Cerneka’s mission: The poor

SMC grad returns to discuss the poor of Sao Paulo

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Sao Mary's Editor

Heidi Cerneka has devoted the past two years to working with the "non-blessed" of Sao Paulo, Brazil's street women who live off the sidewalks or who occupy the jails. "They're the lowest of the low on the ladder of women who prostitute themselves," said Cerneka, a 1987 Saint Mary's graduate and Maryknoll lay missionary, whose visit to campus was sponsored by the Human Rights Club, women's studies program and Campus Ministry.

"It's hard to live in Sao Paulo as a woman. It's hard to talk to women who have no rights," Cerneka said.

In the spirits of the city, Cerneka and four other missionaries' outreach involves teaching women their rights as human beings. Two houses provide services for needy women and the missionaries also visit a jail once a week.

"If one does not vote, does not have a permanent address or a job, is one still a human being? If they died tomorrow, no one would notice; no one would care," she said. "Part of our work is sitting down and talking, listening to people who don't have anyone to listen to them."

Cerneka thinks about the country's crumbling economy, where more than one million people of Sao Paulo have been struck by unemployment, to the trap of desperation where these women live. "In a country where unemployment is rampant, why would someone hire these women?" Cerneka asked, emphasizing that the average level of completion of education among the women is fourth grade.

"Some men don't even have the money to pay the women who are prostituting," she said.

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Grad gives $75K for hurricane survivors

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Stirred by media reports of the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch, a Notre Dame graduate and spouse recently made a $25,000 donation to the University of Central America for Educational, Social and Medical Concerns.

The couple, who wish to remain anonymous, had saved the money for several years for a down payment on a condominium in Florida but decided the funds would be better spent to aid victims of the recent hurricane in Central America.

"They asked only that the money be used by those most in need and others at Notre Dame be urged to respond at whatever level they can," said James Paladino, associate director of the center.

The couple had traveled to Florida to make the down payment on the condominium when television reports and media coverage of Hurricane Mitch shocked the couple.

"They saw the devastation and said that they knew they had to make a different type of investment," Paladino said.

In a letter written to his friend, Father Donald McNeill, director of the Center for Social Concerns, the couple cited the biblical influences that aided their decision to donate the funds.

"They said in the letter that they were often guided by the bible story of the land donor who could not share his bountiful harvest, but chose to build more storage bins," Paladino said.

The money will be given to several programs that have been assisting recent Notre Dame graduates in education and development programs in Central America. Farm of the Child, an orphanage, school, and clinic in Trujillo, Honduras, the American Friends Service Committee and Catholic Relief Services will be recipients of the funds.

Paladino said the center was "very stunned" when they heard about the donation.

"We were very surprised, but whenever there are times of need, people do step forward," Paladino said. "They hope that others will continue to share what God has called them to in response to urgent human needs and suffering."
Duke president to sign collegiate manufacturing code

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**NEW HAVEN, Conn.**

Senior Suzanne Jovin was found stabbed to death at the intersection of Edgehill Avenue and East Rock Road, about a mile north of central campus, at approximately 10 a.m. Friday. New Haven police officials said Police responded at 9:58 p.m. yesterday to reports of a woman being stabbed. "The intersection is near to a New Haven Police press release. Officers discovered Jovin, 21, suffering from multiple stab wounds. Police said they had not determined whether the stab had occurred at the location where Jovin was found. The Farmington medical examiner's office confirmed the cause of death as a multiple stab-wound homicide. "New Haven police are unisser of motive, and have leads that are being followed up," said Judy Meigles, New Haven Police Department spokesperson. Officer Michael Kuczowski, press secretary for the New Haven mayor's office, said early indications showed this was not a random event.

**YALE UNIVERSITY**

Crowd, low sales plague benefit

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**Undergraduate ECONOMICS**

Thirty-two American students, including one from UNM, were selected Saturday as Rhodes scholars. Manuel Montoya, 21, of Mora, N.M., was the New Mexico student selected. He is in the General Honors Program at the University of New Mexico and is majoring in English and Economics. Rhodes scholarships provide two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England. The Rhodes scholarships, oldest of the international study awards available to American students, were created in 1902 by the will of Cecil Rhodes, British colonial and pioneer. The Rhodes scholarships pay all college and university fees and provide a stipend to cover a student's expenses while in residence in Oxford. The total value averages about $25,000 a year. With the selections announced late Saturday, 2,854 American students have won Rhodes scholarships since the first selection in 1903.
ND HOBY plants giving tree
By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

A new tradition has begun in the Notre Dame din­
ing halls under the guidance of the Notre Dame chapter of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY). This December, the club is sponsoring a Christmas giving tree in each dining hall decorated with hand-made ornaments. Each ornament carries a child’s gender and age. Students can take an ornament and in return leave an unwrapped gift for the child inside one of the boxes in either dining hall.

The gifts will go to local Michiana children ages three to 17. These gifts will most likely become the only presents the sponsored children will receive this holiday season, according to Mary Beth Stryker, current president of HOBY.

“These are the most needy kids who will appreci­ate the gifts the most,” Stryker said. “If you were to receive one gift for Christmas, what gift would you want to receive?”

Stryker said that many of the children who appear on the tree live in families receiving welfare. Catholic Charities of South Bend gave the names of about 200 children to the organization to sponsor. Each tree currently carries about 50 ornaments.

The trees went up on December 3 after club members decorated the ornaments themselves. Stryker expressed hope that the project will provide a uni­fied cause for Notre Dame students.

Kathleen Dunne, a sophomore in the club, came up with the idea when she noticed the lack of a cam­pus-wide giving tree project. She based her idea on the trees in her old school and church.

