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Hunger Banquet encourages awareness during national week

By KELLOW TURNER
News Writer

Notre Dame leprechaun, Mike Brown, co-hosted “a meal with a message” Wednesday night in South Dining Hall. The Notre Dame Hunger Banquet marks one of the many projects sponsored during the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

The event was an attempt to bring awareness about impoverishment and hunger. Students who chose to participate were arbitrarily given tickets that were restricted to rice blue or red. 

Students who received blue cards represented the “middle-class” 30 percent of the world’s low-income population and their meal was restricted to rice and water. Supremes Katie Hinley was one of the many students who received the deplorable green card.

“I think it makes it more real what we experience on a day to day basis,” said Hinley. “It just makes you recognize and realize the problems we have.”

The green card students had to sit on the floor and eat without utensils in order to bring to light the destitute conditions of over half of the world’s population.

“I came here to educate myself. I really had no clue about the amount of hunger in the world and how many people are afflicted by it,” said senior Matthew Quinn. “I wanted to come here and learn more and appreciate what struggles people go through.”

Students who received blue cards represented the “middle-class” 30 percent of the world’s population and were allowed rice and beans and either water or coffee.

The remaining 15 percent, comprised of students who were given a red card, represented the under-class and were allowed to choose the food and drink of their choice.

“IT just makes you recognize and realize the blessing we have.”

Katie Hinley
sophomore

Students at the Notre Dame Hunger Banquet in South Dining Hall Wednesday night were given green, red or blue cards representing their place in society and determining what they were to eat and where they were to sit for their meal. The event was just one happening this week to celebrate the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

ND survivors share rape stories

By LAURA UBERTI
News Writer

Raising rape awareness by sharing their stories was the goal of Notre Dame sexual assault survivors, during Wednesday’s Survivor’s Panel Discussion/Dinnerurned by the Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE).

Lindsey, a junior, and Kori, a senior, both presented the stories of their rapes and the effects on their lives. Emphasizing not only the horror of the incident itself, but also how they dealt with it, both women said they hoped their stories would help others in similar situations.

“I’d like to be a survivor rather than a victim,” said Lindsey, a victim of acquaintance rape.

“Today’s discussion was good because it was a different point of view,” said James Schuyler, president of CARE.

Referring to Sexual Assault Awareness Week’s other talks, he said, “Monday was education, Tuesday’s perspective was more removed, but Wednesday night was about this campus. These are people you can see walking around here.”

Lindsey chose to have sex with her boyfriend, Jason, eight months after they started going out during her junior year of high school. It was a decision she rationalized by telling herself she would later marry him. But as Jason grew depressed and suicidal, their relationship became rocky. She began to consent to have sex with him, but also to express this in a different way, to express this enthusiasm and this energy in a different cause versus back-to-school rallies,” said Brown. “It’s an opportunity for me to express myself or my feelings on another issue besides sporting events.”

Oxfam America’s “Fast and the World Hunger Action Week” are a nationwide campaign led by students, teachers and other members of the community joined together in hopes of educating and bringing awareness to the world at large.

A portion of the meals from the benefit will be donated the East Timor Action Network, The Center for the Homeless and the HOPE Rescue Mission and Life Treatment Center.

Senate to request 4 study days for next fall

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night to request four consecutive study days prior to the Fall 2001 exam schedule.

McGlinn senator Melissa Rauch said the Academic Council first gave students four consecutive study days because other top-notch universities had week-long preparations before exams.

“Students argued that we needed four study days because we are Notre Dame and our exams here are just as hard as Northwestern, Harvard and Yale. Now they are saying we only need three, that exams aren’t that big of a deal,” Rauch said.

“They say it’s only one year and we should deal with it, but it is a big deal. Exams are hard, and we need four days.”

The resolution gave several reason for four consecutive study days. It said students use each of the four days to prepare for exams, the absence of a study day is not in the best interest of a students’ ability to perform, the exam schedule should be consistent from year to year and removing one study day creates inequity between the Fall and Spring

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INSIDE COLUMN

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With the election deadlocked and the nation glued to their television sets, the best possible solution to the voting dilemma is a quick game of Bingo. And there could be a more perfect spot in the United States to hold the presidential playoff than in Florida, the state currently in voting results limbo.
Few people realize the true skill it takes to be a Bingo champion. Dedication, intuition and fast reflexes all come into play. It takes a keen eye and patient demeanor to master the game.
Essentially, the same abilities we expect from a competent leader we expect from the first one to yell “Bingo!”
Choosing the perfect card game is just as difficult as a decision on deploying troops in Kosovo. The concentrated player — i.e., leader of the free world — needs enough resources, knowledge and little round chips to succeed.
The game could take place somewhere on a coast of Florida, where the beautiful backdrop of sun and sea would put the candidates in a serene Bingo mood. Ideally the event would occur on a beach to attract a bipartisan retirement home, the haven for a truly constitutional Bingo session.
There would be a victory of those of Florida. The Florida Board of Elections couldn’t handle, counting or organizing. One would simply have to call the numbers and wait for the new president to emerge victorious. The game would be moderated; this time not by a political commentator, but rather the retirement home president, if: Only appropriate, after all, that one president should be the other.

AMES, Iowa

The nation’s attention was diverted from Florida to a Wisconsin campus, where state Republican leaders have accused college students of voter fraud in the presidential election.

Unofficial Wisconsin results show Democratic candidate Al Gore with a 6,000-vote lead against Republican candidate George W. Bush, but state leaders in the state charged Marquette University students with voter fraud in a press conference Nov. 10. The charges are being investigated by the Milwaukee County District Attorney: John Michael McCam.

After the charges were made, the Marquette Tribune, the seman­nark student newspaper, conducted an informal canvass of Marquette students by telephone Sunday and Monday, said Michael McGraw, who headed the canvass. Of the 1,000 students polled, the Tribune staff tallied 174 votes cast more than one ballot in the Nov. 7 presidential election, he said.
We had been hearing rumors from students that it had happened, and the state Republican Party held a press conference Friday and accused stu­dents of (fraud),” said McGraw, metro news desk editor at the Tribune who headed the canvass. “So, we looked into it.

The results were amusing and alarming, said Tribune assistant news editor Brian Sharkey, who assisted in the coverage.
According to Tuesday’s Tribune, 91 students had voted by absentee ballot in their home states and then again in Wisconsin. Within the state, 44 stu­dents voted twice, 26 students voted three times and 13 students cast four or more ballots. Students reported vot­ing for cartoon characters, family members, friends and themselves after they cast their initial vote.

OkLAha STATE University

Court charges student in MP3 case

STILLWATER, Okla.
The Payne County District Attorney’s office has charged “downloadable music’s first sacrificial lamb” from Indiana computer crime penalties Tuesday, charging the 19-year-old Oklahoma State University student with one misdemeanor count of unlawful advertisement or offering to distribute sound recordings. Scott Wickberg, a junior on Election Day, pleaded guilty to distributing sound recordings. Wickberg, according to the filed charge, had been operating a Web site — called “lucky-l” — that allowed others to log onto it with a password and download thousands of songs.

