Fire blazes through Seton Hall dorm

Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.

Fire broke out at a Seton Hall University dormitory early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 62 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas through choking smoke into the freezing cold outside.

Four students were critically burned. One of them suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

Many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall rolled over to go back to sleep when they heard the alarm around 4:30 a.m., thinking it was another in a string of 18 false alarms set off in the six-floor building since September.

But many soon heard screams for help, smelled the smoke and saw flames creep under doors.

“I opened the door just to check,” Yatin Patel said. “All the ceiling tiles were coming down. I saw a ceiling tile fall on someone.”

“It was panic. Everybody was just, ‘Go! Go! Go!’” said Nicole McFarlane, 19. She was treated for exposure because she left her room, in only a short nightgown, a jacket and hiking boots.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The tragedy cast a pall of grief over the campus of the Roman Catholic school 15 miles southwest of New York City. Classes for the 10,000 students were canceled for the week. A memorial service was planned for later Wednesday. Sports events also were postponed through Thursday.

“There’s not much you can say at this time,” said Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who came to offer support.

ND adopts new sweatshop policy

By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

As the leading university in the movement against sweatshop labor, Notre Dame recently adopted three recommendations made by the University’s Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives. The University now prohibits the manufacturing of Notre Dame products in countries that do not recognize the legal rights of workers to form laborers. It also created a model factory monitoring program and it will demand full public disclosure of manufacturing sites by all its licensees.

Each recommendation builds upon the initial structure put in place in March 1999 to monitor production of Notre Dame licensed products and apparel. Bill Hoye, chairperson of the task force, appreciates the actions of the University and its president Father Edward Malloy.

“Obviously, we’re really pleased that Father Malloy has adopted the recommendations of the task force,” he said. “We think that they’ll make a real and substantial contribution to improving the conditions of the workers that make Notre Dame licensed products around the world.”

The original idea behind the task force was to make a statement in response to the increasing public awareness and opposition to what is known as sweatshop labor. The statement declared the University’s position on the issue and began to set forth a code of conduct among the manufacturers and to put in place a monitoring system to ensure adherence to the code.

“The next big issue is just the physical implementation of the plan, looking at the monitoring, gathering lists of what our vendors are and who our licensees are. Once we have full disclosure of factories’ locations, we can send out the monitoring groups,” said student body president Micah Murphy, who serves on the task force.

The changes in the monitoring system will include the involvement of representatives of non-governmental groups like labor leaders, human rights activists and church leaders.

“The changes will add an element of credibility and
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INSIDE COLUMN

Millennium, schmellennium

How was your millennium celebration? Did you watch the millennium coverage on ABC? Or maybe you've heard President Clinton talk about our country in the new millennium. Millennium. Schmellennium. I still have a year to plan my millennium celebration and so do you. Sorry to break it to you, but the turn of the century and the new millennium starts next year — Jan. 1, 2001. We're still in the 20th century and still in the second millennium. Anyone with a first grade education and a little common sense could tell that you.

Last time I checked, there was never a year zero. Back in the sixth century, a monk named Dionysius Exiguus (literally translated Dennis the Short) determined that time should be marked by the birth of Jesus. As a result of his studies, he set the year AD 1 (the first year of our Lord). However, in his plan, he counted backwards from the year 1 BC, before the birth of Jesus down to the year 1 BC, and then immediately shifted to the year AD 1. There was no year zero in between.

So anyone who can count to 190 can tell you that the first century comprised the years AD 1 through AD 100. The second century began with AD 101 and continued through AD 200. By extrapolation we find that the 20th century comprises the years AD 1901-2000. Therefore, the 21st century will begin with Jan. 1, 2001, and continue through Dec. 31, 2100. Similarly, the first millennium comprised the years AD 1-1000. The second millennium comprises the years AD 1001-2000, and the third millennium will begin with AD 2001 and continue through AD 3000.

Here is another way of looking at it. If you had 100 pennies, the 100th penny would complete the dollar. The 101st penny starts the next dollar. Therefore the 100th year is the last day of the century and the 101st year starts the next century. Similarly, the 1000th year is the last year of the millennium and the 1001st year starts the next millennium. So the third millennium and 21st century start at 2001.

Now that wasn't difficult, is it? You would think a society that invented the computer, landed on the moon and cloned a sheep would be able to do a little math and accurately point out the start and end of the centuries and millennium. I guess not.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY’S

Thursday
• Acoustics: LaFortune, 9 p.m.
• Raven: Rave and Ho­down, Alumni-Senior Club, 5 p.m.
• Movie: “Eyes Wide Shut,” Snite, 6:30 p.m.

Friday
• Ceremony: Rededication of gallery spaces, Little Theatre Lobby, 5:30 p.m.
• Movie: “American Beauty,” 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
• Performance: “Dream Team Comedy Show,” O’Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.
• Concert: Pantelis, Snite, 8 p.m.

Sunday
• Session: Scuba diving course information session, 218 Rockne, 1 p.m.
• Concert: Altenberg Trio, Snite, 7 p.m.
• Performance: “Pride and Prejudice,” Little Theatre, 3 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

CHAMPGIAN, I11.

Live animal experiments for first­
year veterinary students were can­
celled this semester by the College of Veterinary Medicine, as adminis­
trators explore alternatives to experiments that kill animals in order to teach students.

The new policy will likely estab­lish procedures where students will learn how normal animals function by using less invasive methods in their basic physiology classes. They also might watch demonstrations instead of doing their own experi­ments. But those procedures "change the intensity of studies," said Dr. Steven Schieve, dean of the college.

University veterinary students were never forced to participate in the experiments, but were not offered alternatives. More than 25 students opted out of the experi­ments last semester. Some profes­sors and available alternatives were not good enough.

The policy the school has been developing since last fall will prob­ably make the alternatives a formal part of the class, said Gerald Fajniewski, the college’s associate dean for academic and student affairs.

“This is not new,” he said. “We’re trying to be deliberate and work with reasonable speed. It just takes time. It has become a media event. However, veterinary schools nationwide are moving toward using live animals less — especially in beginning classes. "From what I understand, most veterinary schools aren’t using live cadavers to teach physiology — it’s just not necessary," said Teri Barnato, national director of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights. "There is a move­ment in being respect for non­human animals and vet schools need to move forward.

Valli agreed that veterinary students are moving toward a less hands-on approach but said real experience is still the best way to learn.

NAACP boycott may keep Duke students from Myrtle Beach

DURHAM, N.C.

If the early response from many Duke students is any indication, the power of the NAACP’s tourism boycott in South Carolina will keep some Duke students away from Myrtle Beach this May. But although students who support the boycott are doing so with fervor, others insist the issue will not keep them away from Myrtle’s sun and sand after final week.

Protesting the Confederate flag flying above the state capitol, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led nationally by Kweisi Mfume, has called for a boycott in South Carolina until the state’s legislature agrees to remove the flag. Although the NAACP boycott may keep Duke students from Myrtle Beach plans for May.

Washington student sues LSAC

SEATTLE

A class-action lawsuit against the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) was filed Tuesday in Pennsylvania on behalf of three Washington State University students. The lawsuit from the US Justice Department also says you need to graduate from an accredited law school. "Every law school accredited by the American Bar Association requires the LSAT," said attorney David Ferliger, who has been hired to take the case. "To become a lawyer you need to graduate from an accredited law school."

