyone has shown support. We're all hoping for the best," Dye said.

Wiskirchen, a 31-year Notre Dame faculty member, was rushed to the hospital around 12:15 p.m. Monday, according to Father Bill Seitch, Wiskirchen's friend and fellow Corby Hall resident.

Dye said Wiskirchen was discovered collapsed in his room after colleagues realized that he hadn't reported to work at the usual 8:30 Monday morning.

"We're optimistic and hope that everyone who knows him says a prayer," Dye said.

Porter proposes resolution to dissolve body

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Citing wan ing support from colleagues and a lack of respect from Notre Dame administrators, on Tuesday Faculty Senate chair Jean Porter proposed a resolution to amend the University's Academic Articles, a move that would signal the end of the senate.

The resolution would strike Article IV Section 5 of the Academic Articles and would have the effect of dissolving the senate. Porter said at the body's meeting Tuesday night.

"I believe our resolution would have the salutary effect of forcing us to reflect on whether, and in what way, the faculty of this university wishes to continue to possess university ability for managing its own affairs," Porter said.

Porter's concerns sprang from what she said were prevailing perceptions of the senate. She said colleagues continue to express opinions that the group is powerless and too often disre-
This WEEK in SOUTH BEND

**Wednesday**
- Event: Trap Shooting.
  Edwardsburg Conservation Club, 6 p.m.
- Event: Interfaith Christian Night Prayer, Walsh Hall Chapel, 10 p.m.

**Thursday**
- Event: Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center, 10 p.m.
- Event: Finding Forrester, DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.

**Friday**
- Event: Stations of the Cross, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.
- Movie: "Space Cowboys," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Event: Aquarium Society Spring Auction, Scottsdale Mall, 10 a.m.
- Movies: "Bamboozled!", Sinte Museum of Art, 9 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Horowitz attacks 'intolerable left' at BU lecture

Security was the highest priority of the College Republicans, organizers of the talk. Throughout his nearly two-hour speech, Horowitz was flanked by three bodyguards. All bags were searched at the auditorium door by Boston University Police Department officers, and no signs were allowed inside. According to Nick Stalters, president of the College Republicans, such precautions were necessary.

"We discussed quite a lot of possibilities," Savides said. "He's had pies thrown in his face, and his speech at Berkeley turned into a violent commotion.

Horowitz attacked those who shield blacks from the truth, thus insulting their intelligence and ruining their chances for success.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

The "Old Duke" of campus lore returned in style Monday night, with a fantastic bonfire which at times burned so hot that the cool midnight air could not stop students standing 15 yards away from sweating. And like in the old days, the festivities featured beer and naked revelry. After the Duke men's basketball team's 82-72 victory over the University of Arizona in the National Championship game, an estimated 15,000 celebrators took to Main West Quadrangle with profane shouts and cheers. "I've been waiting for this moment since I was in the fifth grade," said junior Eric Blumenfeld. "I am going to run around, go crazy, hug everyone I can, burn s--- and drink a lot of beer. This is the main reason I wanted to come to Duke." The celebration began with a race between members of Sigma Chi fraternity and residents of Wayne Manor to be the first to donate their bench to the eventually 15-foot-high blaze.

DURHAM, N.C.

NCAA title ignites fiery party

The Observer • INSIDE

**For all the wrong reasons**

When I read the title of Susan Sprecher's lettermanship, editorial Monday, "Benefits of Cloning People," I was infused with such thoughts as being able to selectively clone specific organs for transplant or other useful applications of the science. Unfortunately, upon reading the article I was merely disappointed with a series of poorly researched and amoral arguments, which is actually rather frightening considering the implications of the technology in question.

Among the most offensive and misguided of Sprecher's statements is that "genes are cultural artifacts with aesthetic function." Excuse me? A person is not a piece of art to be enjoyed in a gallery! A person, by definition, is neither an artifact nor an aesthetic object. I hesitate to say this, but this mode of thought seems to be rather reminiscent of the type of Social Darwinism that led to the "justification" of the Jewish Holocaust and the communist genocides by their perpetrators.

"People are not things, and are not to be treated (or procreated) as such," Sprecher also seems to think that because the human race is not an endangered species we are the reason there are so many endangered species today.

Sprecher also seems to think that because we make attempts to preserve the genetic information and biodiversity of plants and animals, we should make an attempt to do so for humans as well. I'm not sure if she knows this, but the primary reason that efforts like this are made is not because people think their chances for success.

Duke University's basketball team has the genotype of millions of years of evolution, or of the evolution of millions of years, to back up its opponents at the free throw line and tell him, "Sorry son, you're not here for any particularly good reason, we just thought you'd make a lovely piece of educational artwork."

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Priest to discuss efforts to aid gang members

**Special to The Observer**

Father Greg Boyle, founder and director of a widely acclaimed youth violence prevention program in East Los Angeles, will discuss his innovative efforts to assist Latino gang members at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the Jordan Auditorium of Notre Dame's Menloza College of Business.

Cosponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and Institute for Latino Studies, the talk is free and open to the public. While serving from 1986-92 as pastor of the Dolores Mission, Boyle witnessed the gang activity and related problems surrounding the poorest church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He responded by founding Jobs For A Future (JFF) and Homeboy Industries, both dedicated to helping Latino gang members find employment and create new lives for themselves.

Started in 1988, Jobs For A Future is an employment referral center offering no charge to employers. It is targeted toward men and women in East Los Angeles, with an emphasis on assisting at-risk youths involved in gangs make a successful transition to the work environment.

JFF provides coaching in job readiness, interview skills, résumé preparation and appropriate attire—skills also used in tattoo removal, giving priority to people with tattoos that inhibit their ability to find employment. After placing people in jobs that fit their qualifications and needs, JFF continues to monitor their progress and provide follow-up services as necessary.

Homeboy Industries was founded in 1992 as the economic development branch of JFF. It includes five small businesses that are staffed by former gang members who work together to produce apparel and merchandise bearing the Homeboy logo, make baked goods and provide cleaning services.

Both Jobs For A Future and Homeboy Industries operate on two guiding principles that have become community slogans: "Nothing Stops a Bulle like a Job" and "Jobs not Jails."

A native of Los Angeles, Boyle earned his bachelor's degree in English from Gonzaga University, his master's degree in English from Loyola Marymount University, his master of divinity degree from the Weston School of Theology and a third master's degree from the Jesuit School of Theology. Before serving as pastor of the Dolores Mission, he taught at Loyola High School, worked with the Christian Base Communities of Cochabamba, Bolivia and was chaplain of the Islas Marias penal colony in Mexico and of Folsom State Prison in California.

Boyle's life story and efforts to assist Latino gang members in East Los Angeles have been chronicled in a book titled "Father Greg and His Homeboys." He also has been featured by "60 Minutes" and People magazine.
expressed concern over grad­uate students finding work after completing their studies. They plan to network with previous grad students who are now employed, offer workshops emphasizing cor­porate etiquette and work with the Career Center to establish programs geared specifically toward graduate students. "I felt like some of the issues needed to be addressed," said Deshpande, explaining her decision to run for vice pres­ident. "Instead of being on the outside, I wanted to be a part of the team."

"It is my desire to serve the graduate student community," said Burgos. "This is an excel­lent opportunity to form a channel of communication between faculty and stu­dents."

Minority university enrollment rising
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. - Black and Hispanic admissions to the University of California continued to rise in the first year of a program guar­anteeing slots to top high school students.

Figures released Tuesday for the Fall 2001 freshman class show steady increases in black and Hispanic enrollment for the fourth year in a row. Minority enrollment has now nearly rebounded from sharp drops fol­lowing the end of affirmative ac­tion in California.

Admissions of "underrepre­sented" minorities — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — for the fall semester were up by about 17 percent, from 7,336 last year to 8,580.

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While Burgos and Deshpande outlined their agenda, they also expressed a desire to receive advice from their fellow students and the University departments.

"We would really like to know how the committee members and students feel," Deshpande said. "We would like to get feedback from the students.