The club, which is sponsored by Purdue University, challenges M.B.A. programs around the nation to compete against each other by accumulating the most number of stu­dent volunteer hours in a 24-hour period. Notre Dame stu­dents performed their service between 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday, according to Shields.

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Acoustic Cafe
Thursday, Dec. 10th, 9 pm-midnight in the Huddle
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Another problem which is on the rise among these women is AIDS, Cerneka said. Physicians come to the houses once a week to provide medical services, such as AIDS testing, and to urge the women to regularly attend the clinics. The missioners often face a fight with the government over the medical services they provide, Cerneka said.

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Hamas criticizes Clinton visit

GAZA CITY
The radical Islamic group Hamas on Monday denounced President Clinton’s upcoming visit to the Gaza Strip, but carefully avoided making any threats against him. Hamas is a bitter opponent of any peace with Israel and of the U.S.-brokered land-for-security accord signed six weeks ago. “Of course we don’t welcome him,” Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, said of Clinton, who is due to arrive in Gaza on Sunday. “This is nothing for us, or for any Palestinians... He is a 100-percent supporter of Israel.” Zahar said in an interview with The Associated Press that despite its opposition to Clinton’s visit, Hamas had no plans to stage attacks during it, or to target the president.

“We are against this visit and will serve our purpose,” he said. “We will leave him to practice his tricks.”

Diocese suspends priest

ROCHESTER, N.Y.
The Roman Catholic Diocese on Monday suspended a priest who conducted same-sex weddings, served Holy Communion to non-Catholics and allowed a woman to perform some duties on the altar. The Rev. James Callan, who had ministered for 22 years at the Church of the Transfiguration in Rochester, was told not to have contact with members of his old parish, but had been present for liturgies anddings, served Holy Communion to non-Catholics and offered counseling to gays.

“I intended to be remedial, rather than punitive, to encourage him to change,” the diocese’s historic bear pit and pelted two bears with snowballs at the two bears, named Selma and Urs. Despite bystanders’ attempts to lure them away, the bears grabbed him by the throat and dragged him into its cage, police added. The bear let go of the intruder only when her keepers scraped it with a metal object.

Man falls in bear pit

BERN, Switzerland
A man had to be rescued by firefighters Monday when he climbed into the Swiss capital’s historic bear pit and pelted two bears with snowballs, city police said. The 35-year-old, who wasn’t identified, was taken to hospital during it, or to target the president. “From our side, we won’t do anything. We don’t believe any aggression against this visit will serve our purpose,” he said. “We will leave him to practice his tricks.”

As the House Judiciary Committee nears a decision on impeachment proceedings, some protesters appear to have reached their own decision.

Hyde: ‘Compelling case’ on Clinton

WASHINGTON
Backpedaling under pressure, the White House jettisoned plans for a fresh assault on Kenneth Starr Monday as it readied a last-ditch impeachment defense of President Clinton for the House Judiciary Committee.

The White House recast its strategy on the eve of historic hearings as the panel’s chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said there was a “compelling case” for impeaching the nation’s 42nd president.

“I haven’t heard anybody say Monica Lewinsky is a liar,” the Illinois Republican said of the former intern whose detailed allegations of White House sexual encounters with the president are at the core of the nation’s impeachment drama. Hyde challenged the White House to present exculpatory evidence over the two days allotted for the president’s defense.

With the committee expected to vote by week’s end on articles of impeachment related to perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power, Clinton’s defenders were increasingly turning their attention to a likely battle in the full House next week.

The White House has been given a list of 30 or so GOP lawmakers who officials believe could be persuaded to oppose impeachment, either on the merits of the case or on the basis of the political makeup of their districts, according to sources who are familiar with the situation and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

These lawmakers are from districts that Clinton won in his re-election campaign in 1996, and where there is a significant Democratic vote in general.

The list is heavily tilted to the Northeast — ranging from New York Reps. Jack Quinn, Rick Lazio and Michael Forbes to others such as Connie Morella of Maryland, Jim Leach of Iowa and Heather Wilson of New Mexico.

The GOP holds a 228-207 majority in the expiring Congress. Only three Democrats are believed ready to support impeachment, meaning that moderate Republicans hold the balance of power in determining whether Clinton’s case goes to trial in the Senate.

Despite illness, Yeltsin fires top aides

MOSCOW
Boris Yeltsin roused himself from his sickbed for three hours Monday, fired several of his top aides and returned to a Kremlin hospital where he is recuperating from pneumonia.

It was a classic performance from the Russian president, who rarely seems so energized as when he is firing someone.

The dismissed aides included officials who had commented recently on the president’s poor health.

“You can see how vigorous I am,” Yeltsin told his staff as he delivered the news, according to presidential spokesman Dmitry Yumashev. Among those fired was Presidential Chief of Staff Valentin Yumashev, one of Yeltsin’s closest and most loyal aides. A former journalist who was the ghostwriter of Yeltsin’s memoirs, Yumashev had served as chief of staff for nearly two years — an eternity in Yeltsin’s Kremlin.

“The president has found a way to revitalize his staff — by firing it,” observed Alexander Shokhin, leader of the pro-government bloc in parliament and, until recently, a steady Yeltsin ally.

Shown on television, Yeltsin appeared animated and robust as he scowled and delivered one of his patented tirades.

“Tough discipline, order and reform is what we need,” Yeltsin said slowly and sternly as he glared at his staff from the head of a long table. Aides looked down and scribbled notes.

Besides firing Yumashev and three of his deputies, Yeltsin announced that he was personally taking charge of “all power ministries, including the Justice Ministry and the tax police.”

“Ministries” are usually defined as those related to national defense and security. The Justice Ministry and tax police are at the forefront of the fight against crime and corruption, which has taken on new importance following the killing of a top liberal lawmaker, Galina Starovoitova.