The lawsuit from the US Justice Department also says that the LSAC violated the law when it denied additional time to four physically disabled people.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for tomorrow, Jan. 20, 2000

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Asbestos discovered in Le Mans Hall during pipe repairs

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

A hot water pipe containing asbestos-filled insulation was removed from the attic directly above the fifth annex in Le Mans Hall during winter break.

The asbestos was discovered when repairs were needed on the pipe, causing minor inconvenience to fifth annex residents. Several residents were required to move furniture in order to provide space for workers to complete the removal.

The process, which took approximately one week, required "clean rooms" for workers to clean up following removal. Five rooms in fifth annex were affected as either clean rooms or passageways to the attic. "No asbestos was removed from any of the rooms," said John DeLee, director of facilities at Saint Mary's. "There was no hazard whatsoever to the residents in the rooms. Unfortunately, it was just an inconvenience to the women because it was our only way to the attic.

Asbestos, a fibrous material that can cause lung damage and other medical complications if the fibers reach the air, is found in several older buildings as an insulating material.

Testing of the air in the rooms and attic was completed following the removal to ensure that no asbestos particles were in the air.

While asbestos does insulate pipes in several buildings around campus, it is encapsulated, meaning that it cannot become airborne, said DeLee.

Asbestos is removed when the item is outdated or repaired, which increases the chance the material will become airborne, he said. No areas on campus are in danger of asbestos consequences at this time, he said, although it is something facilities constantly monitor.

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Senate discusses uses of old tests

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

At its first meeting of the new year Wednesday night, the Student Senate addressed the issue of professors using past tests as study guides.

"The real problem is that the use of old tests can give students a major advantage. They will help students to have a good idea about which questions will be asked," said Philip Dittmar, the Fisher Hall senator. "This is an unfair advantage because from dorm to dorm, test files are unequal.

Last semester certain students were given an advantage by acquiring specific tests from other residents living in their halls. The same tests were not available to students in all dorms or to off-campus students, Dittmar said.

"The fact is, if a teacher offers an old test as a study tool, that's great. But if kids are buying tests to study by rather than reading the book and studying their notes, it is not fair that they do better than students who are studying the correct way.

Dittmar explained that he will continue work on this issue. "I would like to see either teachers put tests in the library or on the Internet so that students all have equal access," he said. "Across the board, all students should have equal access. There must be high integrity in the teachers' action or our actions.

The fact is, test files in the dorms do not equalize.

Dittmar explained that he will address the Campus Life Council and try to have this issue addressed in DuLac.

In other senate news:

• The nomination for Dan Peate as senate parliamentarian was unanimously approved.

• A resolution in honor of Father Theodore Hesburgh was passed unanimously. The resolution recognizes Father Hesburgh "for being a true model of servant-leadership to follow" and congratulates him for winning the Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Freedom, the highest award given by the United States government to a civilian.

• Another resolution was passed ordering the Club Coordination Council, the Off-Campus Council, the Senior Class Council and the Freshman Class Council to submit a transition report to the senate.

• Student body president Micah Murphy announced that the administration and the Hall Presidents' Council agreed to name the student section at basketball games "Matt's Outrageous Bench," or the MUB.

• Murphy added that SafeRide will begin in approximately two weeks.

• Joe Cassidy, Director of Student Activities and the LaFayette Student Center, also addressed the senate. "Cushing is currently under construction," Cassidy said. "Therefore, SUB movies will be moved to stadium seating in 101 Delbarton."

• Also, a banner offering congratulations to Seton Hall University, where three students died in a dorm fire on Tuesday, will be available for students to sign.

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Spanish ice: mystery or prank?

VALENCIA

Spain's great ice mystery is beginning to look like a prank. Around 30 clumps of ice are said to have dropped from the sky since Jan. 8, some the size of basketballs, often in gloriously sunny weather, and just about every Spanish region has taken a hit. The precipitation has picked up so much in the past few days that scientists said Wednesday they had collected enough samples and would not accept any more. The Superior Council for Scientific Research urged people who find some checking of their own. They say they don't know what the chunks are.

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CUBA

Gonzales family goes to court

MIAMI

Elian Gonzalez's relatives in Miami went to federal court Wednesday to challenge the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that the 6-year-old boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, filed the federal lawsuit after Attorney General Janet Reno declared last week that the boy's status was an immigration matter solely in the jurisdiction of federal law.

"It is about protecting Elian's civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child," said Spencer Eig, a lawyer for the great-uncle. Elian has been living with his Miami relatives since he was found floating on an inner tube Thanksgiving Day. The lawsuit names defendants Reno, INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, INS District Director Rober Wallis, the Department of Justice and the INS.

It accuses the government of violating Elian's rights to due process of law and asks the judge to prevent the INS from returning the boy to Cuba before the agency gives him an asylum hearing.

No hearing date was immediately set. The Justice Department and the INS said in statement they were prepared to respond quickly and would ask the court "to expeditiously address this matter."

"It is important for the well-being of Elian Gonzalez that the status of this 6-year-old boy be resolved as quickly as possible," the statement said.

Reno had brushed aside a ruling from a Miami family court judge delaying the boy's return.

U.S. to continue help in Venezuela

Associated Press

The United States will continue to help provide clean drinking water to survivors. Some 450 Marines and Navy engineers had been expected to help rebuild the coastal town, an essential link for the region's transportation and commerce.

But after Chavez said last week that he did not want the American soldiers in his country, U.S. officials ordered a U.S. Navy ship that was en route to Venezuela to reverse course.

U.S. officials said they were dismayed by Chavez's announcement, since Venezuela's defense minister had requested the help in a letter on Dec. 24.

Ambassador Maisto toured the disaster area - a swath of coastal communities just north of the capital of Caracas - on a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter.

The United States is playing a major role in purifying water from the ocean and contaminated rivers to give to mudslide survivors. Eighteen machines - half from the U.S. Army and half from a private firm contracted by the U.S. government - are purifying some 500,000 gallons of water a day.

Other countries, including Israel, France, Uruguay and Spain, have brought their own water purification machines in Vargas state.
University of Notre Dame

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday 2000

Monday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom
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Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom
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Presented by the Student Government. Food from around the world will be served.

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integrity to the monitoring process," said Hoye. "One of the key points is that when you have a code, no matter how good the code is, you have to have a monitoring mechanism. The task forces certainly addressed that very well," said Father Oliver Williams, a university management professor. A new addition to the task force's efforts requires the right for workers to organize labor unions.

"The right to unionize is something that everyone should have, and I think that we should try to help people get that right," said Williams. The University strengthened its policy for including this right, stating that it will not maintain business with any countries or companies unwilling to commit to providing workers with this right. One such country is China.

The unique recommendation holds a specific stipulation against China. While most labor organizations and university task forces mandate the right to organize, no group has gone so far as to cut relations with non-compliant parties.

"The right to organize ensures that the workers who make our products will have a legal right to form unions, to collectively bargain with management and increase their ability to improve their wages, hours and working conditions," Hoye said. "It gives them additional power, additional leverage, which is vitally important if they're going to improve their wages and working conditions."

They all have special countries exceptions for places like China that say as long as the licenses work with the Chinese government to improve conditions, they can manufacture products in China," Hoye added. "The problem with that from the task force's perspective is that that exception swallows the whole rule, and we don't think that individual licenses are likely to have much influence over the Chinese government, especially when the United States government hasn't been able to affect positive change on this issue."

Williams considers China differently, taking into account that one-fourth of the world's population resides there. Fair labor conditions should be attained in cooperation with everyone and the United States should work with the Chinese government to improve its labor laws, Williams said.