"We're really thrilled to be here," Burgos said. "We are new here and willing to learn."

GSU president Burgos is a native of Mexico City and attended the University of LaSalle. This is her third year as Notre Dame working toward a Ph.D. in chemical engineering.

Deshpande, the vice pres­ident, is from India and gradu­ated from UDCT in Bombay. She has been at Notre Dame for a year and a half and is also working on a Ph.D. in chemical engineering.

Underrepresented minorities are those whose numbers in college lag behind the general popula­tion.

Those minorities make up 18.6 percent of in-state freshman admissions, compared to 18.8 percent in 1997, the last year race and gender were taken into account.

The figures show another trend as well: Fewer blacks and Hispanics are enrolling in the top campuses of Berkeley and UCLA but instead are attending lesser-known campuses.

Berkeley, UC's flagship cam­pus, admitted 293 black stu­dents, a 43 percent drop from 1997 total of 512. UC­Berkeley, meanwhile, admitted 567 blacks this fall, an 89 percent increase over the 1997 total of 300.

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Program offers blacks mortgages
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A program to make 1 mil­lion black families home­owners by 2005 was announced Tuesday by a black lawmakers’ group, mortgage-market giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, major banks, mortgage companies and community groups.

New mortgages, many with special terms for low-income borrowers and those with bad credit records, could total $30 billion under the program.

"For far too long, minority communities have been left out of the homeownership process," Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, chair­woman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said at a news conference. "America is only as strong as its communities, and communities are only as strong as the families that live within. Homeownership is part of the foundation of a stable family."

Mel Martinez, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, said the new program "means 1 million more African-American families who can live their American dream."

The program, called "With Ownership, Wealth," or WOW, will begin next month in 20 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To reach prospective homebuyers, there will be homeownership fairs and seminars, radio and newspa­per ad campaigns and indi­vidual credit counseling.

Homeownership among minorities grew four times faster than for whites in the 1990s, yet only 46.7 percent of black families own their homes, compared with 73 percent of white families and 67 percent for the country overall, according to HUD.

The banks and other lenders will offer a variety of mortgages with special terms. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have agreed to buy them and several mort­gage insurance companies will insure them.

The special terms will include down payments of as little as $1,000, or 2 percent of a home’s value; mortgages at interest rates below the usual rates for borrowers with weak credit histories; and a one-time reduction in interest rates for borrowers who make their mortgage payments on time for 24 months.

Mortgage payments may come from grants or from unse­cured loans from community groups, government agencies or employer-assisted housing programs.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are government-spon­sored but publicly traded companies that buy mort­gages from original lenders such as banks and package them into securities for resale to investors. They are not committing new money to the WOW plan, but will purchase mortgages for black families as part of their existing programs for low­ and moderate-income bor­rowers.

Freddie Mac is contributing $300,000 for the outreach programs and other expens­es of the WOW program, according to spokesman Douglas Robinson. A Fannie Mae spokesman declined to give a figure for that company’s contribution.

The 20 states in which the WOW program will be available are Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Critics of other states can call a toll-free number to find out if they are eligible for the new mortgages.

Recycle The Observer.
Animal testing banned: The European Parliament voted Tuesday to ban sales of all new cosmetic products tested on animals, including makeup, shampoos and shower gels. Pending approval from the 15 European Union member nations, the legislation would immediately prohibit cosmetics for which alternative testing exists. By January 2005, the ban also would apply to all new cosmetics using animal-tested ingredients, even if alternative tests have not yet been developed.

Snow delays recovery of US jets: Wreckage of two U.S. F-15 fighter jets will have to remain on the snowy Scottish mountainside where the planes crashed last week until weather conditions improve, officials said Tuesday.

26 stowaways found in Calif.: Twenty-six stowaways from two cramped cargo containers before they were discovered, authorities said Tuesday. The immigrants were taken to a hospital Monday night for medical evaluation before being transferred to a federal detention center, said Capt. Mike Garcia of the Long Beach Fire Department.

Teen charged in fatal shooting: The lawyer of a teen-ager formally charged Monday with murder in the death of a student outside a Gary high school said the shooting was a case of self-defense. Alvarez said the more powerful quake, with a magnitude of 6.7, struck off the southwest coast of the Japanese island of Shikoku, about 95 miles west of the city of Takamatsu. The tremor was strong enough to shake houses and topple vases.

A Palestinian policeman inspects a Force 17 building hit by Israeli helicopter shells in Gaza City. Seventy-seven Palestinians were injured in the attack.

Israeli helicopters attack troops

In a seaside compound of Force 17, a Palestinian security service, rockets ripped through the metal roof of a large garage, burning a car. The wall of an empty, two-story arsenal adjacent to Arafat's home was pierced by a missile. It was not clear whether Arafat's home was damaged.

The United States was trying to arrange a three-way meeting with Israeli and Palestinian officials to lower tensions. Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the time and place have not yet been set, but that Israelis and Palestinians have agreed in principle to attend. Palestinian officials said all issues should be discussed, while Israel said it would only address security matters. Sharon has said he would not negotiate under fire.

U.S. participation in such a meeting would indicate that the Bush administration is gradually being drawn into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, despite its initial reluctance to get involved.

Abdel Rahim reiterated Palestinian claims that Sharon was implementing a 100-day plan of a gradual escalation, including rocket Palestinian militants. Sharon's aides have denied the existence of such a plan. Tuesday's rocket attack came just a few hours after Palestinians fired three mortar shells into the Jewish settlement of Atzmona in the Gaza Strip. One shell exploded near Leah Yered and her 10-month-old son, Ariel, sprinkling them with shrapnel, settler Zvulan Kafis told Israeli TV.

An earthquake hit parts of central Japan late Tuesday, injuring six people, just hours after a smaller quake struck off the southwest coast of the country. There were no immediate reports of serious damage from either tremor.

The more powerful quake, with a magnitude of 5.1, was centered in Shizunai prefecture (state), about 95 miles west of Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said. The quakes shattered windows and caused some water pipes to burst, but there was no danger of tsunami, or undersea waves triggered by volcanic activity or earthquake.

Those injured included a 72-year-old woman who fractured her hand after being jolted out of bed and a 52-year-old woman who was pinned under a chest that fell over, said local police spokesman Motiyuki Oishi.

Train lines and highways in the surrounding prefecture (state) were temporarily closed to inspect for damage, but nuclear power plants continued operating normally, said Hideaki Miya, an official at Okho Electric Power Co.

Earlier, a 4.9-magnitude earthquake shook Hiroshima and neighboring areas. That tremor was strong enough to shake houses and topple vases.

The agency placed the epicenter of the first quake 42 miles under the sea, 12 miles off the coast of Yamaguchi prefecture (state) in southwestern Japan.
Bush copes with unexpected hurdles

President faces challenge with standoff in China

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush raised the diplomatic stakes Tuesday in warning that the spy-plane stand-off with China is likely to confront him as he already faces control issues in the Middle East and problems with Russia and European allies.

Although Bush prefers sticking to carefully prepared scripts, the challenges are forcing him to improvise policy more and more in a presidency just 11 weeks old.

The Navy EP-3E surveillance plane and its 24 American crew members were on China’s Hainan island three days after it made an emergency landing, reflecting U.S.-Chinese relations after three days of patient, muted diplomacy.

Economic sanctions are also possible, but not likely, officials said. The Bush administration is trying to carefully prepare scripts, reflecting U.S. policy more and more in a presidential style.

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State ousts independent network

Associated Press

RUSSIA

Outraged journalists at Russia's only independent nationwide television network vowed to continue their coverage by state-run gas giant Gazprom, which purged NTV's leadership Tuesday in a dramatic salvo in the fight for the influential station.

Gazprom's move to replace NTV's board of directors with loyalists and install new editorial bosses devastated the flair of the state-owned television company, once seen as a flag-ship of Russia's hard-won media freedoms.

"NTV will survive, whether its journalists will work with us or not," Boris Jordan, who is of Russian descent, told a news conference. Then he added: "There should be no illusions about the financial side. I have a fiduciary responsibility before my shareholders to make the company profitable."