Yeltsin’s announcement was seen as mostly symbolic, however, since the president already wielded authority over all the ministries he mentioned and the ministers who head them were left in place.

His remarks mostly suggested that Yeltsin is tired of being portrayed as a figurehead who has relinquished all power to his prime minister, Yegor Gaidar.

Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar, appointed in September, has been left in charge of the economic crisis that has mired the country deeper in poverty. Yeltsin has said little and done less about the economy since it went into a tailspin in August.
Panel: Do work you enjoy

By RUTH SNELL
November 24, 1998

Without comparing notes beforehand, every speaker at the 1st Women in Entrepreneurship panel program yesterday at Saint Mary's emphasized working at what you enjoy.

The program, which was given separately at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, presented three women in business — Carol Pankros, CEO of her own financial-planning firm in Illinois, Maureen Muldoon, founder of M2M Meetings and Planning Services, and Dru Milby, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Papa John's pizza.

Pankros started her firm 15 years ago, partly so her work schedule could be flexible, but she also wanted flexibility in her approach to financial planning.

"Almost everybody in financial planning [then] represented a product, but I wanted to consult with a client to figure out their goals," Pankros said. "Even though I have technical skills, a lot of times what I'm doing is just getting through the psychology of it.

Now, she is trying to get her daughters, ages 19 and 21, to read "Do What You Want and Why You'll Be Rich," one of her favorite books and her career philosophy.

"Look at yourself, listen to yourself, find out what you really like," Pankros said. "Don't act like a businesswoman."

"Everything happens for a reason," she said, emphasizing that careers evolve. "But it is also important to be sure to have the backing of credentials."

"M2M Muldoon started her business as a secretary, but said she missed being a part of the big picture.

However, her experience and enjoyment in detail work has supported her well in her current career as a meeting planner.

Milby found her local reputation — her parents own a local restaurant chain — to help build recognition for her business.

"I used name recognition to get my foot in the door, but anyone who will link or swim in their own merits," she said.

Milby is the current president of Women Entrepreneurs of Michiana, a forum to share business information and act as a support group.

"Don't be afraid to try, have fun, it shows," she advised future entrepreneurs, "who can run down or use too many three-ring binders."

Dru Milby also talked about her personal background. She was raised in a small town by parents with minimal educations and strong work ethics.

"According to Muldoon's research, computers, televisions and VCRs to be stored in a locked and alarmed room in the security building during the vacation period. Drop-off times for this service are this Thursday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Gagnon also suggested that off-campus students take advantage of the Vacation Home Watch Program, which is operated through the South Bend, St. Joseph County and Mishawaka Police departments. The service offers periodic checks of residences for those whose residences will be completely unoccupied during the break.

"Almost everybody in financial planning recognizes the formidable timing of this period because stealing an item in the last few days before a break is likely to leave the trail cold by the time victims can return to thoroughly pursue such thefts."

Another service offered by Security is the Winter Bicycle Storage which will take place this Thursday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium. Stored bikes will be registered and stored in a locked room in the stadium at no cost.

Registering a bike enables security to return it to someone when it is found or stolen and allows officers to spot suspicious situations involving persons on a bike with a Notre Dame decal on it, according to Gagnon.

The D2 Lot "Lock Up" will also be occurring this break. The lot will be locked and patrolled from Sat., Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. until Sun., Jan. 10, although students who need to reclaim their vehicles during that time may do so by calling Campus Security at 1-5555.

"Make sure you don't leave anything in the car, or at least in plain view," she said.

He also advised off-campus students to notify their landlord or apartment manager to take common sense precautions such as checking windows and doors and leaving lights or a radio on.

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U.N. to perform surprise weapons inspections

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. weapons inspector will begin a series of surprise inspections Tuesday in Iraq in a final test of whether Baghdad is cooperating fully in the search for banned weapons, chief inspector Richard Butler said Monday.

The Iraqis in the past have tried to block or thwart some surprise inspections, calling them provocative and an infringement of sovereignty. After the surprise inspections are finished late this week or early next week, Butler said he will prepare a report for U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on whether or not Iraq has kept its Nov. 14 promise to resume unconditional cooperation with the inspectors. Annan will then report to the Security Council, which must decide that Iraq is in full cooperation with inspectors before it will undertake a comprehensive review of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

The U.N. Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, and the International Atomic Energy Agency must certify that Baghdad has eliminated banned weapons before the Security Council can lift sweeping economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait. Diplomats said if a comprehensive review is approved, it will not start until January, Iraqis leaders see the review as the quickest route to easing or lifting economic sanctions, but diplomats say it will merely reinforce Baghdad's out-standing obligations. The United States insists the review will not necessarily lead to ending sanctions.

Iraq carted out UNSCOM's activities Aug. 5 and completely shut down inspections Oct. 31. Under threat of U.S. airstrikes, Iraqi leaders reversed course Nov. 14 and promised to give inspectORS unfiltered access to all sites and documents related to its programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles.

Since the weapons inspectors returned, they have been testing Iraq's promise, seeking access to documents, interviewing Iraqi weapons experts and monitoring previously inspected sites to make sure dual-use equipment is not used for banned weapons.

Butler said the senior weapons inspector in Baghdad had informed Iraq's National Monitoring Directorate Monday that the surprise inspections were about to begin.

Former weapons inspector Scott Ritter, in an article published Monday in The New Republic magazine, said surprise inspections will fail because Baghdad has had time to shift documents and materials to new, secret locations.

"Iraq has had plenty of time to shuffle the deck, to hide its weapons to stay one or two steps ahead of the weapons inspectors," Ritter said Monday at a press briefing.