The companies in China that contract with universities will be forced out of the country in order to maintain their business relations. Williams defined a living wage as enough money to "able to provide food and moderate shelter for self and family while working as much as 10 hours a day."

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Father Oliver Williams, management professor

ND's Review of Politics publishes forgotten text

Special to The Observer

A recently discovered and previously unpublished text by the American Catholic theologian Rev. John Courtney Murray appears in the Fall 1999 "Millennial Issue" of Notre Dame's Review of Politics. The text, entitled "The Crisis in Church-State Relationships in the USA" is a 1950 memorandum written by Father Murray to Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, a staff member of the Vatican's Secretariat of State who became Pope Paul VI.

Rev. Joseph Komonchak, professor of religious studies at the Catholic University of America and author of the Review article which introduces the new text, believes that the memorandum provides "the clearest brief statement" of Father Murray's views on church-state relations and that its controversial reception by ecclesiastical officials both in Rome and the United States helps measure the profundity of doctrinal change brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

Father Murray's views on church-state relations were declared "erroneous" in 1954 by the Vatican's Holy Office (now called the Congregation for the Doctrine of faith) and in 1955 its Jesuit superiors forbade him to publish articles on the subject, despite these strictures, he eventually became the principal architect of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, which substantially incorporated assertions that earlier had been unacceptable.

Father Murray, who died in 1967, wrote prolifically on a wide variety of issues including not only church-state relations, but also funding for private schools, the Cold War and the problem of conscientious objection. He argued that the constitutionally enshrined notion of the separation of church and state was not incompatible with Catholic social teaching. On Dec. 12, 1960, he was featured on the cover of Time Magazine after his book "We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition" greatly influenced public attitudes during John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. Murray was appointed a theological advisor to the Vatican Council in 1962 by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

The Review of Politics was founded by Waldemar Gurland, the German philosopher who was forced to flee from Hitler's Germany in 1937, found a home at Notre Dame, where he died in 1954. From its first issue in 1939, the Review has emphasized a philosophical and historical approach to politics. Among its contributors have been Hannah Arendt and John Kenneth Galbraith.
The Initial Report to Father Malloy of the University Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives—January 9, 2000

INTRODUCTION

We are writing to Father Malloy in the University Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives, in order to update you on the work of the Task Force. In order to assess the university's current initiatives, the Task Force was asked by the Father Malloy to prepare a comprehensive report on the university’s current sweatshop policies, and to make recommendations for future action. The Task Force has been working, in consultation with the university administration, the Alumni Association, the Student Government, the Department of Theology, the Krock Institute for International Peace Studies, and the Department of Labor Organization (“ILRO”) Convention No. 182, (b) in connection with the University’s existing monitoring system, the T.A.S.K. Program, and (c) in consultation with the university’sxerographic printing, embroidery, sewing, and challenging project, Fr. Malloy. After reviewing the University’s汗vexive budget, we would not expect to see a detailed and Co-op For the Public Interest, the T.A.S.K. Program has been designed to provide the university with an opportunity to respond to its ethical and social responsibilities, and to improve the lives of workers in the United States and at all levels of society. This program is designed to ensure that the university's汗vexive products are licensed and produced according to ethical and social standards, and to provide a means for workers to improve their living conditions. The Program has been designed to be effective in the face of union organizing efforts, and to provide a mechanism for workers to improve their living conditions, and to provide a means for workers to improve their living conditions. The Program has been designed to be effective in the face of union organizing efforts, and to provide a means for workers to improve their living conditions. The Program has been designed to be effective in the face of union organizing efforts, and to provide a means for workers to improve their living conditions.
RUSSIA

Chechen conflict intensifies as forces push toward Grozny

Associated Press

GROZNY

The Russian military redoubled its drive to conquer Chechen rebels on Wednesday, with troops fighting street by street in the capital Grozny while helicopter gunships and cannons relentlessly pounded the southern mountains.

Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshev, Russia's deputy chief commander in Chechnya, announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 26, although announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 26, although

Annexed Wednesdays by 14... Announcement Wednesday that mount has been a bastion of resistance throughout the war, which has entered its fifth month, and its capture would give the Russian forces a boost after a series of surprise counterattacks by the rebels.

But control over Grozny could backfire, as it did during the 1994-96 bloodshed in Chechnya. During that war, Russians took the city and held it for more than a year, but lost it to the Chechens in a humiliating and bloody defeat. After facing relatively little resistance in Chechnya's northern lowlands, Russian forces have been stalled at Grozny for months and only recently began pressing into rebel strongholds in the southern mountains.

On Wednesday, Russian helicopter gunships and artillery pounded the steep, wooded mountains near the mouth of the strategic Argun Gorge, about 30 miles south of Grozny. An AP reporter took shelter behind some rocks on the edge of the village of Dachu-Borzoi as helicopters swooped down to strafe the woods.

Eleven civilians were killed Tuesday in an air raid against Dachu-Borzoi, including seven members of the family of local administrator Alu Khayyazov.

At the edge of the nearby village of Dacha-Yurt, a knot of elders crowded around Russian officers on Wednesday, pleading for an end to shelling. Adem Abyzayev, chief administrator of the village, said three civilians had been killed in Dacha-Yurt over the past two days.

"When people want to leave the village, the Russians prevent them, promising not to target the village," he said.

Meanwhile, a pro-Moscow Chechen leader claimed Wednesday to be mediating in talks between several Chechen commanders. Malik Saidullayev said the talks were proceeding "with difficulty," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. He refused to say which federal agencies were involved in the alleged negotiations or to name the Chechen commanders.

"[The federal authorities] need to carry out a political dialogue with these people, which is what I'm doing," Saidullayev told Echo of Moscow radio.

Government spokesman Andrei Koslov confirmed that four Chechens had arrived in Moscow for talks on conditions for civilians in the breakaway republic, but said they did not constitute an official delegation.

"Negotiations are held continually," Korotkov told the AP. "As for these envoy, we don't know whom they represent."

Russian troops marched into Chechnya in late September after rebels staged armed incursions into the neighboring Daghestan region of Dagestan and allegedly organized the bombing of several apartment buildings, killing 300 people.

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Kennedy relative surrenders to cops

Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A nephew of Robert F. Kennedy has been charged Wednesday with bludgeoning a girl to death with a golf club in 1975 when he was 13, providing the long-awaited break in a case that frustrated police in a wealthy Greenwich and raised suspicions of a Kennedy cover-up.

Michael Skakel, 39, flew to Connecticut from his home in Florida and surrendered at Greenwich police headquarters after a warrant was issued for his arrest in the slaying of Martha Moxley. Because of Skakel's age, it was not immediately clear Wednesday what penalty he could face.

Martha was beaten with a iron and stabbed in the throat with a kitchen knife and a golf club, police said. With the club's shaft shattered, the club was quickly matched to a set owned by the Skakel family, who lived across the street in Bell Row, police said. But the investigation kept hitting dead ends, and police were at a loss for what evidence they had.

"Michael [Kennedy] has stated all along he did not do this. He has no knowledge of it," Michael Skakel's lawyer, Kennedy's lawyer, said.

"He had no knowledge of it. He had no part in it. He is not guilty.

Because Skakel was a juvenile at the time of the crime, the case will come to trial in juvenile court. But it was not immediately clear Wednesday what penalty he could face.