The inclusion of the ballots will not affect the outcome of the election, which the GA union won by 179 votes, 597-418. "Even if they’re all ‘no votes, we’re still going to win,” said Lisa Jessup, an organizer for the UAW who has aided NYU GAs in their unionization drive. This week, she will appear in the District Court for Payne County on Wednesday, Nov. 22 to answer the charges.

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Professors wonder whether technology helps or hinders

By NATE PHILLIPS

Controversies have arisen over the use of computers in the classroom. Some professors at the University of Illinois claim that an overemphasis on technology in the classroom has harmed substance of the class. This controversy can be seen on Notre Dame’s campus as well, although departments suggest that professors use technology to make their own jobs easier.

The administration does not force anyone to use technology here at Notre Dame,” said Barbara Walvoord, director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning. “We suggest professors use technology only if it will help the class.”

English professor Sandra Gustafson agreed with Walvoord. “There is no pressure from the departments for us to use technology,” she said.

The Kaneb Center focuses primarily on teaching professors how to incorporate the technology into their class, while the OIT provides classes that actually instruct professors how to use different technological programs.

“The Kaneb center and the OIT stress not only how to use programs like PowerPoint, but also how to use that technology in the class,” said Walvoord. “We emphasize how technology can really enhance communication between teachers and students. When professors use the Internet and the Internet effectively, they can really improve communication in the classroom.”

In today’s fast-paced world, the use of the Internet and e-mail help spread information and knowledge quicker and easier than ever.

“E-mail use greatly improves the way that I teach my class,” said biology professor Harvey Bender. “The students are comfortable communicating via e-mail, and it allows me to communicate with them outside of the classroom.”

Theology professor Basil Davis sees the importance of technology.

“I use e-mail to send messages to my students,” he said. “I also ask them to look up tests on the Internet.”

Many teachers at Notre Dame have incorporated this use of the Internet into their curriculum. Professors encourage e-mail communication between their students, and also offer review material and notes on the Internet.

“I put up study questions on the Internet for students to download,” said Bender. “Technology personalizes the material to the students, and makes it far more accessible.”

Bender, who has been teaching at the University since 1960, has completely embraced technology as a vital aspect of his classroom. He encourages the use of the Internet, and even places all of his notes for the class online for the students.

“All of my lectures are on the Internet,” Bender said. “The students can download the material before class, and then fill in the blanks during my lecture in class.”

Bender argues that this method allows students to spend less time scribbling down notes and more time actually listening to the material being presented. Like many other professors, Bender believes that technology helps facilitate his teaching.

“Technology not only helps me communicate information more effectively, but it also increases class participation,” said Bender. “Students are more sophisticated these days. They expect more, and they want more out of their education. Technology makes all of this possible.”

Bender, who teaches large freshman biology lectures, also uses PowerPoint as an attempt to make his teaching more interesting to the students. The PowerPoint program helps him organize his notes, while at the same time he is able to show movies and pictures during class.

“I really enjoy using PowerPoint,” said Bender. “It helps make information readily available to large classes. You need to have good visualization in order to effectively convey the information.”

This use of PowerPoint is a far cry from when Bender first began working at the University. When he first arrived in 1960, everything was taught on blackboards. Bender watched as technology increased, and says that he embraces the change.

“Technology offers much more than bad,” said Bender. “It personalizes teaching.”

On the other hand, theology professor Davis does not use as much technology as Bender does for his lectures. Davis communicates with e-mail and the Internet, but prefers to use the blackboard in his lectures.

“I don’t use PowerPoint in my lectures,” said Davis. “I find that there is a much closer interaction with students when a teacher is literally writing in front of them. The students actually get to see the teacher moving and interacting. There is a constant movement of attention.”

English professor Sandra Gustafson also appreciates the use of the blackboard in her lectures.

“I want to provide a dynamic interactive environment,” said Gustafson. “Being able to use comments from my students to interpret literature seems to work well.”

Davis, Gustafson and Bender all agree that the purpose of teaching is to effectively convey information to the students. The way that this is accomplished is a personal decision.

“It is no rewarding for a professor to see a student be intellectually stimulated,” said Bender. “That’s our job and that’s our purpose as teachers. I think that technology really helps accomplish that goal.”

Walvoord said the most important aspect of education for the professors is communication with the students. She argues that the most effective way of accomplishing this goal is by incorporating whatever method the professor feels most comfortable using.

“The purpose of technology is to enhance communication between teachers and students, students and students, and students and the rest of the world,” said Walvoord.

Students often flood computer labs to complete assignments for a variety of courses. As professors integrate technology further into their courses, students and faculty alike become dependent upon computers. Now many wonder if this trend is a benefit or detriment to the effective communication of course materials.

Salsa Night!

Friday, November 17, 2000
8:00pm to 11:00pm at the Stepan Center
Free and open to all ND and SMC students and faculty

Come dance the night away to the music of Son de Aquí!

Salsa Dancing Lessons from 8:00-8:30
Free Drinks and Snacks provided
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INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Monday, November 20, 2000 4:30 p.m. Center for Social Concerns

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Senate

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seminars. "If students have four days in the Spring to study it is unfair to students in the fall who only had two," said Farley senator Kathleen Bufalino. "In order for most students to study, they have to spread out their work and they need to take breaks. Students need the four days so they can study intensely for their exams."

The senate unanimously passed the resolution and it will now be sent to the Academic Council who will make the final decision. If the council agrees with the senate and chooses to give four study days, most likely classes will start a day earlier in August to ensure that students are dismissed in time for the Christmas holiday.

In other senate news:

♦ The senate passed a letter to be sent to Scotti Kachmarck, director of Student Residences, asking for 24-hour space improvements in the residence halls. The letter stated specific dorms that need renovations or need more space to adequately serve the residences of the hall.

♦ Lewis senator Luciana Reali asked senators to help implement sexual assault programs in their residence halls as soon as possible. Senate passed a resolution earlier in the year to implement such programs, but Reali said action needed to be taken before next Fall.

"Katie Koestner said last night that sexual assault is happening on this campus and students will be assaulted before the end of the semester. As student leaders it's our responsibility to act now and get the word out," Reali said.

Reali distributed letters the senators could give to their rec­ tors and also several contact names so senators could plan the programs within their specific dorms.

♦ The senate received a letter of nomination for The Shirt Coordinator for this year. The final approval will be next week in senate.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

WED, NOV. 15

Panel of Survivors at 7:00 pm in the Montgomery Theater

THURS, NOV. 16

Group Prayer at 7:30 pm at the Grotto

FRI, NOV. 17

Skit "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss" at 5:30 pm at the Library Auditorium

SAT, NOV. 18

Princes of Babylon Concert at Alumni-Senior Club at 10 pm

$3 for ND/SMC students, $5 for non-student's tickets available at LaFortune information desk

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**Peru**

**Fujimori's pre-vote power tenuous**

**Associated Press**

**LIMA**

Two days after ousting a loyalist of Alberto Fujimori as head of Congress, opposition lawmakers named their candidate Wednesday to lead the legislature, threatening to further undermine the president's fading hold on power.

Also Wednesday, riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of leftist construction workers demonstrating outside the Government Palace.

