Jubilee 2000 offers giving and forgiving

**Catholic Church sets example of forgiveness for world powers**

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

While the new millennium may find many people prepared for the worst, a number of devoted students and faculty on Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses will mark the Great Jubilee with celebration and reconciliation.

The jubilee concept dates back to the days of the Old Testament, when every 50 years was called a Jubilee Year. Under this tradition, crops were not harvested for the entire year, debts were forgiven and slaves and prisoners were released. Jubilee celebrations also included a feast and property returns to previous owners.

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President Bill Clinton announced that the United States will forgive all debt owed by 36 of the world’s poorest nations. In the announcement, Clinton said, “In this year of celebration, we must think not just about our own nation but about the world, and the power of the labyrinth is that it contains energies from the past and the present, propelling us into the future.”

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**Saint Mary’s gives millennium gift to South Bend community**

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

The ringing of wind chimes echoes through the trees bordering the labyrinth built by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in a quiet place next to Dallaway’s.

This new addition to the Saint Mary’s campus offers students and members of the South Bend community a place of solitude and reflection as the new millennium approaches. Releasing, illumination and union are the three steps to walking a labyrinth according to a sign near the entrance. Built as a celebration for the Jubilee 2000, the labyrinth consists of white stepping stones in the shape of the “seven-circuit labyrinth” and surrounded by darker rocks.

“There’s lots of symbolism to the seven (in the labyrinth),” said Sister Marilyn Zugish. “There’s seven energy centers in the body and seven spheres in the universe according to the ancients.”

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**Faculty Senate Members support Observer, affirmative action policy**

The Faculty Senate passed resolutions dealing with The Observer advertising policy and affirmative action in faculty hiring plan...if one does not already exist; to publish the new or existing plan in the Notre Dame report.

Avila Preacher clarified the meaning of the resolution, referring to the Accreditation Report that the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools wrote when they evaluated the University in 1994. In the evaluation, the group reported a need for the University to develop an affirmative action plan to show their commitment to increasing diversity.

According to the report, “The University should develop and implement a plan for filling the projected new 150 faculty positions that is sensitive and responsive to ethnicity and gender concerns. The absence of such a plan or an affirmative action office questions the seriousness of the University’s commitment to increasing faculty diversity.”

The Faculty Senate passed the resolution by a 29-to-three vote.
Choose wisely

Life is full of choices. More than just a clever catchphrase for beer posters and T-shirts, the motto makes a lot of sense. Whether it’s deciding to wear plaid or stripes, shower or not, or whether we make important decisions every day. While some decisions are bigger implications than others—every­
one knows one must choose carefully in the dining hall, these choices affect our lives on both a daily and long­
term basis.

Take, for example, one’s choice to not do one’s home­work. Short­term effects include relaxation, possibly, possibly even seeing a movie or two, long­term effects include guilt, home­work build­up and lowered grades. Did this student choose wisely? Who knows? Obviously, this life choice solely on one’s innermost desires and feelings. Whether moved by want or even guilt, life’s decisions represent a person’s whole character. In that respect, how can any choice be wrong?

I’ve questioned my choices a lot this semester. From first applying to study in Washington, D.C., next semester, to writing an antagonistic column for the next issue of The Observer, or having to give up a work position next year that I’ve been looking forward to for a long time. And I’ll have to give up a work position next year that I’ve looked forward to for more than a few reasons.

I can’t count how many times I’ve asked myself, ‘Why am I doing this to myself? Why am I going away?’

There so much I’ll be missing and so much I had planned for next year that will inevitably fall through. Life truly is full of hard choices. I had never really believed in the motto until now.

The difference between choosing wisely and not is in what you use to make your decision.

My roommate has recently encountered a moronic choice for both of us. We’re deciding to have a roommate who has decided to go away.

Her heart and mind are at odds, each one fighting to determine why another is going away.

“She should go,” she says, noting how much she is against capital punishment. “But I don’t think stripping should be allowed.”

The entire dormitory to the diversity of its residents.

Michigan pledge injured by BB gun

A 19-year-old student and Alpha Epsilon Pi pledge is recovering in a university hospital after he was allegedly shot in the groin with a BB gun Monday morning.

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Outside the Dome

MIT questions use of dorm funds for strippers

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Should residents of a dormitory be forced to fund activities to which they might object? Reflecting national discussion over funding in American universities, residents of East Campus raised this question following a stripper party held in Talbot Lounge in November.

Under East Campus social program, each of the dorm’s ten floors is asked to host a party in Talbot Lounge during the term. Each floor receives funds collected from East Campus’s mandatory housing fees.

Funds are allocated by the East Campus house governments.

East Campus’s Second West floor took its turn hosting on Friday, November 19. Members of Second West continued a hail tradition, decided to rent strippers for the party.

Bennett Connolly, former chairman of Second West, stated that, although support for the party was not unanimous, “it was the foregone conclusion that [the stripper party] was going to happen.”

A total of four female strippers were present at the party. The majority of the audience were uncomfortable with the intensity of the strippers’ performance. “The strippers” were a little more hardcore than I expected,” said Kristen Baven, a Second West resident.

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U of Montana buildings inaccessible

MISSOULA, Mont.

Disabled students still can’t get into some University of Montana buildings despite a federal law passed a decade ago requiring all university classes and programs to be accessible to all registered students.

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Students bring art to local elementary school students

By ERIN LARUFFA
News Writer

On Wednesday afternoon, the halls of the St. Adalbert Catholic grade school in South Bend will become an art gallery. A display will feature pieces the school's students created with help from Notre Dame art theory and design students this semester. The undergrads, taught by professor Catherine Poole, worked every Friday afternoon with first through eighth graders.

"You see kids who never get the opportunity to have art... it gives them another opportunity to express themselves," said junior Tom Hall, one of Poole's students. "I love it."

The class taught a simpler version of what they learned in class. "When my students know they're going to be teaching, it changes their whole approach to learning," Poole said.

The project began after Catholic Charities called the Center for Social Concerns looking for an art teacher for St. Adalbert. The CSC contacted Poole, who participated in service-learning in the past.

"The youngsters eat it up," said Sister Dian Majsterek, principal of the school. "It provides a wonderful kind of chaos and confusion."

Projects ranged from tie-dye shirts and windsocks to still life drawings and self-portraits. The 60 children also created ornaments for Christmas trees at Frank's Nursery on Grape Road.

Although last week was the final session for the current design class, students taking the course next semester will also teach at St. Adalbert.

Participation in the service-learning project constitutes one-third of each college student's grade, said Poole.

She added that her school's students benefit from contact with college-age role models.

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The first showing in DeBartolo is at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20.
SUB: Small turnout exemplifies problem of student apathy

By ERICA THESING
Associate News Writer

In a sparsely attended open forum last night, Student Union Board members spoke on the challenges of getting campus participation in their events.

The forum, which SUB intended as a dialogue about programming concerns, drew little participation from students.

"This is exactly the type of apathy we come up against all the time. We try to do things for the students and only a few show up," said Ross Kerr, SUB manager.

The few students who did attend were generally supportive of SUB's efforts to plan campus events. They praised SUB and blamed low attendance on their apathetic classmates.

Sophomore Julie Perla said the apathy stems from a lack of interest. She noted that Notre Dame students seem hesitant to try new things.

"I really think it's a problem with the student body," she said. "There's definitely a lack of open-mindedness on this campus screening." The programmers seemed frustrated that their efforts go unnoticed by the majority of their peers. As Kerr explained, the board exists to provide an education outside the classroom. He said that Cowboy Mouth, whose concert generated little interest at Notre Dame, played for a sell-out crowd at Princeton University the following night.

"It doesn't make any sense," said Kerr, who has been involved with SUB for four years. He said the apathy is nothing new. "It goes in waves, but it's a general apathy," he said.

"We're doing everything we can to combat it."

He was not surprised by the small attendance Tuesday night.

"It was an opportunity for the student body to come and let us know what they think," Kerr said. "By them not doing that, that says a lot to me." Kerr and Clare Pistey, director of programming for SUB, urged students to contact them via phone or e-mail with suggestions for increasing participation. Meanwhile, they plan to continue with their programming efforts.

"We'll go with what we do best," Kerr said.

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poorest countries, Santoni said. The announcement came in part from pressure by churches, international organizations and a call by Pope John II for international debt relief.

"Restoring justice and participating in acts of forgiveness are key Jubilee themes," said Keith Egan, professor of theology at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. "The pope has called upon wealthy nations to forgive the crushing international debts that plague many third world countries." Egan noted that John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter, "On the Coming of the Third Millennium," which theology faculty and students have studied in preparation for the new year, Egan said.

"Jesus has come to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, sight to the blind (and) freedom to the oppressed," said Egan.

Notre Dame began on-campus activities in preparation for the Great Jubilee last spring. A special Holy Year Door was designated at the Basilica. The door, at a side, front entrance of the Basilica, is locked and will not be opened until a special ceremony on Christmas Eve.