Skakel is an academic, a private investigator and a self-described "Ki Aikido" practitioner. He was recently charged in a separate murder case involving his uncle, the late Robert F. Kennedy. Michael Skakel's lawyer, said, "This time I think the case will go to trial in the Connecticut Superior Court."
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A six-month Energy Department investigation has found evidence of racial profiling and an "atmosphere of distrust and suspicion" toward Asian Americans at nuclear weapons labs because of the uproar over alleged Chinese espionage.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, vowing to stamp out such profiling, insisted Wednesday that Taiwan-born scientist Wen Ho Lee was never single out or fired from his job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory because of his race.

"I reject the view that racial profiling was present in this case," Richardson said, referring to the Lee dismissal. "Yvonne Lee, the civil rights commissioner, and I stand by the department's reservation judgment on the matter. "None of us can say just at this point it was racially motivated," she said of the Los Alamos case.

But she said one thing is certain. "Asian-Americans are feeling the sting," she said.

And Richardson said the impact could be long-lasting.

"This perceived hostile work environment implies an invaluable partnership between the Energy Department and Asian Pacific Americans. Worse...it can fan the flames of "brain drain" where we lose our best scientists, hobbling our research quality, leading edge science and ultimately our national security."

Already, he added, "We are not doing all we can be doing in recruiting top flight scientists."
HUMANITY IS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIO

KATE ROWLAND

Read this. It may save your life.

El Paso, Texas, is a city set up for maquilas, or contract factories. On its streets, serving several active cargo stations and at least one active passenger depot, Greyhound and other distance-traveling buses pull into two different stations. Trucks transport parts to be put together in Mexican factories. Interstate 10 stretches through downtown, intersecting there with Interstate 54. Streets are cleanly asphalted and labeled with signs large enough to assist Mr. Magoo about the city. Juarez, Chihuahua, is a city transitationally distinct. Two-thirds of the roads in the city are not paved, and cars and buses clog the streets that are. Pedestrians and motor vehicles dodge donkey carts, even downtown. Trucks transporting completed manufactured goods to the U.S. chug around the city, clean, sleek, tourist-attracting trolleys of El Paso contrast sharply with the recycled school buses that carry passengers around Juarez. Some still have familiar signs up: Do not feed the driver. Do not use profane language. No standees permitted.

The no standees sign particularly caught my eye. I remember it well. I remember the air conditioner dripping sweat in the not-yet-sunlit morning as I took the campus bus to the border. Juarez was the second part of my semester. The first was spent walking the streets, talking to the.US. about $35. The reality of how little money that is came quickly, on the first day of the seminar, before we even saw the colony. In groups, we were given a scenario based on actual people living in Anapra. My group’s family was headed by a single mother with three children.

Working on a maquila salary, we figured that our average daily food budget was $1.60, if all of our earnings for the week went to food. Tim and Oscar, both volunteers with the Annunciation House Organization and our hosts for the seminar, took us over the border to a supermarket, where we learned exactly how far that money could stretch. The four of us walked out with a packet of tortillas, a bag of beans, a box of rice and one small tomato. We cooked lunch in the colony, using water in from a cistern outside to boil the rice. As we cooked a sufficient but unimpressive meal, I noticed that one of the groups, who had been given a different scenario, finished off their meal preparations by slicing into a block of cheese that had cost more than our entire day’s budget.

For the first time I thought that I was about to come home. I was about to return to the United States. I was about to leave Mexico to be able to provide the Annunciation House Organization with information about the border and about illegal crossings. I had wanted to come back with some hopeful idea as to how the problem could be solved. I knew that even now, people who have been there for years still haven’t figured that out. They strive for a personal interaction, a little-throwing-starfish kind of approach to helping the people and the undocumented. Over and over again, the people we talked with said, “Somos todos hermanos.” (We are all brothers and sisters.) That’s what I tried to take away from the seminar, the humanity of all people, on both sides of the Rio Grande.

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What is left of King's dream?

PHILADELPHIA — The birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. marks a familiar annual American ritual of remembrance and celebration. Millions of citizens of all racial and ethnic origins are encouraged to reflect upon the thrilling achievements of King and the Civil Rights movement, and more broadly, what it means to be an American. Many critical (or cynical) observers have noted the most unfortunate of this national holiday: the implication that the days of racial injustice — specifically against black Americans — are behind us, that the disgrace of "separate but unequal" ended a long time ago, that I'm not going to reiterate those objections which, after all, have more to do with the politics of American society than the life and death of a great leader and visionary.

Instead, I'm going to talk about the kind of places where King's dream never comes close to being dreamt. A couple of months ago, I met an old classmate who is now working on the Penn campus. I hadn't talked to him for almost two years and was surprised to find out that he was also teaching at a middle school in North Philadelphia. Though I didn't grow up in a neighborhood like the one around my school, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what conditions there were like. Man, was I wrong.

Kids coming to school high — if at all — the selling of drugs you've never even heard of in your textbooks, the bathrooms and hallways of a Twelve-year-old girls giving birth in the cafeteria. A majority of students can't even read at a fourth-grade level. Over three thousand black males disappear from the Philadelphia public school system between the ages of 10 and 18, many literally lost from the record.

One can debate endlessly who is to blame for allowing conditions to deteriorate to the point of desperate inhumanity. But there is no question that these children grew up on blocks where the only functioning traces of social organization are liquor stores and drug-dealing operations. This is probably the worst imaginable environment for fostering self-esteem, hope or academic performance.

Imagine walking down the block to a school that hasn't seen repairs, new lab equipment (or in the worst cases) new books in decades and seeing a banner proclaiming that "The American Dream is Alive and Well at [school name]." And for MLK Jr. and everyone, someone in your class is asked to read that famous "I have a dream" speech all over again. And no one doubts the cause of the ever increasing gap in educational achievement and inequality — which has become yet another painful reminder of a world beyond their reach.

To those children, and to those who suspect that I have done a disservice to the name of the great Southern preacher, consider this: In 1964, a leader of a very different black civil rights movement angrily declared, "I don't see any American dream." By the time of his assassination four years later, King was starting to agree. Walking through the garbage-plied streets of Harlem in 1967, seeing despair far beyond any he'd encountered in his years of leadership, the great idealist expressed doubts about the realistic chances of his dream.

It was then that he, in one historian's words, "began to understand something of the world that created Malcolm X." Journalist Jonathan Kozol points out in the book "Savage Inequalities," such empty slogans cause even more damage to children who desperately need real answers and hope, not worthless platitudes and political soundbites. Rarely in a suburban high school would you see a banner proclaiming the survival of the American Dream. It would seem not only unnecessary, but almost laughable. Why broadcast the obvious?

Consider on the other hand what happened to Kozol in the 1960s, when he dared to have students in a poor grade school in Boston read Langston Hughes' almost equally famous words about "a dream deferred." He was promptly relieved of his teaching position for including "inappropriate material.

Once again, Kozol points out, suburban schools place no such restrictions on their curricula. One poem by a great writer of the Harlem Renaissance goes no threat to the minds of young, well-off, mostly white children, who are more likely to reflect on how they might not grow up to be an astronaut than on the contradiction of being poor in the richest nation on earth.

To be sure, as author Walter Mosley argues in his most recent book, this is beginning to change now that more and more white Americans are losing control of their lives and finding themselves victims of 9/11, corporate downsizing, globalization and other consequences of The System. But the racial and economic gap isn't going away anytime soon, not as long as we refuse to face the tragedy of inner-city neighborhoods.

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I enjoyed Laura Petelle's column in Wednesday's Observer and wanted to respond to three of her questions.

