Rampersad: Interest grows in black bios

By MIRABEL MOREY
News Writer

Arnold Rampersad, a Stanford University professor, spoke Tuesday on African-American biographies at the first lecture of the Joseph M. Duffy Lecture Series.

Only in the past century have any full-scale African-American biographies appeared, Rampersad said. Beginning modestly with Franklin Boughas the subject of most biographies, there is now an "unprecedented interest in the black man," he said.

The main challenge of African-American biographies is to "find the African-American life interesting in its complexities and normality," Rampersad said. 

"The student body needs to be more understanding and willing to make sacrifices to inconvenience during this process," Richard Chlebek, director of security, said.

The 420 parking spaces available in the lot are not enough for all the cars registered on campus. There are 508 resident vehicles and 137 off-campus vehicles registered with security, according to Richard Chlebek, director of security at Saint Mary's.

The lack of parking spaces forces students to make a decision between facing a ticket or parking illegally in the lot.

"I've noticed a general trend that every night when I come back, I drive around and can't find any spots," DePalma said.

A committee comprised of student body members, faculty and the student body president gave recommendations last year to the administration about parking problems.

Over the summer, the administration took the recommendations and implemented some of the new parking policies.

"The student body needs to be more understanding and willing to make sacrifices to inconvenience during this process," Chlebek said. "There have been a few complaints from an individual looking at their situation and not looking at the whole community on campus, even though changes have affected everyone."

Curriculum Director Ardis Chute said that one reason for the new parking policies is because of campus changes and renovations that will take place on campus this year.

"Voting will take place between 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Freshmen will vote for one president and vice president and will be asked to choose 13 or fewer of the candidates for the class board. In order for a ticket to win, it must take 50 percent of class votes plus one individual vote."

"The chance of a runoff is almost definite because there are so many candidates," Benner said.

The runoff will take place Monday, voting times will remain the same.
This Week in South Bend

Wednesday
- Swing Dance: Dan O'Days, Mishawaka, 8:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.
- Open Mike: Poetry and music welcomed. Higher Grounds Coffee House, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Ballroom Dance Class: Rose Ballroom, Mishawaka, 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., dance party 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday
- Niles Haunted House.
- Scream Park: U.S. 12 and 31, Niles, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- African Children's Choir: First United Methodist Church, 333 N. Main St., 7 p.m.

Friday
- Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale: American Legion, 1633 N. Bendix Dr., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Compiled from U-Wire reports

Outside the Dome

Muscle enhancers suspected in UNC death

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — University of North Carolina Charlotte student Kelly Ivan Ketchie was found dead in his University Club Townhomes apartment Friday, Sept. 10. According to Wes Deese, assistant property manager for University Club, the last time Ketchie had been seen alive was the afternoon of Sept. 6. He had been missing for four days when his roommates got worried and forced their way into his room where they found him lying face down in the bathroom.

Deese, who knew Ketchie as a friend for a year, said that he was heavily into weight lifting.

According to his mother, Sandra Ketchie, the coroner told the family that there was a malfunction in his heart. Although the coroner could not be certain, he suspected that the "When I go home, I am pouring all of my stuff down the drain."

Wes Deese assistant property manager

muscle-enhancing drugs found in Ketchie's apartment were involved in his death.

The management of University Club moved Ketchie's roommates to a new apartment and said they will use their former apartment as the property's model.

Deese said that they didn't feel right moving anyone back into the apartment. This death has hit home for Deese because they worked out together.

"The last time I saw him was in the weight room," said Deese. "When I go home, I am pouring all of my stuff down the drain." He said that this is an important issue for college students to be aware of the dangers of these drugs.

"I want people to know I had the most beautiful and beloved son," said Deese. "Young people are so involved with living better — no matter what we do to these bodies we live in, we only live in them until our spirit leaves. It's what's inside you that is important," her mother said.

Ketchie graduated from Concord High School in 1993 and came to UNC to major in management. Ketchie, a 24-year-old junior from Kannapolis, was set to graduate this December and planned to open his own recording studio.

LSU student killed near campus

BATON ROUGE, La. — Baton Rouge police officers are investigating the death of a 24-year-old University of South Carolina student who was found dead in her apartment Monday afternoon. Kassie Lynn Fedderer, 19, was found dead in her Park Place Residence apartment, first by the complex's management and then by BPD, according to Maj. Lamar Thompson. Fedderer was reportedly pretty good in Final Fantasy Tactics, a strong Monk model.

Even though she was a Level 8 and Jump Height 8 abilities are pretty scarce," he said. "They really don't have anything." The Urbana shooting was part of a spree that killed two, injured eight and ended in Smith's suicide.
Philosophy professor receives Book of Year Award

By LIZ ZANO
News Writer

James Sterba, Notre Dame professor of philosophy, received the 1998 Book of the Year Award from the North American Society for Social Philosophy for his book "Justice for Here and Now."

Sterba's book was recognized at the 16th Annual Social Philosophy Conference in Philadelphia this summer, "Justice for Here and Now," was the first book to have been chosen as the Book of the Year at this conference this year.

Sterba's book was chosen for its innovative approach to philosophy. The book argues that a "peace-making" approach rather than the overused "warmaking" approach to philosophy indicates that the notion of rationality requires morality. The peace-making approach searches for a common concern that can enable opposing parties to understand their disputes.

Sterba says that libertarian morality can be embraced by welfare liberals, socialists and feminists even though they support equality for different reasons. Feminist, racial, homosexual and multicultural justices are interrelated, and advantages exist when they unite to defend against injustices.

"There is not one form of justice, the arguments are interconnected," he said. Sterba elaborates by demonstrating that similarities also exist between the anthropocentric and biocentric environmental ethics because both can be defended to produce the same conclusions.

Sterba published 20 books and written over 150 articles in addition to teaching moral and political philosophy at the University since 1973. Two books, "Three Challenges to Ethics: Environmentalism, Feminism and Multiculturalism," and "Ethics: Classical Western Texts in Feminist and Multicultural Perspectives," will be available soon.

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Armenia.

Wigmore Hall in London and Washington Hall. The concert in partnership with the National from the Meet the Adventurous Programming, the Switzerland, Russia and has made appearances in series of concerts at the Center. It also is performing a performance tonight at 8 p.m. in Endowment for the Arts, Foundation/AT&T Jazz Program quartet has received grants from the M.zaumburg Award for Chamber Music, numerous awards from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music, and ensemble prizes at international competitions in Canada, France and England.

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The concert is made possible by a generous grant from the Beethoven Fund for Excellence, in the Arts.


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Special to The Observer

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WorldNews Briefs

China arrests four Catholic priests

BELING, Romania's deputy foreign minister and five others were killed late Tuesday when their executive jet hit heavy turbulence and plummeted thousands of feet before leveling off, Greek and Romanian officials said. Deputy Foreign Minister Yannis Kranidiotis, his 25-year-old son Nikos, and four others were killed, said Romanian Foreign Minister背包邮头Sergiu Racovita. Three others were hospitalized while the four others aboard were not injured. The pilot and co-pilot were among those unharmed and were able to land the government-owned Fokker executive jet in Bucharest, Racovita said. The cause of the deaths wasn't immediately clear. Romanian television reports said Kranidiotis and the others possibly suffocated or suffered heart attacks after their aircraft suddenly depressurized as it rapidly lost altitude.

Home-schooling mother released from prison

BURLINGTON, Vt. A home-schooling mother was released from jail Tuesday after spending nearly two weeks behind bars in a dispute with public school officials over her son's special education needs. In a case closely watched by advocates of school choice, Karen Maple was set free by the judge who had jailed her on contempt charges on Sept. 1. She had refused to follow an order to take her 15-year-old son, Trevor, to Vermont's Special Education Resource Center for an examination, claiming it would infringe on his home-schooling rights. Maple's son had been evaluated before he was homeschooled, the foundation said. It did not know the whereabouts of the four men, nor details about their cases. China has frequently imprisoned priests and worshippers who remain loyal to the Vatican and refuse to participate in the state-approved church.

