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BAYON ROUGE, La.

A court of appeals ruled Thursday that the Louisiana State University Athletic Department intentionally violated a federal law when it denied several female students access to sports as men.

A lower court judge, Rebecca Doherty, ruled in 1996 that while LSU’s athletic department “archaic,” the university did not intentionally violate Title IX.

The panel of judges from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Doherty’s ruling, allowing the five female students who originally sued to seek “unlimited” damages from the university.

“We conclude that LSU violated Title IX by failing to accommodate effectively the interests and abilities of certain female students and that its discrimination against those students was intentional,” Judge Carl Stewart wrote.

Title IX is a federal law passed in 1972 that says no person should be excluded from participation in any federally-funded program or activity on the basis of sex.

Three female students filed the original lawsuit in 1994 after they approached the LSU Athletic Department several times requesting to form a women’s varsity soccer team, said Nancy Rafuse, a lawyer for the students.

Columbia accepts sweatshop policy

NEW YORK

After an hour of often-contentious debate, the Senate passed Columbia’s own code of conduct for manufacturers of licensed apparel on Friday.

The decision of whether to adopt a university code against sweatshops dominated Friday’s Senate meeting, as members of the drafting subcommittee defended the proposed code and raised concern over the use of sweatshops.

The College of Arts and Sciences adopted the university code in 1996 after the Senate Executive Committee met with members of the drafting subcommittee to present the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers of Licensed Apparel.

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Prof: Economic status doesn’t determine need for democracy
By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN

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Political factors predict the future of democracy in Latin America more accurately than economic measurements, Scott Mainwaring said Tuesday in a lecture on modernization and democratization in Latin America.

"It's absolutely implausible," Mainwaring said, "that economic performance in Latin America has any explicability for democratic survivability."

Director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and a professor of government and international studies, Mainwaring is on sabbatical from the University this semester to further his research on democracy in Latin America.

"He is the most prolific scholar of our generation," Frances Hagopian, acting director of the Kellogg Institute during Mainwaring's absence, said in his lecture. Mainwaring, an expert in Latin American politics, countered theories that said countries with higher levels of economic development have a better chance of becoming and remaining democracies.

"Whereas global studies based on large numbers of countries show that modernization affects democracy," Mainwaring said, "the correlation between modernization and democracy is much weaker in Latin America." Mainwaring then discussed the likely reasons why many popular theories on how wealth affects democracy are lacking. One widely-held theory is that as a country's per capita income increases, democracy becomes increasingly likely. The second theory, put forth by Kellogg Institute professor Guillermo O'Donnell, is that democracy continues to become more likely as per capita income rises, but at a certain point, this likelihood of democratic success is cut off or even declines.

Mainwaring argued that a significant number of Latin American countries do not fit such global models for predicting democracy and cited three principal anomalies to such theories. The last wave of democratization in Latin America was led by several poor countries, while wealthier countries, like Argentina and Brazil, actually reverted back to authoritarian regimes during the 1960s and 1970s. Also, periods of economic growth have not led to increased democratization, as political scientists espousing modernization theories had predicted.

Mainwaring placed most Latin American countries within the range of middle development, where it is difficult to predict the political regime. "If you take a global scale," Mainwaring said, "Latin American countries, no matter where they fall within a certain band, and this band is precisely the band where regime type is most indeterminate."
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The vice president cast his victory as a bad omen for
McCain, whose laid-back style and the relatively calm
tone of their campaign were tailor made for independ­
ent-minded voters of New Hampshire.
"If he cannot win here, then that's a devastating blow to him," Gore told reporters.
Bradley shifted strategy immediately. For weeks he refused and ridiculed Gore's
request for frequent debates, but now faltering on Tuesday night he proposed weekly
debates starting Sunday through March 7. Gore aides said the vice president would
look at the proposal.

Nearly four out of every 10 New Hampshire voters do not declare a party affiliation, and
these independents were a potent attraction to insurgent candidates McCain and Bradley in a state with a
proud history of knocking front-runners off stride.
McCain credited his agenda of political and campaign finance reform for his victory.
"The Republican Party recovered where it was defeated in 1996," he said.
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Gore, a hard-knuckled campaigner himself, indig­
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New Jersey senator of break­
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"I will congratulate John McCain on his victory," said Keys, "but I cannot agree
with the stands he has por­
trayed in the issues in this election." Specifically, he claimed, "His heart is not pro­
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about Bush's strategy, relying on photo opportunities and scripted speeches while
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AIDS may date back to 1930

The worldwide AIDS epidemic has been traced back to a single viral ancestor — the HIV Eve — that emerged perhaps around 1930. Earlier research had suggested that the epidemic began in the first half of the 20th century, but the latest analysis, done at the Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico, appears to be the most definitive so far. Bethe Korber, who keeps a database of HIV genetic information at the lab, correlated HIV's family tree by looking at the rate the virus mutates over time. She assumed these genetic changes happen at a constant rate, and using a supercomputer she clocked the mutations back through time to a common ancestor. Korber estimates that the current epidemic goes back to one or a small group of infected humans around 1930, though this ancestor virus could have emerged as early as 1910 or as late as 1950. From this single source, she suggests, came the virus that now infects roughly 40 million people all over the world.

U.S. looks to speak with China on human rights

The new U.S. ambassador to China said Tuesday that the United States wants to open wide-ranging talks with the Chinese government on human rights issues. Joseph Prueher, speaking to U.S. business executives in Beijing, said Washington welcomed the release last week of Song Yongyi, a librarian imprisoned at Dalingkou University in Pennsylvania who had been detained in China since August. But Prueher said a meaningful dialogue on human rights would have to go further: "I think it's important that human rights discussions with China not be a series of spats, of individuals, but rather a broader dialogue where we get more philosophically in tune," he said to the American Chamber of Commerce-China. "A secure, stable and prosperous China is what's in the interests of the United States," Prueher said.