The protesters carried an effigy with two heads — Fujimori's and former spy chief Vladimir Montesinos — inside a cage. Tear gas canisters flew after some protesters — armed with wooden poles and shouting "There is no president!" — charged at police.

The demonstration came after opposition parties agreed to put forward Congressman Valentín Paniagua to replace Martha Hildebrandt, who was removed as Congress president Monday in a 64-51 vote.

Paniagua will face Congressman Ricardo Maronen, the candidate for Fujimori's Peru 2000 party, in a vote scheduled for Thursday.

If the opposition gains control of Congress, it will be the first time since 1992 that Fujimori does not dominate the body.

Meanwhile, a representative of a small opposition party charged that Fujimori had applied for political asylum in Malaysia after his arrival Wednesday in Brunei for a trade summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

Second Vice President Ricardo Marquez, who is in charge of the government in Fujimori's absence, quickly denied the unconfirmed charge, made by Jose Barba Caballero, a leader of the Avancemos party.

Agriculture Minister Jose Chlimper told radio station Radio Programas that Fujimori planned to fly home early from Brunei to end the political uncertainty. He said he called Brunei and spoke to Fujimori's personal military attache, who said the president was resting, but gave specific instructions to deny the asylum rumor. Chlimper said Fujimori planned to return to Peru via Tokyo.

His precise arrival time was not specified.

**JAPAN**

**Veteran still haunted by warfare**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO**

Yoshihiko Shinozuka is still haunted by the ghoulish experiments he helped carry out on captured Chinese civilians and soldiers as part of Japan's top-secret biological warfare program during World War II.

The Japanese military performed vivisections without anesthesia in northern China, casually referring to the people as "logs," the veteran recalled Wednesday in Tokyo District Court.

"I remember using the word as we compared how many logs we cut that day with other unit members," he said.

Though Shinozuka, 77, has spoken out before about his role, his testimony makes him the first member of the notorious Unit 731 to detail Japan's biological warfare activities for the legal record. He was called as a witness for nearly 180 Chinese suing the Japanese government for compensation and an apology for the deaths of family members allegedly killed by the unit.

Shinozuka testified about participating in the mass production of cholera, dysentery and typhoid germs at the unit's base in the city of Harbin in the early 1940s. He said he was often told to help out departments that needed to boost germ production for upcoming deployments, including the 1939 Nomonhan clash with Soviet troops near Mongolia and several other germ-bombing attacks in southern China in the 1940s.

He said that just before the Nomonhan attack, he was responsible for transferring dysentery and typhoid germs from test tubes to bigger jars, packing them into barrels, sealing them and taking them to a night train for the attack. Several unit members died after contracting typhoid.

Shinozuka said he is still bothered by the vivisections, or surgical experiments on living people.

"I committed all these war crimes because I was ordered to do so," he said. "The government should try to learn about the victims. I really think it's time for Japan to face this issue with humanitarian consideration."

Shinozuka said the unit members were prohibited from disclosing to outsiders what happened inside the unit. Notes and other written instructions were all collected afterward.

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**Scooter company wins restraining order:**

A Los Angeles company that distributes the husky-engined scooters the company says it owns a recently issued patent on a key design component has won a restraining order against rival companies that are accused of a patent violation.

A federal judge issued the temporary restraining order Tuesday against 12 companies that make or sell aluminum scooters similar to ones distributed by Razor USA. The judge issued the order at the request of Razor, which sued 16 makers and distributors of rival scooters, claiming the companies violated a recently issued patent on a key design component.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Mom abandons baby girl on doorstep as her mother faces child neglect charges for allegedly abandoning her infant girl on a doorstep and leaving a note that said "congratulations." Cassandra Olden, 21, was arrested Tuesday. She was being held on $10,000 bond. Olden is accused of leaving her 5-month-old girl on the doorstep of Sylvia Fuller's home. Fuller discovered the baby when she opened the door to let her dog out.

With the child was a note from her mother saying she wanted to give the infant to Fuller's daughter.

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**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**ORDER:** Gusty wind Tuesday, throwing several workers into the Detroit River and leaving others hanging for their safety.

A scaffold on the Ambassador Bridge between Canada and the United States collapsed Tuesday, throwing several workers into the Detroit River and leaving others hanging for their safety.

The workers were on the scaffold when it collapsed.

One man was reported missing. Ten workers say they were on the scaffold when it collapsed.

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**Scaffold collapse dumps workers:**

A scaffold on the Ambassador Bridge between the United States and Canada collapsed in gusty wind Tuesday, throwing several workers into the Detroit River and leaving others dangling from safety harnesses, police said. Ten workers were on the scaffold when it collapsed.
BOG discusses Saint Mary’s future

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Board of Governance member and student trustee, Molly Kahn, met with the Board of Trustees recently to discuss the future of Saint Mary’s.

“The discussion went extremely well,” said Kahn to the BOG at its meeting Wednesday night.

“Student life, athletics, security and ‘Quiet Hours,’ is a non-profit book about ghost stories occurring at Saint Mary’s were discussed.”

Kahn said the Trustees were “energized and enthusiastic to see students” and will meet again in February.

“There was talk of the master plan and the Madeleva and Student Center renovations which will be amazing,” Kahn said.

Student body president, Criselle Renner said the Executive Board drafted a proposal to all students regarding the Student Strategic Planning Committee.

“All on-and-off-campus students will be able to evaluate the current orientation program for first year and transfer students, residence life, and off-campus and abroad residence life,” said Renner.

“This is our turn to make note of concerns of campus life.”

In other BOG news:

• Senior Dad’s Weekend kicks off this Friday.
• Regina’s hall dance is Saturday.
• All students interested in running in student body elections must attend an informational meeting on Nov. 27 or Nov. 28.
• The McCandless Hall dance is Dec. 1.
• The sophomore formal will be on Dec. 2.

Notre Dame goes COLD TURKEY
Thursday November 16

Join the ND community in going tobacco-free.

Turn in your tobacco products, and receive a coupon for a FREE turkey sandwich.

Tobacco products can be turned in at the following locations and times:

211 LaFortune...9AM-noon, 1PM-4PM.
Huddle...10AM to 3PM.
North Dining Hall...11AM-2PM.
South Dining Hall...11AM-2PM.

Redeem Coupons at: Kecklers, Greenfields, HuddleMart, Deco Commons, Cafe Poch (Bond Hall), Irish Cafe (Law School), Waddicks (O’Shaunessy), Common Stock Sandwich Co. (COBA).

Taste of Nations

The International Student Organization wishes to extend a warm invitation to all students to taste the world’s best cuisine! International Students will be preparing their country’s most traditional and favorite plates. All students are welcome to come and enjoy for only 3 dollars!

When? Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Where? Center for Social Concerns

Come Taste The World!
SMC discusses Native American mascots

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

The use of Native American mascots in high schools and colleges across the country perpetuates a stereotype of Native Americans that keeps them marginalized within society, said Susan Alexander and Karen Ristau Wednesday.

Ristau, vice president and dean of faculty, spoke to the psychological effects the mascots have on Native Americans. Alexander, sociology professor, spoke about the need to change the structure that perpetuates the stereotypes.

"In Whose Honor?," a video featuring the story of Charlene Teters, a Native American attending graduate school at the University of Illinois, was shown. Teters and her family were very involved in their Native American heritage.