There are no clocks in O'Shaughnessy Hall because when there were clocks, people took them. For a couple of years, battery-operated clocks were on the wall in every classroom. They were put in when — believe it or not — the bells that signaled the beginning and end of class time were mercilessly silenced. The clocks were on the back wall, too, where teachers could see them and students couldn't, which was very nice. About half of them "walked" the first year and were replaced. Substantial quantities were liberated the second year. They were replaced by the third year, whoever was responsible for clock replacement must have given up. Eventually they all disappeared.

The no food/no drink signs in DeBartolo Hall are there precisely because "we are incapable of cleaning up after ourselves after we eat." Know what happens after all the students leave at the end of spring semester? The carpets in DeBartolo classrooms have to be cleaned! Wouldn't it be nice to use that money for something else? It might be enough for the Annual O'Shaughnessy Clock Replacement Fund!

Lastly, some of us pronounce it "Notre" because it is "Notre" and not "Noder." Granted, some people have trouble with that final "s" and it comes out "Nutra" which doesn't sound very nice. Those people should take a semester or two of French. Please don't suggest that if we say "Notre" we should also say "Dahn." That would be going too far, except in reference to the cathedral in Paris. Personally, I think "Noder" is fine for football, and I always say it that way in that context.

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"Fantasia 2000" opens with a good but not great sequence set to parts of Ludwig van Beethoven’s well-known "Symphony No. 5," featuring butterfly-like triangles having a battle of sorts. The vignette is fairly dark and even frightening at times, but of course the good butterflies make it out OK in the end.

The opening of the sequence is not as good as the opening J.S. Bach piece in the original "Fantasia." Some of the animation does not fit the music, and sometimes it seems that the soundtrack and picture are just a fraction of a second off. But things improve.

The music for "Fantasia 2000" is performed by the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Levine. It features eight sequences, including Paul Dukas’s familiar "The Sorcerer’s Apprentice." Unfortunately, "The Sorcerer’s Apprentice" is slightly grainy in the IMAX format, since it was drawn for a smaller screen. It was never my favorite sequence in the original "Fantasia," so I was surprised by how well-done it is. Paul Dukas’s "Pomp and Circumstance," Marches Nos. 1, 2 and 4 were one of the best pieces, despite the merciless cutting to fit the various marches. Most moviegoers will recognize Elgar’s "Pomp and Circumstance," but "Fantasia 2000" turns it into a Noah’s Ark story featuring Donald and Daisy Duck. I expected this sequence to be silly (I mean, Donald Duck), but the animators gave it a surprising nobility, as well as a few moments of silliness. Sir Edward Elgar’s "Pomp and Circumstance" as "that graduation song," but "Fantasia 2000" takes viewers into the realms of imagination, showing things that could never be seen in "real life" or even in live action with really good special effects.

Less impressive was Dmitri Shostakovich’s "Piano Concerto No. 2." Allegro, Opus 100, which was animated with the help of Hans Christian Andersen’s "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." The animation and music fit well together, and the story was compelling, with the one-legged tin soldier meeting the ballerina, initially thinking she has only one leg as well. He discovers she has two, but she doesn’t care about his deformity, and he manages to defeat the evil jack-in-the-box and win her heart. It was a nice enough story, but it was so Disney — very much the type of story one expects from Disney, using the style of animation that is so associated with Disney.

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HOLIDAY MOVIE WRAP

Three-hour flicks flood holiday theaters

A side from the kiddie flicks, this past holiday season was marked by a barrage of three-hour epic films, hoping for Oscar attention and big box office numbers. Here are the 10 films that made news over the past month.

"Man on the Moon"
A performance by Jim Carrey, who seemed to thrive on complaining, steering from his unconventional routines and attempting to worm his way into the heart of Andy Kauffman, was the best cinematic definition of the old saying about a ruffled-up wicker in a mystery inside a mystery.

"Man on the Moon" is an episodic and mostly satisfying look at the comedian and his many antics. Named after a song by R.E.M. and directed by Milo Forman ("Amadeus"), the film comes off as not much more than a impressively recreated highlight reel of Kauffman's more famous and infamous routines and appearances.

Without ever really explaining his actions or getting the audience to truly care about him, the film often feels as if it's missing something. However, Jim Carrey's performance is guaranteed Oscar nomination and is a very believable physical imitation. His "Andy" is so good and dead-on that any one of those countless one-liners in the comic may often forget it's not Kaufman himself.

While the film may disappoint viewers is the fact that like many other films about comedians (such as "Punchline"), the film's hero, however tragic he may be, starts the film off with a great bit, the rest of the film doesn't live up to anything Kaufman himself would have approved of.

For those with no sense of Kaufman's career or brilliance, this movie might act as a nice introduction. But fans of the comic will find themselves frustrated by the lack of interplay between the comic and the rest of the film. Carrey is missing some soul.

"Portnoy's Complaint" takes viewers on a wicked trip through the mind of a man who will do anything to achieve what he wants. Based on the loose interpretation of Philip Roth's novel, the film's slow pace becomes exhilarating. Little by little, viewers watch Ripley envelop the people he admires, making damn sure no one gets in his way as he obsesses over his own nihilism.

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Recovering Hayes joins Mets

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After helping the New York Yankees win a World Series title, Charlie Hayes wants to win one with the New York Mets.

The 34-year-old third baseman, who played hurt most of last season and considered retiring, agreed Wednesday to a minor league contract with the Mets that would pay him $500,000 if he makes the team.

"I'm not going to be out on the field every day," Hayes said. "I'm going to be prepared to play. If I'm only out there two days a week, I'm going to make the most of it, out of the opportunities I do get.

With Todd Zeile at first and Robin Ventura at third, Hayes figures to be a backup unless there's an injury.

"I didn't think that was anything serious," Hayes said. "I played a lot in the past before. It was a lot worse than I thought. It's my fault. I'm one of those players who tries to stay out of the training room, which is why I didn't go on the disabled list.

"It's been a month since I went on the DL and I'm still not ready," he said. "I was day to day last week. I'm day to day this week."

In 207 career games, he has 233 doubles, 135 homers and 690 RBIs in 219-291-5471.

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The proposal for a sale of the Cleveland Indians by Richard Jacoby to Larry Dolan was expected to gain approval from baseball owners as early as Thursday. Meetings were described as close to the decision. The only unresolved issue appears to be the team's future in Cleveland when the lease expires on Dec. 31, 2003.

Sources said sales have taken 6-18 months to bring to a vote, but the Indians' deal is simpler because the team is being bought by one person, not a group with cumbersome partnership agreements.

Shareholders of the Indians' holding company meet Feb. 7 to approve the sale, which is expected to close as early as Thursday. The price is a record for a major league team, topping the $311 million paid by the Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1998.

The other big agenda item is the proposal to overhaul baseball's management structure by abolishing the current 30-person National League offices and leaving the commissioner in the commissioner's office.

The changes won't alter the current National League's voting structure, but already have led to the resignations of AL president Gene Budig and NL president Lee Coleman, whose jobs are being abolished.

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Under the changes expected to be approved during the two-day session, commissioner Bud Selig's office might be fine in Milwaukee, but the staffs would be more massive, with 200 or 300 people, some of whom have refused to move to the new building.

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Air Jordan returns to NBA as part-owner, president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Look who’s back — in a business suit and not a Chicago Bulls jersey, and with a team that can’t get much worse.

One year after he retired from the NBA, Michael Jordan joined the struggling Washington Wizards as part-owner and president of basketball operations.