Rescuers continue dim search

The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for at least six minutes before the jetliner plummeted into the ocean with 88 people aboard, federal investigators said Tuesday. The last minutes of the MD-82's Flight Monday may have been witnessed by pilots aboard four other aircraft, and the National Transportation Safety Board is seeking to interview them. The plane plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down to the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators at the crash site also said Tuesday they heard a plunging from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorders, which could reveal what went wrong with the stabilizer.

Haider reaches tentative deal in Austria

Austria's foreign minister said Tuesday that he and his government have reached a tentative agreement with the country's Freedom Party and a right-wing, anti-immigrant, populist group on a plan to restructure the National People's Party, which has won control of the government.

"We have decided to try this path," declared Haider. "This government will happen."

Haider and Schuessel offered no details on the composition of their government or details of their program. But in an attempt to defuse international criticism, both politicians pledged that tolerance would be high on their agenda.

"There is no evidence to indicate that anyone is going to have to leave this country," Haider said, referring to charges that his party's stance on immigration is discriminatory. The deal can still be rejected by President Thomas Klestil, who could call new elections or propose other alternatives. But he is unlikely to do so.

Haider and Schuessel planned to meet with Klestil on Wednesday. Earlier, while talks were still under way, the Clinton administration warned that if the United States found that Austria had carefully examined its relations with Austria if Haider's party moved into a leadership position. There was no immediate State Department response to the agreement, but earlier Tuesday, spokesman James Foley said the United States is "continuing to keep the situation under review" and added that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had called Schuessel on Tuesday.

Suspicion of Haider's party stems in part from its past hostility to the EU, his opposition to immigration and its racism, as well as its opposition to the EU's 14 other members.

The search was concentrated on a debris field about 10 miles offshore and about 40 miles north-west of the Los Angeles airport. Coast Guard, Navy and private vessels were joined by military aircraft.

Nearly a day after the accident, searchers had pulled four bodies — one man, two women and an infant — from the calm sea, which is 500 to 750 feet deep in the area. Hopes diminished that anyone aboard Flight 261 survived in the 58-degree water.

"This is still a search for human life," Coast Guard Adm. Tom Collins said. "The challenge is time. As time ticks off, risks go up."

On shore in Port Hueneme, passers-by paused to bow their heads in prayer. "It just feels so good to stand out here and pray. It sort of cleanses you out," said Diane Adams. 39. "You don't realize when you put someone on a plane and give them a bug that you might not see them again."

Ventral County Fire and Rescue officers search the Oxnard beach Tuesday for debris or remains from the Alaska Airlines MD-83 that crashed into the Pacific Ocean Monday. U.S. Coast Guard and Navy officials are still referring to the situation as a search and rescue operation, despite not locating any survivors of the 88 passengers aboard the plane.
RUSSIA

2,000 more Chechen troops abandon Grozny

Federal soldiers try to maintain blockade of capital

Associated Press

Several hundred Chechen fighters have abandoned positions in their embattled capital of Grozny and escaped despite a Russian blockade.

Two senior rebel commanders along with scores of their fighters stumbled into a minefield and were killed.

About 2,000 Chechen fighters broke out and tried Tuesday to head south to join up with fellow rebels, battling federal forces attempting to prevent their escape with tanks and artillery.

Russian reports estimated there were about 3,000 rebel fighters in Grozny last week.

Other rebels stayed in the battered Chechen capital to keep up the fierce resistance they have mounted to months of air and artillery attacks.

Basayev reportedly had his leg torn off when his car was blown up by a mine as he escaped Grozny; he was spirited away, rebels said, and his whereabouts was unknown.

Among the Chechen commanders reportedly killed were Aslanbek Israilov, who had headed Grozny's defenses; Khunkar-Pasha Israpilov; and Grozny Mayor Lecha Andikeyev.

Russian commanders denied that the rebels escaped; a main goal of the Russian offensive had been to wipe out the fighters in Grozny. The rebels who left Grozny are expected to join thousands of comrades in the south to go on fighting.

"Nobody will ever allow the rebels to leave the city other than under a white flag and after laying down their weapons."

Igor Sergeyev

Russian Defense Minister

Jerusalem

Israel

Summit talks stall as deadline nears

Associated Press

No progress was made in the first two rounds of a 10-day marathon of intensive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, a Palestinian negotiator said Tuesday.

Sarit Erakat would not say what issues the two sides raised over the past two days, but he indicated that Israeli negotiators were pushing to keep east Jerusalem and West Bank water sources under Israeli control.

"There is a serious gap between the two sides," he said.

Israel and the Palestinians are trying to meet a Feb. 13 deadline for formulating the outline of a peace treaty, addressing broadly contested issues such as borders, Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees and Jewish settlements. A final treaty is due in September.

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Dispute causes procedural delays in attaining U.S. visas

Associated Press

HAVANA

Cubans applying for U.S. visitor visas in Havana will have to wait up to 15 days because of a dispute with the Cuban government, the U.S. Interests Section announced Tuesday.

The mission said the Cuban government had backed away from an earlier agreement on a more efficient visa application process. But U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said later they had reached a new, verbal pact with the Cubans to implement the system within 15 days.

The problem affects most Cubans trying to visit relatives in the United States or take part in academic, cultural or other events.

U.S. officials said the problem was procedural, not political, and was not related to the custody battle over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez or other disputes.