One night in 1989 while at the University of Illinois, Teters took her children to a basketball game. Before the game, the mascot Chief Illiniwek came out in a full eagle headdress and costume, wearing war paint; the whole stadium mimicked Native Americans as the mascot danced around to the cheers of the crowd. Teters and her children were shocked.

"If I had known ahead of time what I know today, I would not have come," said Teters. "As I watched my children sink in their seats, my sadness turned to anger."

"The full eagle headdress is sacred as is war paint worn by Native American warriors, who are symbols of respect, not something used to excite a crowd for pep rallies," Teters said.

"If you are not from the community, it would not bother you. But if you grow up with great respect for those things, it is hard to see them being mimicked," she said.

Teters began to stand alone outside the basketball stadium with a sign protesting the use of Indians as mascots.

"I did it for my children," she said. "People would ridicule me and spit at me." Chief Illiniwek is still the mascot at University of Illinois.

"From a psychological standpoint and speaking for friends, from the viewpoint of Native Americans that I know and from my own opinion, using Indians as mascots is racist, it makes the world a smaller, darker place. These mascots make Indians seem like whooping, blood-thirsty savages," said Ristau.

Dressing in Halloween-type costumes to mimic a certain race says that one does not take social problems seriously said Ristau.

"Native American mascots strip respect. We have to respect what is sacred to one another. When we participate or tolerate Indian mascots, we contribute to mimicking a culture," she said.

"The images have an impact, they are there for a purpose. The realty is they are constructed in a particular way for a purpose by particular people," she said.

There is use of Indian mascots in our own community in South Bend," said Alexander.

"Saint Joe's high school has an Indian mascot. Seeing Indians as primitive and beyond development is one stereotype. The other is the cartoonish character that needs someone to take care of them," she said. "Until we change the social structure, we will not get anywhere. When we objectify things, it is easy to see people as objects and not treat them like human beings."

"It was easier for people to spit on Teters because they did not see her as a person according to Alexander. "If you objectify and romanticize a group, you defect from what's going on," said Alexander.

"Great inequalities exist. According to data from the 1990 U.S. census, 36.1 percent of Native Americans are below the poverty level, 36.1 percent of Native Americans are below the poverty level. And for every dollar made by whites, Native Americans make 65 cents," she said.

"If we don't think of Native Americans as real people, their problems are not real," said Alexander.

Professor named influential Hispanic

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Hispanic Business Magazine awarded director of the Institute for Latino Studies Gilberto Cardenas one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States for the third consecutive time in October.

"It's especially nice after my first year at Notre Dame," said Cardenas. "I was very pleased."

Cardenas, also a sociology professor and assistant provost for the University, described his first year at Notre Dame as challenging, busy and satisfying.

"I am very pleased with the response here," Cardenas said. "There's a great need to develop institutionalized programs to assist and address changing the needs of society," said Cardenas.

Cardenas said he is committed to working to meet the needs of the Hispanic and Latino communities in connection with his University programs and research. Recently, Cardenas has worked on a research project sponsored by a grant from the MacNeil Foundation in Chicago. The project involves researching the Berwyn-Cicero communities just outside of Chicago.

"We need to keep these issues as priorities," said Cardenas.

Cardenas said the research will reveal the social and economic needs of the people in these communities by surveys on residential life and demographics. He said the project will also include a needs assessment, case studies and a "protocol for replication model" so that future groups can follow the same research methods.

In addition to Cardenas' positions as a professor, assistant provost and with the Institute for Latino Studies, he is active as executive director of the Inter-University Program for Latino Research and as the six-member advisory committee of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to minorities.

Cardenas received his master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1973 and 1977 and his bachelor's degree from California State University in 1969.
**VENEZUELA**

**Rains, mudslides cause emergency**

Associated Press

CARACAS

President Hugo Chavez late Wednesday declared a state of emergency in 15 of Venezuela's states after days of incessant heavy rains left at least 15,000 people homeless, and killed as many as 14 persons in the northern state of Vargas.

The rains have raised fears of a recurrence of last year's massive flooding that killed at least 85 people and displaced nearly 100,000.

Venezuela's government was caught off guard by the early recurrence of last year's massive flooding, and President Hugo Chavez was forced to declare a state of emergency in 15 states.

Chavez said the rains have already caused the deaths of 14 people, and that the number of missing persons is over 10,000.

He also claimed that the floods have destroyed millions of dollars' worth of crops and infrastructure, and that the government has yet to receive any aid from international organizations.

The government has implemented a state of emergency in 15 states, which includes Vargas, where the floods have been most severe.

**EGYPT**

**Ousted official will return from exile**

Associated Press

CAIRO

Former Sudanese Prime Minister Sadiq el-Mahdi announced Wednesday that he plans to return to Sudan November 23.

The ousting of el-Mahdi's government was a coup led by President Omar el-Bashir, said he would return to Sudan November 23.

The emergency forced Chavez to cancel a five-day tour of Central America that was to begin this week. He said he may still attend the 10th Ibero-American Summit in Panama, scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Chavez said the emergency justified the need to axe the president's plan to return home next week.

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Bush calls Gore's proposed statewide hand recount 'arbitrary'

Associated Press

Al Gore made a surprise pro­posal for a statewide hand recount of Florida's 6 million ballots Wednesday night and George W. Bush swiftly reject­ed it, calling the effort under­hand and chaotic way to settle the presidential race.

Bush said that the two clashed long distance — and on national TV — after Florida's Republican sec­retary of state rejected requests from the counties to update presidential vote totals with the results of hand recounts underway at Gore's urging. The vice president is counting on the ballot reviews to overtake Bush, who holds a 300-vote lead in the decisive state. With their futures tied up in a knot of legal battles, Bush and Gore called for a quick end to the contested election but disagreed on how to do it. "Our goal must be what is right for America," the vice president said at his official mansion in Washington. "This process must be fair, this process must be accurate, and this process must be final," Bush said from the governor's mansion in Austin. Their evening addresses capped a whirlwind day of legal maneuvering that gave both weary camps tastes of victory and defeat — but no clear road to completion.

The Florida Supreme Court, all Democratic appointees, rejected a request from Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris to block any manual recounts while the courts decide whether the process is legal. The high court's ruling, though far from the final word, gave Democrats new vigor in their ballot-by-bal­lot bid to trim Bush's 300-vote lead in the state. Officials in Broward and Palm Beach counties han­dered down for an excruciating hand count of 1 million ballots. But the secretary of state later announced she would not accept the hand-count­ed ballots, calling the coun­ties' reasoning "insuffi­cient." Harris vowed to cer­tify results Saturday without the hand recount.

In another front, Bush's lawyers said they will challenge the result, and I will challenge the result," Gore said from his official resi­dence, framed by pictures of his family. Gore pledged that if Republicans allow manual recounts to continue in Florida's Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties, he would accept without chal­lenge whatever tally those recounts should yield — added to certified results from 64 other counties and overseas absentee ballots due by mid­night Friday.

"I will take no legal action to challenge the result," Gore said, offering to drop the threat of major Democratic lit­igation that has hung over the proceedings for days.