Plane crash kills Greek foreign minister

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Floyd causes massive evacuation

Emergency room nurse Rob Craig videotapes the surf Tuesday at Indialantic Beach, Fla., amid heavy winds of Hurricane Floyd. Nearly two million people have evacuated coastal Florida to escape the storm.

INDONESIA

U.N. believes militia burned compound

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Ramping militiamen were believed to have set fire to the abandoned U.N. compound in East Timor early Tuesday morning, said a U.N. official. However, a U.N. spokesman in New York said he was told a small fire at the compound had been a true emergency. The conflicting reports could not be reconciled immediately.

Fred Eckhard, the spokesman at U.N. headquarters in New York, also said the compound was bombed by the Indonesian military, "the very people we asked to secure the compound."

Early in the day, Fernando del Mundo, spokesman for the U.N.'s High Commissioner for Refugees in Jakarta, said U.N. staff members in Dili had reported seeing a black plume of smoke rising from the direction of the U.N. compound.

The staff, who took refuge in the Australian consulate after most U.N. workers left, feared their headquarters in East Timor's provincial capital had been set ablaze by militiamen, del Mundo said.

Also today, a U.N. official said more than 200,000 East Timorese risk starvation because they are cut off from food supplies and drinking water.

About 7,000 people have been killed and 100,000 people have been forcibly relocated to West Timor, the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said. While it is impossible to confirm the number killed in the past week, previous estimates have ranged from 600 to 7,000.

In the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, nearly 1,000 students tried to march on parliament today, demanding the resignation of President B.J. Habibie and the end of military involvement in politics — and blaming both for the bloodshed in East Timor. Protesters clashed with police firing plastic bullets and tear gas.

"The military kill people in East Timor. We students must challenge them," said one protest organizer, who identified himself by the single name of Lamaha.
Dole criticizes Clinton’s plan for ban on nuclear testing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole urged Congress on Tuesday to reject President Clinton's plea for a global ban on nuclear testing.

She called the long-stalled Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty "ill-conceived" and a threat to national security.

"With Russia in turmoil, with North Korea and other threats, with other rogue nations moving forward, I think the U.S. will need — for the foreseeable future — a credible deterrent," the former American Red Cross president said in a telephone interview. "A credible deterrent means you have to have confidence in that deterrent — and that means testing.

Dole, who lags well behind Republican front-runner George W. Bush in presidential polls, also released a statement opposing the pact.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle also urged the Senate to reject the treaty. "If rejection ... sends the message that the United States will never be willing to give up the weapons we deem to be vital to preserving our national security, then that is exactly the right signal to send," Quayle said in a statement Tuesday.

The 1996 treaty has been signed by 152 nations but so far ratified by only 18 of the 44 nations with nuclear capabilities. The nuclear powers must approve the pact for it to take effect.

Russia and China are among the nations that have not ratified it.

Supporters of the treaty say it would lock in U.S. superiority gained in over 1,000 nuclear tests during the Cold War, while failing to ratify the pact could open the door to nuclear tests by other nations.

Opponents argue it could threaten America's ability to deliver an effective nuclear strike, if one is ever needed. The treaty is bottled up in the Republican-led Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The United States has not conducted a full-fledged nuclear test since 1992. Mrs. Dole said a long period of non-testing could create "potential defects" in the U.S. arsenal. "Why the rush?" to sign a treaty? Mrs. Dole asked.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, cited public polls that show huge majorities of Americans favor the treaty.

"This is a very perilous political position to take," he said.

"It puts her more on the side of (Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman) Jesse Helms and less on the side of moderates like (former Sen.) Bob Dole," Dole, who is married to the former senator, said the polls underscore a lack of knowledge about the treaty. "We need to educate people about it," she said.

Did you know?

There is a group on campus to help students facing disciplinary hearings before the Office of Residence Life. Peer advocates are specially trained to guide students through the disciplinary process. They comprise a division of Judicial Council, a Student Government organization, and are not part of Residence Life.

Judicial Council is recruiting sophomores, juniors and seniors for a limited number of openings in the Peer Advocacy division. Applications are now available in the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune, and are due by Wednesday, September 15.

Questions? Call Kelly Folks at 1-4556

Want to write for news? Come to the news meeting, Sunday night at 5 p.m. in the basement of SDH.
A bi-weekly feature from The Observer News Department This Week: Racial Stereotypes

Many Notre Dame students assume that African-American students are athletes. Until Notre Dame increases its racial diversity, African-American students will continue to stand out in a crowd.

By MAUREEN SMITTHE News Writer

When Irish tailback Tony Driver walked onto Notre Dame’s campus as a freshman, he noticed a disturbing pattern of thought by many of Notre Dame’s students.

“The students here think any African-American student is an athlete — that’s all that’s here,” he said.

But like many of the African-American students on campus, athletes and non-athletes, Driver was forced to deal with the situation.

“When I first got here my freshman year it really bothered me, but as you go on, you get used to it,” Driver said.

Last year, 64 percent of male African-American students and 39 percent of female African-American students participated in sports, according to Iris Outlaw and Kevin Hule, directors of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

As a result of these figures, high percentages of the stereotype that all African-American students are athletes is evident.

The popularity of football and other sports fosters that stereotype. The fact that sports — particularly highly publicized ones — are the ones exposed the public will encourage stereotyping, according to Outlaw and Hule.

“The perception comes because the majority of players on the football team are African-American,” Outlaw said.

The two most visible teams are football and basketball, and you do see a lot of African-Americans involved in those sports,” Hule said. “A large majority of famous players in the NFL and NBA are African-Americans.”

Furthermore, the stereotype infers that African-American students are admitted to Notre Dame solely on athletic, not academic merit.

“The stereotype has not gone unnoticed for junior track runner Reggie McKnight.

“Obviously most African-Americans are athletes, and with that stigma it is assumed that you are not here because of your academic abilities,” he said.

It also affects international students. Nigerian sophomore Kabir Audu looks at the stereotype from a different angle than some of his American counterparts.

“African-Americans are perceived different from people like me,” he said. “When I first got here people assumed I played a varsity sport. They didn’t understand that I was here completely on merit.”

This fact bothers Outlaw and Hule.

“To assume that folks can be here only because of their athletic ability is an insult,” Outlaw said.

“I think it isn’t the stigma, but the athlete status. Some people think athletes are not inclined to be at Notre Dame — that they are here only for their athletic ability. There is a perception that the University is trying to fill quotas and that is just not the case,” Hule said.

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In Focus

Many students hold stereotypes about African-Americans

Controversies arise about sources of stereotypes

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS

Diversity within the student body, something Notre Dame students often feel the University lacks, could alleviate the stereotype of African-Americans and athletes.

Often, African-Americans are stereotyped as athletes and assumed to attend the University because of their athletic capabilities and not their academic merit.

Fostering the stereotype

Some causation students say it is the typical Notre Dame student’s background that contributes to this stereotype while others find the lack of ethnic and racial diversity within the University contributes this notion.

Sophomore Chris Clement attributes the stereotype to the home environment the average Notre Dame student comes from and the poor race relations on campus.

“This stereotype is fostered from the wealthy suburban backgrounds where there are not a lot of African-Americans,” Clement said. “I come from an area where there is a majority minority, and that has made my experience very different. I don’t think they [race relations] are very good. Cliques are segregated. There does not seem to be much interplay between the races,” he added.

He said the University neither promotes nor addresses the stereotype.

Senior Melissa Balchunas and junior Patrick Fisher, however, said the lack of diversity in the student body strengthens these stereotypes.