"When inspectors start carrying out no-notice inspections, they will find nothing, and in so finding nothing they will only reinforce Iraq's argument that there is in fact nothing in Iraq," he said at the briefing.

Ritter insisted the Iraqis are hiding weapons of mass destruction, but he said the Security Council isn't pushing for Iraq's disarmament.

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Laughing at Myself: (a.k.a.) Making My Own Crap

The character trait I pride myself on the most is the distinctly unhealthful ability to mock crap. I can just kick the crap out of crap. This doesn't mean that I myself am incapable of generating crap, on the contrary, as an English major, I pride myself on my analytical and communication skills. "It is this type of writing that I most enjoy and feel that it dynamically utilizes my analytical and communication skills." (Most of my columns were written while drunk.)

"I appreciate your time and attention. I am on the verge of selling vital organs in order to pay off the interest on my student loan."

"Sincerely,"

"Mary Beth Ellis"

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"Enclosures: resume, writing samples."

Mary Beth Ellis (the woman, the leg, who is fully aware that the best part of writing up is Folders in your cup, is a senior at Saint Mary's College (who's never heard of it, either) majoring in two different categories of crap creation (English writing and political science) with a minor in the refreshing of old crap (U.S. history). The column appears every other Tuesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

"Sobriety's a real turn-on for me. You can see what you're doing."

— Peter O'Toole
The Vast Right Wing Conspiracy

I admit it. It’s a conspiracy. I’ve kept it silent for too long—it’s time to come clean and tell the truth.

by Scan Vinck

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is a mandate by the General Assembly of the UN on November 20, 1989. As an observer of the CRC, the purpose is to “promote a more complete and just approach towards child survival and development.” In order to clear the air on these issues, I will examine the relevant clauses of the CRC. First, the convention promotes parental authority by the state to respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and children.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) encourages family cohesion and parental empowerment. In addition, the CRC encourages family relationships through its support of a national policy for the protection of the child’s rights. The treaty has been ratified by 191 nations, and is thereby one of the most widely ratified human rights treaties in the world (Article 37, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Frequently Asked Questions). This broad-based consensus on the importance of children’s rights is both encouraging and indicative of the global responsibility to stop human rights abuses in its most basic form. To date, there are only two countries that have not ratified the UN CRC treaty. Unfortunately, the United States is one of those countries.

But, it is the deeply confusing US process of ratification rather than majority opposition from the Congress that has stymied the immediate ratification of this treaty. President Clinton has signed the CRC, and signed the treaty in 1995. Insofar as opposition goes, there is one national political leader who has expressed support for the CRC. This faction is comprised of a small number of conservation-oriented, eco-friendly politicians in our Congress. Thanks to all of this covert money, Right Reagan has its own suite of offices, staff and Image that can see the importance of ratifying the CRC, even though it is working in the contrary direction.

As a final note, I would add that the US Juvenile Justice system is upholding the ideology of the CRC because it undermines the rights of children. As a consequence, many individuals have been extremely successful at protecting the CRC in terms of fostering a policy of rehabilitation that respects the children’s rights. The US Juvenile Justice system is upholding the ideology of the CRC because it undermines the rights of children.

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Test your Christmas IQ

1. In "We Three Kings of Orient Are," what are the frankincense and myrrh the wise men bring?
   - A) Gold tablets highly prized for their value
   - B) Plants with medicinal value
   - C) Sweet-smelling gum resins
   - D) Coins made from precious metals

2. What carol is also known as "Greensleeves"?
   - A) "The Holly and the Ivy"
   - B) "King Jesus Hath a Garden"
   - C) "O Christmas Tree"
   - D) "What Child Is This?"

3. Who was Good King Wenceslas?
   - A) Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century
   - B) Ruler of Bethlehem — he helped Mary and Joseph find a room for the night
   - C) King of Egypt when Christ was born
   - D) King of Germany when Christ was born
   - E) An imaginary character created for the song

4. What brings Frosty the Snowman to life?
   - A) His corncob pipe and button nose
   - B) The children's laughter
   - C) The traffic cop's whistle
   - D) An old silk hat
   - E) The sun

5. The first instrument on which the carol "Silent Night" was played was:
   - A) A harp
   - B) A pipe organ
   - C) A guitar
   - D) A kazoo

6. In Guatemala, Christmas Day is celebrated:
   - A) On Jan. 6
   - B) On Dec. 25
   - C) On Oct. 31
   - D) Never

7. Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in:
   - A) 1944
   - B) 1895
   - C) 1976
   - D) 1492

8. Medieval English Christmas pantomimes did NOT include which character?
   - A) St. Nicholas
   - B) The Bold Slasher
   - C) Father Christmas
   - D) The Turkish Knight

9. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was:
   - A) Bob Cratchit
   - B) Jerry Cornelius
   - C) Bill Sykes
   - D) Jacob Marley

10. In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts use:
    - A) Old hats
    - B) Beer mugs
    - C) Shoes
    - D) Stockings, just like everybody else!

11. Which of these events did NOT occur on Christmas Day?
    - A) Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts
    - B) Charlemagne was crowned Roman Emperor
    - C) Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in World War II
    - D) King Arthur pulled Excalibur from the stone

12. In Syria, Christmas gifts are distributed by:
    - A) The Three Kings
    - B) Tom o'Bedlam
    - C) One of the Wise Men's camels
    - D) Father Christmas
Christmas brights!

13. One notable medieval English Christmas celebration featured:

A) A giant, 165-pound pie
B) Snowball fights between rival courtiers
C) A swimming race across the English Channel
D) Huge crackers that sometimes exploded fatally

14. In Sweden, a common Christmas decoration is the Julbukk, a small figurine of a goat. It is usually made of what material?