He suggested a meeting with Bush before state officials cer­tify the results "not to negoti­ate, but to improve the tone of our dialogue in America." And he said both candidates should meet again after a win­ner is declared "to close ranks as Americans."

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What's on your Spiritual "To Do" List?

by Frank Santoni

- Go to college.
- Choose major.
- Work hard.
- Make great friends.
- Change major.
- Have time of life.
- Change major.
- Meet man/woman of dreams.
- Graduate.
- Get job in real world.

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What about our faith lives? We are clear about what our goals ought to be in every other area of our life. But what do we hope to "accomplish" during our four years at Notre Dame when it comes to our lives of faith?

Ambition seems to have no place in a discussion about our spirituality. Setting goals and listing priorities sounds appropriate when we're referring to our academic and professional careers, but it sounds funny when applied to our faith. Funny-sounding or not, our spiritual lives demand the same kind of deliberateness from us that we invest in our other pursuits. Lest we meander about on our journeys of faith with no destination in mind, we must chart our own spiritual path just like we map out our semester class schedule: unsure of what we'll learn but certain of its importance.

Each of us must set about determining what it is we need to help us deepen our own relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. We must seek out the people and resources that can help us. We must set aside regular time to spend nourishing our faith and nurturing an intimacy with God. We must actively participate with others in prayer and worship. We must commit ourselves to living out the Gospels everyday, in small ways and in large.

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□  Meet man/woman of dreams.
□  Graduate.
□  Get job in real world.

What's on your Spiritual "To Do" List?
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris rejected requests from Democratic-leaning counties Wednesday night to include the result of hand recounts in presidential vote totals. George W. Bush opposes the ballot reviews and Al Gore favors them in their battle for the White House.

The state's chief elections officer, sharply criticized by Democrats in recent days as a partisan Republical, declared it was "my duty under Florida law" to reject requests that four counties submitted earlier in the day.

Harris noted her decision was subject to an appeal in the courts — and minutes after her announcement Gore lawyers and spokesmen said the Democrat will be back in state court — probably Thursday — to challenge.

"It's an outrageous decision," Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said. "This is a rash decision and it won't stand."

If it does stand, additional vote recounting done Wednesday would not figure in the state totals — and Bush would have a 300-vote lead with an unknown number of absentee ballots to be counted by Monday night.

Democratic lawyer Dexter Douglass said the Gore camp will likely return to a state judge in Tallahassee — who ruled in Monday's recount. Circuit Court Judge Terry Lewis had put Harris on notice that she needed good reason to deny late vote filings.

But after chairman William Daley criticized Harris' decision as premature: "There was an attempt to bring a curtain down," he said.

Harris' announcement capped a tumultuous day in which the state supreme court refused to stop hand recounts planned or underway in the three heavily Democratic counties.

At the same time, however, a federal appeals court in Atlanta agreed to consider the Bush campaign's attempt to halt the new canvases.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' unusually rapid decision on Wednesday to accept the case could launch the controversy firmly on its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bush, in an 11-page appeal filed in federal court in Atlanta late Wednesday, said that granting the injunction to stop the hand counting in Florida would "not substantively injure the rights of the defendants ... and will clearly advance the public interest."

The appeal seeks to stop the hand counting in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia counties in Florida because Bush argued the action violated the constitutionality of Florida voters by "not restoring a manual recount of ballots limited to four heavily Democratic counties."

There was no word from the court when it would hear the appeal. Earlier, the court said that all 12 of its judges would review the briefs but Bush lost a similar bid in federal court in Miami earlier this week.

Broward County conducted hand counts Wednesday and was set to resume Thursday despite Harris' announcement and a GOP request to stop counting. Canvassing board Chairman Robert W. Lee said late Wednesday: "Well, then let her get a writ of mandamus [a court order] to make us stop."

Palm Beach County election officials were set to meet Thursday afternoon to decide how to proceed with countywide hand counts.

A lawyer in Harris' office, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they expect a formal court of the election — something that can only happen after the vote certification Harris announced Wednesday night.

Florida's 25 electoral votes will settle the presidential election.

"Harris stepped to the microphone to make her announce­ment seven hours after a 2 a.m. deadline she had set for counties to petition for the right to hand recounts...

She said four counties had done so — Democratic-leaning Broward, Palm and Miami-Dade and GOP stronghold Collier — and she had reviewed their paperwork.

"The reasons given in the requests are insufficient to warrant waiver of the unambiguous filing deadline imposed by the Florida Legislature," she said, without further elaboration. Earlier in the day, Harris led the parade to the Florida Supreme Court in an early­morning lawsuit seeking the jus­tice to block the hand recounts at least temporarily, and to decide ultimate­ly election-related lawsuits.

The court turned her down without a hearing. The Bush campaign has fought to stop the recounts in several fronts.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III argued Wednesday that the "process is unfair, gives human error, gives rise to the potential for great mischief."

Baker lamented the proliferation of lawsuits, saying the sit­uation has "run amok now."

Warren Christopher, the for­mer secretary of state chosen to lead Gore's recount, defended the legal strategy. "We simply want in order to protect the rights of the vice president in this matter, enable us to take steps that seem warranted," Christopher said.

In rejecting Harris' suit, the justices, all chosen by Democratic governors, did not address the many other election-related legal challenges making their way through Florida courts.

The Bush camp noted that the state's high court's one-para­graph rejection slip did not address the substance of Harris' request. The court left open the option that Harris could file a suit in a lower state court, or make her arguments another way.

The state high court agreed to review complaints from two Florida counties — Broward and Palm Beach — that say they are confused about how to proceed with recounts. Harris and state Democratic Attorney General Bob Butterworth have given the counties conflicting guidance. The counties are suing both.

In the aftermath of the election

(Election lines at the Ford 7-610, presidential center)

Nov. 7

™ Federal appeals court agrees to hear Bush arguments

Nov. 8

™ Bush appeals court victory in Palm Beach County, Fla., not continuing ballot count; Harris to vote for Robert Perot in French Senate election.

Nov. 9

™ Gore spokesman says Bush won recounts in four Florida counties.

Nov. 10

™ Florida recount results with Bush leading.

Nov. 11

™ Local media reports Bush won recounts in Palm Beach County.

Nov. 12

™ Associated Press

Events since the Nov. 7 U.S. presidential election:...

Nov. 13

™ Court order to make us stop.

Nov. 14

™ Bush elects to appeal.

Nov. 15

™ Bush, in an early-...
UNTANGLING THE POLITICAL MESS

What an election! What an exciting time to be a part of democracy! Thank God that modern technology has saved us from the uncertainty and nail-biting that marked the elections of 1876 and 1960. As a regis-tered Florida voter who never made it to the polls last Tuesday, this election has left me with several thoughts.

1. Don't tell me every vote counts, then count no every vote. It seems vote counting is a refined, well-regulated process of estimating, approximating and sorta kinda rounded estimation. Of the 67 Florida counties, 55 received a drastically different total after recounting. In all, they forgot to count over 3,700 votes. When the other 12 counties were pressed for an explanation, they could only muster something about "coincidence." Some counties counted ballots that did not exist. These county election commissioners produce commercials and mass-mailings, saying, "Every vote counts," then they don't count every vote. Results are given based on an estimate of the discounted non-absentee ballots. A new president is declared eight days before all the votes arrive (and that's a day after the networks.)