Under the old system, Cubans seeking such visas had to send a letter to the Interests Section, which then had to send them a letter inviting them to apply for a visa. With that letter, they were allowed to enter the diplomatic mission's compound to apply. The old process could take months.

The new system, which U.S. officials hoped to start Monday, would have let Cubans come directly to the mission and drop an application into a box.

Officials told them Tuesday that it would not.

The Interests Section will continue to receive applications from people who have already received letters from the mission under the old system but will issue no new visas. U.S. officials are hopeful for the new system, U.S. officials said Cuban officials in Havana had already destroyed letters sent to them under the old method.

A statement said the mission "no longer has the ability — nor is it willing — to revert to the same inefficient and easily corrupted system of issuing application letters."

The Interests Section has issued about 4,800 such visas since the start of October.

CUBA

FRANCE

Truckers strike for better conditions

Associated Press

PARIS

The French government put a brave face Tuesday as its new 35-hour workweek law came into effect against a backdrop of public transport strikes in Paris and nationwide blockades by truckers.

For a second day, truckers brought traffic to a standstill at ports and cities, blaming the government for caving in to employers' demands that trucking companies be exempted from the law. In Paris, 50 percent of buses, suburban trains and subway services were hit by a strike. Many commuters were forced to walk or drive to work.

In the southern port city of Marseille, 10,000 people rallied to protest what they also saw as poor implementation of the law. By Tuesday evening, only a handful of barricades remained in place and all were expected to be lifted by morning.

The Socialist-led government played down Tuesday's protests. Labor Minister Martine Aubry told lawmakers they were a result of workers simply "assuring that they get the best possible conditions."

She denied the program was unpopular.

The government says reducing the workweek from 39 hours to 35 will help reduce unemployment since companies will have to hire more staff.

Business leaders have criticized the cost of the program, accusing officials of unnecessary meddling in the economy. Many employers say they will demand more productivity from workers.

Trade unions are concerned about exactly how the law will be implemented, and are keen to ensure workers do not see their salaries shrink.

Only 20 percent of the 82,000 companies nationwide that are supposed to fully adhere to the new law have reached agreement with their employees, officials say. But Aubry says tens of thousands of jobs have already been created by the law.

Tuesday's strikes coincided with the symbolic Feb. 1 deadline for French companies with more than 20 employees to comply with the law. Other companies have until 2002.

The shorter workweek is the centerpiece of Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's efforts to reduce a stubborn unemployment rate which, despite edging down since he took office in mid-1997, is still hovering above the 10 percent mark.

On Monday, French truckers blocked traffic at international borders and around major cities in demand that their hourly rates and bonuses rise to soften the impact of a shorter week.

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Career Advancement for Professionals
Homeless kids face school segregation, discrimination

At Thomas J. Pappas Elementary school in Phoenix, pupils learn to read and count. They also get new clothes if theirs are tattered and dirty, onsite medical care, breakfast and lunch. Also, they get boxes of food from the school’s pantry to take home to their families. Despite such efforts, however, advocates for the homeless contended in a report released Tuesday that Pappas and other homeless children across the country unfairly segregated on their charges. The schools violate a 1987 law aimed at educating more than a half-million homeless youngsters by depriving them “of the chance to develop normal relationships with their peers,” the report said.

“There is no reason why homeless children should not be in the same schools as everyone else,” Sarah McCarthy, a staff attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, said in releasing the report.

A trend toward teaching homeless children in shelters, community centers and separate school districts is the latest in a list of barriers to such children’s legal rights to an equal education, the report said. Thomas Corwin, who deals with schooling the homeless for the Education Department, said separate schools are not in direct violation of the law, but they’re not the ideal.

“We’ve heard a lot in agreement with the general spirit of the report,” he said, including many of the advocates’ recommendations for changing the law this year. Suggested changes include requiring a homeless special- ist in every district and informing homeless parents of their rights. Corwin said Congress has repeatedly turned down administration requests to increase funding to help homeless stu-
dents.

Almost 50 schools such as Pappas educate homeless children separately, many little more than one-room school houses, the report said. The first was established in 1984 in Utah.

The report, based on a 1998 survey of homeless service providers and advocates, also charged that long-standing school district policies requiring proof of residency, immunization records and documents from other schools place unfair burdens on homeless families.

Almost eight in 10 of the surveyed organizations that provide services for the homeless said their clients’ children could not ride dis-

trict school buses because they lacked permanent addresses.

The Education Department says roughly 12 percent of homeless children are not enrolled in school, compared with more than 50 percent not in school in 1990.

McCarthy and other advo-
cates urged the department to increase monitoring of states’ compliance with the law, especially focusing on states where separate schools exist.

“Until this is done, homeless children will continue to have unequal access to education,” McCarthy said.

Many school districts conti-
ted the separate classes and schools help homeless children by giving them additional social services that regular schools can’t afford. The districts say separate schools also can protect the children from the ridicule of more affluent pupils, give them stable places to attend school and provide extra protection for children in families fleeing domestic vio-

lence.

Pappas Elementary educates homeless children in kinder-
garten through 10th grade. The public school provides its 750 students with bus trans-
portation, breakfast and lunch, clothes, hygiene products, a library and computer lab, medical and dental care and therapy.

It comes the closest to resembling “a real school,” the report said.