A) Candy
B) Straw
C) Uranium
D) Fir wood

15. The real St. Nicholas lived:

A) At the North Pole
B) On the island of Malta
C) In Turkey
D) In Holland

16. Quick: How many items would you have if you were given all the gifts in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

A) 12
B) 24
C) 39
D) 78
E) 101

17. Believe it or not, one Indiana town is called:

A) Christmasville
B) Wenceslas
C) Noel
D) Santa Claus

18. The poem commonly known as The Night Before Christmas was originally titled:

A) Santa’s Secret Visit
B) A Visit from St. Nicholas
C) The Night Before Christmas
D) The Midnight Guest

Christmas Quiz Answers:

1) C 2) D 3) A, Wenceslas was the Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century. He was a fervent Christian who was slain by his brother and later sainted. 4) D 5) C, The carol was first sung as part of a church service in Austria. A guitar was used because the church organ was so badly rusted it couldn’t be played. 6) B, Guatemalan adults, however, do not exchange gifts until New Year’s Day. Children get theirs (from the Christ Child) on Christmas morning. 7) B, The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles. 8) A, In Medieval England, Nicholas was just another saint — he had not yet metamorphosed into Santa Claus and had nothing to do with Christmas. 9) D, Jacob Marley’s spirit was the first of four to appear to Scrooge on Christmas Eve. 10) C, Shoes — traditionally, the shoes used are wooden ones called sabots. 11) A, Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts. The four spirits appeared to Scrooge on Christmas Eve, not Christmas Day. 12) C, One of the Wise Men’s camels — The gift-giving camel is said to have been the smallest one in the Wise Men’s caravan. 13) A, A giant, 165-pound pie. The giant pie was nine feet in diameter. Its ingredients included 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridges, 2 newts’ tongues, 2 curlews, 6 pigeons and 7 blackbirds. 14) B, Straw — A variety of straw decorations are a usual feature of Scandinavian Christmas festivities. 15) C, In Turkey — St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus. 16) D 17) D 18) B, A Visit From Saint Nicholas
WASHINGTON  
Terence Morris matched his career-high with 29 points and No. 2 Maryland wasn't able to put away DePaul until the final minutes Monday night as the Terrapins beat the Blue Demons 92-75 in the championship game of the BB&T Classic.

Maryland (10-0), which had its first close game of the season in beating defending Big Ten champion Michigan State 62-59 in last week's opening round, seemed on the way to doing the same to DePaul (5-2) when the Terrapins took a 35-33 lead with 21:13 on the offensive end, the second game in a row many young Marylanders were outrebounded.

This was Maryland's third straight trip to the championship game. The Terrapins lost to George Washington in 1996 and lost to the Colonials last season.

No. 6 Stanford, W. Carolina 54

Pat Bradley scored 34 points, shooting 8-of-12 from three-point range and had a season-high six straight points — two to Villanova on Nov. 22, scored 17 in the 87-79 opening win over George Washington (3-3). Swanta Richardson only had two points but that was their last field goal for most of the second half.

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Tim Young had 12 points for the Colonials, who were coming off successive losses to North Carolina and Maryland. Stanford matched young Knicks 25-11 in the foul line and controlled the glass through the third and 3-15, the straightest time over two intervals that the Cardinal has outrebounded the opposition.

But Stanford went 3-for-14 from three-point range and had a season-low 18 turnovers in the win over Stanford. DePaul added 14 and Offina Ekezie and Dixon scored all the points.

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Moceanu faces legal battle

The parents of gymnast Dominique Moceanu won't get an opportunity to question their daughter about her accusations against her father before the three met in a courtroom this week, a judge ruled Monday.

Camelia and Dumitru Moceanu had requested that their attorney be allowed to question the 17-year-old gold medalist before a judge on Wednesday considers making permanent a temporary restraining order barring contact between the gymnast and her father.

But Moceanu's court-appointed attorney, Ellen Yarrell, challenged the request and asked that it be blocked. Associate Judge Michael Hay complied.

"We thought it was inappropriate," Yarrell said Monday. "We offered to answer written questions."

However, Katherine Scardino, attorney for Moceanu's parents, rejected that offer, Yarrell said.

Calls to Scardino were not immediately returned Monday to The Associated Press.

Yarrell said she was concerned that if a judge granted Moceanu's motion, they would use the session to speak to the gymnast in their native Romanian language, as they had in at least one other meeting with their daughter. Yarrell characterized the behavior as an intimidation tactic.

"Later she told me that she felt that they were putting incredible pressure on her at that time," Yarrell said.

Speaking through publicist Jamie Miller, Moceanu said she felt "very good," about the Monday ruling.

To court affidavits filed a week ago, the Olympian claimed her father had hired a private investigator to track her comings and goings. Moceanu also said police officers informed her that her father had negotiated to pay a hit man $10,000 to kill a friend.

"It's not right," Yarrell said Monday of what she described as an intimidating tactic.

However, it is not known how much was in the trust or how much has been spent.

There was no answer at the Moceanu family home Monday and a message left for the parents at the family's private gymnastics was not immediately returned to the AP.

NHL, Olympics prepare for split

The future of NHL participation in the Olympics remained in doubt Monday despite drawing praise during the first day of the league's annual Board of Governors meeting.

Other issues discussed during the day included: this season's two-referee experiment; overtime options to help break ties; how well off-season tinkering has worked to increase scoring and the status of troubled franchises in Pittsburgh and New York's Long Island.

"We were given an Olympic update, and we're waiting to see what arrangements we can make that would make it sensible for us to go," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

The issue has been a thorny one since the Nagano Olympics in February. The NHL took a three-week break to allow players to skate for their national teams, only to see CBS relegate the games to its late-night shows.