The door stands as a symbol of Christ, who is the portal to eternal life, said Father Peter Rocca, rector of Sacred Heart Basilica, Those celebrating the Great Jubilee, he said, should use their experience in conjunction with prayer, confession, celebration of the Eucharist and works of charity.

At Saint Mary's, the main door at Le Mans Hall, which also acts as a Holy Year Door, has remained sealed since last fall. Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred believes Saint Mary's students are called to become Jubilee women and has promoted the notion since her arrival at the College more than two years ago.

Campus groups including ND Right to Life, Global Health Initiative and Pax Christi have worked with Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns to plan various events leading up to and during the Jubilee year.

"The year 2000 is not just another year on the calendar like any other," Santoni said. "It's a special chance to re-energize our faith lives and celebrate the love God has for each of us through existing relationships ... and through new ones with those in need."

Santoni said prayer services, rallies and social action campaigns will occur throughout the spring and fall semesters of 2000.

"The Jubilee is about restoring your view to a final end," said Pax Christi member and Notre Dame student Sheila McCarthy, who emphasized the role of the Jubilee in restoring relationship- ships and overcoming apathy toward problems that face humanity.

More details about the Great Jubilee and how the Catholic Church is celebrating it can be found at www.cc.bishops.org/jubilee, which provides online information from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference.

Security will store bikes, valuables for students

If their house will be completely unoccupied during the break, off-campus students can call the department with jurisdiction in their area. South Bend, St. Joseph County, Mishawaka all offer this service.

All students also can store their bicycles with Campus Security during the break. Bikes can be deposited at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium on from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Valuables will be stored in a locked and alarmed room during the break.

Local police departments also offer a Vacation Home Watch service. Officers make periodic checks of homes for signs of foul play.

Labyrinth

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according to the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross encourage labyrinth visitors to choose a personal style to explore the labyrinth.

"Some people skip, run, move very slowly and others listen to music," said Zaghib.

The labyrinth was finished July 1, and since its completion it has been in constant use for those seeking reflection in nature. By next week, finger labyrinths for those incapable of walking the labyrinth will be ready for use at the site of the labyrinth.

The Holy Cross sisters have been continually improving the area around the labyrinth.

"We're hoping to plant more flowering trees to make this a spot of beauty," said Zaghib. "It's our millennium gift to the people of South Bend."
Sistine Chapel renovations near completion

VATICAN CITY

The Vatican completes its two-decade restoration of the Sistine Chapel on Saturday with the dedication of newly bright frescoes created by Botticelli and his peers, who, in less than five centuries ago, Pope Julius II will preside over the service celebrating the restoration of the frescoes, scenes from the lives of Jesus and Moses that line the chapel walls beneath the better-known frescoes by Michelangelo overhead. In a previous tour of the chapel last week, it was apparent that cleaning and patching have given the wall frescoes the depth, color and detail of the earlier-enshrined Michelangelos.

Germany re-elects Schroeder

BERLIN

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder rallied his governing Social Democrats behind his course of cautious modernization Tuesday, winning re-election as their leader in an unexpectedly strong vote of confidence at a party convention. Viciously reviled, Schroeder declared "the start of a real uprising for our party" after struggling for months to convince the Social Democrats and much of the nation of the need for trimming Germany's cumbersome welfare state. The three-day convention which opened Tuesday is designed to point Germany's oldest party toward the new millennium and help lift Schroeder's popularity out of a recent slump. Running unopposed, Schroeder won 86 percent of the votes from 200 delegates - a vast improvement over 76 percent he polled when he was elected chairman in April. Ahead of the vote, he pledged unity in a 1 1/2-hour convention speech.

Japan seeks death penalty for sarin bombers

TOKYO

Prosecutors sought the death penalty on Tuesday for two doomsday cult leaders accused of spraying nerve gas in a deadly attack on Tokyo's subways, an official said. Toru Toyoda, 31, and Kunio Hirose, 32, are on trial along with Aum Shiri Kyo guru Shoko Asahara and other cult members in the 1995 rush-hour assault on a subway station in Tokyo's government district. The sarin attack, which killed 12 people and sickened thousands, is Japan's most serious terrorist attack. Prosecutors sought life imprisonment for the cult's leader, noting that no one else in Japan's history was convicted of a crime with the "wider, bet­ter, cheaper" approach to terrorism. Critics have accused the space agency of trying to do too much with too little money with its "faster, better, cheaper" approach to spaceflight, in which small­er, less expensive probes are launched more often than in the past. NASA officials agreed Tuesday that goals may be too high, but they stopped short of saying they would seek more funding. "The thing we will not do is use this as an excuse to have a raid on the federal government," Goldin said. Mars Polar Lander was on a mission to study the atmosphere and search for water, which could help scientists determine whether life ever existed on Mars. But NASA hasn't heard from the spacecraft since it attempted to land on Red Planet on Friday. Over four days and six opportunities to make contact, NASA methodically eliminated possibilities that would explain thelander's silence, including a mis­pointed antenna or a com­puter reset. Among other possibilities: the spacecraft's attitude was too high, but they stopped short of saying they would seek more funding. "The thing we will not do

Russia

Grozny residents hide from soldiers

Acheik-Maritan

Hiding in basements, terror­ified residents of Grozny on Tuesday remained mostly unaware of Russia's ultima­tum to flee or risk being killed by a massive attack on the Chechen capital this weekend. Many civilians in Grozny have been too scared to venture outside amid the current relentless Russian bombing, so many have not seen the leaflets dropped by Russian planes Monday car­rying the threat of the air and artillery assault set to begin Saturday. Strong winds also reportedly whisked many of the leaflets away. While word of the ultima­tum reached world capitals and provoked outrage in the West, Grozny's resi­dents have no access to safe news coverage about the threat, as the shelling has wiped out television and radio transmitters. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin brushed off the’huge criticism, saying calls for restraint by President Clinton and other leaders were "prompted by kind intentions." Moscow announced Monday that it would open a safe corridor for civilians to flee Grozny, but jets bombed the city Tuesday, making it dangerous to move. There was no confir­mation whether a safe cor­ridor existed. Associated Press Television footage showed a trickle of people — mostly women, mostly on foot — leaving the city. Russian riot police checked doc­uments and frisked the men. A hunched woman carried a bundled child on her back. Clinton, European Union foreign ministers and the United Nations refugee agency criticized the Russian plans for Grozny, saying they would seriously tarnish Russia's image abroad and risk civilian lives. “Russia will pay a heavy price for those actions, with each passing day, sinking more deeply into a morass that will intensify extrem­ism and diminish its own standing in the world,” Clinton said Monday.
Notre Dame recognized for service in Templeton guide

Exclusive list commends the University's service commitment

By KATE NAGENGAST

On the 10th anniversary of "The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development," the foundation has again recognized Notre Dame, this time with five citations for excellence.

Overall institutional distinction, presidential leadership, the Academic Code of Honor, the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) were all mentioned for programming excellence.

"We are quite pleased about this continuing distinction for the University," said University spokesman Dennis Brown. "We think it says a lot about what the University tries to do, that is, provide the student body with an education that is based in large part on issues of character and goes beyond the books."

Notre Dame's mission aligns well with that of the Templeton Foundation. Arthur Schwartz, director of Character Development Programs at the foundation, explained, "With the Templeton Guide, we hope to help prospective college students and their parents who want to know what colleges are doing to promote the core values of honesty, self-control, respect and service to the less fortunate. The Templeton Guide identifies colleges that encourage students to understand the importance of civic responsibility, which will help them succeed in college and beyond."

"(Father Edward Malloy) and Notre Dame's work in this area is most impressive ... a model for colleges and universities nationwide," Schwartz continued.

In fact, Notre Dame was one of only 20 universities to be honored both institutionally on the Templeton Honor Roll and for the quality of its presidential leadership, a new criterion on this year's evaluation.

Malloy was recognized for his continued dedication to teaching throughout his presidency and for his campus-wide presence as a resident of Sorin Hall and as a celebrant at not only Basilica Masses but at dorm Masses as well. Malloy's national leadership was also noted by his work to combat substance abuse and promote service learning.

Representatives of the three honored programs — CSC, ACE and the Academic Code of Honor — were also pleased to be acclaimed by the foundation.

The Templeton Guide called the CSC "a living model of Gospel values and Catholic social teachings through education experiences."

Jim Paladino, associate director of CSC credited the students for the honor. "We are obviously very pleased to be acknowledged. This award affirms the fact that the students here at Notre Dame take an exceptional look at poverty and injustice. They don't just consider charitable giving, but they really try to make impact and different changes." Cited under the category of faculty and curriculum initiatives in the guide, ACE was praised as an innovative teacher-training program that "shapes talented new leaders for the future of education." John Stauffer, director of ACE said, "We are thrilled to be honored in such distinguished company. I think that just to be recognized nationally like this may help our recruiting, because now we are on the radar screen as a recognized name. This can only help as we continue to try to make a national impact."