“It [lack of racial diversity] is so obvious here,” Balchunas said. “I blame the University for fostering the calcified environment. The fact that a majority of the minorities that go to Notre Dame are athletes, the University cultivates this notion.

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The stereotype蓼幌 American student with a difficult task of defining an identity at a predominantly white university. The assumption that racial stereotyping places on African-Americans will, most often, leave them with some explanation to do. That's what happens to sophomore Anthony Barber, who is an African-American non-athlete.

"The image does question a lot of the things I can do. Everyone always asks 'What sport do you play?'" Barber said. "Sometimes it does bother me because not all African-American males are athletes." Barber is one of many students who have dealt with the situation before find themselves more prepared for life at Notre Dame.

A reaction to race at a predominantly white school, they say, is universal. "[The stereotype] doesn't really bother me because it mirrors the setting of my high school," Onyaghako said.

A brush from his experiences at home in Nigeria to rationalize the stereotype. "Being a kind of person I am, the stereotypes don't bother me," he said. "For me, coming from a predominantly black society it is different, but I was brought up with tolerance and I grew up as a human being. There are a lot of stereotypes and as a community, Notre Dame needs to accept people as individuals."

Balanchnes said that the best way to attract minority students is by "developing programs that will allow more minorities to come to Notre Dame." Fisher agrees with Balanchine's opinion that they need to recruit more minorities. Divinity within the student body comes from diversifying the application pool, he said.

What does Notre Dame do to make the contact between minorities apply?" he asked. "The Notre Dame family needs to reach out before the application process." Fisher said maybe Notre Dame should rework its admissions priorities in order to allow diversity without stereotyping. "If you make the admission requirements very rigorous, such that no one can get in without meeting those requirements, then all Notre Dame student admissions will be affected because of their merit and not athletic ability. It is the inconsistency that makes the stereotypes." Fisher said. "Which will better our education? A diverse, average 1300 SAT student body or a predominantly white, 1360 SAT student body?" Hazell disagrees that Notre Dame should lower its academic standards to promote diversity. Eliminating the discrepancies in test scores among races is the answer to the diversity problem, she said. "I believe more the nation can make the test scores more even, the more diverse our college will be," Hazell said. "But we shouldn't lower our standards. We should make the tests SAT and ACT fairer."

The stereotype will occur until there is more diversity in the student body. Clement said. But he questions what the University can offer minorities. "Until we make minorities feel comfortable here," Clement said, "we will never have a diverse campus, and the lifetime stereotype will continue."
U.S.-trained battalion to battle guerrilla drug trade

Associated Press

BOGOTA — In an attempt to undercut the guerrillas who profit from the drug trade, Colombia on Tuesday activated a new anti-narcotics battalion, trained and equipped by the United States.

The now battalion will be the No. 3 foreign military aid recipient — and it is working to put together an additional emergency package based on Bogota’s request for $500 million more. Washington is hoping the battalion will help Colombia’s besiegged government to take the offensive against the drug-financed guerrillas.

“With the actions of this new contingent we will save the lives of human beings around the world,” said Andres Pastrana, Colombian president.

ILO, UNICEF aid child workers

Associated Press

The International Labor Organization launched a program Tuesday to help more than 7,000 Pakistani children who work with dangerous chemicals to make surgical instruments.

The industry has come under increasing criticism because of the use of child labor, and the government is trying to get the children out of danger zones.

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The ILO said eliminating child labor in a poor country like Pakistan, where the average annual income is barely $800, would be a long and arduous task. As a result, a main focus of the program is to get the children out of dangerous workplaces, Li said.

Pakistan exports more than $125 million each year in surgical instruments, the government says.

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RecSports "Champion Student Award" recipients are selected by the Office of Recreational Sports. Honorees are chosen for their involvement in RecSports, including excellence in sportsmanship, leadership and participation.

Once Nikki Douillet turned down scholarships from Dartmouth and Middlebury for Notre Dame, she never looked back, although that is where she would have found her competition. Nikki starred for the Ski Club last year, capturing five of six first place finishes in the giant slalom, and sweeping all six slalom races for the Irish. Nothing short of beating Michigan State in the Divisionals and Michigan Tech in the Regionals, two rivals and powers, and a trip to the Nationals will satisfy the Pittsfield, MA native and the club this year. Club President, All-Division and All-Region honoree, Nikki gave up a trip to the Nationals last year for JPW weekend. A senior Finance major with three appearances on the Dean's List, Nikki also finds time to play soccer and football for Pangborn, while also working on this year's Business Career Forum. The one time Junior Olympian is preparing for a career as a financial analyst.

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T-Shirts to all finishers.
Fee is $5 in advance or $7 day-of.
Register in advance at RecSports.
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Investigator reveals mismanagement in Americorps

Jordan testifies on financial problems, poor monitoring

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Serious management problems continue to trouble what President Clinton has called one of his administration's great achievements, a program that awards college tuition grants to students in exchange for community service.

An investigator told a House subcommittee Tuesday that thousands of students to do volunteer work. The House voted to cut off all money for the program in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The Senate has not yet acted on the issue.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, Republican representative, Mich., chairman of the subcommittee, said thousands of young Americans have done good works through the program. But administrators have failed to deliver what was promised, he said.

"Many Americorps programs are spending taxpayer dollars inappropriately," Hoekstra said. One Indiana student told the Terre Haute Tribune-Star that program organizers told her "that she could count baby-sitting, life-guarding and choir practice as Americorps volunteerism. Now her education award is in jeopardy," he said.

A former chairman of the Corporation for National Service's board defended the program, saying it has been working hard to correct problems. Furthermore, the program's decentralized structure gives state commissions a key role in management and oversight of local programs, said Bob Rogers, a Republican who was October 1996 to June 1999.

"Because there are literally thousands of sites at which Americorps members serve, it is feasible, nor was it ever envisioned, that the corporation would directly monitor every local site," Rogers said.

"In such a decentralized structure there will always be a small number of incidents of unscrupulous conduct by program administrators. And when those people are caught, they are dealt with accordingly."

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Clinton plans release of Antarctica images

Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH

President Clinton, stressing the need to protect the world's environment, announced the release of classified satellite images covering 7,500 square miles of a remote region of Antarctica to help scientists chart global climate change.

The data include seven previously classified images taken by U.S. spy satellites in the mid-1970s and early 1980s of the so-called Dry Valleys environment. Satellite pictures traditionally are classified because they reveal U.S. intelligence-gathering capabilities.

The new images are intended to give scientists a baseline for environmental studies, including the monitoring of the Antarctic ozone hole and the Antarctic ice sheet. The government's decision to declassify and release the images was made in the middle of the 1980s to bar nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships from New Zealand ports.

The government's anti-nuclear policy, spawned by concern about nuclear testing in the South Pacific and arms-control issues, clashes with the U.S. policy of refusing to confirm or deny American ships carried nuclear weapons.

The rift caused the United States and New Zealand to reverse course in 1985 after mutual requests to consult in case of attack in the Pacific and to "act to meet the common danger." The United States has urged New Zealand to reverse course on nuclear policy.

Clinton's speech Wednesday was scheduled to take place at the International Antarctic Center, the headquarters of the U.S. McMurdo Station, an international research station on Antarctica.

The pristine Antarctica is closely watched because scientists expect climate changes to be more significant in the polar regions. Moreover, the Antarctic ice sheet helps regulate the climate of the entire earth, and preserves a climate history going back more than 400,000 years.

The pictures released by Clinton, taken by military satellite, show a detailed view of the Dry Valleys region of the Transantarctic Mountains, a 1,900-foot-long range that splits the east and west regions of Antarctica.

The region pictured is near the U.S. McMurdo Station, an observatory for the international global positioning system. The newly released pictures are modified versions of fine-resolution images taken by spy satellites. The White House used Clinton's announcement to polish Vice President Al Gore's credentials as an environmentalist as he heads into the presidential race.