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The College of Arts and Letters Invites
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Dian Murray, Associate Dean
101 O'Shaughnessy Hall
Deadline
Monday, February 7
As a lifelong resident of Mississippi and a Notre Dame senior, I find the recent column from Jim Hennigan on Monday, "The Confederate Flag Should Not Fly," offensive. It is not his argument that troubles me, as I am inclined to agree with his statements about not flying the Confederate Flag over the South Carolina State Capitol. Rather, I find it disheartening that he can make a claim about the belittlement of a group of American citizens and the wrongs committed against that population while at the same time making a subliminally bigoted statement about another group of the American population. It is also a worthy note that Hennigan's presentation of the historical facts regarding the Confederate Flag is not completely truthful. To begin, let me give a more accurate account of the Confederate Flag. Though it is true that the flag was never the official flag of the Confederacy and that it was only one of the many battle flags flown, there is a little more to its history. During the first Civil War battle at Manassas, it was discovered that the Confederate Flag was indistinguishable from that of the Union Army. As a result, several high-ranked Confederate Army officials designed a new battle flag and submitted it to the Confederate government for approval. The flag was never approved because the government was more concerned with making critical political and strategic decisions in the middle of the Civil War. The "many other flags Hennigan refers to were modifications of the most popular version of the Confederate Battle Flag in which the original design was used as the canton corner. I do not believe this discredits Mr. Hennigan's argument in any way, but the facts of an argument should be presented in the most truthful way.

Why then, does Mr. Hennigan's column dismay me? The simple reason is the last sentence. He encourages his front yard in the event certain of his neighbors see this or, worse, if someone reads this to a Mississippian. I wonder if I am to infer from this statement that Mr. Hennigan's column would infuriate me. Or rather, am I to infer that I, along with other Mississippians, am incapable of reading this and thinking for myself? In conclusion, I would like to ask Mr. Hennigan what he expected the readers of his column to learn? If it was that South Carolina should remove the Confederate Battle Flag from above his state's capital to noble cause, the message was clouded. It was clouded with his own ignorant and bigoted statements about Mississippi and the people that call Mississippi home. I am proud to say that I am from Mississippi. I am also very proud of the steps the people of my state have taken since the 1960s to rectify the injustices done to the African-American citizens who rightfully call Mississippi home also. I am not trying to make the claim that Mississippi has completely washed itself of the attitudes that plagued our image for decades, but we are trying. Mississippi learned from the rest of the country how to work toward a better society, a society that enables all its citizens to take advantage of the true opportunities our country can provide. I guess, if nothing more, I hope those of you from South Carolina and the rest of the country can learn a little bit from those of us in Mississippi.

Judy Pearson
Senior
St. Louis Hall
February 1, 2000
Avoid 'Last Temptation' as matter of conscience

This weekend, the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ" will be shown at the Smite Cinema. I consider this film sacrilegious and wouldn't be at all disappointed if the screening were cancelled. But this is not a letter about cancelling the film. I am writing rather to the individual reader, and would like you to have this say. If you are planning to see "Last Temptation," be sure you make it a matter of conscience.

You see, Notre Dame can make the film available, perhaps you could see it and perhaps even make you feel "out of it" if you don't. But no one can decide whether or not you'll actually see it — no one but you.

At this time some readers may say, "I won't make a decision about "Last Temptation" just based on the fact that Hollywood likes it and Notre Dame is showing it. But I don't want to take your word for it either. I want to make my own decision."

I agree. If you want to get informed about the film, then by all means get informed and investigate. But don't make watching it the only way you judge its morality.

If you have friends who have already seen the movie, ask them about it. Be specific. If there's no one you can ask, you can still easily get information about the movie's content — after all, this is the "Information Age." If, at that point, you still think "The Last Temptation of Christ" falls within the limits set by your conscience, then go ahead and watch. I can't exactly say I'd be happy for you, but I won't try to stop you.

Although this letter is not about trying to prevent the movie from being shown, I would like to conclude by saying a word to those who are showing the movie. The Notre Dame theology department is sponsoring the film and holding a lecture afterwards. I would like in request that, in a token of fairness to your customers, you give a lecture BEFORE the film — at least let people know what they'll be participating in by watching "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Peter Byers
Graduate Student
January 24, 2000

Stolen coat spoils Senior Bar fun

Michelle Krupa's Inside Column

On Jan. 31 I got me thinking about the one person who can ruin an otherwise fun night. For the past two and a half years, I've had nothing but positive thing to say about my university experience. I've continually bragged to my friends how beautiful the campus is, how great the people are, and the comfort level that I feel while at school. It's the spirit that surrounds this campus that no other campus in the world can offer.

Although I still feel strongly about all these things, an incident that occurred last week slightly reduced the level at which I hold this things to be true. Last Wednesday, for the first time, I could partake in the Notre Dame tradition of spending Wednesday night at Senior Bar.

Having celebrated my 21st birthday, it was a great night of celebration with friends that lasted until the DJ said, "Senior Bar is now closed." You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here.

Returning to my friends and I headed to the coat room, where throughout the night hundreds of coats had been hung or dropped on the floor for safe keeping. The unfortunate thing was that my coat was no longer in the room. Someone was either trying to be funny or too drunk to remember they had stolen my silver and black Columbia coat that I had just received as a Christmas gift from my parents.

I was in shock. Not as much from the fact that my coat was missing, but the fact that it was more likely a Notre Dame/Saint Mary's student that took it. I reported it to the campus police officer on duty and he informed me that a couple of coats usually disappear on any night at Senior Bar.

It is still hard for me to imagine that someone on campus needs a coat so badly that they had to steal one. It's hard for me to even believe that a fellow classmate would do such a thing. Maybe I'm naive in thinking this way, but I've always thought of and considered our campus a safe place where our belongings could be trusted. Heck, most people don't even lock their doors when they go to class. I just keep hoping that there is an explanation for what happened.

Maybe my coat looked like one you have or you got confused after a long night, but I just hope that this is an exception and not a common practice. Don't you. I'm just going to bring my friends back down here, but I just might keep my coat with me next time.