The Academic Honor Code program has already felt that impact. "This is a special honor because the Templeton Award elevates our program as a model program across the country," explained Stuart Green, associate professor of English and a member of the Honor Code roster. "I think it's this kind of notoriety that has led to a number of different institutions contacting us about our Honor Code program. It's a good affirmation of what we are trying to do here."

In addition to these individual citations, Notre Dame's First Year of Studies, Campus Ministry, Alcohol and Drug Education Office, Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and Erasmus Institute were featured on the Templeton Honor Roll.

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Security Beat

Minor in possession/consumption

Friday, Dec. 3
11:30 p.m. Security issued a University citation to a Paquelli West resident for minor in consumption of alcohol.

Saturday, Dec. 4
4:04 a.m. Security issued a University citation to a Keenan Hall resident for minor in possession of alcohol.

Theft

Friday, Dec. 3
5:20 a.m. An off-campus student reported his car stereo stolen from his locked vehicle while it was parked in the C01 parking lot.

Saturday, Dec. 4
10:45 a.m. A visitor reported the theft of her purse from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

11:34 p.m. A University employee reported the theft of his wallet. The case is being investigated further.

Injuries

Sunday, Dec. 5
3:00 a.m. Security transported a Farley Hall resident to the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

4:48 p.m. A Lewis Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a knee injury.

Correction

In Tuesday's issue, the vigil before the execution was said to be Thursday, midnight to 1 a.m. The actual date and time for this event is Wednesday, 11 p.m. to 12 a.m.

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Friday, December 10
7 pm

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All University affiliated families are invited to this special children's event to include:

Dave Rudolf's Children's Concert

Refreshments & Door Prizes with special guest...

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FORT GIBSON, Okla. 
A day after witnesses said a 13-year-old shot four schoolmates, friends and neighbors in this small rural town were baffled by why a popular, church-going, honor-roll student would do such a thing.

He liked video games, touch football and his mom's cookies. He had a birthday party every year.

And yet, on Monday, the seventh-grader allegedly opened fire outside the Fort Gibson Middle School with the gun his father had bought a few years ago at a Wal-Mart.

Four students were wounded, though none of their injuries was considered life-threatening. A fifth student was grazed by a bullet that ricocheted, police Chief Richard Slader said.

"He was always nice to everybody. He was real popular. You would never have known him to do anything like this," said Deania Pruitt, an eighth-grade cheerleader.

Authorities and the boy's lawyer have refused to release his name because of his age and because charges have not been filed, but schoolmates who witnessed the shooting identified the boy as Seth Trickey.

"He was a 'no sir, yes sir' kid," said Tina Mayo, who lives across the street with her 13-year-old son, Michael.

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Seattle police chief resigns

Harshly criticized, leader resigns after WTO protests

Associated Press

SEATTLE
Seattle’s police chief announced his resignation Tuesday, becoming the first political casualty of the violent protests that disrupted the World Trade Organization conference.

Police Chief Norm Stamper had been harshly criticized by civic leaders, police officers and others for his handling of the demonstrations last week that cost downtown merchants nearly $20 million in lost sales and property damage. The riots got so out of hand that the National Guard was called in and a curfew was imposed.

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Stamper said he will cooperate in any investigation of the police department’s role in dealing with the demonstrations. However, he declined to answer several questions Tuesday about the rioting.

He did say some accounts putting blame on him were inaccurate. "I don't accept the label of either victim or martyr," he said.

The mayor praised Stamper for his "sense of duty and sense of responsibility," and said he tried to talk Stamper out of leaving when he was told of the chief's decision Sunday.

Stamper's resignation, which takes effect in March, also follows nearly nine months of turmoil over the integrity of the police internal investigations section. Relations between Stamper and Seattle's 1,200 uniformed officers have often been strained during his nearly six-year tenure.

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"The judgment of most people is that the police maintained, with some exceptions, a fairly professional stance," he said.

City Councilman Richard Conlin said he was on the streets last week and found that officers were acting responsibly. Conlin praised Stamper as a community-oriented chief who had improved relations with minorities.

Stamper also revealed in his letter of resignation, which Officer Locke, a criminal justice expert at the University of Washington, said police "had an impossible situation to begin with" during the WTO meeting. "The judgment of most people is that the police maintained, with some exceptions, a fairly professional stance," he said.

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Stamper also revealed in his letter of resignation the mayor that because of the disorder, President Clinton nearly canceled his visit after months of calling the conference vital to U.S. free-trade interests.

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Auction house sells 25 Picasso paintings

♦ Pieces belonged to late fashion mogul Versace

By CAROLINE BYRNE
Associated Press

LONDON

In an unusual auction, 25 Pablo Picasso works owned by murdered fashion designer Gianni Versace were sold off Tuesday at a standing-room-only sale.

Pablo Picasso's "Young Girl with a Float," featuring his eldest daughter Maya holding a model boat, sold for $5.98 million. The 1938 oil painting, bought by an anonymous telephone bidder, was the highlight of Sotheby's auction of drawings and oils by the Spanish artist.

Art lovers from around the world were lured to Sotheby's by the Picasso sale and a follow-up auction of impressionist paintings featuring Paul Cezanne's "Bouilloire et fruits," a pewter pitcher and fruit painted at the height of the French impressionist's career — surpassed the individual Picasso works in price. It fetched $29 million, also paid by an anonymous telephone bidder.

The high price tags came on the heels of Sotheby's impressionist and modernist art sale in New York in November, which took in $242.6 million dollars over two days.

"The market is very strong and people are prepared to pay top prices for highly collectable work," said Helena Newman, Sotheby's senior director and specialist in impressionist and modernist art.

For collectors, the Versace auction had the dual appeal of buying a Picasso work that was owned by a famous collector and designer, Newman said.

Versace was killed in 1997 at his Mediterranean-style palazzo in Miami Beach. He was shot twice in the head by suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who later committed suicide.

The designer's art collection included five oils and 20 drawings from 1902 to the 1960s. His family sold the Picassos to trim an enormous estate, family spokesman Lou Calasanzio said.
**Judge denies stay of execution for death-row inmate**

*By MATT SLAGLE*
*Associated Press*

**INDIANAPOLIS**

A federal judge Tuesday rejected a bid to prevent the execution of condemned killer D.H. Fleenor, saying he is sane and holding a hearing to determine whether he's mentally competent.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago turned down Fleenor’s motion to appeal his right to an independent psychologist at an evidentiary hearing in federal court.

“We will continue to appeal his right to an independent psychologist at an evidentiary hearing in federal court,” Carol Heis, Midwest Center for Justice, said.

Fleenor and his lawyer asked that no appeal be heard forever. They’re asking that no one be executed until resolving these issues.

Fleenor and the prison staff shows that Fleenor knows he is about to be executed and drug, judge wrote.

The Indiana Supreme Court rejected a similar petition Monday.

Lawyers from the center said they will appeal Hamilton’s ruling to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago on Wednesday.

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By ANJETTA McQUEEN
*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON**

Teenagers who drink or use drugs are much more likely than others to be sexually active, starting sexual intercourse as early as middle school and with a greater likelihood of multiple partners, a research group said Tuesday.

With condom use among teens being erratic at best, there is a fear that the combination of substance abuse and sexual activity could increase the likelihood new cases of sexually transmitted disease.

"In America, drinking and drug abuse are bundled with high-risk sex," said Susan Foster, who directed the report "Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sex" for the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Yet despite the high coincidence of substance abuse and sexual activity, remarkably few public or private prevention, treatment programs deal with this combination.

In its report, gleaned from a variety of data on 34,000 teenagers in grades 7-12, the research center admits it’s not sure why this is so. The report says that drinking and drug-taking or the promiscuity. In its analysis, the group factored out other reasons -- such as socio-economic conditions -- that are associated with either drinking or having sex but not necessarily both and could have made the connection look weaker or stronger than it actually is.

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Army private admits to murder charge

Prosecutor argues anti-gay motive in slaying

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.

An Army private accused of bludgeoning a fellow soldier to death with a baseball bat went on trial Tuesday, with military prosecutors saying for the first time that the victim was killed because he was thought to be gay.

Petty. Calvin Glover, 18, of Sulphur, Okla., is charged with premeditated murder in the slaying of Pfc. Barry Winchell, 21, in July.

Before the start of the court-martial, Glover admitted to a lesser charge of unpremeditated murder in hope of receiving a lighter sentence. But prosecutor Capt. Greg Engler pressed on with the court-martial, seeking to prove the more serious charge.

Engler said he would show premeditation by introducing evidence that Glover hates gays and suspected that Winchell was homosexual.

The overall feelings of hatred toward these classes or groups show the motive," the prosecutor said in describing racial, ethnic and anti-gay comments attributed to Glover.

Premeditated and unpremeditated murder carry the same maximum sentence: life in prison without parole, plus a dishonorable discharge.

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Calvin Glover private

Wednesday, December 8, 1999

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Capt. Thomas Moshang, a member of Glover's defense team, said Fisher wanted Winchell dead but Glover merely wanted to hurt Winchell.