"We're on a 60- to 90-day window to either do this or not," Bettman said. "As a practical matter, it's got to be resolved sometime in February because the national federa-

Colin Campbell, the NHL's senior vice president of hockey operations, said the new two-referee-two-linemen system has streamlined games without congesting the playing area.

"The flow is better and the obstruction is less," he said, explaining that one referee can hang back and make sure that players stay within the rules away from the puck while the other skates ahead of the rush up ice.

It's an advantage that Campbell believes accounts for a drop in fighting in an average of 1.3 fights per game from 1.6 last year.

"Officials now are able to watch the jesting around the net before making in-the-play calls," Bettman said.

Bettman said the governors also discussed whether to make the experiment permanent or use it in playoff games.

"We have it scheduled through February games," he said. "There's no reason to make a judgment until all the data is in, so if they continue to perform well we'll use it."

Deterrents to the program are the cost and the amount of training it takes to send another NHL-caliber referee onto the ice.

"Can you go to 54 teams instead of 27 like that without watering it down?" Campbell said. "It's not an easy business. We're finding that out."

The governors also discussed creating a $300 million collective bargaining fund and renewed their working agreement with the Canadian Hockey League's cluster of junior major teams.
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Scelfo chosen to coach Green Wave

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Chris Scelfo, a south Louisiana native who always wanted to coach Tulane football, saw his wish come true on Monday.

Scelfo was chosen to replace championship-winning football coach Skip Barbour that he did not get the job.

"This is a shock. I was so sure, I brought in my green coat and tie this morning," he said.

"This is no discouraging. I'm disappointed. I thought I'd done all I could to prove myself, I'm worried about the kids."

Rodriguez is also one of two finalists for the head coaching job at Middle Tennessee State. He said he would also contact Southwestern Louisiana about their job and planned to play football on Tuesday.

Tulane's coach, Stay at the Tulane job there.

"My first order of business is to get our game plan for the bowl in place and get ready for practice," Scelfo said. "I'm glad we have the choice of the players and had been recommended by Barbour.

"I can't talk," running back Torry Converse said pointing to his eyes. "I just found out I can't believe it."

The players' unhappiness can be overcome, Scelfo said. "Most of them loved the coach before Barbour too," he said. "Nobody likes change."

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Tulane has offered him the assistant head coach-offensive coordinator job there.

"I'm young, I'm 35. I'm going to be a Fit head coach," Rodriguez said. "It may be a couple of days. It may be five years. But the time will come and I'll prove they were wrong not to take me here."

Bowden, an assistant for 19 years before becoming Tulane's coach, stayed at the Tulane school only two years, snapp­ ing a 15-year non-winning streak his first year and going 11-0 this season.

Scelfo, 35, plans to stay longer than that.

"I am where I dreamed about as a kid, where I want to be for the rest of my life," Scelfo said. "You've heard that said before, that's the last time you hear it here."

Williams honored by AP

NEW YORK

Ricky Williams returned for his final year at Texas with modest goals: Win games and have fun.

Mission accomplished, and he still gets to play in the Cotton Bowl.

On Monday, Williams won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

"Anytime you are considered the best it's flattering," Williams said, "and to be picked the top player in college football by the reporters who watch the games so close­ ly is truly an honor."

Williams provided college football fans with an extra special season. While running for 2,214 yards and 27 touch­ downs — he also had a TD reception — Williams became major college football's career rushing leader and carried his team to an 8-3 record and a Cotton Bowl matchup against Mississippi State on Jan. 1.

"I was to tell someone before the season that we were going to win eight games, they would have told me I was crazy," Williams said. "For us to come together as a team and surprise so many people with how we played was extra special."

Williams received 76 of the 143 votes in the AP balloting, easily beating out Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who had 17 votes. Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch was third with 15 votes.

On Saturday, Williams will be the overwhelming favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, given each year to college football's most outstanding player.

Watching Williams play turned into lots of fun for everyone except the Longhorns opponents. Just ask Texas A&M.

When he ripped off a 60­ yard touchdown run against the Aggies on Nov. 27, he broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record and started the Longhorns on their way to a 26-24 upset. He finished the game with 259 yards, giving him a career total of 6,279 yards to Dorsett's 6,082 from 1973-76.

The record-setting run was typical. Needing 11 yards to pass Dorsett's 22-year-old mark, Williams shed a tackler near the line of scrimmage, ran nearly 60 yards and then carried an Aggies defensive back into the end zone.

"That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Williams owns 15 other NCAA records, including most career touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (1,726). He also aver­ aged a record 6.22 yards per carry.

Couch, who owns his share of records, recently said Williams was the best player in the country.

"Many times as he carries the ball, he's just as strong in the fourth quarter as he is in the first quarter," Couch said. "He's an amazing player."

Records don't matter much to Williams. Helping his team turn into a winner again under a new coach was another reason he returned to Austin instead of bolting to the NFL.

"I think the thing that excites me the most about winning an award like this is the fact that people are giving me credit for having an impact on my team," Williams said.

"That's what it's been always the most important thing to me, helping the team win games."

As all great runners do, Williams credits his offensive line, but he takes things a step further. After all, the Longhorns were trying to rebound from one of the worst seasons in their storied histo­ ry.

"I couldn't have achieved any of the homes I am receiv­ ing without the help of my teammates," he said. "They sacrificed so much and so hard so we had to help me have a great year. This team is a real special one. We all worked so well together and had a lot of fun.