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Junior
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States must enact death penalty moratorium

As a lifelong Hoosier, I am mindful of the identity of my home state. Expansive cornfields, unmatched high school basketball and "singing" sand dunes are but a few of the things that make Indiana unique and great. I have always been proud yet wary of comparisons with any other state — especially comparisons made with our larger neighbor to the west, Illinois. This week, however, the "Land of Lincoln" made a decision so admirable it made me take notice. Illinois' decision makes me hopeful that Indiana and 36 other states will follow the example it has established.

At a press conference Monday afternoon, Illinois Governor George Ryan announced a moratorium on all executions in the state. This decision temporarily spares the life of Patrick Wright, who was scheduled to be executed March 28, as well as the 259 other inmates of Illinois' death row. Ryan was prompted by a Chicago Tribune investigation that exposed systematic flaws, including the use of questionable jailhouse informants and incompetent defense attorneys. The Tribune's investigation revealed so many errors that 130, or half, of all death penalty cases were recently overturned.

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We can never get enough letters.

Really.

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The Keenan Revue, perhaps the most anticipated annual event on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, returns to Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium for its 23rd annual variety show. As usual, the show will be a mix of comedy skits, music and other entertaining silliness.

By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

The Keenan Revue of 2000 promises to be an extremely entertaining and humorous spectacle that will successfully animate our little Notre Dame bubble. Mike Romaneelli, the director of the Revue, said that this year it will be very impressive and that "even the people from The Observer will be amused." At Monday night's first official rehearsal in O'Loughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's, the atmosphere was buzzing with camaraderie, excitement and a little stress as the Keenanites prepared to enliven Notre Dame with their annual variety show. Guys cracked jokes and reminisced about the Revue's past and whether or not this year's show would top some of "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update famous "Revue News," a sort of "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update skit.

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Four guitarists, two saxophonists, a drummer and two singers stood on the stage, not really knowing what to do with themselves, as the hired tech crew took its sweet time setting up for the first band to begin the rehearsal. Meanwhile, Johnson, the producer of this year's show, thought out loud to himself: "I can't believe I'm paying them this much money to stand around." For those who are new to Notre Dame this year, sophomore Cunningham, one of the Revue's head writers, described the Revue as "a virtual cacophony of talent, humor and especially attractive men. It strives to continue the tradition of class, dignity, delight for people of all ages and fart jokes." When the Revue started as an innocent variety show in 1977, it was held in the basement of Keenan. Its original purpose was to give back to the Notre Dame community through entertainment and of course, to make fun of it too. The budget was low, and the show was free. Life was simple.

Now, 24 shows later, a total of about 4,000 people come on three nights to see what has evolved into one of Notre Dame's biggest, and in recent years, more controversial, student-run events. The budget has grown to $11,000, but the tickets are still free — and that's the way Keenan wants it to stay — thanks to donations given by Keenan alumni. In fact, Johnson has been working since August to raise money. A large amount of the money that is raised is spent on renting O'Loughlin Auditorium, hiring a professional technical crew, making T-shirts, advertising, printing the programs and throwing the dorm's SYR after the last show on Saturday night. Keenan tries to be resourceful with its budget, though. All props and costumes are borrowed or homemade. All of the participants in the show, including any "girls," are members of Keenan.

This year's show will include performances by the Keenan Band, vocalists and a pianist, about 20 comedy skits, four musical acts (look for a commendable rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson"), magic and other weird stuff that should make for a highly jocular and infinitely entertaining Revue. Although 80 different skits, and many hopeful Keenanites, tried out for the Revue this past weekend, less than 20 are actually part of the show.

What does Carney think of this year's show? "It rocks. Go Irish! Keenan rules," he said. The Revue will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at O'Laughlin Auditorium. The show should last about two and a half hours; because, as Johnson said, "We're not funny enough to go for three hours."

He also said to look forward to the following skits: "Little Oscar's Big Talent," "Five Finger Discount at NDH," "Jesus at the Backer," and of course, the producer and director's message. He added: "These are the highlights of this year's revue, in my unbiased opinion as producer."

In past years, the Revue has run into a little controversy over some of the satirical material in their skits. However, Romaneelli, Johnson and Father Chamberland, Keenan's rector, stress that everything is meant only as entertainment, in good fun and lightheartedness. Though, just to assure that the humor is in relatively good taste this year, there will be censors at rehearsals, two from Saint Mary's and one from Notre Dame, keeping the Keenanites in check.

As Cunningham stated: "When you're going to the Keenan Revue, and you're asking yourselves what time it is, the answer is 'It's wacky time!'"
Big Red of Dillon ain’t no stick of gum

By BRIDGET MAHONEY
Scene Writer

Big Red. The gum that “lasts a little longer.”

Was a minute, wrong Big Red. This Big Red is Dillon Hall, and it is anything but a thin pink strip of gum boring with cinnamon flavor. But still, one question immediately comes to mind—what in the world is it?

Actually, it is the nickname for Dillon Hall, although its mascot is the moose. With approximately 350 men living within its walls, “big” is a good word to use when talking about Notre Dame’s largest dorm on campus.

So where did they come up with Big Red? “No one really knows where it came from,” said dorm co-president Brian McCabe. “That’s just the way it is. These mysteries simply add to the mystique of Dillon Hall. We may not know where they originated, but we believe them to be superior.”

Virtually every student on campus will make that same claim respective to her or her dorm, but Dillon Hall does have its perks. Its namesake, Father Patrick Dillon, was a past president of Notre Dame and famous Big Red alumni include the quarterback for the 1988 national championship team, Tony Rice, Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung and Bill Laimbeer, who won two NBA Championships while playing for the Detroit Pistons.