For months, gay-rights advocates said anti-homosexual sentiment at least contributed to the killing, but the military would not comment on that.

Winchell, who was from Kansas City, Mo., was perceived as gay by some soldiers in his unit, and friends said he had recently visited a gay bar in Nashville.

Rhonda White, co-chairwoman of Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice in Nashville, was an observer at the court-martial. She said other gay rights groups are also watching the case closely.

"We want our citizens, gay and straight, to feel safe with members of the military coming into our community," she said.

Fisher, 25, of Lincoln, Neb., who was Winchell's roommate, will be court-martialed at Fort Campbell on Monday. In addition to allegedly pugding Glover into attacking Winchell, Fisher is accused of lying to Army investigators.

Winchell, Glover and Fisher all served in the 502nd Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion at Fort Campbell, which straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee state line about 50 miles from Nashville.

Winchell's mother and stepfather, Pat and Wally Kutteles, recently visited a gay bar in Nashville, Winchell's mother and stepfather, Pat and Wally Kutteles, issued a statement Tuesday regarding the "thousands of messages of support" they had received from soldiers and civilians.

Ansic and anti-gay comments attributed to Glover.

"Racial hatred is not the way to express your anger about a bad decision. You can coexist with people you don't agree with, and I would like to be sure that our military people are aware of the different cultures and lifestyles they will encounter in the field," she said.

Austine, Texas

An ex-convict in custody in Detroit was indicted Tuesday on charges that he conspired to kidnap Madonna Murray Gard, 51, the atheist leader who has been missing since 1992.

A federal grand jury accused Gary Karr, 51, of conspiring with others to kidnap and carry out the abductions and extortion of O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair.

Authorities have said the three were killed, but their bodies have not been found.

Karr and others allegedly stole more than $500,000 in money, gold coins, vehicles, watches and other property from the O'Hairs. The indictment does not identify the other suspects.

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O'Hair is best known for a case that led to a 1963 Supreme Court decision that, along with a decision the previous year, struck down organized prayer in public schools as unconstitutional.

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VIETNAM

Flood death count rises to 114

Associated Press

TAM KY

Thousands of soldiers and relief workers flew over and boated through Vietnam’s flood-ravaged central provinces on Tuesday, delivering emergency supplies to some of the 1 million people who have lost their homes.

Terrestrial rains triggered by a cold spell have dumped more than six feet of water in some areas since Thursday, flooding hundreds of thousands of homes.

At least 114 people have died. The central provinces, home to 7.5 million people, had only just begun recovering from some of the devastating floods last month.

"Without [the military’s] swift response, we could have suffered bigger," said Le Tri Tap, the governor of Quang Nam province. Tap said 150,000 people in his province alone still needed emergency food but that Tuesday’s reopening of Highway One, the country’s main artery, would ease deliveries.

Despite the rain, military helicopters were able to resume relief flights to Quang Ngai province Tuesday afternoon, said Col. Vu Quoc Bao, chief of the air force division in Danang.

Other relief agencies also were at work. Racing along the Han River in a speed boat Tuesday, Phan Tam Cat of the Danang Red Cross led 10 volunteers to areas of Quang Nam isolated by high water.

Villagers in Duy Xuyen district washed out in knee-deep levels to collect the packages handed out by relief workers - each with enough rice, drinking water and noodles to feed a family for a week.

Carrying his 4-year-old son on his shoulders, Bui Thi Hoa, 27, was stoic about the flooding that destroyed his newly replanted rice field.

"Every year the floods come. What can we do?" he said. "We have no choice but to bear it."

On Tuesday, floodwaters had begun receding and the downpour had stopped in most places, but rain was still falling in Quang Ngai.

Vu Cuu of Quang Ngai’s provincial flood and storm control bureau said 250,000 people in his province were in need of emergency food.

The National Committee for Flood and Storm Control said Tuesday that 5,395 houses were destroyed and 397,232 homes were submerged or damaged in the latest flooding.

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Vietnamese farmer

IRAN

U.S. trade sanctions hamper Y2K efforts

Associated Press

TEHRAN

The U.S. trade sanctions against Iran are hampering the country’s efforts to prepare for the millennium computer bug. Iran’s top Y2K official said Tuesday, but he added that he did not foresee any major disruption.

"Some [government] organizations told us they were trying to buy some U.S. equipment and parts, but they did not succeed because of the sanctions," said Mohammad Sepehri-Rad, head of the Supreme Council for Information Technology.

"They asked us to help them through international organizations, and we tried, but to no avail," Sepehri-Rad said at a Tehran news conference, without saying which organizations had been contacted.

One of the companies that asked for help, he said, was the Arak oil refinery, a large facility in Iran’s central Markazi province. It was the only oil facility that faced potential problems because nearly all of its equipment was U.S. made, Sepehri-Rad said.

New Y2K compliant equipment was being installed at the refinery, he said, adding that he did not know if the new equipment was American-made.

Most of Iran’s technology was bought from the United States before the 1979 Islamic revolution. Iran, however, has been unable to get U.S. help to modify computer controlled systems for the millennium bug because of the trade embargo, which was put in place following the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by revolutionary militians.

Last week, Sepehri-Rad had warned his countrymen that they could face breakdowns in the oil, electricity, communications, transport and health sectors because of Y2K.

But Tuesday he modified that prognosis, telling reporters "no problem is expected in any Iranian organization" because emergency plans had been put into place, and because all workers were trained to perform computer tasks manually.

"We do not expect any problem in oil exports, refineries and any kind of oil and gas industries," Sepehri-Rad said.

International Monitoring, a technology consulting group based in Britain, has ranked Iran as "moderately prepared" for the millennium bug.

The bug is expected to hit mostly computer systems and programs that recognize only the last two digits of a year. Such systems won’t be able to distinguish the year 2000 from 1900, leading to possible malfunctions.

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Timorese try to erase Indonesian influence

Associated Press

DILI

Determined to erase symbols of decades of iron-fisted occupation, East Timor's leaders on Tuesday renamed Dili's main thoroughfare, which used to honor the deceased wife of Indonesia's former dictator Suharto.

Ibu Tien Suharto Road is now Rua dos Martires da Patna, the street of martyrs of the homeland. The change came on the anniversary of Indonesia's 1975 invasion, which ushered in a quarter-century of brutal military occupation and resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people.

Nobel laureates Jose Ramos Horta and Bishop Carlos Belo, who jointly won the 1996 Peace Prize for their efforts to liberate the province, officiated at the simple ribbon-cutting ceremony.

It marked the start of a campaign to wipe out public references to Indonesian rule. Other street names will be changed, along with those of public buildings and utilities, officials said.

In their first public appearance together since collecting the Peace Prize, Horta and Belo paid homage to those who had died during Indonesian rule.

Suharto ordered his army to invade the former Portuguese colony after the failure of covert attempts to covertly destabilize the new government.

Some 2,000 East Timorese died in the first weeks of the occupation, which met with stiff resistance from a hastily assembled defense force consisting of former colonial soldiers and armed civilians.

Eventually, more than 100,000 East Timorese died mostly of disease and famine as the Indonesian army mounted successive scorched-earth campaigns aimed at rooting out the defenders.


The people of East Timor voted overwhelmingly for independence on Aug. 30. This was followed by a rampaging by Indonesian troops and their militia proxies that destroyed much of the region.

The violence ended with the arrival of an international peacekeeping force on Sept. 20. The province is now administered by the United Nations, in preparation for full independence within two to three years.

Ibu Tien Suharto died of a heart attack in 1996. Suharto, now 78 and ailing, quit office in May 1998, ending 32 years in power. He is being investigated on corruption allegations.
The holidays are upon us. Hamakkah began on Saturday. Christmas is less than three weeks away. Rwanda follows immediately afterward.

Because of this, I have made a list of what I think people relating to Notre Dame need and what anyone close to these people might give them this season of overwrought commercialism.

First on the list is the senior class. I think that they deserve a break. They have put up with the overbearing administration, self-absorbed professors and the massive amounts of schoolwork for 28 of the last 40 months of their lives. Enjoy your last five months of collegiate life. Now, mind you, I said a break. Be careful that you don't mess up your exams and your last four losses against good teams effect the way that you handle your last four losses against good teams effect the way that you handle exams. You have more time to meet the editors and rates of print ads. You get a pair of horse blinder, you need one of those laser-rectifying surgery appointments so that you might see more clearly that giving someone the right to present their views in an independent publication will not bring about massive homosexual orgies on the quads. It will also not bring about the last few entries onto my list, I think.

Second on the list is every other student. You are capable of playing up to the level of the seniors. You have more time to recover from a bad set of exams, but slacking off is like eating potato chips: you don't even notice that you are doing it until you have demolished three bags and feel absolutely ill.

Third on my list is self- proclaimed "Coach D" and our revitalized basketball team. Matt Doherty, you get a videotape of your win over Ohio State. For a brief moment, you brought Notre Dame basketball back to where it was in the early Digger Phelps era. We know that you are capable of playing up to the level of your opponents. The question is, will you let your last four losses against good teams effect the way that you handle what should be a relatively easy conference schedule?