UCLA quarterback Cade McNown was fourth in the vot­ ing, followed by North Carolina State wide receiver Terry Holt, Ohio State quar­ terback Joe Germaine, Central Florida quarterback Jessie Cupepper, Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne, Louisiana Tech wide receiver Troy Edwards and Florida State wide receiver Peter Warrick.
Associated Press

NEW YORK

After two weeks of well-publicized officiating gaffes, the NFL is considering a return to instant replay for this year’s playoffs.

League spokesman Joe Browne confirmed Monday that if the owners approve, a limited form of replay in the upcoming postseason is a possibility.

The new replay system would likely take the form used in preseason experiments — with coaches given a limited number of challenges per game and referees making the final decision from monitors on the sideline.

It also would be what one league official called “liberal,” meaning that if a coach is out of challenges on a game-deciding play, he would be allowed an additional one.

That would apply to plays such as the one by the New York Jets’ Vinny Testaverde with 20 seconds left against Seattle on Sunday. That play was called a touchdown, although countless replays showed Testaverde had come up short of the goal line.

A proposal for a new form of replay, which was in effect from 1982 to 1991, was voted down at an owners’ meeting in March. It got “yes” votes from 21 of the 30 teams, two short of the goal line.

Buffalo’s Ralph Wilson, who had an impact on Wilson’s bills, Miami and New England, all three of which had a front-page picture of Testaverde lying on the ground a foot short of the end zone.

The play was ruled a touchdown and the Jets beat Seattle, 32-31.

The call in the game’s closing seconds kept the Jets tied with Miami in the AFC East and in effect knocked the Seahawks from playoff contention.

It also had an impact on Wilson’s bills, Miami and New England, which are in a four-way scramble with the Jets in the AFC East.

The technology is in place because of the replay experiments during exhibition games.

All that’s needed is a phone call from the owners’ timetable for that conference call has been set.

“There is one objective — get the calls right,” Jets coach Bill Parcells said Monday. “Not some of the calls, not the calls in the second half or the last quarter or only in the end zone. It’s get the calls right.

“The system that has been tried in exhibitions involves giving coaches challenges on calls — perhaps two a half or two a game — with the referee making the final decision on whether the play on a sideline monitor.

That would help end the objections to the old system, which used a replay official in a booth and was filled with endless challenges and endless delays, some lasting longer than five minutes.

The objections to the challenge system came mainly from the owners, who have been split among a number of proposals.

Some wonder what would happen in a situation such as the Seahawks-Jets game if a coach had exhausted his challenges before a game-turning play at the finish.

However, the proposal under study by the NFL is a liberal version that would allow a coach an additional challenge on just such a game-deciding play.

Few pretend that replay solves everything. Dan Rooney, president of the Steelers, said last week he thinks officials are overly managed already, leading to indecision.

Phil Luckett, the referee in the Seahawks-Jets game, said that once head linesman Earle Francz signaled touchdown, as he did almost as soon as he hit the ground, the debate was over.

“Because he had signaled a touchdown, so far as we’re concerned it’s over,” Luckett said.

But NFL rules specify that if another official disagrees with the call, the referee can reverse it. On Sunday night in Minnesota, referee Bill McAuliffe reversed himself after he ruled a fumble and other officials said Steve Steinstra’s knee had hit the ball before the ball came out.

“An objective may be that Luckett, who is well-regarded by coaches and players, is in his second year as a crew chief and has his eighth as an NFL official. McAuliffe is in his 23rd year as an official, most as a referee.

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut head football coach Skip Holtz resigned Monday night to join his father, Lou Holtz, on the coaching staff at the University of South Carolina.

Skip Holtz will become offensive coordinator of the Division I-A team, UConn officials announced Monday.

Lou Holtz, 61, was named South Carolina’s head coach Friday, and announced Monday he had asked his son to join his staff. Skip Holtz had served as offensive coordinator for his father at Notre Dame in 1992 and 1993 before taking over as the Huskies head coach in 1994.

Skip Holtz, 34, guided Connecticut to a school-record 10 wins this season before losing in the Division I-AA playoffs Saturday at top-ranked Georgia Southern. He compiled a winning percentage of .600 with a 34-23 record while head coach of the Huskies.

Associated Press

Former Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz has persuaded his son, Skip, to join him on the South Carolina coaching staff.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Kansas State's players are so depressed over being snubbed by the major bowls that their coach is worried about their effort in the Alamo Bowl.

"I certainly am," Bill Snyder said Monday.

In less than 24 hours, the Wildcats (11-1) plunged from the brink of getting to play No. 1 Tennessee for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl to having to play unranked Purdue for nothing in the Alamo Bowl.

They remained third in the Bowl Championship Series rankings even after blowing a 15-point lead and losing 36-33 to Texas A&M in double-overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game. They dropped to fourth in The Associated Press poll.

Had they beaten Texas A&M, they were assured of the Fiesta Bowl.

Yet, when other bids were handed out on Sunday, they were snubbed by the other BCS bowls — the Orange, Rose and Sugar. And then they watched Texas and Nebraska, which both lost to the Wildcats, accept bids to the Cotton and Holiday bowls, the top postseason games with ties to the Big 12.

"You can't be able to explain it as fair," Snyder said. "But obviously that's not the case."

He even tried to urge disappointed fans to attend the Dec. 29 game in San Antonio.

"I know our fans are reeling from this as well. They are hurt, like our players," Snyder said during a conference call with radio coaches.

"We just have to have some healing time. Now is not the time to campaign for anything from our vantage point. The important thing for us is to heal and get on with this."

Snyder was careful to praise both the Alamo Bowl and Purdue (6-3).

"The Alamo Bowl is ... one of the up-and-coming bowls," he said. "It certainly will be an honor for us to be there. Are we disappointed we were not included in the BCS selection or in the pecking order as it was described by the Big 12? Yes.

Snyder said the stub would be difficult to explain to his players.