“I don’t get to play. I don’t get to wear a Wizards’ uniform,” Jordan told a packed news conference matched in size and scale only by his own retirement announcements in 1993 and last year.

“But I will have influence with the players who wear the uniform... I’m going to try to have my imprint and footprints all over this place.”

Jordan becomes only the third minority black owner in the NBA, with Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers and Edward and Bettiann Gardner of the Bulls.

“It’s going to show our children what it means to be an executive, a role model,” Mayor Anthony Williams said. “It’s really is simply going to electrify our city.”

Jordan attempted to become the league’s first black majority owner last year when he negotiated with the Charlotte Hornets, but the deal fell through.

Jordan said the Wizards deal requires an out-of-pocket investment, but would not elaborate what percentage he will own. One of his new partners, Wizards minority owner Ted Leonsis said “It’s obviously sizable enough that he’s here.”

Jordan also will have an ownership stake in the NHL’s Washington Capitals, who are owned by Leonsis.

Jordan was wearing a black suit, but he was fitted as if he were wearing a cape and had an “S” on his chest. The Wizards, a moribund franchise suffering on the court and at the gate, are in desperate need of a Superman.

“I have an attitude about the way I play,” Jordan said. “I have an attitude about the way I win... It’s going to take some time for me to come in and evaluate what’s here, what’s going to stay here and what’s going to leave.”

For now, Jordan said he will retain general manager Wes Unseld and coach Gar Heard. Although he won’t be able to suit up at games — the NBA’s constitution says players cannot be owners and owners cannot play — Jordan said he envisions himself practicing with the team.

“The best way to evaluate a player is to look in his eyes and see how scared he is, and I’ve seen that,” Jordan said.

That same competitiveness was evident to Leonsis, who initiated the negotiations to bring Jordan to the nation’s capital.

“I’d like to see a player disregard Michael Jordan,” Leonsis said. “Every part of your DNA, when you’re with this man, says this guy knows what it takes to win.”

Wizards players immediately welcomed Jordan’s arrival. Point guard Rod Strickland, who earlier this season said he wanted out of Washington, said he now wants to stay.

“That’s very, very fair to say,” Strickland said. “This changes everything.”

Jordan said he will continue to live in Chicago, where he won 10 scoring titles and five MVP awards during his 13-year career. His family lives there, and he said he will commute to Washington.

“This is new to me... being in a city to give my support to another team,” Jordan said. “Normally, I am in support of the Chicago Bulls.”

Entering Wednesday night’s game with Dallas, the Wizards were 12-27, with the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference. The franchise hasn’t won a playoff game in 12 years and has several high-priced, underachieving players —Strickland, Mitch Richmond and Juwan Howard — who will be difficult to unload because of the league’s salary cap rules.

One area where Jordan could help right away is attendance. The Wizards have not sold out a game this year at the 20-year-old MCI Center. Wizards President Susan O’Malley did not miss the opportunity to peddle tickets and shouted out the toll-free ticket number during the televised news conference.

Several complex issues in three-way negotiations had to be resolved before Jordan could join the Wizards. Leonsis’ group bought the Capitals from Abe Pollin last year. Leonsis also owns 44 percent of the Wizards and the MCI Center and has right of first refusal to buy them both when Pollin retires.

But Pollin and Jordan sparred during last year’s owners lockout of NBA players, for whom Jordan was a key negotiator. Both, however, said that shouting match is behind them.
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HOUSTON

Charley Casserly, who ran three Super Bowl rings during 22 years with the Washington Redskins, was picked as general manager and executive vice president of Houston’s NFL expansion team Wednesday.

"This is not an on-the-job training program. We want people with a track record and forced us at this level," franchise owner Bob McNair said. "We did not interview a lot of people but we looked a lot.

The overwhelming response was that Charley demands respect in the NFL."

Bob McNair
Houston franchise owner

Snyder said he decided to restructure the team’s front office after becoming convinced that Casserly and coach Norv Turner could not work together.

Casserly received blame for a series of disappointing first-round draft choices, including Hobby Wilson, Tom Carter, Health Slater and Andre Johnson.

"I knew every day I went to work I was fired," Casserly said as a news conference Wednesday.

"When Dan Snyder took over, he had directed the coaching staff. Mr. McNair, he did it, just two weeks later."

Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Nolan informed his team Wednesday he didn’t want to return. The Redskins also fired defensive backs coach Tom Hayes and defensive line coach Earl Leggett after a 24-year NFL coaching career.

Reached at a hotel Wednesday night in Mobile, Ala., where the Vikings’ coaches are scouting Senior Bowl workouts this week, Fazio told The Associated Press the information that he was going to work with was "not necessarily true. . . . Right now it ain’t."

He hung up without clarifying his status.

Vikings coach Dennis Green didn’t immediately return a voice mail message left at his home.

Fazio would be the second member of the Vikings’ defensive coaching staff to leave since the season ended with a 49-37 defeat at St. Louis on Sunday.

The Vikings’ defense ranked 27th in the NFL, with the pass defense 30th and the run defense 14th.

Inside linebackers coach Tom Olivadotti told the St. Paul Pioneer Press for a story published Wednesday that Green fired him Tuesday night. He told the newspaper Green said during a staff meeting Monday that no coaching changes were pending.

Fazio has been the Vikings’ defensive coordinator for four seasons. He coached inside linebackers in 1995. Before that, he worked four seasons as linebackers coach with the New York Jets.

Olivadotti was defensive coordinator with the Miami Dolphins for nine seasons before being hired by Green in 1996.

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Hockey

Irish face adversity, show toughness during holidays.

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While most students were thinking of returning home for their semester break, members of the Notre Dame hockey team were preparing for a shot at rising in the collegiate ranks.

The holidays brought an eight-game schedule which finished with the Irish traveling to the Northern Michigan for a two-game series on January 14. The Wildcats had an early 1-0 lead in the first game, but needed a power-play goal to force a 2-2 stalemate. Things were beginning to look up for the Irish, mostly due to the arrival of the Northern National team members and veterans off the injury list.

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The Irish finished 1999 with a 6-0 rout of Miami and Lake Superior. "We've won the season series with Miami and Lake Superior," Poulin said. "The beauty of it is that we have control of the situation. Now, we've go out and play."

On January 8, Notre Dame took advantage of the home ice with a 2-1 victory over Lake Superior State. The Lakers drew first blood four minutes into the game, but sophomore David Inman responded with an early first-period goal, en route to a 6-0 rout. Despite earning only one win in the recent first game, but needed a power-play goal to force a 2-2 stalemate. Things were beginning to look up for the Irish, mostly due to the arrival of the Junior National team members and veterans off the injury list.

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The Irish finished 1999 with a New Year's Eve game, in Colorado against Denver. While Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-0 lead the game ended up in overtime. After five minutes of scoreless hockey, the Pioneers won, to send them into the title game.

The Irish began when they played host to the Princeton Tigers. Although taking the ice was a welcome reprieve after exams, the Irish were able to field only 17 healthy players. Three Notre Dame forwards played for the U.S. Junior National team, while four others were out with injury. Despite the injuries and prior commitments, the Irish were able to stay close to the Tigers due to some unlikely sources. In the first game, Chin and senior Sean Molina earned their first career goals in the first and second periods, while a third-period goal by senior center Troy Bagie tied the game at 3-3.

Two Irish penalties with gave the Tigers a 5-on-3 situation, which junior Chris Corriero used to score the winning goal.

In the second game, the home team got on the board first. Carlson assisted on the game winning goal in the Irish victory over Superior State on January 8.