In addition, Dillon is conveniently located near South Dining Hall, Main Circle, the Hammes Bookstore, ATMs, the six dorms to initially house women, the Detroit Pistons.

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Thomas Szarek is a junior Aerospace Engineering major living in O'Neill Hall. Thomas, a graduate of Chaminade High School where he presided over the Referee's Club, hails from Ft. Salonga, NY. Thomas has been involved with RecSports since he arrived at Notre Dame and has participated in the intramural sports of floor hockey, ice hockey, in-line hockey, broomball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and softball. Thomas has also refereed all hockeys, football, basketball and soccer. In addition, Thomas has participated in Late Night Olympics, informal hockey and basketball.

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NFL

Lawyer: Lewis in wrong place at wrong time

Associated Press

ATLANTA

NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Baltimore Ravens linebacker, his hands shackled in front of him, appeared in court on two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday. No bail was set and he will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

"Ray is doing fine. He believes the system will ultimately show that he is innocent of these heinous crimes."

Max Richardson Jr.
Lewis' lawyer

"Until due process of the law is completed, that will not be addressed."

Several of Lewis' teammates reacted with disbelief at his arrest.

"That's my man," Ravens cornerback Rod Woodson, whose locker is next to Lewis', said from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I hope it ain't true. That's all I can say."

The victims were stabbed repeatedly during a fight about 200 yards from a bar where a party had emptied into the street.

"We're taking the position that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Lewis' lawyer, Max Richardson Jr., said outside court. "From what I've gathered from law enforcement officers, they know Ray didn't kill these unfortunate victims."

He said police were searching for other suspects.

"They don't know where the other two men who were involved are, so they arrested Ray," Richardson said.

Police spokeswoman Marion Lee would not comment on whether other suspects were being sought or why murder charges were filed.

Lewis was questioned Monday and postponed a flight to Hawaii, where he was to have appeared in the Pro Bowl. Lewis' teammates in Miami's Zach Thomas was picked as the backup.

"He was looking forward to making his mark in the National Football League," Seau said of Lewis, a third-year pro. "He started off great. I just knew that he was going to be something in this league, some one that we'd all be watching in awe in the years to come."

Lewis was charged with killing two men in a post-Super Bowl brawl early Monday. At a court appearance Tuesday, no bail was set and Lewis will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

"Obviously it's a bitterweet invite to the Pro Bowl," Seau said at a news conference at his restaurant, less than two hours before he and his family flew to Honolulu. "My heart goes out to Ray Lewis and his family, first of all. What has happened is unbelievable. I hope that it's not true, and we must go on."
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4-5:30 PM
REV. J. BRYAN HEHIR, SJ, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
"THE CHURCH, THE CENTURY, THE CITY"

7:30-8:45 PM
"LIVING IN THE CITY TODAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES"
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
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TEODORA TRUJILLO, CO-CHAIR OF EPISO, EL PASO
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REV. CHARLES DAHM, OP
"RESURRECTION IN A MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN CHICAGO"

12:50-1:40 PM
ELEANOR JOSAITIS, FOCUS HOPE, DETROIT
"PASSION FOR CHANGE"

4:30-5:30 PM
DR. MONIKA HELLWIG, ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
"CURRICULAR CHALLENGES FOR RECONCILIATION AND RENEWAL"

8-9:15 PM
REV. VIRGILIO ELIZONDONO, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
"LATINO FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE: HOPE AND IMAGINATION"

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MSGR. WILLIAM LINDE, NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION, NEWARK
"ATTACKING POVERTY IN A CIVIL SOCIETY"

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Hasek returns, Sabres tie Ducks

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Dominik Hasek returned to the Buffalo Sabres lineup Tuesday night after missing 40 games with a groin injury.

Hasek started for the Sabres in their game against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, made 29 saves and was selected as the game's MVP as the team skated to a 2-1 tie.

The former-NHL MVP and five-time winner of the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie, stopped all 13 first-period shots he faced.

Hasek, injured while allowing a goal in the final minute of regulation Oct. 29 against Florida, was tested early. His first save came 43 seconds in on a slap shot from Martin Straka.

By the 3:10 mark Tuesday he had made six saves — including an impressive sliding stop on Trevor Selinger.

Hasek, who took 35 weekend, was voted by fans to start for the World team in this Sunday's All-Star game in Toronto. It is unknown if he will play.

In his absence, the Sabres were 17-19-4-1 and were led by a 16-4-1-2 record with a league-leading five shutouts. Hasek had a 1-4-1 record prior to his injury.

Hasek announced prior to the season that he would retire following this campaign. However, there has been speculation that he might reconsider that decision.

Senators 4, Bruins 4

Radek Bonk's goal with 33 seconds remaining in regulation gave the Ottawa Senators tie with the Boston Bruins.

Bonk, who also added an assist, deflected IgorKravchuk's point shot past Bruins goalie Byron Dafoe with Ray Bourque in the penalty box for slashing. Bourque had given Boston the lead at 12:33 of the third period with a power-play goal.

Vaclav Prospal, Andreas Dackell and Andre Roy also scored for the Senators, missing sixth in the north end zone.

Iron workers in sweatsuits caught the first pass at the Pittsburgh Steelers' new stadium Tuesday by easing into a place a steel crossbeam that will hold up seats in the north end zone.

Darryl Beton and Bob Olbon bolted the beam onto two others for an "H" shape, freed it and the backboard for his defensive alignment. The Panthers fell to 0-11-1 when trailing after two periods.

Penguins 3, Capitals 2

Martin Straka scored twice and the Pittsburgh Penguins halted the Washington Capitals' 11-game unbeaten streak — the NHL's longest this season.