Fourth on the list is the other Coach whose name begins with a D. Sorry, but you get another head coaching job somewhere else maybe at Akron. There was recently a quote from Ara Parseghian in a Notre Dame football weekly that told of his 14 years of head coaching experience prior to assuming the reins at Notre Dame. He said that he "needed every minute of it." The last completely inexperienced coach that we had was Gerry Faust. He went 7-4 with Wadsworth. I think that I would like to see more clearly that giving someone the right to present their views in an independent publication will not bring about massive homosexual orgies on the quads. It will also not bring about the last few entries onto my list, I think. Finally, for myself I think that I will buy one of those "Ocean Sounds" relaxation tapes that I see advertised on late-night television. After having read over the last few entries onto my list, I think that I need it. Well, that's it. Happy Holidays. Try not to stress too hard on exams and be safe until you return in January.

Matt Loughran is a MALA candidate at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md, who has not yet done any Christmas shopping and wonders if he will actually get around to it this year. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Maritza responds to letters

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woman who is raising a child with

Gabriel Martinez

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The holiday movie season always brings out the best and brightest of Hollywood filmmaking. And although this year has already seen some noteworthy films — "Eyes Wide Shut," "American Beauty," "Fight Club," "Being John Malkovich," "Dogma," "The Insider," "Toy Story 2" — many of the season's upcoming films (with a few exceptions) are sure to be on some year-end best films lists.

This time of year also witnesses some high-box-office figures, thanks to the millions of family gatherings that end at the nearest Multiplex. But considering the sleuth of studio releases coming out between now and the end of the year, no particular movie looks to dominate at the box office. So here's a guide to help you decide between now and the end of the millennium in its holiday movie preview.

The Green Mile
The Players: Starring Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise and Michael Duncan; directed by Frank Darabont
The Plot: Based on the Stephen King serial novel, Hanks plays a depression era death-row prison guard assigned to watch over John Coffey (Duncan), an enormous black man convicted of murdering two young white girls.

The Buzz: Early audience response to this film has been overwhelming. But that's not so surprising — director Darabont has already done a sensitive prison film ("The Shawshank Redemption"), and Tom Hanks is, well, Tom Hanks. Though death-row movies are not necessarily the rage at the holidays, the combination should add up to success at the box office and Oscar nominations in everyone's stockings. (opens Friday)

Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo
The Players: Rob Schneider
The Plot: Schneider co-wrote this tale of an aquarium cleaner who, while fish-sitting for a successful gigolo, answers his business phone and decides to take some of the business.

The Buzz: "Deuce" is Schneider's bid to become a marquee name and break out of his smarmy supporting roles. And although screwball comedies such as "Ace Ventura" and "Billy Madison" have led to breakout careers, Schneider just does not have the comedic talent to sustain an entire film, despite Adam Sandler's role as executive producer. From the looks of it, Schneider will end up sleeping with the fishes. (opens Friday)

The Cider House Rules
The Players: Starring Tobey Maguire, Therese Michael Caine and Paul Rudd; directed by Louis Malle
The Plot: Based on John Irving's novel, "Rules" tells the story of a young orphan (Maguire) raised by a kindly British accent and a love story. Director Andy Tennant proved he could give a pleasing, modern spin to the past with the Cinderella update "Ever After," however, "Anna" looks more like a big-screen epic of old than did that feminist fairy tale. Fox targets the whole family with this one, but it will have to do battle with "Bicentennial Man" and "The Green Mile." (opens Dec. 17)

Ride With the Devil
The Players: Starring Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich and Jewel, directed by Ang Lee
The Plot: Along the Kansas/Missouri border early during the Civil War in 1861, gangs of bushwhackers engage in bloody guerrilla warfare. "Devil" tells the story of a 16-year-old boy (Maguire) who becomes part of this bloody chapter of American history.

The Buzz: The success of "Saving Private Ryan" has made it clear to Hollywood that audiences are interested in seeing realistic portrayals of the horrors of war. Not counting "Glory," most Civil War movies of the last 20 years have not been tremendously successful, but an advantage of "Ride With the Devil" is its young cast, a very talented director ("The Ice Storm") and its unique look at a segment of the Civil War not known by most Americans. (now open in limited release)

End of the Affair
The Players: Ralph Fiennes, Jodie Foster as Anna in "Anna and the King."
Julianne Moore and Stephen Rea, directed by Neil Jordan

The Plot: During World War II, a married woman (Moore) clings on to her husband (Rea) despite the fact that he is based on a novel by English writer Graham Greene, regarded as one of the century's best scribes. Greene's work has been a favorite among readers for decades, and this adaptation promises to deliver a powerful and emotionally resonant experience.

The Buzz: Jordan's previous work includes "The Crying Game," which was hailed for its thought-provoking content and innovative storytelling. This film is expected to follow a similar path, with Moore delivering a nuanced performance as the central character.

The Hurricane

The Players: Starring Denzel Washington, directed by Norman Jewison

The Plot: The "Hurricane" tells the true story of a former boxing champion Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was wrongly convicted of murder in 1967 and spent 18 years in prison before being released. The film follows Carter's journey from inmate to celebrity, and his fight for freedom.

The Buzz: Jewison, known for his Academy Award-winning "The French Lieutenant's Woman," has directed a number of films that have been nominated for Oscars. Washington's performance as Carter is widely praised, and the film is considered a must-see for fans of true stories and powerful performances.

Magnolia

The Players: Starring William H. Macy, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Julianne Moore, John C. Reilly, and Tom Cruise; directed by Paul Thomas Anderson

The Plot: The film searches for a musical score by Philip Glass. The film's themes revolve around the search for meaning in a world that seems increasingly chaotic and disconnected.

The Buzz: Anderson's previous work includes "Boogie Nights," which was a critical and commercial success. "Magnolia" is considered one of his most ambitious and thought-provoking films, with a cast including some of Hollywood's biggest names.

The Talented Mr. Ripley

The Players: Starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett; directed by Anthony Minghella

The Plot: A brash young quartermaster (Damon) finds himself drawn into a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with a wealthy and mysterious man (Paltrow). The film is an adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's novel, and is considered one of the best films of the 1990s.

The Buzz: Minghella's adaptation of Highsmith's novel is praised for its faithful portrayal of the story and its nuanced performances. Damon's transformation into the character of Ripley is widely praised, and the film is considered a must-see for fans of mystery and suspense.
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No break for Vermeil, playoff-bound St. Louis

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

The coaching staff was too busy on Monday evaluating game film and beginning preparations for the next game at New Orleans to remain giddy about the team's first NFC West title since 1985.

"I've said five times, wouldn't it be great to have a three-day break to just relax and enjoy what you've been able to accomplish?" Vermeil said.

"But that's not the NFL. You don't got any time to rejoice and you don't get any time to recover when you lose one that you thought you shouldn't have lost."

Of course, it's a lot easier returning to the routine when the rewards are there. The Rams (10-2) have more victories this season than in the first two years of Vermeil's coaching comeback combined.

"It's back to work, but it's back to work with a little more of a smile, a little more pep to our step," tight end Roland Williams said. "Obviously, we achieved one of our goals and that feels great, but our team is so strong and we have so much going for us to just settle for going to the playoffs."

Vermeil, perhaps the NFL's most emotional coach, burst into tears at least four times after Sunday's 34-21 victory at Carolina. Then he broke out the champagne on the flight home, capped by a welcome-home celebration with about 500 fans at the airport.

"We want to take Georgia to Georgia," Vermeil said, referring to Rams owner Georgia Frontiere and the Super Bowl site in Atlanta, Ga.

Then he regained control. The next objective for the Rams is securing home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. They've got a two-game lead on the NFC field with four games to play after Sunday's 34-21 victory at Carolina.

"That's very important," corner back Dexter McCleon said. "You don't want to have to go to Detroit or Minnesota or Green Bay or somewhere like that having to win." No break for Vermeil, playoff-bound St. Louis

The Rams could clinch a first-round bye, which would be their first break since Week 2 of the season, as soon as this week. They need only a victory at New Orleans (2-10) and a Washington loss to Arizona.

St. Louis has never had a home playoff game. In 28 seasons before moving to Phoenix in 1988, the Cardinals played in only three playoff games — all losses and all on the road.

So there's still plenty of targets. The Rams, 200-1 longshots to the NFC West title before moving to St. Louis from Anaheim, Calif., and entered the season as the league's lowest team of the decade.

Pirates ink four minor leaguers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Outfielder Adam Hyzdu, who had 24 homers and 78 RBIs in 96 games last season for Double-A Altoona, was one of four minor league free agents signed Tuesday by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Hyzdu began the season with Nashville, hitting .250 with five home runs and 13 RBIs in 14 games.

Hyzdu was the San Francisco Giants' first-round draft pick in 1990. The Pirates also signed infielder Jason Wood, right-hander Jose Lopez, outfielder Greg Hansell to the Hanshin Tigers of the Japanese League.