The case of NTV has come to be seen as a test of President Vladimir Putin's commitment to media freedom. The journalists' anger was on display Tuesday on the network in an emotional live talk show that lasted more than two hours, with politicians, NTV staffers, lawyers, other top journalists and even a priest weighing in.

"We recognize that preserving an independent, open, serious channel such as NTV is a public task and our public responsibility," said former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who was among the guests. "We must decisively say that this should not happen," he said of Tuesday's events.

Several lawmakers said they would raise the issue in parliam ent, some participants appealed to Putin to intervene to save NTV, while others called for protests and demonstrations. The tough question facing every NTV employee, however, was whether or not to serve their new masters and show up for work Wednesday.

"NTV will survive, whether [its journalists] want to work with us or not," Boris Jordan, new NTV director, named the network's new general director, replacing Yevgeny Kokh.

Both Kokh and Jordan were involved in disputed privatization deals of state assets in the 1990s, and the network's senior journalists have said they would not work for either man.

Vladimir Kulitikov, a former NTV journalist who abandoned the network for state-run media last fall, was named the new chief editor.

Top NTV journalists, producers and other staff announced they would not recognize the changes. Thousands of people attended a Moscow rally Saturday to protest the move, and further protests could not be ruled out.

Tuesday's meeting was the latest episode in a long-running feud between Media-Most and Gazprom. At stake is also the fate of a host of publications, radio shows and TV programs that are part of Gusinsky's Media-Most empire, along with some of the country's boldest journalists.

Media-Most chief Alfred Kokh was appointed new chairman of NTV's board, replacing Gusinsky.

"We have reached our goal. Our soldiers will all go back," said Eriya Kata geya, whose country's forces aided Congo's rebels against the government, declared after meeting with Congo President Joseph Kabila.

Uganda and Rwanda sent thousands of troops into Congo during and after 1995 to support rebels fighting to oust Joseph Kabila's pro-government forces. The U.N. Security Council demanding that the rebels pull out of Congo by Tuesday. The United Nations now is supervising a three-week truce among the government-allied forces, said as the Zimbabwean soldiers stepped in KINSHASA.

"For the greater good of our commitment to peace," Gen. Fillip Viper, deputy com mander of the government-allied forces, said as the Zimbabwean soldiers stepped in KINSHASA, the western 40 percent of the 200-mile-wide-mile nation.

Peace efforts took off after the United Nations was assassinated in January, in still- war-torn Zimbabwe, and his son succeeded him.

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Europe pushes U.S. on environment issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Frustrated European officials expressed skepticism Tuesday that the Bush administration would propose anything new on global warming but said other industrial countries planned to pursue a treaty on climate change.

"We are very much prepared to go on ... without the United States. We cannot allow one country to kill this," said Kjell Larsson, Sweden's environment minister.

Larsson and Margot Wallstroem, the EU's environment commissioner, had come to Washington with high expectations for their meeting Tuesday with President Bush's administration officials and several Democratic senators.

Instead, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman told the Europeans that a treaty negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 is unfair to the United States. She pledged U.S. cooperation in seeking technologies and incentives to address climate change.

"We were hoping to be able to persuade the United States to come back into the Kyoto protocol," Wallstroem said. "There is a lot of frustration ... Without going to threats, I would say this would affect international cooperation."

Whitman said the Bush Cabinet is reviewing U.S. policies to determine how to approach concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

"I emphasized to members of the European community that I continue to be as optimistic as the president that, working constructively with our friends and allies through international cooperation, we can develop technologies, market-based incentives and other innovative approaches to global climate change," Whitman said.

Asked whether the EU is open to Bush taking a new tack on the issue of global warming, Larsson said that, after a decade of work on the problem, "I don't think there will be a fresh approach" from the United States.

Bush last month sparked an international outcry by reversing a campaign promise to treat carbon dioxide from power plants as a pollutant and source of global warming. He said the Kyoto accord's mandatory cuts on carbon dioxide emissions and short timetable are no longer acceptable to the United States.

The administration said it instead will seek an alternative that would include poorer, underdeveloped countries now exempt from treaty commitments. Whitman reiterated that the Kyoto accord "is unfair to the United States and to other industrialized nations because it exempts 80 percent of the world from compliance."

Larsson and Wallstroem emphasized the U.S. must bear responsibility for a quarter of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

The Europeans met earlier with U.S. environmental groups.

No industrial country has yet ratified the Kyoto treaty. An effort last November at The Hague, Netherlands, to come up with a plan for implementing the accord collapsed in a disagreement between the United States and Germany over trading pollution credits.

The EU delegation also plans to travel to China, Russia, Iran and Japan to seek support for keeping the treaty alive when talks resume in July in Bonn, Germany.

The Kyoto protocol calls for countries to cut heat-trapping emissions by an average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. However, U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have continued to grow since the treaty was signed and are now nearly 15 percent above what they were in 1990.

Many scientists believe such emissions are causing the Earth to warm significantly; Whitman has said she agrees.

The United Nations plans to host an informal meeting of 40 to 50 environmental ministers in New York on April 21 to prepare for the Bonn talks.

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WASHINGTON
Segregation persisted in big cities over the past decade amid the nation's growing racial and ethnic diversity, a report says that provoked calls for stronger enforcement of laws against housing discrimination.

Distinct living patterns continued to hold sway in large urban centers where most of America's blacks, Hispanics and Asians are located, said the report released Tuesday by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

With forecasts suggesting even greater diversity in the future, advocacy groups urged federal and local governments to step up enforcement of fair-housing regulations and upgrade education in minority neighborhoods.

Blacks and whites were most likely to be segregated in the Detroit metropolitan area, the study said, while whites, Hispanics and Asians were most likely to live separately in New York.

It is "troubling at a time of massive demographic change, when the need for Americans to communicate across racial and ethnic lines is greater than ever before, that we are less likely than ever to live in diverse neighborhoods," said Ray Targararo, president of the National Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy organization.

The Bush administration is considering a move to stepping up enforcement of fair housing laws, a spokesman for Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez said Tuesday night. Recently released Census 2000 data showed that Hispanic, black and Asian population growth far outpaced that of whites over the 1990s. The Hispanic population grew virtually even with a non-Hispanic black as the nation's largest minority group. The Census Bureau considers "Hispanic" an ethnicity, not a race; therefore, Hispanics can be of any race.

"The public tends to think that the problem has been solved. There has never been more diversity enforcement effort."

Gary Orfield professor, Harvard

Welfare cases rise in nearly a dozen states

WASHINGTON
After six years of remarkable decline, the number of Americans on welfare has begun to rise in nearly all states, and has stopped falling in most others.

Caseloads are still dropping in many of the dozen states, and the national total is still creeping down, but for most of the country, it appears that the days of ever-shrinking welfare rolls have come to an end.

"The people who could go to work have gone to work," said Rita DiSibio, a welfare administrator in West Virginia, where caseloads rose by about 8 percent over the last year after plummeting 70 percent.

"It's not entirely clear why some states are seeing their caseloads rise, and officials fear the situation may only get worse if the economy weakens.

Nationwide, the welfare rolls peaked in 1994 at nearly 14.3 million people, mostly single mothers and their children. Amid tough new rules and the strongest economy in decades, they began a dramatic decline, falling further and faster than anyone predicted.

By September 2000, the number of people on welfare welfare rolls fell by about 20 percent, to fewer than 5.8 million people, according to data that the Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to release.

But the decline, which reached 20 percent in one year has dramatically slowed. Nationally, the number of recipients fell by less than 1 percent between June and September, the most recent period for which data are available.

That's compared with a 4 percent decline in the past three months and a 3 percent decline during the same months in 1999.

The evidence of slowdown is even clearer when examined by state. Between June and September of 2000, 11 states saw their rolls increase by more than 3 percent, while 10 saw drops of more than 3 percent.

By contrast, during the preceding three months, from March to June, only five states saw their cases rise by more than 3 percent, while 29 saw drops that large. Similarly, in 1999, just four states saw their caseloads rise by 3 percent between June and September, while 34 saw them drop by that much.