2. My friends matter. I know about 300 people that voted for the same person. So, in essence, my buddies picked the leader of the free world. And, that's pretty cool.

3. Let's stop rocking the vote. The problem with democracy is that it's too democratic. Millions of dollars are spent trying to increase voter registration and participation. We don't need more voters. We need more informed voters. Don't go to heavy metal concerts, NASCAR events and Ultimate Fighting championships to register voters. If people are too lazy or uninformed to make a qualified decision, stop guilting and pestering them into voting. It is not in the country's best interest to have one of these "weeny weeny miney moe" voters (who only registered to get a free "Eat my shortsman" T-shirt) dilute the decision of an informed citizen who would speed walk three miles past free cheesecake just to pull that lever. The nation of a voting age is silly. I remember waking up on my 18th birthday. I didn't know any more about political issues or parties than when I lay my spinning head down to sleep the night before.

5. Bring back the literacy tests. If age can't determine suffrage, then use knowledge. This country is full of idiots. I have no problem with them reproducing and playing lawn darts, but don't let them vote. Originally, literacy tests were intended to disenfranchise blacks. The modern version will be objective, universal in application and succeed in disenfranchising only the most accomplished and demonstrative of morons. Perhaps, have them spell or identify their name of their favorite candidate. Color? Number? Some people simply should not be allowed to vote. I am not speaking in generalities. I can provide names. These are good friends. Several of my students voted in this past election. On the surface, this is a good thing. But, I teach freshman in the final, final recount is one or zero. I wisely saved on gas again this year.

Joshua Kirley

Suff's Confederate

DILBERT

“OUR STRATEGY IS TO DETECT ANY TRENDS AND REACT ACCORDINGLY.”

SCOTT ADAMS

“ISN'T THAT EXACTLY THE SAME AS NOT HAVING A STRATEGY?”

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“OUR great democracies still tend to think that a stupid man is more likely to be honest than a clever man, and our politicians take advantage of this prejudice by pretending to be even more stupid than nature made them.”

Bertrand Russell

writer
Feeding our faces with greed

At many monasteries the monks take their meals in silence. They are served from a common basin, which is eaten every day. Such eating is a form of meditation and a form of praise. The idea in practice is mindfulness. Consider their very days.

For those in the dining hall, we throw away entire muffins, untouched bowls of cereal, tall glasses of orange juice and slices of pepperoni pizza—finishing your plate is the exception not the rule. We put away surplus, above all, to be good consumers, confusing who we are with what we own. “But the day is coming,” Paul Cezanne writes, “when a carrot freshly observed will spark us as know a mango. What would happen if we paid the awed-filled heed of a bald-headed monk when sitting down to sup? To begin, we would save food. This week the students working for hunger and homelessness awareness tell us that every day Notre Dame throws away the equivalent of 10 to 12 dumpsters of food from the refuse of the trays lines. During an average night’s eating, students throw away about 1,300 cups of rice. We are a part of the whole. Americans are wasteful. We drive SUVs with World Wildlife Federation bumper stickers. We leave the lights on and the water running. We are a part of that wealthy 15 percent of the world’s population, growing in developing countries. What will we do if we all follow our lead and guzzle up every tree, clump of coal and chocolate chip muffin in their way? It’s hard to believe while wearing Nike lights as a feather Air shoes, but the numbers remain: An average American child walks on the earth 23 times heavier than an African child and that is why we have food rapports sparking revolutions. He watched the world in wonder.

We are not ready to stop, to watch. We move at a dizzying pace through a world that is, as Hopkins writes, “seared with trade, bleared, smeared with toler.” Perhaps we are being poor lovers, then. Satisfying our hunger with greed will buy us a piece of the world’s bounty. And we use with fervor and conviction.

At the Hummes Notre Dame Bookstore we shop to a soundtrack of muted hymns, confusings of the week and the shopper’s jam. LaFontune, we learn from our fast-food culture that good meals are like Whoppers — “a little oomph that goes down easy.” Cezanne painted still life and imagined carrots sparking revolutions. He watched the world in wonder.

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Eating, that most quotidian act, is a good beginning for mindfulness. A few years ago some friends of mine staged a protest at Saint Olaf College. They stood in the dining hall by the trash and ate the unfinished food off of their classmates’ plates. They ate sandwich crusts and apple halves. They finished bowls of chili and ice cream cones. The protest, one student relates, was humbling and powerful. The students eating were forced to put their ideals into the most earthly action. The students throwing away their food were forced to see their friends eat their trash. It was terribly awkward. No one could look the other way. The technology which affords us such sweet comfort is also the technology that good meals are like Whoppers — “a little oomph that goes down easy.”

“Any time we do could be viewed as a waste of time, depending on who you ask. If I ask me, dating and finding that one special person is anything but. By sharing in a loving relationship, you are allowing yourself to be vulnerable, trusting, faithful but most of all, happy. I realize not everyone is looking to fall in love during their four years at Notre Dame, but don’t shy away from it or deliberately close a door in your heart. Instead, smile on your way to class. be friendly, and oh yes, get your work done. But amidst it all cultivate relationships with God, family, friends and that special someone. I promise, if you four years here, it will be these relationships that have the greatest and most last affect on your life.”

Angela Chiappetta

Go Palestine!

A group of Alumni Hall residents hung a cleverly designed banner from their window during last Saturday’s Boston College game, but hall administrators demanded the banner be removed. saying it was “offensive.”

The banner simply stated, “Go Palestine!” and included a rough drawing of a football. Football season is one time draw atten- tion on game weekends. It was a clever way of drawing attention to an important and timely issue for all Catholics concerned with international justice.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops is scheduled to dis- cuss justice for Palestine this Thursday, Nov. 16, in Washington, D.C. The bishops’ discussion will focus around a proposal from Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, who chairs the Conference’s international policy committee.

Cardinal Law’s proposal states that “a just peace demands ... the establishment of an internationally recognized Palestinian state.”

The proposal is significant because it is the first time the bishops have used the word “state” instead of the more frequently used and ambiguous term, “homeland.”

Like Cardinal Law, the Alumni Hall residents who posted the ban- ner displayed courage in making a statement on a controversial issue. Alumni Hall administrators displayed cowardice in caving in to a complaint that the banner was “offensive.”

Should Notre Dame be leading Catholic discussion on Palestinian justice, not censoring it?

Joe Markey

Letters to the Editor

Dating happens under the Dome

Troubles with dating? Maybe I’m in the minority that was spoken of in yesterday’s “Inside Column,” but I am in a long-term, long-distance relationship and trouble is not a word that comes into mind in describing it. Challenging—is yes, hard—sometimes fun—definitely rewarding and worthwhile—without a doubt.

I see college as the most opportu- nite time to build lasting friend­ ships and romantic relationships. When else in your life will you be surrounded by people with whom you share so many similarities? Yes, we are all changing, but this will not end when we gradu­ ate from Notre Dame. We change throughout our lives and it is the people we love that help us when we need it and love us through good times and bad.