A White House statement said the administration, at Gore's urging, began an initiative in 1991 to declassify data for scientific research. Last month, Gore announced the declassification and release of 59 satellite images of the Arctic to help scientists study the interaction between polar ice caps and global warming, the statement said.

Judge gives Bobbitt probation, no jail time

Associated Press

FALLON, Nev. — John Wayne Bobbitt dodged a jail sentence Tuesday and was put on probation for his part in a scheme to steal clothes from a store.

Bobbitt, 29, and five co-defendants had pleaded guilty to attempted grand larceny and other charges in a $414,000 clothing heist. He paid $5,000 restitution. Judge Archie Blake put Bobbitt on probation for five years and ordered him to pay $5,000 restitution.

"My goal is to stay away from trouble," Bobbitt said after his sentencing in Fallon, about 60 miles east of Reno.

Bobbitt made headlines in 1992 when his then-wife, Lorena, cut off his penis with a kitchen knife in their apartment in Manassas, Va. She drove off in a fury and tossed the severed organ out the car window. It later was reattached.

His wife argued she'd been the victim of an abusive husband and was found innocent by reason of insanity. Bobbitt said Tuesday he hasn't spoken to her since.

"The last thing I said to her was 'I want a divorce,'" he said. "He now lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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Going up.
Cutt it out. I am sick and tired of hearing people try to out-Catholic each other. On the one side of the gay issue, you hear that God would not abide the discrimination against homosexuals. On the other, the claim rises that the Catholic Church does not accept homosexual activity as normal and, in fact, believes it to be disordered. This issue always seems to be at the heart of any "I'm more-Catholic-than-you" debate. Many other issues come and go on these very pages that, in some way or another, are discussed by the Vatican or in the Bible. But here is the cold, hard fact. Much as any other religion, there is diversity in Catholicism — diversity of thought and diversity of purpose. Just because someone doesn’t think that a rape victim should lose her life-attempting to birth that criminal’s baby doesn’t make him less Catholic. Just because someone wants to ensure that the baby’s life is spared — regardless of the circumstances of conception — doesn’t make him more Catholic. Catholicism is not a nature of degrees. Catholicism is like Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. It is a group of human beings gathered together in the firm belief that God (Allah, Yahweh, Buddha) has a plan that simply indicates that no discrimination will be tolerated in a loving "Catholic" institution. However at the same time, it allows the University to take a group of alumni and EXCLUDE them from simply saying congratulations to graduates in an ad. This group is a support group for gay and lesbian alumni. It is not a group that has tried to advertise changing the Catholic point of view on homosexual acts. It is merely a group that is trying to INCLUDE recently graduated students in the Notre Dame Family and give them support because of who they are, not in spite of it. So everybody just stop skirting the issue and throwing Catholicism into the argument. Let us all go with the basic understanding that homosexuals are not in-and-of themselves against Catholic principles. From there, on equal footing, we can discuss why such a group would not be allowed to print an advertisement about where they meet and who they are.

Matthew Loughran is a 1998 graduate of the University. Father Malloy is hiding behind our school's Catholic character and hoping those people who think they are more Catholic than the rest will run to its defense. The policy that limits ads for unrecognized homosexual groups was always present. It was simply never in writing. Now that it is in writing, I worry for the same reasons I worried three years ago when Father Malloy introduced the Spirit of Inclusion statement. I worried the statement was a way for the University to get good press and get out of the newspapers without giving homosexual students any real status or mention. It is a completely non-binding statement that simply indicates that no discrimination will be tolerated in a loving "Catholic" institution.

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**FORGET FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

At the Michigan game two weeks ago, one of the commentators remarked that only five schools have won against Notre Dame. Now noted for academic excellence rather than football greatness, the University of Chicago, Yale and Columbia were three of the five schools named in addition to the University of Michigan.

After our performances the past two weeks, we hardly have a chance of finishing the season in the top 25, much less catching the Wolverines. Therefore, I suggest we cut our losses, forget the football season and drop the football program. If we converted the facilities to academic uses, we might have a chance of catching Chicago, Yale and Columbia in the rankings that really matter.

Kyle Smith
Seventy, off campus
September 13, 1999

**PROSPECT LIVES OF KING, BEETHOVEN – ALL CHILDREN**

Life does have the ability of homogenizing the white to make gray. That's why Catholics are there: to make sure that blacks, Jews, muslin (a.k.a. mix of right and wrong), again, are called to be witnesses of the truth in Christ Jesus, and not to judge people but to judge their actions that we may better help others choose betweenness, that which is rightwrong in this world. That's why I am writing this letter in response to "Quality of life important in abortion debate," a letter published in the Sept. 10 edition of The Observer.

Before I proceed, I'm going to ask you all to take a short mental quiz.

It won't be taxing. I promise. Simply answer yes or no to the following situations:

A. The mother of a family of 14 is pregnant again. Her husband — the father of all 14 of these children — has a history of alcohol abuse and mental disorders which frequently causes him to abuse his other children. His other children is already worn out from trying to care single-handedly for her large family and doesn't feel she can care for another child at this point. Of top all this, two sons in the family also have a history of alcohol abuse, one of the children is in a mental institution, and none of the other children have steady dependable jobs with which to support mum and dad.

Abortion or Not?

B. A poor black family in the neighborhood is facing an unplanned pregnancy. They are just saying they want to "try it out" before they make up their minds. They are low-income families, barely making ends meet and have the desire to have at least one of their own. They also want to have a family of their own in the future, but Abortion or Not?

If you want to improve some- thing to boo the coach while showing support for the players. "When I read his letter, I couldn't believe my eyes. How can we expect our players to rally behind their leader when we, the student body, have no respect for him. This is the reason why that after the football season is finished, changes might not have to be made, but with those games left in our season, this is the worst time to turn our backs on Coach Davie."

Coming to Notre Dame for the first time on a football weekend was an incredible experience for almost any fan, regardless of age, sex or association to this school. Going to the pep rally, tailgating and sitting in a stadium with 80,000 other football fans for a weekend that is not easily forgotten. I can only imagine what one of my friends or relatives would say to me if they went to the pep rally only to find the stu-

Booing at Davie is booing at team

O'Shaughnessy is such DeBartolo's inferior that he is to be the silliest place on campus ever remain the scrambled place(!) DeBartolo is where most of the action and traffic are, and DeBartolo and the athletic department are the epitome of Notre Dame. It is bare and antiquated. DeBartolo is a building in which the practical and the ceremonial converge cleanly, purposefully and the rest I am all the same distinction of building. In other words, just "no" to comestibles and potables is symptomatic of a little problem, namely the campaign against the signs of campus life.

The walls of DeBartolo are bare and gall in their nakedness. They are not allowed to bear a single picture, snapshot of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or other elements that would explain to the people. The walls of DeBartolo are cause in which posters are displayed prophylactically - they are not allowed to bear a single poster, snapshot of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or other elements that would explain to the people. The walls of DeBartolo are cause in which posters are displayed prophylactically - they are not allowed to bear a single poster, snapshot of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or other elements that would explain to the people. The walls of DeBartolo are cause in which posters are displayed prophylactically - they are not allowed to bear a single poster, snapshot of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or other elements that would explain to the people. The walls of DeBartolo are cause in which posters are displayed prophylactically - they are not allowed to bear a single poster, snapshot of events, lectures, liturgies, recitals, films or other elements that would explain to the people.
Standing slightly slumped with shoulders squared, arms locked against evenly spaced hands, eyes gazing intently down, breath bated. A slow, steady backswing, then push forward to lay a smooth, well-centered kiss to the ball's midriff. A gentle roll driven by the metal-headed putter's pillow-soft caress.

The dimpled orb thrusts against the hard rock,Jeff Foxworthy family reunion excitement and culture, but if there's one thing it claimed this part of the country is the mecca of the evolution of 1980s haircuts - as magnificent a fiberglass monkey as has ever straddled artificial turf - and then, relentless and undaunted, the ball slides towards his home.