Some states continue to see their caseloads drop, including New York and California, where one in three of the nation's recipients live. As long as caseloads in big states fall, the national numbers will likely to continue dropping.

Since September, the economy has showed signs of weakness, and state officials fear a shortage of jobs could drive more people to government aid.

"These caseloads can't keep growing forever," said Wendell Primus, a welfare expert at the left-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, who examined the rolls peaked in 1994 at near-
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Is the "traditional" family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, on the way out? Maybe so. Consider two signs.

First, cohabitation without benefits of marriage is rapidly becoming the statistical norm. As former Education Secretary William Bennett’s Index of Cultural Indicators 2001 records, the number of heterosexual cohabiting couples increased from 439,000 in 1960 to 4.24 million in 1998. The number of cohabiting households almost doubled in the 1990s. In 1965, 10 percent of married couples lived together before marriage; in 1998 it was more than 50 percent.

Cohabitation, incidentally, increases despite evidence, summarized in the Index, that it does not work well: Only about 1/6 of cohabiting couples endure for three years, and only 1/10 last 10 years or more ... Couples who cohabit before marriage are almost twice as likely to divorce as those who do not. Cohabiting couples report more disagreements, more frequent fights and lower levels of happiness than married couples. The rise in cohabitation may indicate that marriage is becoming irrelevant or an afterthought.

The second sign is that seven states, numerous local governments, federal agencies and private employers have extended to unmarried couples — homosexual as well as heterosexual — pension, health and other benefits comparable to those extended to married couples. No American jurisdiction has followed the Dutch example of formally recognizing such "domestic partnerships" as marriages. The federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) affirms the right of each state to deny recognition to a same-sex marriage recognized by any other state. DOMA will be challenged in the courts as unconstitutional.

Should the law exclusively favor the traditional marriage and family? The logic of the individualistic contraceptive ethic would say no. In the natural order of things, one reason why sex is reserved for marriage and why marriage is between a man and a woman is because sex has an intrinsic relation to babies. But if it is up to the discretion of man (or both sexes) whether sex will have any relation to procreation, why should sex be reserved for marriage? And why should the law exclusively define "marriage" as male-female?

Last July the Pontifical Council for the Family issued a document, "Family, Marriage, and De Facto Unions," offering reasons why marriage is a "natural" institution prior to the state and why the family must be favored by the law.

The Council framed the issue as one of "justice, which means treating all equally, and what is different differently." It would be unjust if de facto unions were given a legal treatment similar ... to the family based on marriage [because] society would take obligations towards partners in a de facto union [but] they in turn would not take on the obligations ... to marriage. "Marriage," in the words of John Paul II, is entitled to a "juridical status that recognizes the rights and duties of the spouses to one another and to their children. ..." Families play an essential role in society, whose permanence they promote. The family fosters the socialization of the young and helps curb ... violence by transmitting values and ... brotherhood and solidarity." The traditional family, based on marriage, has been privileged by the law because it is the seedbed for future generations. The partners in a heterosexual de facto union make no comparable binding and public commitments to themselves, their children or society. "Even more serious," in the Council's view, is "the grave error of recognizing or even making homosexual relations equivalent to marriage."

The Council quoted John Paul II on the point: "The demand to grant marital status to unions between persons of the same sex ... is opposed ... by ... impossibility of making the partnership fruitful, according to the plan inscribed in God by the very structure of the human being. Another obstacle is the absence of ... complementarity between male and female willed by the Creator. ... Lastly, de facto unions between homosexuals are a deplorable distortion of what should be a communion of love and life between a man and a woman in a reciprocal gift open to life. ... The bond between two men or two women cannot constitute a real family and much less can the right be attributed to that union to adopt children without a family."

The Council criticized the "indifference, of public administrations toward the profound difference ... between conjugal love, which comes from marriage, and homosexual relationship, which is a kind of apathy with regard to the life or death of society, an indifference about its future projection or its degradation."

This is true. A society in which it makes no difference whether boys marry girls or girls marry boys is on a dead-end road to extinction. Society and the state cannot be neutral on the definition of marriage and on the moral question of whether the family based on marriage should be exclusively promoted by the law. The evidence is abundant that our "Cultural Indicators" are moving in the wrong direction. We ought to think seriously about that. Professor Rice is on the Law School Faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Sympathy for smokers

Hi, my name is Eric and I’m a smoker. Recently, my doctor strongly armed me into “quitting,” a word that solicits very sack-like and sardonic grins when mentioned in the company of fellow-smokers.

Oh, everyone tries to at least once a season, and everyone always comes crawling back. I’ve had friends quit for weeks at a time, only to start up again; friends who’ve gone on to smoke. It’s like I’m stuck in my own little bubble, a hot blast on the back of my throat and I start up again; friends who’ve gone on to smoke.

“it was Hey, Eric, want a smoke?” I don’t know why, but I grabbed the Marlboro Red from its spot, put it to my mouth and inhaled as my cousin lit it with a match. I felt a hot blast on the back of my throat and a pleasurable ache in my chest. Soon I felt light-headed. It was all, all a lie.

Importantly, smoking felt good and made me cool in the eyes of my cousins. Most of you will probably call me a liar, but I didn’t cough when I took that first drag. I held it back with all of my might because of the embarrassment it would have caused.

But I have coughed since then. My relationship with the nicotine patch to try to quit all of my might because of the embarrassment it would have caused.

Yet, my smoking was so long since I last smoked.

Most of you can relate to this. Most of you don’t have to worry about quitting because you never really started. You are the non-smokers and of those issues.

I’ve been guilty of the punnishreward-method of quitting: go a few days without, and some of them were smoking. But I have coughed since then. My smoking has been so long since I last smoked.

Eric Long

Voicing opinions on ad decision

In that letter, they promised to set aside today’s Viewpoint section to run all letters received discussing slavery reparations and free speech. After the letter ran, we received two letters.

Printed below are those letters.

The Viewpoint section remains open to discussion of these issues. Letters dealing with them will be filed with our response selection process as any other letter.

Don’t edit ideas

The Observer response ignores ad’s text

The Observer staff stated: “In truth, the decision regarding whether to print the advertisement is not a free speech issue.” They are absolutely right. How can it be about the free speech when, instead, The Observer chose to focus on Mr. Horowitz and his “ad”? The Observer offered: “The decision to reject the advertisement was obvious. What are those obvious points?” The language was described as “volatile.” Examples? The Observer “had doubts about the reliability of the information presented as facts.” What kind of journalism is that? How about presenting facts that refute those of Mr. Horowitz? The entire issue revolves around Mr. Horowitz’s advertisement. That is the only thing that is obvious, and therefore, it is completely about free speech. Of course, The Observer does not have to print it. There’s no question about that. However, what exact items were “obvious” that make it so?’ The Observer made.

The obvious move to reject the advertisement that made valid points is the equivalent of completely dismissing an opposing point of view and suggesting that only one side is correct. The Observer did not have to print the ad, and I have no problem with that. However, The Observer’s statement on why it rejected the ad had nothing to do with the actual text or the issue of reparations. Instead, The Observer’s power struggle and stumbled all over themselves by showing their bias.

Dan Delgado

March 29, 2001

Observer ignores responses to ad’s text
From a cave in Missouri, Atari’s video game reign returns

Back in the early 80s, Atari captured the hearts and minds of an entire young generation with horri­ble graphics and unforgettable titles like "Pac-Man" "Dig Dug," and "Asteroids." 

"Manta, a game of "Role Position" was played with Van Halen’s "1984" blazing on the tape deck, and the game system was widely successful, with more than 35 million units sold.

Like denim jackets, but unlike leg warmers, Atari is coming back after almost 20 years of garage sales and obscurity in America’s attics and basements.

For years, Atari dodged being completely forgotten, thanks to the efforts of a small contingent of hardcore fans that never moved out of their parent’s house and can quote entire 10 minute sections of "Return of the Jedi.