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Mary Margaret Nussbaum

We learned more from a minute record, baby

Mary Margaret Nussbaum

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Will Smith, now starring in "The Legend of Bagger Vance," lost $60,000 at a Las Vegas casino.

Smith loses money gambling in Vegas

LOS ANGELES

While in Las Vegas preparing for "The Legend of Bagger Vance," actor Will Smith mastered the greens — but he lost a lot of green, too.

In the December-January issue of Maximum Golf, golf coach Ron Del Barrio said he and Smith spent a week in Las Vegas, hitting both golf and the gambling tables. While Del Barrio told a story good thing for Smith's swing, the tables were another story, Del Barrio said.

After Smith lost $60,000 in about 20 minutes, Del Barrio said Smith vowed it would never happen again.

"Ron," he said. "I guarantee you this — you will never see me gamble again.

For the rest of that trip and during several subsequent visits to the gambling Mecca, Smith apparently held to his word.

Del Barrio said he asked Smith how he resisted temptation.

Smith's response: "That's how I am, I learn a lesson and I don't forget it."

Dinosaur named after 'Jurassic Park' author

RALEIGH, N.C.

Michael Crichton, who brought dinosaurs to life in his best-selling novels, now has a species of the real thing named after him.

Dinosaur specialist Dong Zhiming, lead researcher at Beijing's Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Palaeoanthropology, said he chose to honor the author of "Jurassic Park" and "The Lost World" because of the popularity of Crichton's works in China.

Dong presented casts of skull bones from the newly identified dinosaur to Crichton during a ceremony Tuesday at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

"Crichton's ankylosaur" is a small, armored plant-eating dinosaur that dates to the early Jurassic Period, about 180 million years ago. Dong, who identified the species with fossils discovered 62 years ago in southern China, believes it walked on two legs.

"For a person like me, this is much better than an Academy Award," Crichton said at the ceremony. "I am honored that he's named a new species for me."

Davis and wife receive Screen Actor's Guild award

LOS ANGELES

Husband and wife Osie Davis and Ruby Dee, who have often collaborated on screen, will be honored next year with the Screen Actor's Guild lifetime achievement award.

Davis and Dee, married for 52 years, will receive the honor at the acting union's awards show March 11.

"For more than a half a century, together and individually, Osie Davis and Ruby Dee have enriched and transformed American life as brilliant actors, writers, directors, producers and passionate advocates for social justice, human dignity and creative excellence," said Afeni Shakur-Pryor, president, WGA.

Davis and Dee met during a Broadway production in 1946 and married two years later. They made their film debuts in "No Way Out" in 1950 and costarred on Broadway in "A Raisin in the Sun.

Their other collaborations include "Roots: The Next Generation," the PBS series "With Osie and Ruby" and Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "Jungle Fever."

They have been active in social causes including black voting rights and sickle-cell disease research, and they participated in the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington.

Love movies? Want to write about them? E-mail Scene at scene@nd.edu.
"Red Planet" takes itself very seriously for a movie that asks the viewer to swallow all notions of science and logic. In the year 2057, mankind has overpopulated and pretty much trashed the Earth, so the government wants to move everybody to Mars (never mind that Mars is only half the size of our home planet). So for the past decade, unmanned probes containing oxygen-producing algae have been rocketed to the red planet to help create a breathable atmosphere.

But satellite observations show the algae has somehow disappeared, so the government—now mission to Mars—is on its way to figure out what went wrong. Lucky commander Katherine Bowman ("The Matrix's" Carrie-Anne Moss), the astronauts on board include mechanical engineer Hugh Brice (Val Kilmer), old and wise Chantiles (Terence Stamp, "Star Wars Episode IV"), egomaniacal biologist Tom Sizemore ("Saving Private Ryan"), hot-headed pilot Benjamin Bratt ("The Next Best Thing") and civilian Simon Baker ("L.A. Confidential").

Alas, the story's shaky getting-to-know-you scenes soon enough six-month rocket journey. In the first reel, crew arrive in orbit just in time to be smacked with an inexplicably random and contrived "burst of gamma radiation," which knocks out most of the ship's systems. Forced to launch their landing craft, the five-man crew leaves Moss behind to repair affects while they crash-land on Mars.

In the movie's many superb special effects sequences, Bowman has to put out a fire on the mother ship while the five guys crash-land on the surface and then bounce off a mighty precipice in what looks like a giant beach ball. So all but Bowman end up on the planet's surface, which means Moss spends much of the movie looking worried in a red jumpsuit.

The stranded astronauts try to spark up some group dynamics, and after briefly trying to sound like grown-up, they resort to the usual behavior of action-movie characters: bullying and mouthing off at each other like teenagers in a delinquent movie. Everything starts going wrong. The habitat that was supposed to be waiting for them has been destroyed, two of them are dead within five minutes of screen time, and the three remaining are being hunted by a robot that the crew brought with them from Earth.

For the record, AMEE looks too much like a stop-motion piece of animation; but the bigger problem is that she seems to go beyond other than that she sensed a void in the narrative, AMEE turns into a cunning terminator with a taste for swooping down on crew members and maiming them.

First time director Antony Hoffman's movie—which seems to borrow from not only "2001: A Space Odyssey" but also every sci-fi-expedition movie ever made—is passable enough. Hoffman skillfully balances the movie's Watts and London's absurdities with a convincingly worldy and semi-futuristic visual milieu, some genuine tension and some effects sequences. But while it tops in those regards, he can't seem to shoot a simple conversation, and his editing is sludgy.

As far as acting goes, only Moss and Kilmer escape with their credibility intact. As the lone female, Moss is called upon to do the obligatory nude scene (PG-13 nudity, mind you), but she turns in a performance very similar to Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in the "Alien" series. She spends the whole picture on the ship, but this sharp andbury self-contained actress is more fun to watch than anything on the red planet.

And the occasionally arrogant Kilmer is surprisingly subdued in the humble hero willing to sacrifice all to save his fellow Americans.

Overall, "Red Planet" thinks it's both more intelligent and more exciting than it really is. But taken as a popcorn-munching Saturday matinee, it's pleasantly entertaining — and much better than "Mission to Mars," a similar big-budget sci-fi spectacular that stunk up theaters in March. Burdened by its high suspension-of disbelief factor and maquerading science, not to mention its poor pacing and dreary protracted plot line, the presence of the lame killer robot is not a bonus, either. "Red Planet" at least keeps the audience enveloped in its story. So while a few of the scenes provide real tension and some sly humor, "Red Planet" is hardly the stuff of sci-fi dreams.
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. John's leaps into AP poll, Notre Dame remains No. 15

Associated Press

With three freshmen in the starting lineup, St. John's was supposed to take some time to reign on the Top 25.

"How about two games?" The Red Storm, which beat Kentucky in the opening round of the Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic and then lost 82-72 to Kansas in the championship game, jumped into The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday at No. 24.

Freshman Omar Cook, Kyle Cuffe and Willie Shaw -- all New York natives -- started against Kansas along with Anthony Glover and Reggie Jesse, the only starters back from the team that was ranked No. 9 in last season's final poll.

Cook lived up to his hype as one of the top recruits in the country, but Cuffe and Shaw were right with him in the title-game loss.