Hacker's Golf N Games

A golf course's quality is measured as much by its surroundings and clientele as it is by the quality of its greens. Hacker's Golf N Games is possessed by a certain... well, a special sort of... homegrown, folksy quality.

That is to say, much of the clientele contributes to the hard rock, Jeff Foxworthy family reunion milieu that Hacker's manages to maintain. If any sociology majors are considering a senior thesis entitled "The evolution of 1980s haircuts and mustaches," they should definitely place Hacker's on the list of research venues.

The "hockey head" and "mullet" thrive in open competition alongside all of the missing links in this isolated environment.

For the putting purist, Hacker's offers a wide array of course designs among its 18 holes. It starts off in a fairly standard set of holes placed atop slopes, and then gradually crescendos to a symphony of treacherous deflection-shots that can leave even the most adept golfers tearing at their eyebrows.

Hole No. 9 of Hacker's, in particular, is an example of the sort of challenge present in 250 facilities, and over one billion games played over the past 40 years.

The location on Main Street in Mishawaka provides an example of the sort of challenge presented by the Putt Putt corporation. Three prizes time 18-

Hacker's Golf N Games

Putt Putt Golf and Games

Putt Putt is the White Castle of miniature golf — a powerful conglomerate that has spread like spilled paint across the nation. It is the biggest, stormiest player in the world of miniature golf with more than 250 facilities, and over one billion games played over the last 40 years.

Despite its magical giraffe and elephant ensemble, this is a fairly crappy place. Putt Putt faces directly into Main Street's gray existence. It has very little natural vegetation, and for the mini-golfer who likes to jumpstart his or her game with a little bit of danger, it's lack of real water hazards is disappointing to say the least.

This is the parking lot of mini-golf courses, and while it is a reasonably clean and at times challenging parking lot, it has all the charm and character of well-smoothed cement. Well-smoothed cement is nice and all, but who really needs it?

State Line Mini Golf

Alongside the churning, bluer of State Road 31/933, the holes mini-lynxes compose a fairly simplistic course, and there are really two ways to describe it.

The nice, polite way:

It is the Hemingway-Raymond Carver-esque concept behind this course's design that makes it work the way it does. The Putt Putt course says so much more than its physical appearance initially tells most people. It isn't the course's quality that really matters. It's the underlying course suggested by the available course that matters and that makes Putt Putt the special place that it is.

The decorations on the course consist largely of vibrant orange barriers and ramps, reminding golfers of the fondness and respect all humanity holds for the orange and all its tangy cousins. The outstanding features, whose outstandingness is highlighted by their rarity, are the unforgettable elephant and giraffe sculptures. They are not functional and do not respond to sharp blows to their ankle bones, but the effect that they add to this course aesthetically is immeasurable.

The straightforward way:

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State Line Mini-Golf isn't going to try to reach out and grab you. There isn't a flashing sign that blares through the mix of mini-malls and billboards to lure you into its core. In fact, there isn't a sign for this place at all.

SLMG comfortably sits and abounds with knowledge. It wants to know who you play or who your parents are. It wants to know what your major is, what sports you play. It doesn't need to bat its eyelids or come up from behind and grind with you on the dance floor to grab your eye (or any body part for that matter).

SLMG doesn't gaze into your eyes just to see its reflection or consist­ently turn the conversation to itself. It wants to talk about you; it wants to know you, to really know you outside of what your major is, what sports you play or whom your parents are. SLMG wants to know the Putter behind the putter.

This is by far the best miniature-golf course in the greater or lesser Michiana area, and it can be found nestled behind the State Line Dairy Queen (the second DJ on the right side of 31 as you head away from campus and toward Michigan.)

It is the oddest feeling to approach a Dairy Queen counter surrounded by people grilling at Bullwackies and say to the employee working the register, "I would like to play miniature golf." But when these words are spoken, the employee laughs and then disappears—presumably to fetch the Doberman. It's as if the Dairy Queen is just now learning how to accommodate for some odd ball mini-golf course. Upon your return, however, the employee bears balls and putters and slides them across a Dairy Queen counter. The price — a mere $1.75 per game. It just can't be beat!

It's an historic price that demands reminiscing. "Yup, we used to put it back then, putting about 18 holes. But it was so good back then, and a game was $.75, and then for a wooden nickel you could get a box of Good N' Plenty's the size of a bloated tortoise, and they were different back then cause they were chocolate, unlike today's standard, streamlined courses. It also features a number of oddities where golfers can rest, chat and eat their Dairy Queen ice cream during breaks where golfers can rest, chat and eat their Dairy Queen ice cream.

The course design is just challenging enough to remain entertaining. It doesn't cause a whole lot of yawning, and it doesn't induce mind-numbing bouts of foul sailor words. It's a happy medium. The second hole is worth $1.75 by itself. It features the shape of the infamous mini-golf gorilla, fierce in vineage, prowling his way through the grass in search of fiberglass bananas and the man who inadvertently slew this gorilla's older brother, Xaba, in a Detroit wine bar when the poor beast wasn't given a delectable electric eel bullet.

There are untold stories in this course. Shadowy pots boil beneath the thick carpeting. The earmost squirrel of hole 15, clutching his thick paws to his chest — he has a secret to bestow upon those who will listen. They need a pause here and there to listen to their ears to his glistening buck teeth.

The starring, green dinosaur of hole 17 — what might his eyes have seen that make them burn with knowledge? Why, oh why, is that smile so rare?

Reasonably priced, pleasantly arranged and brimming with life's caged mystery, State Line Mini-Golf is surely the best bet for Michiana Potters.

By KATIE WILHELM
Scene Writer

Just minutes from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, Siam provides avid and novice Thai connoisseurs a unique specialty in dining hall food.

Parking is a little out of the way, but once inside the restaurant, diners are whisked away from the metropolitan scenery of downtown South Bend. The restaurant is eerily quiet, but the peach walls and uphosters have an immediate soothing effect. Splashes of purples, blues and gold are introduced in the walls, floors and statues scattered throughout the room, foreshadowing the authentic cuisine to come.

The wait for seats is short, even without reservations, and the small Taiwanese hostess easily accommodates a party of six. Though the restaurant's dining room is small, tables are spaciously situated and private conversations are encouraged.

Siam's comprehensive menu provides a variety of tastes to choose from. For those not familiar with Taiwanese cuisine, the menu's layout is helpful. Different courses and styles are grouped in appropriate categories, including "Sukiyaki," "Vegetarian," "Classic Curries" and "Typical Dishes." Each dish then is described in mouth-watering detail.

The restaurant's system of identifying degrees of spiciness with asterisks allows the adventurous to challenge their tastebuds, while more mild diners can enjoy delicious flavor without the heat.

Siam takes its Thai cuisine seriously, and the appetizers provide a preview of the diverse tastes packed into each dish. With eight selections, diners have the option of meats, vegetables, seafood or tofu, each made bold with Siam's sweet and sour, herb or special Thai sauce.

The Thai egg rolls and fried tofu are particularly worth trying, as they have won acclaim even from those who had never before believed tofu had flavor. Appetizers range in price from $2.50 to $6.95.

Soups costing about $3.50 are available to follow appetizers throughout the meal. The Tom Yum Goong brings shrimp, sliced mushrooms and lemon grass together in a spicy broth, while Gang Jurd incorporates pork, tofu and glass noodles in a lighter broth.

Entrées at Siam Thai Restaurant focus on a few basic elements. Chicken, shrimp, carrots, broccoli, onions and peppers appear in some form in almost every dish. However, depending on the order these can be made savory with fresh crushed garlic, basil leaves, pineapple, cashew nuts or peanuts and coriander. Added to this is one of a variety of sauces perfected by Siam. Dishes are finished with any one of their traditional Thai hot and spicy curry sauces, but chili paste, ginger sauce, brown oyster sauce or mild peanut curry sauce. The result is deliciously contrasting yet complimentary flavors in each bite.