Jeff Baltruzak

Short Circuits

Stacks of unsold Atari games still in their original packaging sit ready for purchase, waiting to revive the Atari revolution.

But when I got the game home, and considering the price, it was worth it.

Right now, Atari 7800 systems are selling for $200 on Ebay, which is funny when you consider that Sega’s Dreamcast is going for $99 in stores these days. Atari was the first truly mass-produced video game system. It came in two models, the 2600 and the more sophisticated 7800 system. If "sophisticated" is the correct word.

The core video game design theories pioneered by Atari are still used today, but where it took a month to design an Atari title, today’s games can take more than a year from drawing board to production.

Now O'Shea Ltd. has commercialized the whole Atari re­

revolution.

When the Atari Corporation went bankrupt in 1996, O’Shea bought their entire inventory of unsold games, more than two million cartridges in all, of which they currently still have 1.1 million.

But it gets weirder. The company stores the games in neat stacks in a limestone cave in Missouri the size of a football field. Nearby is a working mine, and everyday at 3:30 p.m. the warehouse shakes when miners blast dynamite.

All games are "brand new," in the original packaging. Apparently, storing the games underground keeps the temperature in the warehouse at a constant 68 degrees, which is the optimal temperature for Atari cartridge storage, as concluded by a Harvard University study.

Underground caves have been used for a wide variety of important activities: nuclear bomb shelters, housing priceless heirlooms and secret hideouts for villainous cartoon charac­ters. Add Atari game storage to that prestigious list.

O’Shea sells the games on a Web site at www.atariclassic.com, where every game goes for $2, but a minimum of 12 games must be purchased per order.

"These games are definitely collectible items, and they are fast approaching antique status, thus rais­

ing their collective value with each passing year," claims O’Shea employee Bill Houlehan.

It is expected that when Atari games actually are considered antiques, they could be worth as much as $2,100, but judging by O’Shea’s enormous inven­
tory, supply is currently outstripping demand.

Jeff Baltruzak is a sophomore business major.

O’Shea Ltd. stores its 1.1 million cartridges in all, of which they currently still have 1.1 million.

Deep in a Missouri limestone cave the size of a football field, O’Shea Ltd. stores its 1.1 million Atari cartridges, kept at a cool 68 degrees and sheltered from a nearby mine’s dynamite blasts.

"NASCAR 2001" a great ride for diehard fans

By MATT ORENCHUK

Scene Video Game Review

When I first decided to review "NASCAR 2001" for the Sony PlayStation I wondered like a good idea in my head. After all, I live in North Carolina.

But when I got the game home, and turned it on, I realized that despite living in the south, I don’t really know much about the sport.

"NASCAR 2001" is a pretty good video game. But that statement comes with a catch — the game is fun, but it is a lot more fun if you understand NASCAR.

First, the good stuff about the game:

-All the drivers are the same as real NASCAR racing, and so are all the tracks.

-While all of the NASCAR tracks are expected to be there (like Daytona and Charlotte Motor Speedway) there are also some pleasant surprises, including cool road courses like Las Vegas and New York.

-These tracks change the entire strategy of the game. On the Daytona track you race the game like a NASCAR race: fast on the straight­aways, and hug close on the turns. But on the road courses, you can’t just hold the throttle button and expect to buy all of the turn. Since there are any super-elevated curves on the road courses, you have to race very cau­


tiously and use the brake a lot.

-The best track on "NASCAR 2001" is the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It is interesting to see NASCAR on a track made famous by the smaller CORT CAR race cars. The graphics are superb on the game, while they aren’t crystal clear, they still look sharp.

-An other great feature about the game is that each track has its own personality.

-When racing on the North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, you can make out ads for Bojangles, a restaurant chain in North Carolina. This attention to detail for each track makes you feel as if you are get­

-There are some features of "NASCAR 2001" that are techni­

-cal, and would only appeal to hardcore racing fans.

-Once you have picked your driver and where you want to race, you then go to a screen that allows you to decide on some details of your car: the tire pressure, the rear bias, the left bias and the wheel lock of your tires.

-While this feature might be useful if you are a huge NASCAR fan, it can be annoying to those who just want to race.

-Another features of "NASCAR 2001" is that you can set the length of the race. You can race as little as 3 per­

-cent of the race — about seven to 10 laps — all the way up to the entire race.

-"NASCAR 2001" also features artifi­

-cial intelligence in each of the racers. If you are racing in the Daytona 500, Jeff Gordon’s car in the game will race like Jeff Gordon does in real life.

-In this 2001 version, you can race an entire season on the NASCAR cir­

-cuit. You start each race by qualifying in the field. Then you race, and fin­

-ers pick up points towards the NASCAR championship. (There is no Winston Cup Series in this game.)

-Overall, "NASCAR 2001" is a great game for the diehard NASCAR fan. All of the personality that makes NASCAR a cultural icon in the South is found in this game.

-However, if you want a racing game that relies less on strategy and more on racing (like "Mario Kart 64"), then "NASCAR 2001" might not be your game.
Wednesday, April 4, 2001

V I D E O S C E N E M E S

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS BRIEFS

Streisand chides Democrats: "Funny Girl" Barbara Streisand hasn't been laughing since November, and Bill Clinton's loyal friend is fed up with her party's leadership. In a three-page memo to top Democrats, Streisand accused them of being "paralyzed, demoralized and depressed" since the election of President Bush. "We have a president who stole the presidency through family ties, arrogance and intimidation," she wrote. "Republicans are attempting to exercise the tactics of voter fraud by disenfranchising thousands of blacks, elderly Jews and other minorities." Streisand wrote last week from Malibu, Calif., in a letter signed simply "Barbara." Streisand's publicist, Dick Gutman, forwarded to the media on Monday an edited version of the memo, titled "Nice Guys Finish Last." "I hope you're through arguing among yourselves and distancing yourselves from President Clinton," Streisand wrote. "Let's not let them divert attention from the success of his administration over the past eight years. Let's not allow the Republicans to take away the gains we've made."

Ashley Judd to be Catwoman: Ashley Judd has snagged a purr-fect new role as Batman's nemesis in the new movie "Catwoman." "The Caped Crusader will play a supporting role to the "felinous feline" in the new Warner Bros. film. Variety reported Monday from Los Angeles. Michelle Pfeiffer played Catwoman in the 1992 sequel "Batman Returns." "Catwoman" is the third film in the comic-book franchise in development at Warner Bros. Darren Aronofsky, director of the bleak drug-addiction tragedy "Requiem for a Dream," is working on a prequel titled "Batman: Year One." Meanwhile, "Remember the Titans" director Boaz Yakin is developing the movie "Batman Beyond," based on the futuristic WII cartoon about a young crime-fighter who replaces the retired Bruce Wayne.

Kidman concedes invasive press: Nicole Kidman has lashed out at the media for its coverage of her recent miscarriage and breakup with husband Tom Cruise. Kidman told The Sydney Morning Herald for Tuesday's edition that the weeks since her split with Cruise have been the toughest of her life. She said reports that surfaced last week of her miscarriage earlier this year had been "very upsetting and it's very invasive." "I understand that people are interested but it's my life - my personal life," the actress said. "It's very difficult seeing your life being dragged through the newspapers and the tabloids and your children being dragged through it." Cruise and Kidman announced in early February that they would split after 10 years of marriage. The powerful Hollywood couple have two adopted children, 8-year-old Isabella and 6-year-old Connor. Kidman is preparing to play writer Virginia Woolf in a new film and is working on a publicity blitz for her upcoming movie "Moulin Rouge," co-starring Ewan McGregor, who promises at the Games Film Festival on May 16.

VHI Divas honor Aretha Franklin: Mary J. Blige, Marc Anthony and Jill Scott will be among the artists to give a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T to Aretha Franklin at VHI's fourth annual "Divas" celebration on April 10. The concert will be broadcast live from Radio City Music Hall in New York City, Franklin will sing, but her only duty of the evening will be web rock-er and fellow Detroit native Kid Rock. Janet Jackson will be a special guest. Other perform­ ers scheduled for the evening include members of the Backstreet Boys, actresses from HBO's "The Sopranos" and Pamela Anderson. VHI's "Divas" special will raise funds for the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, a nonprofit organization designed to boost music education in public schools. Since 1997, the group has donated more than $10 million worth of instruments to 530 public schools in 40 cities.