The Capitals took 15 shots in the first period, then managed 17-21 more against Jean-Sebastien-Aubin in their first loss since a 2-1 defeat to Atlanta on Jan. 6. They were 10-1-1 since then, improving from three games under .500 to seven over 20 games over.

The Penguins, 2-1 winners Monday in Atlanta on Robert Lang's overtime goal, have won twice in as many nights after going 1-17-1 in their previous 10 games.

Lang scored again Tuesday and Jan Hrdina assisted on both of Straka's goals as the Penguins beat the Capitals for the eighth time against a team in Washington's last 10 games at Pittsburgh.

The Capitals made it 2-2 on Adam Oates' eighth goal at 10:22 of the third, but Straka restored the Penguins' lead by taking Jaromir Jagr's pass and directing a shot between Olaf Kolzis' pads from the high slot at 12:41.

Straka had given Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead in the first period with his 10th goal of the season, a backhander on a breakaway set up by Hrdina's up-ice pass. Hrdina also assisted on Straka's second goal.

Pittsburgh held NHL ownership on the 2-1 with Sergei Gonchar to one assist — he has 10 goals and 23 assists in 44 games — as the Penguins' defense tightened up after being 22nd in the system in 2001. He turned away 25 of 27 shots, one after taking out Zdeno Zabroski behind the Thrashers.

The Penguins, 7-1 losers to the Capitals in their last two meetings, were six in the northeast Division.

Hurricanes 4, Panthers 2

Sami Kapanen and Tommy Lang scored in a two-game sweep for the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Florida Panthers.

The Southeast Division-leading Panthers are 2-4-1 in seven games since losing their season-high 13 games over .500 two weeks ago.

Florida's Pavel Bure, who had 28 goals and 20 assists in his last 28 games, held without a point.

After trailing 2-0, Florida tied it at 10:22 on a point shot by the Senators, missing Michael Nylander to the left.

But Pittsburgh regained the lead at 2-1 as Lang one-timed Brad Wanamaker's across-the-slot pass from the right circle by Kolzig, who otherwise stopped 19 of 20 shots. The goal was Lang's 16th.

Leaves 5, Lightning 3

Wendel Clark had two goals, including the go-ahead tally with 5:45 left in the third period, as the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied from an early 3-1 deficit to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Clark, who rejoined the Maple Leaves as a free agent Jan. 14, got his first Toronto goal since for a 2-1 break at 9:23 of the third that got Toronto within 3-2.

STEELERS lay first beam

Construction begins on new stadium.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Iron workers in sweatsuits caught the first pass at the Pittsburgh Steelers' new stadium Tuesday by easing into a place a steel crossbeam that will hold up seats in the north end zone.

Not far away, the Pittsburgh Pirates' new ballpark has been rapidly taking shape along the Allegheny River.

"A lot of people have been anxious to see something that looks like a stadium," Art Rooney said.

They include officials at the University of Pittsburgh, whose football team will share the 65,000-seat stadium, the younger Rooney said he said the stadium can handle games by both teams on the same weekend but said he would prefer schedules that alternate Steelers' and Panthers' home games.

The stadium frame that represents the Steelers' name actually comes from Cowboys country. Hirschfeld Steel of San Angelo, Texas, is supplying 12,000 tons of steel — the equivalent of 7,800 Jeeps.

Art Rooney said Three Rivers still has several good years left in it but said the economics of sports have changed drastically since it opened in 1970.

For one, the Steelers will sell luxury seats not found at Three Rivers, and Rooney said baseball and football teams no longer want to share space, as they once did.

Also, the Steelers compete in the AFC Central with Cleveland, Baltimore, Jacksonville and their new stadiums and are trying to rebound from a 6-10 year, their worst since 1988.

"This is going to help us win, number one, but it's also going to be something special for the fans," said Dan Rooney, who was elected to the NFL Hall of Fame last weekend.
Spurs doctor clears Elliott for comeback from surgery

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO Sean Elliott received clearance Tuesday from team doctors to resume practicing with the San Antonio Spurs, marking the latest step in his comeback from kidney transplant surgery.

He said it could be one or two months before he is ready to be activated.

"I knew this was coming. I kept saying it," Elliott said. "I'm not going to be afraid to at least go out there and try."

Elliott received a kidney from his brother, Noel, in the transplant operation last summer following San Antonio's run to the NBA championship. He was cleared in December to run and get in shape, and he has been taking part in one-on-one and two-on-two drills with the team.

He will begin full-scale practices Wednesday, and Tuesday night's game against the Lakers marked the last one Elliott planned to work in his temporary job as a color commentator on the team's broadcasts.

Team doctors plan to run a series of tests on Elliott before and after each practice.

"First I want to make sure he's safe, that he maintains his health," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We'll see if the grind changes his health, then I'll be a question of whether he can help the basketball team."

"It's a basketball decision now, not a medical decision, as to when he can play."

San Antonio entered Tuesday's game with the fourth-best record in the Western Conference. Last season, the Spurs had the best record in the league thanks in part to Elliott's play at the small forward spot.
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where every February the Irish are as certain to haul in one of our finest athletes as we are to celebrate Valentine's Day. So how much does the fact of winning top classes translated into on-field success? Who's to blame? It's easy to look at the usual suspects, the coaches, especially the King Scapogut — Bob Davie — and blame them for not developing the talent. Certainly they deserve some of the fault. This year's team should not have been 5-7, even without Davie referred to as one of the toughest coaches in Notre Dame history.