Siam Thai Restaurant's menu also includes a complete selection of noodle and rice dishes, Pad See Ewe and Pad Thai are undoubtedly among the most popular entrées, and the fried rice continues to please customers.

At Siam Thai Restaurant, seafood is prepared in a most unique way. Crab meat, shrimp and mussels are accented with a basic green chili curry sauce. In the Pia Lard Prik, a pill of catfish is deep fried until crispy with red and green onions, bell peppers and basil. A special section of the menu exists primarily for vegetarians. Tofu and noodles are mixed with a rich assortment of vegetables, and salads unite both sour and spicy Thai ingredients over a bed of fresh lettuce.

Though the menu is extensive overall, it does lack a considerable amount of choices for those with special diets or for those who prefer healthier climatic pics and statues scattered throughout the room, foreshadowing the authentic cuisine to come.

The second hole is worth $1.75 by itself.
The Swamp’ not intimidated by national champions

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The Swamp,” not intimidated by national champions

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Hi Mary, my core paper is still not written but I have 12 hours until it is due.

Hi Mary Zukas

COOLY, FAX ME YOUR ADDRESSES BEFORE SATURDAY. I WILL MAKE A LIST AND POST IT. THANKS!

H. Joe

Why are you talking about me being immature? I am the master of maturity.

Tee Martin leads the defending national champion Tennessee Volunteers into Gainesville, Fla. Saturday to take on Southeastern Conference rival Florida Gators in a game that could determine the SEC East Champion.

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NFL

Favre’s fourth-quarter magic still amazes teammates

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Antwan Edwards had never seen Brett Favre’s magic up close before.

The rookie cornerback didn’t watch many Green Bay Packers games during his college years at Clemson. Like any football fan, he knew something of Favre’s skills, but after watching him lead Green Bay on two fourth-quarter touchdown drives in a 26-24 win over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday, he had a whole new appreciation.

“He’s something amazing.”

Edwards said. “He was just in control out there. I’ve hardly ever seen something like that on a football field. It was great to watch.”

Favre saved Green Bay late, but the Packers say they need to save themselves next week. They must rebound from 50 minutes of uneven football against the Raiders, who looked like the better team until Favre took over.

The Packers face the Detroit Lions, one of four NFC Central teams to win its opening game, at home on Sunday.

Chiefly, the Packers must cut down on mistakes and turnovers that allowed the Raiders to take a 2-14 lead in the fourth quarter despite managing only two offensive drives of any length. Oakland went just 32 and 21 yards after Green Bay turnovers to score 30 points.

“We had four turnovers, and very seldom do you win a game with that many turnovers,” coach Ray Rhodes said.

After the team threw just five interceptions and didn’t fumble in its four exhibition games,

Favre had three passes picked off against Oakland. But only one was his fault, as the other two ricocheted off receivers Mark Chmura and Corey Bradford.

Dorsey Levins rushed for 78 yards behind an inconsistent offensive line, but he also dropped two passes and fumbled. Green Bay’s lack of a solid running game last season, which many blamed on Levins’ absence from nine games because of injury, had more to do with the line’s play against the Raiders.

“We know we’ve got some work to do, but we’re learning every day,” said guard Mike Wahle, who made his first career start. “That’s a tough front line they have, but we hung in there.”

On defense, the Packers said Oakland’s 123 rushing yards were misleading. Defensive tackle Santanta Dotson noted 48 came on one run by Napoleon Kaufman, and Green Bay’s defense limited Tyrone Wheatley to 32 yards on 15 carries.

“If we don’t allow big plays, the stat sheet looks different,” Dotson said. “If you notice, in the last two minutes, if they could have run the ball they could have run the clock out, but they couldn’t run it against us.”

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CLEVELAND

Derek Lowe (6-3) pitched 3 1-3 innings of hitless relief to give Boston its 11th win in 14 games, 12-3 over Cleveland. The Red Sox began the day 3 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and two games ahead of Oakland for the wild card.

The Indians have one hit in 30 at-bats (.033) against Lowe this season.

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NFL

Sanders mulling return to football

Associated Press

Barry Sanders is interested in returning to the NFL but not with the Detroit Lions, ESPN reported Tuesday on its Web site.

The star running back, who retired in July, has offered to repay $5.4 million of his signing bonus if the Lions release or trade him this season, according to Sanders’ agent, said he made the offer to Detroit on Monday but that the team rejected it.

“I think he’s ready to consider it, in the right situation,” Ware said. “But the right situation is not the Detroit Lions. His career is finished there.”

“We’re trying to get him back on the football field, where he belongs,” Ware said. “The fact that the Lions have pursued him, the running back told ESPN. The Lions wouldn’t confirm whether Ware had contacted them on this matter.

“Our positions remain the same — that we honored his retirement wishes and we expected the repayment of the prorated portion,” Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said Tuesday.

Detroit filed a grievance last week to recover $5.4 million of the $11 million signing bonus Sanders got when he signed a five-year contract in 1997. Sanders, who needs only 1,458 yards to break Walter Payton’s career rushing record, disagrees with Detroit’s claim that he is required to repay a portion of the bonus if he doesn’t play.

Sanders did not collect a $1.7 million deferred payment due this fall on the original bonus.

“We think this thing could go either way with an arbitrator,” Ware said. “The fact that the Lions have pursued this course has burned any bridge, any possibility, that he would return to the club. But Barry will write the check if they’ll let him go or trade him.”

Ware told ESPN he has contacted three Lions officials, including club owner William Clay Ford, asking to be released or traded if he repays the portion of the bonus.

“They’ve told us that if Barry ever plays again, he’ll play for the Lions or nobody,” Ware said. “That’s not going to happen, so we’re offering a pretty good deal: more than $5 million, plus they can get compensation for him.”

NCAA Football

Foster arrested in Baton Rouge

Associated Press

Foster was confronted as he left the bathroom and he identified himself before walking away, Adams said. The purse, missing about $20, was found in the bathroom, he said.

A student said her purse was stolen Monday as she sat on a campus bench. Several other students said they saw the theft and chased Foster into a bathroom in the music building about a half-mile from the bench.

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Javier Vazquez pitched a one-hit shutout for his first career shutout as out-of-town Kevin Brown as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Mets 3-0 Tuesday night.

Vazquez (8-9) retired the final 17 batters to complete the 22nd one-hitter in Expos history and the first since July 13, 1997, when Pedro Martínez beat the Reds 2-0.

Vazquez, who had a career-high 10 strikeouts, allowed only a leadoff single to former Expo Mark Grudzielanek in the fourth inning to a Dodgers lineup that took 31 runs in their previous three games against Montreal.

Grudzielanek advanced to third with one out on a stolen base, but pitcher Shawn Wiegurissued his only walk of the game to Gary Sheffield. Eric Karros popped out to second and Paul Mondesi grounded out to third to end the threat.

Braves 11, Padres 4

Kevin Millwood struck out 12 in seven innings and hit his first-career home run to help the San Diego Padres improve to 2-6 in three-game losing streak.

The Padres pushed their lead to 1-0 in the first inning after the San Francisco Giants beat the Florida Marlins.

Giants 3, Marlins 0

For a 4-1 lead.

Rookie Buddy Carlyle (1-2) into the ninth.

Terry Shumpert walked. Dante Bichette then hit a two-run double off the center-field wall.

Brett Rundquist hit an RBI double in the second and Castilla and Clemente hit back-to-back homers in the third.

Astros 12, Phillies 2

With their 12th consecutive win, the Houston Astros set a team record and widened their NL Central lead.

Shane Reynolds homered and allowed six hits in seven innings, and Ricky Gutierrez went 4-for-4 as the Astros routed the Philadelphia Phillies.