Wood hit .359 with one homer and eight RBIs in 27 games with Detroit before spending most of the season in the minors. He also played for Oakland in 1998.

Hansell was 1-3 with a 3.89 ERA in 33 games with Pittsburgh.
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bumped uglies
meet their
love child
Associated Press

HOUSTON

Defensive end Corey Moore of Virginia Tech and nose guard Corey Simon of Florida State are competing to be No. 1 in more ways than one.

On Wednesday night, they'll join linebarker LaVarr Arrington and defensive end Courtney Brown of Penn State as finalists for the 30th Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

On Jan. 4, Moore and Simon meet in the Sugar Bowl to battle for the national championship.

"We've talked about it some but it's not Corey vs. Corey. It's Florida State vs. Virginia Tech," Moore said. "We don't have to block each other or anything. I just think there's a lot of respect both ways.'"

Moore won the Mike Fox-13 trophy as the nation's top defensive player. He set a Big East record with 17 sacks this season and led a defense that ranked in the top 10 nationally in every category.

"A lot of schools recruited me out of high school, but a lot of them said I was too small to compete in Division I-A," Moore said. "I've been blessed to have the opportunity to have an opportunity to play for Virginia Tech.'"

Simon anchored Florida State's defense. He set a Seminoles record with 19 tackles for losses, including four sacks. He deflected three passes and had an interception.

Simon thinks the Hokies and Seminoles are ready to put on a good show.

"We know that we're going to be playing against each other, but it's not an individual thing," Simon said. "I think both sides have a lot of confidence.'"

With Arrington and Brown, Penn State became the first school in 20 years to have two Lombardi Award finalists the same year. The Nittany Lions also accomplished the feat in 1978 with Matt Millen and winner Bruce Clark. Brown led the Big 10 with 11 1/2 sacks and 21 tackles for losses. He is Penn State's career leader with 31 sacks. Arrington was second to Brown this season with 15 tackles for losses and seven sacks.

"I'm very proud to be a finalist, win or lose," Arrington said. "To be in the group with these guys is a reward.'"

"It's been a disappointing season for the Nittany Lions and Texas A&M, Penn State's foe in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 28. Both teams started the season expecting to compete for the national championship. "I see it as trying to salvage our season, it's been a rough three weeks," Arrington said.

"We're really going to try to win this game.'"
NCAA BASKETBALL
Michigan State
rolls over Kansas

Associated Press

CHICAGO
Miss Mateen? You bet Michigan State does. Not only the fourth-ranked Spartans can't win without their star point guard Mateen Cleaves.
They did it for the seventh time Tuesday night, beating fifth-ranked Kansas 66-54 in the Great Eight behind the play of Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson.

One sign at the United Center put it this way: "The Spartans are so hot, they can go Cleaves limping on a broomstick and wearing a big sweater on the Michigan State bench, the Spartans struggled handling the ball against second-half pressure as Kansas used a 19-2 run to cut a 23-point deficit to six.

Then the rally bell short as State (7-1) regrouped behind Peterson. Kansas' first loss this season after six straight wins also marked the first time this season the Jayhawks had played a ranked opponent.
Bell, doing most of the ball handling in Cleaves' absence, scored 21 points. Peterson shot poorly (3-of-14) but finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. And A.J. Granger had 13 for State.


State won the Big Ten tournament on the same floor nine months ago and the Spartans played like they were right at home during the entire first half and the first six minutes of the second.

The Spartans were rolling 51-28 and on the way to an easy victory when the Jayhawks finally got loose. They ran off 13 straight points to come back, featuring Greer Gooden's slam and Nick Bradford's steal and layup.

Statesmen six minutes with no points before Jason Richardson hit a jumper to end the drought and give the Spartans a 53-41 lead with 6:18 to go.
But Kansas wasn't through.
Gregory went high for back-to-back dunks after steals as the Jayhawks turned up the defensive pressure and ran off six more points, cutting the lead to 53-47 with just under seven minutes to go.

Then Peterson showed his leadership. He dropped in two free throws, fed Bell for a lay-in on the break and then made a one-on-one move from the key and drove for a basket to put the Spartans back up by 12.
Bell was too quick for the Jayhawks to contain in the first half.
His 13 points on 6-for-8 shooting, Michigan State's sticky defense that limited Kansas to just eight points in the first 10 minutes and three 3-pointers by Granger helped the Spartans to a 39-29 halftime lead.
Kansas was making its fifth straight Great Eight appearance and for the second straight season, the Jayhawks struggled at the United Center. Last year they were routed 63-45 by Kentucky.

NCAA FOOTBALL
Burns leaves Arkansas for Tulsa

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla.
Arkansas defensive coordinator Keith Burns is the next head football coach at the University of Tulsa.
"They have offered me the job, and I'm going to take it," Burns told the Morning News of Northwest Arkansas today.

But Kansas wasn't through.
Mourning, who has struggled this season as he tries to replace Big East player of the year Richard Hamilton as the shooting guard, finished with nine points, but five came at the start of an 11-0 run that gave the Huskies a 73-61 lead with 1:11 to play.

Gilbert Arenas, one of the Wildcats' freshman guards, had 18 points, while Loren Woods added 16 and Michael Wright had 14. Wright had 10 rebounds and nine points.

Jason Gardner, Arizona's other starting guard, finished with nine points on 2-of-9 shooting.

The loss was the first of the season for Arizona (4-1) which is in the middle of a three-game stretch against Top Ten teams as it beat then-No. 9 Texas last Saturday and plays host to No. 4 Michigan State on Saturday.

Connecticut led 37-30 at halftime and Arizona made several runs, getting as close as 26-24 on a dunk by Richard Jefferson with 8:06 left.

Tony Roberts added 15 points for the Huskies, while Kevin Freeman had 10.

"I can't believe it's finals already."
The NBA will not prove allegations

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The revolution that alleged bookies gambler-NBA players free alcohol and strip rooms won't prompt the league to open an investigation into the matter.

The league said Tuesday it had not started any formal investigation into the NBA players linked to the case of the Atlanta strip club the Gold Club, whose owner has been indicted on racketeering and prostitution charges.

The New York Daily News reported that Patrick Ewing, Charles Oakley and Dennis Rodman were "comped" for thousands of dollars worth of drinks at the strip club.

The newspaper quoted NBA players repeatedly as saying that during five nights in April or May 1997, Kaplan and Rodman were "comped" for $1,313 and $665 on two nights in June 1997, while Rodman paid $411, $216, $786, $895, $926, and $946 in so-called "lucky money" called Gold Rucks during visits from 1995-96, the newspaper said.

No athletes were named in the indictment and no faces allegations of wrongdoing. NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said the league was continuing to monitor developments.

"We have not started any investigation," McIntyre said.

NBA players are occasionally advised by the league's security office to stay away from certain establishments where criminal activity is suspected, and the standard player contract forbids behavior that is "materially prejudicial or detrimental" to the league.

Rodman's agent, Steve Chapman, said the league office had not contacted him or his client regarding the strip club indictment. Calls to agents for Ewing and Oakley were not returned.

Steven Kaplan, owner of the Gold Club, and 14 other defendants were indicted Nov. 4 on charges including prostitution, racketeering, money launder- ing, loan-sharking and credit card fraud. They have pleaded innocent.

The government contends the Gold Club was a virtual brothel that provided protected corruption. Offended as prostitutes for regular clients and skimmed millions from the cash flow to buy protection from the New York-based Gambino organized crime family.

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Ex-Illini Wallace dies

Associated Press

URBANA, Ill.

Stan Wallace, who helped Illinois to victory in the 1952 Rose Bowl and went on to play for the Chicago Bears, has died following heart surgery.

Wallace, 68, died Monday at an Urbana hospital.

A native of Hillsboro, Wallace returned a pass interception 56 yards to set up Illinois’ go-ahead touchdown in a 40-7 victory over Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

He played defensive back for the Bears from 1954-58, then spent three seasons with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.

Wallace entered private business in Champaign-Urbana after his football career.

He is survived by a widow and two children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Good luck with exams.

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  - Desk lamps
  - Televisions, VCRs, stereos, clock/radios
  - Refrigerator (defrost first)
- Turn off all lights
- Close and lock windows to prevent pipes from freezing
- Leave the heat on and set it to “Low” or 65°
- Most importantly, travel safely and have a blessed holiday season!

For more information about Notre Dame’s Y2K project, see www.nd.edu/~y2k. For post-Y2K updates, check the Web site or call our hotline at (219) 631-3000.
King rules over Tampa Bay offense in first pro start

Associated Press

No one on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers was surprised by the poise Shaun King showed in his first NFL start.

The 22-year-old rookie has been a leader since the day he arrived at training camp, impressing teammates with his maturity, confidence and performance. King got a struggling offense into the end zone in each of his four preseason appearances.