"The message we've always tried to communicate to our young people is that there are systems in place in our culture and our society and our program. And if the system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you.

"This might be an example where that is not the case. I'll ask them not to lose faith in the system we have here, that it will work for them if they do the right thing. This is obviously a setback and a tremendous test. Perhaps a test of our character to see how we're able to deal with this.

"Snyder emphasized he was not blaming anybody. "I can only blame myself for not having our team well enough prepared to win a ball game," he said. "Outside of that, I wouldn't know where to start."
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at home against Toledo last
Wednesday. The Rockets
threatened to upset Notre
Dame in the opening minutes
of the second half before
senior captain Sheila McMillen
row to the occasion. She shot
3-for-3 from three-point range
to spark an 18-3 run to bury
the dipping
Rockets. 82-64.
Also strong for the Irish
from the field have been
Daniele Green and freshman
Sherisha Hills. A great deal of
their momentum has come
with the play of Niele Ivey at
point guard. The Irish have
moved the ball around and
found the right players to get
the scoring going. "Niele has
done an incredible job at point
guard, being a leader and get­
ting the ball around," said
Riley. "Everyone has found
their role and we're playing
better."
Riley herself has benefited
from the pressure that Notre
Dame has placed on the oppo­
sition from outside. In the
Toldeo win, McMillen's heroes
down to town free Riley
herself has benefited
in a win against No. 14 UCLA.
Illinois' top players th at
they sub in and
that they are so well balanced,
said Riley. "They have eight
players that they sub in and
not just one player that does
all the scoring."
The biggest threat off the
bench in recent games had been
Ashja Jones. Jones kept
the East conference rooke of the
week award in Connecticut
this week after coming off the
bench to average 4.6 points
and 5.5 rebounds against Volvo's
Rhode Island and Holy Cross.
She shot .882 (15-17) from the
field in the two games.

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McGraw has her squad in
exceptional form for this early
in the season with two double­
digit wins over top-10 foes
Duke and UCLA.
It's a clash of two titans in
women's basketball.
An Irish win would be his­
toric.
It would be nice to have
students actually witness the
event.
TheAC is out as they have
realized that
one of the best teams we have
in the conference.
Nothing could prepare them
to stop Auriemma's juggernaut.
But Joyce Center mainte­
nance crews have not yet had
open up the bleachers in the
upper deck for a women's
game.
Pushing the bleachers for­
to ward to make the tiny crowds
at women's games seem larger
shouldn't be done."
Tonight provides the perfect
opportunity to change that
trend. The Irish will need some
players that they sub in and
usual the crowds are there to cheer on and wit­
ness the machine that is the
Connecticut women's basket­
ball team.

Notre Dame Women's Basketball
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Dec. 12 vs. Villanova 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 19 at Florida St. 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 at Michigan St. 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30 at Boston College 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 2 at Georgetown 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 7 vs. West Virginia 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 10 vs. Providence 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 16 at Pittsburgh 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 20 at Seton Hall 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 vs. St. John's 7:00 p.m.
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Jan. 30 at Providence 7:00 p.m.

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Rosenthal named

Senior offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal was one of six players on the Irish football team to receive postseason honors.

Center in the first Big East game for both school history and 25th-best teams in Duke, UCLA, and Southern Mississippi, with a 6-0 record. The Irish have a chance tonight to topple the No. 1 Huskies of Connecticut at the Joyce Center, as the Irish have gotten off to their best start ever in the strong Big East conference.

But tonight presents another chance. The Irish are instead using tonight’s game at the Joyce Center to take on Moffett Mcgraw’s perfect Irish, who are ranked sixth in the nation. They’ll get something a little more significant.

With the presence of Ruth Riley in the key, the presence of sharp-shooter Sheila McMillan and accuracy of guards Niele Ivey and Danielle Green, the Irish could on the score more than 4,400 points in their careers. Morgan-Katryna Gaither combination that has been in the program’s history. It would catapult the Irish into the top five and their highest ranking ever.

When the 1996-97 women’s team officially arrived on the national scene with a surprise trip to the Final Four, not many students witnessed that piece of history. Not many students can say they saw the Beth Morgan-Katryna Gallother combination that scored more than 4,400 points in their careers.

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Students in attendance at tonight’s basketball game at the Joyce Center will be treated to a lot more than free subs, adidas giveaways, and air lines tickets. They’ll get something a little more significant.

Tonight Geno Auriemma removes his top ranked Connecticut Huskies into the Joyce Center to take on Moffett McGraw’s perfect Irish, who are ranked sixth in the nation. A win over the mighty Huskies would undoubtedly be the biggest regular season win in the program’s history, it would raise the Irish into the top five and their highest ranking ever.

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No one could have predicted that the Irish would be in perfect shape coming into their seventh game of the season. Standing out with a slate that included the nation’s fourth, sixth, and 15th best teams in Duke, UCLA, and Illinois, respectively, it figured that Notre Dame would be in good position if they were just able to maintain their No. 17 ranking.

And that start is just the beginning. The Irish have a chance tonight to topple the No. 1 Huskies of Connecticut at the Joyce Center in the first Big East game for both teams. Far from labeling this game as a must-win situation and it’s too early in the season to put that much emphasis on it,” said Irish center Ruth Riley.

“We know this isn’t a must-win situation and it’s too early in the season to put that much emphasis on it,” said Irish center Ruth Riley. “It should be a fun game and a good opportunity for us to possibly knock off the number one team in the country. It will be a good gauge to see where we are at.”

The Irish will enter the game having not played in just less than a week, their last game played in just less than a week, their last game was against the Duke Blue Devils, a game they won by an average of 18 points a game, with a 6-0 record.

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