Houston increased its division lead to four games over second-place Pittsburgh first in the NL West and tied the second-year franchise to reach the playoffs.

Mark Wilkins (2-3) gave up six hits and five runs to lose.

Brian Anderson, in his first start in four weeks because of a pulled hamstring, allowed one hit and two walks, and struck out two in his seven-inning stint that ran his scoreless-inning string to 28.

His scoreless-inning streak.

Nieves added a two-run triple in the fourth.

But Anderson came out throwing 77 pitches in seven innings.

Rockies 7, Mets 2

Viny Castilla hit his 200th career home run and Febi Perez tripled twice and drove in as the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Mets 7-2.

The Mets, who began the day one game behind Atlanta in the NL East, had won nine of their last 11. New York remained 2 1/2 games ahead of Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

Castilla’s two-run homer was his 30th of the year, the fifth straight one he has hit at least 30 home runs in.

Edgard Clemente added a home run for the Rockies, who won for the third time in their last five games.

Jamie Wright (3-2) gave up one run in five innings and allowed five in seven innings to win his second consecutive start.

Octavio Dotel (7-2), who hadn’t lost in 12 starts after his major league debut June 26 against Atlanta, gave up six runs and seven hits in three innings.

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Mirer gets one more chance with New York Jets

Associated Press

HEMPESTED, N.Y.

Jets coaches have no choice but to go with Rick Mirer as the quarterback, but to go with Rick Mirer. Jets

weeks ago, has been thrust into the spotlight far sooner than he expected.

How will Mirer, who has been with four teams in the last four seasons — he did next to nothing for the Seahawks, Bears and Packers — handle it?

"It's a pretty big challenge," Mirer said of replacing the AFC's leading passer of last season and one of the Jets' prime leaders. "There are high expectations for this team. I need to do my best to do what Vinny would have done and pick up where he left off.

"I could be in a little more of a comfort zone. I understand it is a tough situation for me, but good things could happen. It's just a matter of getting off to a good start."

That's not something the Jets have done. They will be without Testaverde and running back-kick returner Leon Johnson (torn knee ligaments) for the rest of the season. Star receiver Wayne Chrebet won't be back until mid-October and starting cornerback Otis Smith is out for another few weeks.

Somehow, they claim they will put all that aside and prosper with Mirer at the helm.

"We're going to keep rolling and Rick is going to get it done," Keeyshawn Johnson said.

"Rick has obviously had some bad times in the past as a quarterback, but he is starting now. He has the weapons and the players who want to play for him. As long as he realizes that, he'll be fine."

Miler struggled in Sunday's opening loss to New England, going 4-for-11 for 28 yards and being intercepted twice in the fourth quarter, which was all he played because he was listed as the third quarterback.

Those numbers were in keeping with a career in which he went from the No. 2 overall draft pick in 1993 to a bust in Seattle and Chicago and virtually unused in Green Bay.

"I've been waiting for an opportunity to fix some things," he said, "but this happened before I thought it would. I'd like more time to get comfortable, but that is not true right now. I feel pretty good about a lot of things we are doing; it is reacting at game speed. But I can hesitate, and that is what happened (against the Patriots)."

"Right now, it is time to play. Every head coach and city is different, and this is a coach who does not hit the panic button like others I have been with who were on the hot seat."

Actually, it is Mirer who is on a very hot seat.

NBA

New Jersey loses centers until 2000

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
The New Jersey Nets will be without two of their centers until at least January.

Center Jayson Williams underwent arthroscopic knee surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City on Tuesday morning to remove loose particles and a tiny kernel of bone from his right knee.

Williams' surgeon, advised that Williams shouldn't place any weight on his knee for another month, and gave a tentative date for Williams' return of Jan. 1. Williams will miss training camp and the first two months of the season, which begins Nov. 2.

The Nets will also be without backup center Evan Eschmeyer until January, Eschmeyer, the 34th player pick in the draft, ruptured a shoulder muscle while working out in Illinois last month. Team officials said he would be out for four months.

The team re-signed 37-year-old center Michael Cage to a one-year deal late Monday to fill in, coach Don Casey said.
Associated Press  

Outfielder Glenallen Hill agreed to a one-year contract extension Tuesday with the Chicago Cubs, hoping he can be part of a turnaround in 2000.

Hill has been one of the Cubs' most important backups, starting 52 games in left field, right field and as a designated hitter. Hill has hit .332 with 14 homers and 42 RBIs as a starter, and contributed three pinch-homers.

"I like where I'm at," said Hill, who also got a contract option for 2001. "I love Chicago as a city. I love the stadium. I love the team's trying to establish."

"I think the Cubs started to struggle in large part because Lance Johnson went on the disabled list June 20 with a strained abdomen. The Cubs were in second place at the time.

They went into a tailspin after losing Johnson, their leadoff hitter and center fielder. When he was activated on Aug. 21, the Cubs had fallen into last place.

"What really hurt this team was when we lost Lance Johnson," Hill said. "When we lost Lance, it took the sail out of our ship."

Bayor baffled by crazy losses

Associated Press  

"We've got to go through some sudden UNLV loss to sink in. The crowd would have been really tough," Jackson said. "That was just a one-in-a-million thing."

Despite the crushing finishes of their first two games, the Bears have already shown dramatic improvement from their 0-3 season in 1998. Last year, Baylor ranked 98th or lower nationally in five major categories, including total offense and total defense.

Cubs re-sign Hill to one-year extension

Associated Press  

Cincinnati Outfielder Glenallen Hill is interested in seeing how many players the Cubs retain during the offseason.

"We've got some good players on this team," he said. "I think it's going to be a really tough decision on what players they bring back. It's going to be very difficult."

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 Bayer kicker Kyle Atteberry, who missed an extra point on the last play of overtime in the opening-week loss to Boston College, said it has taken several days for the reality of the sudden UNLV loss to sink in.

"Everybody was just shocked," Atteberry said. "You've got to go through some personal time of mourning, but you've only got a short while to think about it because we play again this week.

The Bears are trying to pick up the pieces in time to salvage what they insist can still be a successful season. Players and coaches all said that process starts with forgetting about the past two weeks, even though questions about the losses are sure to follow them the rest of the year.

Steele, who took full responsibility for the defeat Saturday and called it "a stupid mistake on my part," said Tuesday he no longer will talk with the media about the final play of the UNLV game.

"We have rectified it as a team," Steele said. "We've challenged each other, it's been a great bonding experience and it's over."

Although Steele has received criticism from the public about his decision to run the ball on the last play, he has received nothing but support from the Baylor players and assistants.

Even defensive coordinator Brick Haley, whose unit wasn't on the field when the game-winning touchdown occurred, said he agreed with Steele's call.

"If you question what happened on that last play, that's like taking the sword out of these guys' hands," Haley said. "We say we want to build an attitude, and you can't do that by taking a knee."

Atteberry said the players all wanted the team to go for the extra touchdown, and said he knows Steele would give them that chance.

"It didn't surprise me," Atteberry said. "We talked all week about finishing the job. The crowd would have been cheering if we had scored. It was just a one-in-a-million thing."

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Soccer

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after coming off the bench midway through the half. A pivotal player in the win, he knocked a shot past Cleveland State goalkeeper Geoff Mauch with 7:43 remaining in the half to put the Irish on top 1-0.

The goal came after a minute-long struggle against a scrappy Viking defense in the box. Freshman forward Alan Lyshkawa tried to take advantage of a cross from the right sideline — his shot sailed past Mauch, but was deflected off the right post narrowly missing a score.

Cox, vying for position in front of the goal, capitalized on the rebound and kicked the ball into the back left corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"We've got a lot of team unity — we support each other well, where that hasn't been so much the case during the past couple of seasons," Cox said. "When everyone's unified and on the same page that makes the job a little easier to get done successfully."