"Fear Effect 2" delivers fright and adventures for the future

By ADAM TURNER Scene Video Game Reviewer

"Fear Effect 2: Retro Helix" takes place in the year 2028, when humankind is plagued by EINDS (Environmentally Induced Nucleotide Degeneration Syndrome). EINDS stops protein synthesis at the DNA level by preventing DNA from splitting into mRNA and tRNA, effectively ceasing cellular reproduction and killing who­ ever is unlucky enough to contract this disease. "Fear Effect 2" takes place from the point of view of four different mercenaries, each with their own particular skills and methods.

As gameplay progresses, players are able to use Hana Tsu-Vachel, an assassin skilled in intelligence specialist Royce Glas, a specialist in counter-intelligence tactics; Jakob "Deke" Decourt, an insane, cold-blooded killer; and finally, Rain Qin, Hana's companion. When Hana, Royce, and Deke are all independently contracted to retrieve three separate items on a simple infiltrate-and-recover mission, things go horribly wrong. The three are forced to put aside their personal differences in order to save the world from imminent death and destruction. As the three items they recover, which can be used to cure EINDS, "Fear Effect 2" is absolutely massive, spanning four disks to travel to the seamy underbelly of Hong Kong, the walled city of Xi'an, the tomb of the First Emperor of China and TienShan, the legendary mountain island of the immortals.

Each mission is jam-packed with puzzles, enemies and mutants, promising a bloody fun time for everyone, especially fans of the original "Fear Effect."

The cinematic sequences flow seamlessly throughout the game, which look fantastic, in a cartoon sort of way. The best feature of "Fear Effect 2" is the elimination of load times except for the very beginning of each mission. Load time has always been the major drawback that plagued the game. When humankind is plagued by EINDS. "Fear Effect 2" still stands back up the guards have already been fired. Lacking the ability to void their carryon luggage earlier this year had been a bleak drug-addiction tragedy. Another strange snippet in the Eidos team found a way to load only once per mission. This feature creates very, very addictive gameplay.

Aside from frustrating battles and scary monsters, "Fear Effect 2" delivers a warm, content feeling for all.
Robert Pack, starting in place of the suspended guard Nick Van Exel, had a season-high 26 points as the Denver Nuggets slowed the San Antonio Spurs with a victory over the Trail Blazers.

Kevin Willis added 19 points and 18 rebounds, and George McCloud scored 20 for the Nuggets, who also played without leading scorer and rebounder Antonio McDyess (dislocated kneecap).

Portland's 13-point hand-over-head, after suspending leader scoring Rashard Wallace for six Blazers in double figures.

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With Olajuwon scoring eight points, the Rockets moved ahead 29-23 with 1:57 left in the first period. But Howard helped keep the Mavs close scoring 11 in the second period, which ended with Houston up 32-29.

Howard hit his first two shots in the second period and Finley ended with Houston up 32-29.

And Vernon Maxwell hit a 3-pointer by A.J. Guyton cut the lead to 50-45 with 1:34 left in the first half. But Carlos Williams' jumper gave the Pistons a 56-47 halftime lead.

Howard's average of 2.9 points per game led the Mavs into the season with 29, at the break, a Detroit season high.

With Dallas leading 61-53 in the third period, coach George Karl was ejected for a technical foul on Luis Grillo for arguing a call.

Antonio McDyess took over.

The Sonics, who lost for just 10 of 24-20.

Gary Payton and Rashard Lewis scored 23 each for Seattle.

The Spurs, who never trailed, scored a 10-2 third quarter and five minutes before Seattle missed its first six shots and committed three turnovers. Duncan went to the bench with two fouls just five minutes into the game, and the Sonics managed to catch up and trail just 21-17 after one quarter.

Duncan came back for the second quarter and scored the final four points of an 8-0 run that put San Antonio ahead 25-17.

NBA Pack leads Nuggets, slows Trail Blazers' playoff push

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Lead scorer Rasheed Wallace for

Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points and Robert Horry came off the bench for 20 to lead the Lakers to a victory over the Utah Jazz in a matchup between teams headed for the Western Conference playoffs.

The Jazz trailed by 20 points midway through the final peri-

but rallied to cut the margin to 86-84 with 2:40 to play when

Karl Malone made two free throws, but the Lakers pulled away in a frenzied, emotional final two minutes.

Malone led the Jazz with 31 points while John Stockton had 17.

Lakers coach Jerry Sloan, angry over the officiating, had two technical fouls called against him and was ejected from the game.
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Trail Blazers suspend Wallace

Associated Press

PORTLAND

Growing weary of Rasheed Wallace's boorish on-court behavior, the Portland Trail Blazers suspended their All-Star for one game Tuesday — two days after his most recent, record-setting tantrum.

Wallace sat out the Blazers' game at Denver on Tuesday night, the start of a four-game road trip. He was scheduled to play in Wednesday night's game against Minnesota.

"The team has regulations and policies," coach Mike Dunleavy said. "You take into consideration different actions, and after the game on Sunday this decision was made. It basically is what it is."

Blazers backup point guard Rod Strickland also was suspended for Tuesday night's game, by the NBA. Strickland was sentenced to 10 days in jail Monday for pleading guilty to a drunken driving charge, stemming from a Jan. 7 arrest stemming from a Jan. 7 arrest.

Wallace has been ejected seven times this season, and was suspended for two games for throwing a towel at referee Gary Benson after he was thrown out of a Feb. 1 victory over Phoenix. But this is the first time the team has suspended him for his actions.

The punishment came after Wallace was ejected with 7:29 left in the third quarter of Portland's loss to the Timberwolves on Sunday. The Blazers rallied without their top scorer, but shot just 4-of-19 in the fourth quarter and lost 99-95.

Wallace was tossed for arguing with officials that he had been fouled by LaPhonso Ellis on a fast break. He was issued two technical fouls, resulting in an automatic ejection. Wallace has 40 technicals, surpassing his own NBA record of 38 set last season.

Portland has lost the last three games in which Wallace has been ejected, and Dunleavy hoped to see him come back strong at Minnesota on Wednesday.

"Hopefully we will see the flash back that is the dominating player that comes back with an aggressiveness of a guy that had a day off," he said.

Wallace, who made the West All-Star team for the second straight season as a reserve, is having his best season statistically, averaging 19.4 points and 7.9 rebounds. His 50.6 field-goal percentage is third-best in the league.

The Blazers have repeatedly supported Wallace, saying his temper is a result of his intense desire to win. The team also has emphasized his work in the community and the fact that he has no criminal record.

Dunleavy even backed him after Sunday's loss, saying Wallace's reputation among officials contributed to the ejection.

"Maybe another guy doesn't get thrown out for the same thing," the coach said.

Strickland pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va. In addition to the jail term — which Strickland will serve after the season — U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Poretz placed him on supervised probation for two years and ordered him to attend substance abuse counseling. The player also was fined about $1,000.

Strickland was waived by the Wizards on March 1, and the Blazers signed him four days later. As the backup to Damon Stoudamire, Strickland has averaged 5.9 points and 4.1 assists in 13 games.

Police try to sort out Arizona riots

Associated Press

TUCSON

With the burned-out vehicles cleared away and smashed windows boarded up Tuesday, police tried to sort out the riot involving University of Arizona basketball fans.

Police also were examining their own response to Monday's melee in a commercial and residential district near the university.

The riot began after Arizona's loss to Duke in the NCAA championship in Minneapolis.

Fans overturned vehicles and set them on fire in a scene reminiscent of disturbances that followed the Wildcats' victory in the 1997 title game. Police eventually resorted to firing rubber bullets, sponge bullets and tear gas to disperse the crowds.

Seventeen people were also arrested, at least seven of them students.