He did it in his regular-season debut after Trent Dilfer broke his collarbone, and again Monday night when he threw two touchdown passes in Tampa Bay's 24-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

"He controlled the game, which is what you have to do when you're playing that position," coach Tony Dungy said Tuesday. "And that's not easy to do as a rookie. He made a few mistakes ... I'm sure he will do better next week. But he played well and gave his team confidence, and that's a big thing."

Although the former Tulane star only threw for 93 yards, the Bucs didn't streamliner the game plan to try to minimize his mistakes.

The Bucs have posted four of the five lowest passing days in the NFL this season, yet are 4-0 in those games.

So, when Dilfer strained last week that King didn't have to have a big night statistically to give the Bucs a chance against the high-scoring Vikings, he wasn't blowing smoke.

"We have the kind of defense that it's not going to take a whole lot week in and week out to win ball games," King said. "So if we go out and execute, and I don't make a crucial mistake, I think I can take us as real far."

Dilfer will be sidelined for at least the remainder of the regular season, however that doesn't necessarily mean the starting job is King's to keep as the Bucs go down the stretch.

"That's what you expect. The NFL is kind of like a family, and you root for other players. Even when you're playing against them, you root for them. You just hope they don't make enough plays to beat you," King said.

This upcoming game will be the fifth straight for Tampa Bay (6-4), tying a franchise record, and the Bucs are tied for the lead in the NFC Central with the Detroit Lions.

Rev. Virgilio Elizondo, President and Homilist Sacred Music of the Coro Primavera de Nuestra Señora and the Notre Dame Folk Choir

All are welcome to attend!
73 players declared free agents

Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Olerud left the New York Mets for Seattle as the first key free-agent deadline of the offseason approached Tuesday night, and teams cut off negotiations with 73 of their former players.

The World Series champion New York Yankees said goodbye to catcher Joe Girardi and infielder Scott Brosius. Meanwhile, let go of left-hander Chuck Finley and Cleveland said so long to outfielder Greg Vaughn and pitchers Steve Avery and Mark Wohlers.

Also, teams can sign these players who left the NL champion Atlanta Braves to become free agents: shortstop Jose Hernandez, right-hander Andy Benes, John Burkett, Orel Hershiser and third baseman Todd Zeile (Texas); left-hander Greg Mohr (Oakland); first baseman Mark Langston, who would get a $300,000, one-year contract if he’s added to the major league roster.

Others offered arbitration were first baseman Jeff Bagwell and left-handers Tony Armas Jr. (Oakland); and third baseman Todd Zeile (Texas); left-hander Greg Mohr (Oakland); first baseman Mark Langston, who would get a $300,000, one-year contract if he’s added to the major league roster.

Players offered arbitration may accept the offers through Dec. 19 and negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 31. Players not offered arbitration can’t re-sign with their former teams until May 1. Also, teams can sign these players without losing amateur draft picks as compensation.

Among those were right-handers Andy Benes, John Burkett, Orel Hershiser and Robby Witt; catcher Benito Santiago; infielders Jeff Blauser, Tony Fernandez, Mickey Morandini and Ed Sprague; outfielder Paul Scruton and pitcher Harold Barnes.

Right-hander Jeff Brantley, facing the midnight deadline, re-signed with Philadelphia, agreeing to a $210,000, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn an additional $2.5 million in roster and performance bonuses.

Shane Reynolds of the Atlanta Braves agreed to a $4.6 million, two-year contract with Kansas City, and Texas signed two players just before the deadline, left-hander Mike Munoz ($500,000) and second baseman Luis Alicea ($750,000). Atlanta agreed to a minor league deal with outfielder Brian Hunter, who would get a $50,000, one-year contract if he makes the Atlanta Braves’ major league roster with left-hander Mark Langston, who would get a $300,000, one-year contract if he’s added to the major league roster.

The Mets also offered arbitration to Olerud in case there’s a problem with his Seattle deal.

Olerud, one of the top players in a weak free-agent class, opted to return to his hometown, agreeing to a $20 million, three-year contract with the Mariners.

"This was a real difficult decision," Olerud said. "There were times where I was leaning toward the Mets. Definitely, I came close, never to the point where I said 'Let's go for it.'"

The first baseman, coming off an $8 million, two-year deal, said he wanted to make a "very comparable" offer. The contract with Seattle calls for salaries of $6.35 million in 1999, $6.7 million in 2000 and $6.95 million in 2002. "I think if it was any other team other than the Mets, it would have been a real easy decision," Olerud said.

With the Mariners, Olerud will be able to commute to Safeco Field for home games. He has a wife and 15-month-old son living in Seattle and will be able to play in front of his parents. He also has grandparents on both sides of the family in Seattle.

"We couldn't match that," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "It really boiled down to what city he wanted to play in."

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NCAA Football

Dayne wins AP Player of the Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ron Dayne had his reasons for staying at Wisconsin instead of running off early to the NFL. He wanted to spend another year with his 2-year-old daughter, Jada, and his girlfriend, Alia Lester. He wanted to earn a degree in Afro-American studies. And he wanted to break the NCAA major college rushing record.

One thousand eight hundred thirty-four yards later — and much closer to a diploma — Dayne accomplished everything he set out to do in his senior season.

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

Dayne received 43 of the 82 votes in the AP balloting. He tied for third with six votes.

Associated Press' College freshman quarterback Michael Vick, who had 14 votes. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was third with six votes.

"Although my name is on the award, I share it with my line-mates and fullback — they do all the hard work and I just run," Dayne, of Berlin, N.J., said. "Winning this player of the year award is nice because it is the pick by the people who watch the game closely."

Recently, Dayne broke Ricky Williams' 1-year-old Division I rushing record in his final game at Camp Randall Stadium. The Badgers' 5-foot-10, 224-pound fullback ran for 216 yards in a 41-3 rout of Iowa last month to boost his career total to 6,397 yards, breaking Williams' mark of 6,279 yards.

Dayne led No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) to its first outright Big Ten Conference title since 1962 and a second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. He carried 203 times for 1,834 yards — a 6.1-yard average — and scored 19 touchdowns.

This season he ranked second nationally in rushing at 166.7 yards a game. He was fourth in scoring (10.4 points) and ninth in all-purpose yardage (167.6). He also ran for 200 or more yards four times.

The numbers are even more impressive considering he sat out the second halves of blowout wins over Murray State, Ball State and Indiana. In an easy victory over Michigan State, Dayne ran for 214 yards but carried only once in the fourth quarter. The Spartans came into the game with the No. 1 rushing defense.

"This award is a great tribute for Ron, the ultimate team player, to realize this individual acclaim as the nation's top player," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said. "He has epitomized our program with his nonchalance, blue collar approach."

After his record-setting game Nov. 13, there was a ceremony to acknowledge the Badgers' second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. There was also a surprise for Dayne.

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Knocks 89, Warriors 83

Without a kind gesture for P.J. Carlesimo or a harsh word for any heckler, Latrell Sprewell did enough damage in the first half to keep John Starks from feeling at home in his return to Madison Square Garden.

Sprewell abused Starks when they were matched head-to-head and scored 21 points in the first half for New York Knicks defeated Golden State to send the Warriors to their 10th straight loss.

It was the second meeting of the season between Sprewell and the coach he once choked, and it was a different atmosphere from the night two weeks ago in Oakland when Sprewell sparred Carlesimo's attempt at a pregame handshake and engaged in a vulgar dialogue with flutist.

Most of the hyped, instead, surrounded Starks' return to the arena where he played for eight seasons.

Starks, the first player introduced prior to the game, blew kisses to the crowd as they gave him a 10-second standing ovation.

But that was the moment was one of the few ones for Starks, who missed his first four shots and his final five and was helpless early on when he had to defend Sprewell — the player he, Chris Mills and Terry Cummings were traded for on Jan. 21.

Pacers 83, Spurs 77

Reggie Miller scored 23 points as the Indiana Pacers defeated the San Antonio Spurs.

The loss was the third straight for the defending NBA champions, all on the road.

Preseason, Indiana, which was held for eight minutes in the second half without a field goal, posted its fourth consecutive victory despite scoring only 36 percent from the field.

Miller, who was 5-for-9 from the field, 2-for-2 from the line and 1-of-2 from three-point range in the first half as the Pacers fell behind by 11 points. But he found the range in the third quarter, hitting 6 of 8 shots as the Pacers outscored the Cavaliers 31-15 to take control.

Carter hit a 3-pointer with 2:04 left in the third to give Toronto a 64-63 lead and then hit a short turnaround jumper.

A technical foul on Carter with 39.6 seconds left, Brevin Knight made three straight free throws to cut Toronto's lead to 98-95.

But the Raptors held on for their third straight victory.

Dee Brown scored 14 points of his season-high 17 points for Toronto in the first half. He was 5-of-10 from 3-point range.

Knicks 104, Mavericks 95

Grant Hill scored 31 points and the Detroit Pistons overcame a 16-point halftime deficit with a 70-point second half to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 116-112 Tuesday night.

Hill, averaging 32.5 points in his last four games, scored 12 assists as the Pistons won for only the second time in their last six games.

Shaquille O'Neal added 26 points, including four points in the final 37 seconds, as Detroit topped the Bucks' two-game winning streak.