Yet on several occasions last year, Davie himself did not have a shot at the postseason. Davie referred to the role of recruiting as having to play perfect to win. So when they didn't have the talent to coach, and the season was over. After the Tennessee game, Davie confirmed his public who he always believed in his heart, saying the Irish don't have the ability to compete with the likes of the Volunteers. That the university is ready for a different speed by the team in overall.

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Doherty, Irish conduct class on court against Red Storm

In case you missed it, there was a one-day course offered last Saturday. It met at the Joyce Center from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and attendance was an impressive 11,418. It could be found in your DART book under the call number 7360, or its title: “Basketball Basics and Principles.”

Taught by the Notre Dame men’s basketball team and its coach, Matt Doherty, the class also featured as guest lecturers, the St. John’s Red Storm.

The class opened with a lesson in coping with intimidation. The Red Storm, ranked 25th in the nation, entered the JACC as a little more than four minutes into the game. This cushion was a product of its mental intimidation: From the visitors raced out to a 9-2 lead, 26-25, into the break.

The next point to be covered on the agenda — one that was actually emphasized by the whole class — was “How to be an All-American.” Sophomore forward Troy Murphy provided the demonstration here, scoring 30 points (including the 1000th in his short career) and grabbing 18 boards.

With only about five minutes left in the demonstration, the two groups debating to a 58-58 draw, senior guard Jimmy Dillon gave us another lesson: “How to Swing the Momentum In Your Team’s Favor.”

While Notre Dame seemed to be losing ground and the senior point guard’s critics growing restless, Dillon, who at 6-foot-2 is by no means huge, knocked away a pass, ran the ball down, and finished with a two-handed dunk while being hacked from behind.

All 11,000-plus fans erupted. With the JACC packed and his team celebrating the program’s biggest accomplishment on that floor in years, Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty didn’t try to act like someone trying to conceal a poker hand, showing no emotion and speaking only in riddles.

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The Irish dominated on offense in the first half, distancing themselves from the Friars with a 25-point lead at halftime.

Despite playing through a scoring drought that lasted several minutes, the Friars were able to come up with 31 points before the buzzer sounded signaling the half.

Notre Dame’s 56 first-half points came just three points shy of a school record.

The Irish took their biggest lead of the game with 8:08 remaining on the clock, increasing the gap to 34 with a 78-44 edge.

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw used her squad’s double-digit lead in the second half to give her reserves some playing time.

Freshman forward Amande Barksdale took advantage of the opportunity and had her second-straight impressive outing of the season in the paint. Barksdale stood tall on defense with seven blocked shots, two more than her previous high of five over Georgetown on Saturday.

Despite seeing action on the floor for 24 minutes, starting point guard Niele Ivey was quiet on offense. She shot 1-5, the senior co-captain tallied only four points. She did play true to form on defense, however, snatching the ball from the Friars four times to increase her season total to 57 steals.

Provence setter Monika Roberts led the Friars in the losing effort with 13 points as forward Meghan Hind and guard Farrah Thomas each added 10. Suffering their fourth loss in a row, the Friars fall to 9-10 on the season and 4-5 in the Big East. Turnovers plagued the Friars all night: they gave the ball up 25 times to Notre Dame’s 11.

The Irish, who shot 64.5 percent from the field, held the Friars to just 30 percent.

Notre Dame returns home for the first of three games at the Joyce Center on Saturday when it takes on its toughest Big East rival of the season, Boston College.

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Don’t believe the hype

The day of hype has arrived. A day when college football coaches get up at the crack of dawn, stand around the office fax machine, waiting for signatures from year olds, who have yet to receive a high school diploma. A day when even the most cynical Irish fan can be seen with a smile on his face, when the seven losses from a year ago suddenly fade from memory. It’s the first official day for recruits to sign letter-of-intent for the college of their choice. The day of hype. That’s really all this day is. For the past two months, since that late November loss to Stanford, the hype has been in full gear. In newspapers covering the Irish (including this one) and on numerous Web sites you’ve read about how Notre Dame has landed another solid recruiting class. How the NCAA violations didn’t really impact recruiting. You’ve read how some recruit is going to be the next Jerry Rice. Or this recruiting class is ranked in the nation’s top 10. On paper, this year’s recruiting class looks good — although the number of verbal commitments to this point, 16, is lower than usual. The Irish are expected to land highly touted players on this Groundhog Day. Three of recruiting analyst Tom Lemming’s top 25 players — linebacker Mike Golic Jr., and receivers Ted Ginn and Davon Reed have verbally committed to the Blue and Gold next year.

The Irish are also involved with some other top recruits, most notably quarterback Carlyle Holiday, from San Antonio, Texas. Holiday has apparently narrowed his choices to Nebraska and Notre Dame. But it’s like this every year. This is nothing new. We’ve seen this before, especially here under the Golden Dome.

The Irish winning streak got a little hotter Tuesday as the No. 5 women’s basketball program delivered its 14th-straight victory with a 90-60 routing of the Providence Friars.

At 18-2, the Irish increased their conference record to 9-0 as they knocked off another Big East rival with ease.

Forward Kelley Siemon was a surprise off the bench, leading the Irish squad with the best performance of her three-year career.

Siemon went 10-12 under the basket and 3-6 from the charity stripe to notch a career-high 23 points. She also brought down seven rebounds for the Irish.

Guard Danielle Green and Ali rita Batuay combined for one-third of Notre Dame’s points with 16 apiece from the outside.

Batuay scored all but two of her points in the first half and provided the spark that sent the Irish on a 29-2 run early in the contest.

Green was on fire from the line, hitting eight of nine free throws. With a game-high nine rebounds, Green came up big in the Irish defensive effort.

West Virginia at Notre Dame

| Where: Joyce Center | When: 7:30 p.m. |

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Irish Basketball

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