Police deployed about 500 officers in riot gear Tuesday night in the Fourth Avenue area, anticipating a rerun of problems seen in 1997.

"I felt that we did a whole lot better job last night than we did in 1997," Police Chief Richard Miranda said.

Officers did not move in and begin enforcing their order to disperse until after revelers had tipped over several vehicles and set at least two cars on fire.

The rioters, mostly young men, also overturned at least two cars, trashed some decorative street lights and tore down street signs at the peak of the disturbance.

A brick wall and part of the roof of a bar called The Hut was scorched by one of the fires, and several of its windows were boarded up Tuesday, like those in a number of stores over a three-block stretch of Fourth Avenue.

Several people were hit by the rubber bullets, and four of about 10 people requiring medical attention at University Medical Center were admitted, all with non-life-threatening injuries, spokeswoman Pila Martinez said.

Two men were listed in fair condition and another patient in good condition. A woman was admitted and then discharged.

Alexan Hernandez, associate dean of students at the university, said seven of those arrested were students.

"It's unfortunate that anyone who is enrolled in the university might have taken part in that and it's embarrassing," he said.

Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T.

"John Paul II's Teaching on Women and the Vocation to Religious Life"

Why does Pope John Paul II think of himself as a "feminist"? Sr. Butler will explain why by setting out six structural elements from the Pope's apostolic letter "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women." She will also point out some important themes from his own recent address: "Women's ordination and women's vocations to the religious life will be examined in relation to these themes and to the questions raised in our day by Catholic feminists.

Susan Carozza

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Ms. Carozza will describe how an understanding of vocation can evolve in each woman's life, with particular reference to her own vocation as a stay-at-home mother. She will draw on the Church's teachings, the Bible, and her own experiences to explain why a woman of professional training and ambitions might choose to interrupt her career to raise a family.

Nicole Stelle Garnett

"The Dual Vocation to the Workplace and Motherhood"

In public opinion polls, an increasing number of American women claim that they value time with their families more than career advancement, and that they are willing to make professional sacrifices in order for "balance." Garnett will explain whether the concept of "balance" is even achievable! This working mother shares her views about how women's vocations can help guide a woman's decisions concerning career and family.
Rodriguez flawless in the field but fails at the plate

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez struck out three times and singled in his first home game for Texas, and the Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels in their home opener.

Rodriguez, whose $252 million, 10-year contract with Texas is the richest in sports history, struck out swinging in the first and eighth innings, took a called third strike in the sixth and singled in the third.

Rodriguez—who struck out just 121 times in 148 games last year—increased this year's strikeout total to four.

But he also had his third hit, a stolen base and was flawless in the field before 49,512, a regular-season record at The Ballpark in Arlington.

On the first ball hit his way, he started a 6-4-3 double play in the second. An inning later, he went deep into the hole right, scooped up the ball and threw Tim Salmon out at first.

Rodriguez, who had just 10 errors all last season, made a throwing error on his first chance in the season-opening 3-1 loss to Puerto Rico and also stumbled twice while trying to get to balls.

Kenney Rogers won the Rangers' home opener for the second straight season and Tim Crabtree converted his first save opportunity for Texas in the same way that his predecessor John Wetteland often did: exciting but ineffective.

Crabtree, wearing Wetteland's old No. 35, allowed Anaheim to load the bases with two outs in the ninth.

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Twins 3, Tigers 2

Tiger Dave Dravecky's first opening-day complete game in 12 years wasn't enough for the Tigers to overcome Brad Radke in Comerica Park's first season opener.

Radke limited Detroit to one run in eight innings and David Ortiz homered to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 win Tuesday at Comerica Park's opening-day opener.

Radke pitched a seven-hitter as Minnesota scored a run in the first inning on a two-out single by Ordonez and a throw-out play by Chone Figgins.

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Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez gets ready to hit during Tuesday's victory against Anaheim. Rodriguez was 1-4.

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### Men's Lacrosse

**Irish blast Buckeyes 13-4 in GWLL opener**

**By MIKE CONNOLLY**

With the Ohio State Buckeyes' attention focused on Notre Dame's player of the year candidate David Ulrich, two other Irish attackers exploded for four goals each as Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 13-4 Wednesday, April 4.

Seniors Tom Glatzel and Jon Harvey each scored four goals for the Irish as the seventh-ranked men's lacrosse team went 6-1 junior All-American Cummings scored his second goal of the afternoon.

Senior Andy Santoriello scored his first goal of the season to close the first half scoring and give the Irish a 1-0 lead heading into halftime.

The third quarter was scoreless until Glatzel scored two goals in the last four minutes to push the Irish lead to 10.

Freshman Mickey Blunt scored the only goal in the fourth quarter for the Irish while the Buckeyes scored two goals of their own in mop-up time.

Senior goalkeeper Kirk Howell yielded the net to sophomore Nick Antol for the last 11 minutes of the game. Antol faced five shots and allowed only one goal while Howell stopped nine shots and allowed the other three goals scored.

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### Women's Pro Tennis

**Hingis safe to play again**

*** Jury sentences stalker to four years**

Tennis player Martina Hingis (above) did not appear in court on Tuesday to testify against a man convicted of stalking her at the Ericsson Open.

Psychologists who evaluated Rajcevic concluded he was delusional but mentally competent to stand trial.

Rajcevic said he fell in love with Tennis player Martina Hingis after seeing her on television while at home in Austria, in 1999, at about the same time he was getting a divorce.

He began sending her faxes and letters expressing his admiration for her and traveled to her home to deliver flowers.

Prosecutor Christopher Clakin said Rajcevic followed Hingis around the world even though she and others repeatedly told him to stop.

The judge told him to stay away, saying that his client was still attracted to her.

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mentals better to be a corner.

He saw his first game time at cornerback Oct. 14 against Navy, but played less than two minutes. When Walton injured his wrist during Notre Dame’s win over Rutgers on Nov. 18, Duff stepped in and played 15 minutes at corner recording his first career interception.

"Unfortunately Shane had to get hurt," Duff said. "People have times when they have to step in. It felt good to be out there and just be a part of the team."

What Duff may be lacking in on field experience, he makes up for in commitment.

Although he played 15 minutes at corner Nov. 18, Duff stepped in and got in on field interception.

He sees the opportunity to play in the Bookstore Basketball tournament this spring.

"I ain't playing Bookstore," Duff said. "I ain't no basketball player. I came here and that was basically to play football."

**Notes:**
- Defensive lineman Ryan Scarola left practice early with an injured knee Tuesday.
- "We were doing field goal protection full speed and he got run into," Davie said. "I don't know how bad that is."
- Arnaz Battle, switching from quarterback to receiver, is beginning to adjust to the added running involved in his new position.
- "He came out [Tuesday] he was full speed," Davie said. "He struggled a little bit Sunday the day after we practiced. He struggled a little bit Monday. But he was able to go full speed at practice today."

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Women's Crew

Victories bring rowers confidence

By TODD NIETO
Sports Writer

The women's crew team defeated both Michigan State and the University of Dayton this weekend.

On Saturday, the team raced at Michigan State in the best of three races.

Because of ice on Michigan State's 2,000-meter course, the teams competed on a 1,200-meter course.

In the past, Michigan State has been a serious contender in women's crew, qualifying for the NCAA championships the past three years.

The victory for the Irish is a good omen, as they defeated the Spartans in the first varsity eights, first novice and second novice eights.

On Sunday, the team soundly defeated the Dayton Flyers despite a 15 mile per hour headwind and choppy waters.

"These wins are a huge confidence booster," said coxswain Erin Kiernicki. "Beating Michigan State is huge because it sends a message to other schools."

With such impressive victories this past weekend, it appears as if the Irish women's crew team is ready for the San Diego Crew Classic.

The first and second varsity teams fly to San Diego later in the week, while the rest of the team heads to Des Moines, Iowa to compete against Drake and the Wisconsin Lightweights.

"In San Diego we are going to look for our strong and weak points and determine how we fare against other teams," Kiernicki said.