Junior Dan Carlson pushes the puck past a Michigan player in a recent game. Carlson assisted on the game winning goal in the Irish victory over Superior State on January 8.
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NBA

Jordan era begins with Wizards' fall to Mavericks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Say Michael, you sure you can't play for these guys? They really could use you.

On the day Michael Jordan became part owner of the Washington Wizards, his new team put on one of its worst performances of the season before a less than half-full arena. The Wizards lost to 104-86 to the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

With Jordan and President Clinton watching from the owners box and security keeping fans at bay, Washington fell behind 17-5 to lose for the eighth time in nine games. Fans held up "Welcome Michael" signs, but booted the Wizards throughout the game.

Michael Finley scored 23 points to lead the Mavericks. Dirk Nowitzki tied a career-high with five 3-point baskets and had 22 points. Shawn Bradley added a season-high 20 points. Tracy Murray scored 17 points to lead Washington.

The Wizards handed out T-shirts to the fans in the second half with the message: "New Year, New Day. We've got M.J." Unfortunately, the only Jordan on the court for Washington was Reggie Jordan, who played 10 minutes and scored three points.

76ers 107, Hawks 89

Larry Hughes scored 18 points, including two sensational dunks in perhaps his last game for Philadelphia as the 76ers blew out the Atlanta Hawks 107-89 Wednesday night.

Hughes, who could be going to the Miami Heat in a deal for Jamal Mashburn, capped a high-flying show with a one-handed alley-oop dunk as the Sixers led by as many as 39. The Hawks made only one field goal in the third quarter and dropped to 3-15 on the road.

Allen Iverson had 25 points and eight assists as the Sixers won their fourth straight and sixth in seven games. During the game, two league sources told The Associated Press that the Sixers were close to trading Hughes and Billy Owens to Miami for Mashburn. The Sixers declined comment.

Hughes, a 6-foot-5 guard who turns 21 on Sunday, passed to Coles as they fell behind by as many as 28 points. Iverson scored 11 in the third, hitting 5 of 7 shots as Philadelphia outscored Atlanta 29-12.

If not for free-throw shooting, the Hawks would've had no shooting at all. They made 10 of 13 from the line in the third.

Hughes threw down an emphatic slam on a broken play off a pass from Matt Geiger, making it 80-56 with 2:06 left in the third. Hughes stuffed it two-handed and hung on the rim for good measure.

Celtics 94, Raptors 90

Paul Pierce scored 30 points, hitting the game-winning 3-pointer with 4.6 seconds left on Wednesday night to cap a 14-0 run as the Boston Celtics beat the Toronto Raptors 94-90.

The Celtics rallied from a 13-point, fourth-quarter deficit with eight late points from Calbert Cheaney before Pierce's right-side shot swished through as the 24-second clock expired. It was Boston's first lead since midway through the second quarter.

Toronto called timeout, and fans showered the court with debris, prompting Celtics coach Rick Pitino to take the public address microphone and beg them to stop lest his team be charged with a crucial technical foul.

When play resumed, Vince Carter made just one of two free throws and Pierce sunk two to clinch the game.

Carter scored 20 points, including a highlight-reel dunk and a half-court, but he was just 8-for-27 overall. Charles Oakley had 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost five consecutive road games.

The Celtics trailed 7-62 at the start of the fourth before mounting a 16-4 run that included two three-pointers and four free throws by Pierce. After Toronto expanded the lead to 89-78, the Celtics ran off the next 14 points.

Toronto led 89-86 when Peterson missed an eight-foot jumper that could have cut the lead to one. At the other end, Doug Christie missed a three-point attempt at 24-second buzzer, and Peterson got the rebound.

He grabbed another board off a Celtics miss and dished it to Cheaney in the left corner, who hit the 3 to tie it with 22 seconds to play. After Carter's miss and Kenny Anderson's rebound, Pierce nailed the 3 to win it.

Pacers 106, Bucks 84

It's 13 and counting at home for the Indiana Pacers.

Reggie Miller scored 29 points and Mark Jackson had 12 assists as the Pacers defeated Milwaukee 106-84 Wednesday night.

Indiana hasn't lost at home since Nov. 25, when Detroit posted a 107-99 decision.

The Bucks, led by Glenn Robinson with 25 and Ray Allen with 16, dropped their eighth straight at Indiana, including two playoff losses last year.

Robinson had 15 in the second quarter when he was 5-of-7 from the field. Still, Milwaukee trailed 61-54 at halftime as it was unable to match Indiana's 54 percent shooting.

The Bucks were already missing coach George Karl, who picked up two quick technicals with 4:54 left in the half.

Milwaukee cut the deficit to 67-63 on a free throw by Sam Cassell after Jalen Rose was assessed a technical foul for throwing the ball at Milwaukee's Scott Williams. Indiana responded with a 19-foot jumper and a 3-point jumper by Miller and the Bucks weren't closer than six again.

The Pacers led 78-70 going into the fourth quarter and took control with a 10-2 run to open the period. Indiana's biggest lead was 22.

There were six lead changes and one tie in the first quarter before Indiana took the lead to stay, closing the period with an 18-2 run.

The Pacers shot 55 percent (21-of-39) to lead 32-27 at the break with Miller contributing nine points and Jackson six assists.

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SOFTBALL
Irish ranked first in preseason poll

Special to The Observer

The 2000 Notre Dame softball team has chosen to finish first in the Big East in a preseason poll of conference coaches released Wednesday. The Irish, with eight of the nine first-place votes, finished with 64 votes overall, 11 more than Boston College, which finished second in the voting with 53.

Notre Dame junior pitcher Jennifer Sharron (Agoura Hills, Calif.) was selected the Big East preseason pitcher of the year, while junior shortstop Melanie Alkire (Union, Ind.) was picked as the Big East preseason player of the year.

Sharron and Alkire were joined on the 12-member preseason all-Big East Team by outfielders Lizzy Lemire (Frisco, Texas) and Jennifer Kiernicki (Indianapolis, Ind.), giving the Irish the most selections of any of the conference’s nine teams. The Irish are coming off a 42-20 season in which they won their first Big East championship and advanced to the NCAA regional round.

Sharron, Alkire and Kiernicki round out the selections as long as the year’s Big East pitcher of the year, while Alkire was honored as the 1999 Big East player of the year. Sharron, Alkire, Lemire and Kiernicki were all Big East first team selections in 1999.

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Magloire lifts Kentucky over winless Mississippi, 74-69

Associated Press

Kentucky center Jamaal Magloire had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the 16th-ranked Wildcats used inside dominance to overcome poor shooting in a 74-69 victory over Mississippi on Wednesday night.

The win was the eighth in nine games for Kentucky (11-2, 3-1), while Mississippi (11-4, 0-5) remained winless in the Southeastern Conference.

The Wildcats took advantage of their size advantage to work by outrebounding Mississippi 43-35 and leading by as many as 18 points before a garbage-time surge by Mississippi.

No. 6 Syracuse close until the orange in the first 28 minutes. He had 12 points combined in his previous six games.

Williams consistently hit 3-pointers from the right wing over Pittsburgh's zone defense, going 4-of-5 from 3-point range in the first half as Syracuse rallied from several seven-point deficits for a 35-all halftime tie.

Elan Thomas and Jason Hart took over after that as Syracuse (15-2, 5-0 Big East) remained unbeaten in the SEC's least accurate team. Bogans made all three of his 24 in the overtime.