Grizzlies 104, Mavericks 95

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and Brent Price hit two 3-pointers down the stretch as Vancouver snapped an 11-game losing streak with a victory over Dallas.

Michael Dickerson added 23 points and Othella Harrington had 16 to help Vancouver get its first road win in a month, winning with seven straight defeats away from home.

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Big 12 places six schools in post-season bowls

By JOSHUA CAMENZIND

The Big 12 Conference will find itself bowling six times over in the 1999-2000 college football bowl season.

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Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and first bowl for the Sooners since at 7:30 p.m. The bid marks the Oklahoma (7-4) will face Mississippi (7-4) in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. The ball marks the first bowl for the Sooners since 1994.

OU Coach Bob Stoops said he is pleased with leading his team to a bowl in his first year as a head coach.

"We realize that being in a bowl is an award for having a solid year," Stoops said. "I am appreciative of our seniors and the leadership on our team in our first year here."

Ole Miss running back Deuce McAllister is looking forward to playing the Sooners.

"They have great tradition at Oklahoma," McAllister said. "You usually think of the wish-bone offense with them, but they have a great quarterback, and they really like to air it out.

"Their coach (Stoops) knows a lot about defense and has done a great job out there. It is going to be a great challenge for our offense. Texas Tech was the only Big 12 bowl-eligible team that didn't get invited to a bowl."

Kansas State (10-1) will play Washington (7-5) in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. after being snubbed by the Cotton Bowl.

Wildcat Coach Bill Snyder said his team is looking forward to a bowl in his first year as a head coach.

"They have had some big wins this year, so it will be a hard game for us. To play the emo-tional game against Kansas is going to be a renewed series with Arkansas. Texas A&M (8-3) will face Penn State (9-3) on Dec. 28 in the Alamo Bowl at 7 p.m. Both teams are ranked No. 13 in one of the two major polls, the AP in The Associated Press Poll and PSU in the Coaches Poll.

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Texas (9-4) will meet Arkansas (7-4) in the Cotton Bowl. The game, in Dallas, will be played at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1.

The Longhorns and the Razorbacks will renew a border rivalry that climbed 30 years ago in the "Game of the Century," won by Texas 15-14. UT went on to win the national title.

Arkansas won the last matchup in 1991 14-13, but the rivalry ended when UT left the Southwest Conference. The rivalry will be renewed again in 2003 when Arkansas travels to Austin.

Texas Coach Mack Brown said his team will have no problem building emotion for the game.

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...they deserved a better season than they got, and they deserve enjoyment of the event. Milk it out of the coach. Not only did he not fire them in front of 80,000 people, he finally managed to score. I know our sprints are arrogant — or at least pretty confident. Well, that about wraps it up when he probably didn’t feel too pumped up himself.

Also, we have to get the squirrel from the Boston College game a bag of nuts or something. Not only did he not fire out in front of 80,000 people, he finally managed to score. I guess our sprints are arrogant — or at least pretty confident.

Well, that about wraps it up for the guest list for my holiday gathering. I hope there are enough BK Big Fishes and hot chocobiscuits to go around. Nothing left to do now but sit down and enjoy this feast of flex points.

I don’t mind that banging at the window — it’s just fish dust.

I like I said before, I can’t just let everybody in.

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once in creating winning opportunities for their teams.

Biley is averaging 18.4 points per game and is especially effective in the team’s last outing against Liberty, when she registered a season-high 32 points. These scoring figures are more impressive considering that, because of foul trouble, the first-team All-American has only averaged 20.8 minutes per game.

Biley’s list of impressive figures goes on: she is shooting with almost 74 percent accuracy and has not missed a free throw yet.

Her scoring counterpart on Purdue’s roster is equally talented. Douglas is averaging 22 points per game and is a stingy on defense as she is potent on offense. She averages about two steals and live defensive rebounds per game.

Biley and Douglas are not the only two players with potential to light up the court tonight. Notre Dame’s Alicia Ratay has proven in just five collegiate regular-season outings that she is a force. The team’s leading scorer, Ratay has hit double-digits in each game except one this season. The threat of her deadly three-pointer will keep the Purdue defense light.

Mackey Arena, considered one of the most intimidating courts for opponents, will present a tough challenge to the Boilermakers. Notre Dame will need tough play from Biley, Ratay and the rest of the Irish lineup from the outset to come out on top.

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Readings leaves Sydney committee

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

Paul Reading, responsible for the Sydney Olympics ticketing controversy, left the organizing committee SOCOG.

A spokesman for SOCOG would not say Wednesday if Reading was fired or quit. Reading bore most of the public criticism after he put aside hundreds of thousands of prime tickets for sale in premium packages at up to three times face value.

The SOCOG board, led by chief executive Sandy Holloway and president Michael Knight, said they had not been informed of Reading’s move, which was made to help bridge a budget shortfall.

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HOCKEY

Minutemen visit Irish for two-game series

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While the academic semester is drawing to a close, the Notre Dame hockey team still has a little bit of cleaning up to do before exams.

On Friday and Saturday, the Irish take on the University of Massachusetts Minutemen in a two-game series at the Joyce Center.

The series marks the start of a month-long, six-game, non-conference schedule for the Irish. Apart from a pair of games against Michigan State last weekend, Notre Dame has not played a CCHA game in 55 days, something that’s been frustrating for a few members of the Irish squad.

“Yes, it’s difficult,” freshman center Connor Dunlop said about the non-conference stretch. “But at the same time, we realize that we’ve had a very tight schedule. We’re not necessarily playing the best competition we can, but we’re definitely getting better every day. We’re looking forward to playing against the Minutemen. They’re a pretty good team.”

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the match-up and the rest of the upcoming games.

“We have a hell of a stretch coming up,” Doherty said. “Valpo is going to be very good. That was a stupid game for me to schedule because they are northern Indiana teams and they’re going to be fired up.”

The Crusaders now stand at 2-4 on the season and fell to Minnesota 57-44 in their last outing. The Gophers built a 12-point lead at 43-29 with 9 minutes, 36 seconds to play before Valparaiso scored 10 straight points to climb within 43-49 at 5:46.

Then the Gophers, who missed eight consecutive free throws, had a 9-2 spurt for a 52-44 lead and finished the game sinking 6 of 8 foul shots. Valpo shot just 29 percent as a team.

The Crusaders, the preseason favorite to win the Mid-Continent Conference, are led by Ivan Vujic. The 6-foot-11 center is averaging 13.7 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per contest. Vujic, however, got in foul trouble against Minnesota and finished with just eight points.

Notre Dame’s senior center Harold Swanagan has not played a CCHA game in 55 days, when he had a 10-goal, 10-assist season last year, has six double-doubles on the season and has been held to less than 20 points just once so far this season.

Tonight’s game marks the 39th meeting between the two teams. The Irish lead the series 35-3 and hold a 27-point record against the Crusaders at home. The teams last met on Nov. 27, 1994.

In that game, the Irish posted a season-opening 77-69 win.
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Invitations for a celebration

A while ago, Mitch Albom, a sports writer for the Detroit Free Press, started a thing he called "The Huddle." It is an exclusive society, and he invites or bans members of the sporting community based on their behavior inside and outside of their sports.

In honor of this tradition, I'd like to take a crack at forming my own "LaFortune Huddle," a group whose members could all sit down to a nice hot bowl of Huddle chili or a Whopper-value meal from Burger King and enjoy a pre-holiday feast.

So here we go. Whose getting invited into the LaFortune Huddle?

First of all, let's get the women's soccer team in here. That's a no brainer. When you make it to the national championship, you pretty much guarantee your spot. When you beat previously unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Santa Clara in the national semifinals -- avenging a 4-2 regular season loss -- I'm throwing apple pies in with the Whoppers.

Next, I have to invite in the men's basketball team and coach Matt Doherty. You guys may be in a slump right now, but you're headed back to the top — where Irish basketball belongs.

Of course, I have to ask the women's basketball team to join me in front of that big screen TV, too. They already have Irish basketball at the top — currently holding a 4-1 record and a Wachovia national championship game, so they're definitely invited. I won't go into the details all over again, but see FOX/page 29

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND aims to end four-game skid against Valpo

By BRIAN KESSLER

Christmas is coming and the Notre Dame basketball team aims to give first-year head coach Matt Doherty an early holiday gift — a win.

Doherty and the Irish haven't tasted victory since Nov. 21 — a span that has seen Notre Dame drop four straight contests. Despite his team's struggles, Doherty is still upbeat because, though his team has put forth great effort, his players aren't satisfied with moral victories.

Last Saturday, the Commodores invaded the Joyce Center and a controversial charging call against Troy Murphy late in the game allowed them to escape with an 87-85 victory.

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"We've got a lot of golf left," Doherty said. "We've played only a couple holes. I have to grade the effort and not so much the results. It's like in practice; I grade the shit we get and not whether it goes in or not. I think we're making progress."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for rematch with Boilermakers

By KERRY SMITH

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