The San Diego Crew Classic is an especially important event for the team, giving the Irish the opportunity to race against the teams that will most likely contend in the NCAA Championships.

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SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's aims for important wins

By KATIE MAVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's softball team is hoping that April showers will bring two MIAA wins to add to Saturday's rainy day victory over Adrian College.

The Belles (9-8) are coming off of a weekend split with the Bulldogs that left them with a 1-1 MIAA record. They look for another win today as they face off against Albion College in a doubleheader.

"We played really well on Saturday despite the fact that we split," senior pitcher Anne Senger said. "If we can win a bunch of these early season games before we play Hope and Alma, which are the power houses, then we'll be in good shape."

If the Belles come home from both games victorious, they will carry a 3-1 MIAA record that should place them near the top of the standings littered with teams that have faced little or no MIAA competition.

Albion (13-9), who finished third in the MIAA last year with an 8-6 record, opens their MIAA season against Saint Mary's.

Junior Kristin Martin will be on the mound for the Belles at 3 p.m., looking for her first MIAA victory of the season. She gave up three earned runs in her first MIAA start on Saturday against Adrian.

Senger will take the mound in the nightcap of the double header. Senger enters the game with a strong 1.16 ERA after giving up only one run during her six innings of work on Saturday.

Martin and Senger will have to shut down a strong Albion hitting team, led by Sarah Prues. The junior outfielder is batting .375 with 12 RBIs. Her 18-48 record includes five doubles and two triples. Joining Prues on the Briton offensive will be seniors Tressa Gourlay, who is leads the Britons in batting average at .386, and Darcy Stewart, who has hit seven doubles thus far.

"Albion has always been pretty decent," Senger said. "Defensively they aren't anything special, but they're usually pretty decent hitters so we need to be tough defensively.

During Saturday's early loss to Adrian, the Belles gave up six runs during the b i r d i n n i n g. They will be working on staying focused to prevent an inning like that today."

"We need to play every single pitch and know exactly what we're doing every single time the bat hits the ball."

Anne Senger
pitcher

Saint Mary's hitters will likely be facing off against Adrian's star pitcher, Alana Heikkinen. Heikkinen, who has only lost three games in 14 decisions, sports an ERA of 1.41.

She earned a win in a game against Bluffton College this weekend, but dropped her second game of the double header, bringing her record to 11-3.

Following a strong hitting weekend, the Belles are confident that their sluggers can get the job done.

"We hit exceptionally well so we want to be as strong as we possibly can," Senger said.

The first game of the double headers starts at 3 p.m. on the softball field. The second game will begin around 6 p.m. — 15 minutes after the end of the first game.

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increased their lead in the fifth inning with a double by shortstop Paul Henry, who then advanced to third on rightfielder Brian Stavsky's misplay. Henry scored on a groundout by second baseman Matt Wood.

Once again the Irish cut into the lead in the bottom half of the inning when Sollmann singled, stole second and later scored on Stavsky's hit to center field.

After Ball State picked up another run in the sixth, Notre Dame attempted to seize the lead. With the bases loaded and two outs, Sollmann got an R Hil walk. That would be all of the scoring, however, as senior Alec Porzel grounded out to end the threat.

After the game, Mainieri gave credit to the Ball State team.

"We expected a tough game against these guys, and they came out here and outplayed us to earn the win," he said.

With the Irish currently holding the highest rankings ever by a Notre Dame baseball team — sixth, seventh and eighth in the three major polls — a mid-week loss to a non-conference opponent can be hard to swallow, but Mainieri is confident his team will move on.

"We're looking forward to playing again tomorrow so we can get everything right back on track," he said. "You've really got to play each game like a separate part of the season and not let what you do on other days affect you."

The Irish will be looking to bounce back against Dayton (10-12) today at 3:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium, before returning to Big East play this weekend at Rutgers.

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Departmental Follow-up Sessions

As a follow-up to the Majors & Programs Fair, the departments listed below are holding informational meetings for prospective majors. If you are thinking of majoring in one of these departments, please make every effort to attend.

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CONFIDENT BELLES look to serve up conference victory

By JENNIFER BARTALINO
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After last Saturday’s wins against Adrian College and Aquinas College, the Saint Mary’s tennis team is hot on the trail of another victory.

This afternoon at 3 p.m., the Belles face off against the Britons of Albion College in a home match. This will be the Belles’ second MIAA match of the season and confidence is high.

“I would definitely say that we’re pretty confident for this match,” senior co-captain Natalie Cook said.

The team is especially anxious to see how they’ll fare today, knowing that Albion is scheduled as one of their main competitors at the MIAA Championships. Albion is coming off a conference victory against Kalamazoo that followed the Briton defeat of the Knights of Calvin College.

“The only thing that has waivered our confidence is that (Albion) beat Calvin and we lost to them last year,” Cook said. “But our team is just as strong if not stronger than last year.”

Last year the Belles soundly defeated the Britons 6-3 and finished above fourth place Albion in the final MIAA standings. Although the Belles are working on perfecting their strokes, mental prowess will be the deciding factor in this contest.

“This match is going to come down to mental toughness. If we think we can do it, we can win.”

Natalie Cook
captain

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The Belles will also hit the road this Thursday to face another tough competitor, Hope College. Today’s results will give them a good idea of what lies in store for them.

Freshmen Jeannie Knish, Katlin Cutler and Kris Spriggle will be stepping in at No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles and sophomore Elisa Ryan will wrap up with No. 6 singles.

Cook and Annie Knish will team up for No. 1 doubles, joined by the teams of Jeannie Knish and Cutler and Ryan and Trisha Jones at the 2 and 3 spots.

The match will begin at 3 p.m. today outside Angela Athletic Facility.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kartelo plans to transfer at end of semester

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Sophomore center Ivan Kartelo told The Observer Tuesday he plans to transfer from Notre Dame at the end of the school year. "I didn't feel happy playing basketball," Kartelo said confirming rumors that had been swirling since late this season.

Kartelo, a 6-foot-11 reserve, saw his minutes dwindle this year. The Croatian native played more than 13 minutes per game as a freshman but never made it into Brey's basic six-man rotation. He played in just 16 games this season after seeing action in all 37 contests as a freshman.

"I started thinking about it back during Christmas break," Kartelo said. "I thought it was going to get better."

Things didn't improve for Kartelo, however. He missed a month of play due to a sprained ankle and never made it into Brey's basic six-man rotation. He played in just 16 games this season after seeing action in all 37 contests as a freshman.

In upcoming weeks, Kartelo plans to visit several Big Ten schools, and will likely transfer to Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin or Illinois.

"Wherever I go, I think I'm going to play," Kartelo said. "They're not going to bring me to sit on the bench."

In single-wing playing time, that situation will factor into Kartelo's school choice. He hopes to remain near South Bend so he can make return visits to see friends at Notre Dame.

Talk has also arisen that fellow Croatian basketball player Jere Macura may transfer at the year's end, but Macura has not announced a likely transfer to Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin or Illinois.

"I've got myself a corner of the school, Duff said of his year's eligibility. "I go, I think I'm going to do pretty well there." He even threw for 1,145 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns as a senior. He even threw for two touchdowns out of the backfield.

"He's athletic and he's a raw talent that I think works hard and has a great attitude," Irish head coach Bob Davie said of Duff, who also ran track in high school, posting a time of 10.5 seconds in the 100-meter dash and clearing 23 feet in the long jump.

Still, Davie is far from conceding that the job is Duff's to lose.

"He hasn't done anything on the field that says, 'wow, we've got ourselves a corner that's just going to jump out there next year and be an all-star,'" Davie said.

So much hard work is expected from the 5-foot-10, 175-pounder because the entire concept of playing defense is new to him. In high school, Duff earned The Sporting News 12 ranking among top college prospects after carrying for 1,145 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns as a senior. He even threw for two touchdowns out of the backfield.

"It's just how our offense was," Davie said of his years at Copperas Grove High School in Copperas Grove, Texas. "It's just very multiple offense. It's just something I did to make the team a better team."