Despite dominating on attack and putting much pressure on the goal in both halves, the Irish had trouble finishing their plays.

With 22 shots on goal and 11 corner kick attempts, Notre Dame only came away with one score on the night.

"We're still working on our attack," said Cox. "But I think it's coming along quite nicely."

Even with a one-man advantage after officials ejected Cleveland State's Kareem Reynolds with a red card at the 83:25 minute mark, the Irish offense couldn't put the ball in the net.

Failing to finish on scoring opportunities has plagued the offensive line all season — despite numerous attempts, the squad scored only four times in five games.

In the backfield, the Irish put on a strong performance in order to cling to the 1-0 lead. The starting defensive line of senior Matt McNew, junior Connor LaRose and freshman Andreas Forstner came up big, limiting Cleveland State to only two shots on goal and four corner kicks.

McNew and LaRose both stifled key attempts by the Viking offense at one-on-one situations with Irish goalkeeper Gerick Short in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Vikings' freshman Adam Camponelle on attack led the Vikings' offensive attempts.

"Cleveland State's a good team," Cox said. "The number 10 shirt [Camponelle] was a real strong player. They'll be an even tougher team in a couple of years because most of the team is pretty young."

The win against Cleveland State marks the last game on home turf for the Irish before a four-game road trip. Notre Dame faces formidable opponents this weekend in Big East rivals Seton Hall and Connecticut.

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Irish hire Wolverine as assistant

Associated Press

Two-time first team All-American and former Michigan standout Traci Conrad has been named an assistant softball coach at Notre Dame.

Conrad, a native of Frankfort, Ill., will help coach the batters and infielders and assist Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller in all administrative aspects of the program.

The Big Ten career hits leader won numerous national awards while playing four years at first base under Wolverine head coach Carol Hutchins. As a senior in 1999, she was named a Honda Award Finalist and a third team All-American, while receiving her second nod as Big Ten Player of the Year and Michigan team MVP.

As a junior, Conrad, a four-time all district selection, helped the Wolverines to a national No. 2 ranking for 10 straight weeks, earning first team All-America honors. Her sophomore season, Conrad helped the Wolverines advance to their third straight Women's College World Series, earning first team All-America honors and her first of three selections in the Big Ten first team.

As a freshman, Conrad was named to the Women's College World Series all-tournament team and earned accolades as Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Conrad also earned a gold medal while playing for the 1997 Pan Am Qualifier team in Medellin, Colombia, and was a participant in the 1997 and 1998 USA Softball National Team Festival.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Striowski steps up in sophomore year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore cross country runner Marc Striowski went the distance Saturday, earning his first college victory in the Valparaiso Invitational and hinting at the impact he will have on the Irish this season.

"For me, personally, it was kind of nice because I won, but our team also ran very well without our top four guys," Striowski said. "It shows that we're pretty deep, and lots of guys are running well. It's just a starting point for the season."

Striowski is a native of Toronto, Ontario in Canada, where he competed for one of the top high school cross country and track teams in the province.

"I started running in high school because my high school team was pretty good," Striowski said. "I joined the team and did well so I kept doing it. After a while, I knew I wanted to run in college, so that was a motivator."

Striowski said that a number of runners come to the U.S. from Canada to run in college, including several from his team.

"He's a real solid distance man. He can run well at 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters," Notre Dame cross country coach Joe Piane said.

"I think he is going to make vast improvements and he already has between his freshman and sophomore years," added Piane. "He's going to get nothing but better."

"It's a team sport," he said. "I love the team unity, team camaraderie and the competitiveness and rivalry with other schools."

In last week's meet, Striowski captured the title in 24:48 in the 8,000 meter race N 28 seconds better than his personal record last year.

Paine sees even more improvement in Striowski's future.

"I think he can run under 30:00 in the 10,000 meter race this year," said Piane.

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Women's Soccer

Brown leads Irish into start of three-game stretch

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's soccer team hosts the Butler Bulldogs tonight at Alumni Field with senior captain Kelly Lindsey. She has yet to recover from a knee injury she suffered against North Carolina two weeks ago. Even without their top defender, the Irish defense has remained strong giving up just one goal to Duke and shutting out St. John's. A big reason for the continued strong play of the Irish defense has been senior Kara Brown.

Brown is a four-year starter for Notre Dame and was named Big East defensive player of the week for her play against St. John's. Brown's award-winning play in Lindsey's absence does not surprise Lindsey.

"Kara Brown is a great defensive player," she said. "She plays great whether I am there or not so I don't think my absence affected her one bit."

While Lindsey has not seen Brown change her play since injury, she has noticed Brown become a better leader. Brown entered the 1999 season as the only senior on the Irish backfield.

In addition to Lindsey and Brown, the Irish defense features two starting freshmen Venessa Prusinsky and Nancy Mikaeni.

"She took on more of a leadership role in the back being the senior but she always plays a great game," she said.

With Lindsey still sidelined, the Irish face three games in five days.

"When you carry forward the film of the game this past weekend, we really stressed that we have three games this week, Notre Dame has less time to prepare for each opponent. The schedule makes a difference because usually we have a whole week to focus on two teams," Lindsey said. "With the game this past weekend, we only had Monday to focus on three teams. I think basically coach is just going to stress that we go out and play our own game and don't worry about our opponent."

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WHEN IS THE DANCE? OH, THE DANCE TAKES PLACE...

IN TWO HOURS... SEEL, GOT CUTE... DANCE TAKES PLACE...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHY DON'T YOU TRY THE DANCE? YOUR DANCE IS MUCH HAPPY AT THE SAME TIME.

SOMEONE CUT ME PLEASE.

FOX TROT (DOROTHY HAS MOVED TO THE VIEWPOINT PAGES.)

NOT THAT GREAT! ISN'T THAT EVERYTHING THAT YOU INSANE AND THAT MOST WONDROUS NEWS?

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A DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

WE ARE AT "DEPRAVED" WANT TO SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR YESTERDAY'S COMPLETELY UNFEEDBACK ON CAMPUSE SECURITY, WE HOPPE YOU WILL FORGIVE US...

BILL AMEND

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Cox's goal sends Irish to 1-0 victory over Vikings

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Irish looked for some confidence building into this weekend's Big East matchups and found it Tuesday night with a 1-0 win over the Cleveland State Vikings. "As for our confidence level, a win is a win," senior forward Ryan Cox said. "We got the goal we needed and then hung in there tight at the end. We're expecting some pretty decent results this weekend."

The Irish and the Vikings traded possessions early on and had trouble clearing the ball past the midfield in the opening minutes of play. After the initial struggle for control, the Irish went on the offensive at the seven-minute mark and dominated for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame, building from the backfield and utilizing a patient attack, delivered 11 unanswered shots on goal in the first half. "Cleveland State's a tough team to play," Cox said. "They're coming in here thinking 'We're playing Notre Dame.' They get psyched up after the first half. And then next second losses, the Irish begin a stretch where three of the next four or five years. It's like that for the next four or five years."

"If we were looking for some easy games, that's not what we say. No one's looking for a head coaching jobs that I could have had that would be easier than this one," Davie said. "And we have players that probably could have gone to easier places than Notre Dame. But to say all things are equal, I don't think that's really the case when you look at some of the teams the other schools play," he said.

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When Bob Davie was appointed the Notre Dame head coach three years ago, he knew the pressure associated with his position. It's real- ized Irish fans expect to compete for a national championship every year and understood the tradition of Notre Dame. He also knew the schedule wouldn't allow for any easy games.

"When you look at the stretch of games, there's not many coaches linking their chops to go do that now," Davie said at Tuesday's press conference. "I don't care what they say. No one's looking forward to that. And then next year with [Texas] A&M at home Nebraska, Purdue and Michigan State. It's like that for the next four or five years."

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