No. 5 Duke matched the ACC record for consecutive regular season wins in heart-stopping fashion Wednesday night, getting a career-high 30 points from Chris Carrawell in a 92-88 victory over North Carolina State.

The Blue Devils (14-2, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won from 1972-75, had five in the overtime, while freshman Carlos Boozer had six of his 24 in the overtime.

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The Norm of Greatness
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

How do we determine who is great among us? Who decides just what greatness looks like? I fear that if it were left to society the measure would miss the mark. Things like wealth, or appearances, or relative fame, or even athletic prowess, would be held up over virtue, or the degree to which one is willing to sacrifice, or to love. The greatness that Jesus held up had little to do with charm, or grades, or good-looks, or money. The norm of greatness for Jesus had to do with humility, kindness, mercy, patience and love.

On Monday past, our nation celebrated the anniversary of the birth of a child, born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia. This child would be destined to change forever how we view ourselves as Americans, and would almost single-handedly redefine for us, as a nation, the measure of our greatness. On January 17th, our nation marked with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, "King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back." Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Whatever one might think of him, Dr. King’s contribution to this nation and the world are undeniable. He woke a world from complacency and indifference, and articulated a dream which has given hope to generations of Americans. That dream is a universal one, one which seeks love and justice for all people, regardless of race or creed. It is a quest that this community must claim as its own. The Gospel which we here so proudly profess, demands it of us: That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, among whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn’t take a rocket, or even social scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that is indeed not true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. It is we who are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, two years younger than I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later, at 39, he would die a martyr’s death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn’t at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in the Observer about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

For some months the MLK Celebration Planning Committee has been meeting to prepare a series of programs that we hope will further an appreciation of the richness and diversity of all peoples on this campus and beyond. Please join with them in reflecting on and redefining our norm of greatness. Please join with us in celebrating the rich diversity of this community by attending the events which will take place next week, which will be advertised in these pages. And finally, a word of thanks to the members of the MLK Celebrations Planning Committee (listed below) for their remarkable spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of our entire community.

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Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community’s norm of greatness can include an appreciation of the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to do it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine:

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so inherently base that we can not hope to build a way of life at all.”
**Women's Swimming**

Belles surprised by recent splash into record book

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Record-breaking swims are generally the exception rather than the rule for Saint Mary's swim team.

After a series of dual meets over winter break, the women are not only rewriting the record book, but proving they know how to break the rules.

Returning from 10 days of traveling training in Cocoa Beach, Fla., freshman Lauren Smith reset her own record in the 200 breaststroke against Calvin College last week, lowering the mark to 2:36.12.

Smith's swim, and a number of season and lifetime bests posted by the team at the peak of their training regime, caught first-year coach Gretchen Hildebrandt by surprise.

"I don't know why it's happening, but I'm not complaining," Hildebrandt said. "(Smith) knew that her times hadn't been where they should be for the past few meets, and mentally she was ready for this one. She was tired and worn down — this was a total mental swim."

The peak training period over winter break generally produces some of the slower swims of the season, due to the athletes' fatigue from training two to three times daily.

But Smith's swim was not the only surprise, as her teammates Alicia Lesnieski, Michelle Samreta, Lane Clayton, and Colleen Sullivan posted a record-breaking swim in the 400 medley relay against Calvin, resetting the three-year-old Gretchen Hildebrandt record at 4:22.11.

"They're posting awesome times," Hildebrandt said. "It's proof that their training is working — they're swimming fast times at practice, and coming back and swimming faster in the meets."

The women kept the pace against Hope College Tuesday night, putting pressure on the No. 1 team in the MIAA.

"We wanted to show them that we're tough," Hildebrandt said. "Looking at their times, I knew that we could get second and third in almost every event. We wanted to give them good competition."

Saint Mary's dropped the most 120-98, but continued to improve individual performances, securing several lifetime best times.

Freshman Meghan Harris swam past the 6:00 barrier in the 500 freestyle, securing third place and surpassing her lifetime goal in the event.

Solid performances also came from Alicia Lesnieski and Olivia Smith, who finished 1-2 in the event.

Olivia Smith also posted a season best in the 1,000 freestyle, finishing in first place in 11:37.40. Lori Schulte cut her time in the 100 backstroke, and Erin McCarthy secured a new best time in the 200 individual medley.

Again, the exception became the rule.

While Saint Mary's currently stands at 2-5 point-wise, but if the team followed their coaches' advice and stuck to their training regimen, the Belles surprised by recent splash into record book

Closing their dual meet competition this weekend at home against DePauw and Kalamazoo, the Belles face tough MIAA competition from Kalamazoo, and will have to step up to defeat DePauw.

Furthermore, the absence of sophomore sprinter Danielle Clayton from a back injury leaves some uncertainty in the lineup until she returns.

Clayton is anticipated to compete Saturday, dependent upon practice performance this week.

"If we're on Saturday, we can beat DePauw," Hildebrandt said. "But we're not resting for this. We're training hard this week.

The odds are against them point-wise, but if the team follows its past few performances, it could make another exception the rule — again.

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**Downhill Ski Trip**

**Friday, January 28**

**Swiss Valley**

**Bus Leaves Library Circle at 5:00 PM**

**Cost:** $31.00 includes lift ticket, rental and transport

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LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Your personal life will be unpredictable. Don't get involved with those who are overdramatic or emotional. Problems with your house must be taken care of immediately.

SCORPIO, Oct. 23-Nov. 21: There will be cultural knowledge that will be helpful in making a way. Your memory will help you in your creative projects. Your bonus will result in new friendships.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22-Dec. 21: Your personal partner may be less than accommodating today. Don't push your luck. It is best to be in close circle of such interactions. Try to compromise and bend to others' way.

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AQUARIUS, Jan. 20-Feb. 18: Insight will be greatly needed. Look to those who can offer you advice. You need mental stimulation. Join groups that go beyond what self-awareness can offer. Those that offer a creative outlet.

PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20: Don't let unreliable friends take advantage of your good nature. You won't pay for other people's mistakes or their entertainment just because you don't want them to walk away from you.

Birthday Baby: You are a helper and a doer. You are affectionate, loving, and accepting, when it comes to dealing with the ones you love. You have a strong inclination and a desire to use your creative talent to its fullest.

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Hockey

Irish players lead in World Junior Championships

By MATT OLIVA
Sport Writer

The U.S. National Junior Hockey team reached the semifinals of the World Junior Championship with the help of three Irish players. Sophomore center Brett Henning and David Inman, along with freshman center Connor Dunlop, traveled to Sweden for the three-week tournament from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4.

The three selections from the Irish roster marked the fourth straight year a player from Notre Dame has made the 22-man roster, while it was also the most number of players from any one single team. Boston College leads the way with nine selections to the National Junior Team during the past four years, followed by Notre Dame with three.

The U.S. team finished 1-2-1 in the Championships, including ties with eventual finalists the Czech Republic (2-2) and Canada (1-1). The lone U.S. victory came against host Sweden with a final score of 5-1. Connor Dunlop figured in the scoring in the victory with one goal and one assist. His goal came unassisted to give the U.S. a 3-1 lead, while his assist came on the first goal scored.

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"I think Notre Dame would have had a very good shot [at getting Harrell]," Lemming said. "As the season wore on, he lost interest because, among other things, he didn't like the place."

Fortunately for the Irish, Harris's case is the exception, not the rule. Despite the hurdle surrounding the NCAA's ruling, Notre Dame still has a lot to sell to potential recruits.

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