"They were probably thinking of themselves as freshmen, guys usually asked just to be spectators," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said. "I finally drowned them out because not only were they being asked to participate, they were capable of participating. Both of them are going to be excellent basketball players."

Jarvis has high expectations for his crack at the title.

"I see a group of guys who really, really compete," he said. "We've got a tough lineup and we're going to be a good team."

Arizona, Duke and Michigan State, the top three teams in the preseason poll, held those places in the first regular-season poll, while Kansas moved from seventh to fourth.

The Jayhawks beat UCLA and St. John's in stretching their winning streak in November to 31 games, a run dating to a 1990 loss to Arizona State.

UCLA, which finished third in the preseason poll, moved from 17th to No. 14, while Kentucky, which lost to St. John's and UCLA and started a season 0-2 for the first time since 1975-76, dropped from 12th to 20th.

The only other ranked team to play on the sport's opening weekend was North Carolina, which dropped one place to seventh despite winning the Naismith Classic with victories over Winthrop and Tulsa.

The home games were North Carolina's first under Matt Doherty, who replaced Bill Guthridge and became the Tar Heels' third coach in five seasons.

Arizona received 35 first-place votes and 1,538 points from the nationwide media panel, while Duke was No. 1 on 21 ballots and had 1,522 points.

Michigan State, which opens defense of its national championship next Sunday against Oakland, had five first-place votes, while Kansas had one.

Stanford, Maryland, which had the only other first-place vote, and North Carolina all dropped one place from the preseason poll and were followed in the Top Ten by Illinois, Tennessee and Seton Hall.

Neither Arizona nor Maryland plays this week, but the other Top Ten teams will all get started.

Duke plays Princeton on Tuesday night in the opening round of the Preseason NIT, while Stanford (San Francisco State), Illinois (Maine), Tennessee (Chattanooga) and Seton Hall (Hilor) all open their second seasons Friday night.

Florida again led the second tier, followed by Utah, Connecticut, UCLA, Arkansas, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Wake Forest, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

The final five ranked teams were Oklahoma, DePaul, Southern California, Stanford and Virginia.

Iowa State, which was 25th in the preseason poll, dropped out despite not playing a game.

The Hawkeyes had their season opener postponed last year in Miami, and the Hurricanes returned to the rankings for the first time since 1975-

Two other teams received votes from members of the media, both in the Top 25:

Tennessee moved from 17th to No. 14, while UConn was 20th for the third time this season.

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Irish forward Troy Murphy moves around a Syracuse defender during a game last season. The Irish, who are ranked No. 15, begin regular season action on Saturday against Sacred Heart.

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**NEW YORK**

Phoenix Coyotes left wing Brad May was suspended for 20 games by the NHL on Wednesday for a slash to the head of Columbus forward Steve Heinze.

The suspension matches the fourth-longest in NHL history for an on-ice violation and will cost May almost $120,000 in salary.

Heinze needed nine stitches on his nose but was not seriously hurt. May received a match penalty for attempt to injure in the infraction.

"I have to be held accountable," May told the Arizona Republic.

"I didn't mean to hurt him at all," May said. "I just looked up and saw him on the ice, and I was afraid someone was going to hit him in the head with his stick."

"I think it was a very harsh suspension. We're going to miss him terribly over the next 18 games," said Coyotes general manager Bobby Smith, adding that the team made its case to the NHL on Tuesday and has no avenue for an appeal.

"I certainly hope the league doesn't think this," Smith said. "I think it had to do with the fact that the league decided this year to lower the bar on this type of incident."

Blue Jackets general manager Doug MacLean told The Palm, an all-sports radio station in Toronto, that the message to all players in the NHL is clear.

"The act of striking an opponent in the head with his stick will carry severe consequences," MacLean said.

**San Diego**

Ryan Leaf could play Sunday when the San Diego Chargers go to Denver looking for their first win.

Coach Mike Riley implied Monday that Jim Harbaugh would start against the Broncos because he was the Chargers' healthiest quarterback despite having a mild hernia. But Leaf popped back into the picture on Wednesday after slightly strained left hamstring and now there's a chance he could end up starting.

Leaf and Harbaugh took the same number of snaps in practice on Thursday, Riley said. If Leaf's hernia is just a "mild discomfort" and not a problem, he'll start.

"I don't want to make a final decision right now because Ryan has obviously entered into this thing healthier than we anticipated," Riley said.

Leaf was listed as questionable on the injury report but said the hamstring felt pretty good.

"The way it felt today, by the time Sunday comes, with the adrenaline and being hyped up for the game, I don't think it will be a problem," said Leaf, who's had a turbulent season filled with injuries and poor play.

Leaf was hurt sliding at the end of a scramble late in last Sunday's 17-7 loss to the Miami Dolphins, which dropped the Chargers to 0-10. Leaf was bosed both when he replaced injured starter Moses Moreno (sprained knee) and when he limped off the field.

Harbaugh played the final 1:12 and served up the last of four Chargers interceptions. Moreno was picked off twice, Leaf once.

Riley has said that Harbaugh is the most pressing question for the Chargers' future, and that they need to have a plan that works for the embattled Leaf as possible.

"I want him to play some, yet," Riley said. "But I don't want to hurry it. I want to make sure before we do anything."

**Soldier Field to receive $587 million renovation**

Chicago taxpayers, children and families, the museum, the Park District, the Bears and their fans, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority and the Illinois Legislature will pay for most of the renovations if the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority approves a bond revenue plan to be presented during its pre-session session. The Illinois Sports Facilities Authority needs legislative approval to increase its bonding authority.

"The Bears, who have a $100 million loan from the NFL for stadium improvements, plan to recoup their expenses with a still undetermined personal seat license fee and the possibility of adding a corporate name to Soldier Field," Bears president Ted Phillips said. "The Soldier Field name will remain, that was part of the deal," he said.

Outside the stadium, there will be a 250-foot-long granite water wall to honor military veterans, a wintertime sledding hill, a 2,500-space underground parking garage and a visitor center for the nearby Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium.

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WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

American men escape elimination after routing Barbados

Associated Press

WATERFORD, Barbados

Everything was going wrong for the United States. World Cup elimination was 27 minutes away and the opponent in the yellow uniforms played more like mighty Brazil than lowly Barbados.

Enter Joe-Max Moore — and just in time — creating an easy goal for Clint Mathis in the 36th minute that started the beleaguered American rout.

Eanie Stewart, Cabi Jones and Ante Razov added goals, and the Americans beat Barbados 4-0 Wednesday to advance to next year’s regional finals of World Cup qualifying.

“We had to win,” Mathis said. “I think the guys did a great job with the pressure.

Now the United States advances to a final group that includes Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and either Costa Rica or Guatemala. The top three will advance to the 2002 tournament in Japan and South Korea.

“I know we’re good enough to qualify, we will do that,” Moore boldly predicted.

It was the first time in 11 years the United States faced an elimination game in World Cup qualifying, since the Americans won at Trinidad and Tobago to qualify for their first World Cup in 40 years.

Playing in the Caribbean or Central America, on bumpy fields, with blustery winds and odisseys crowds, is far different from stadiums in the United States. Barbados National Stadium didn’t even have a scoreboard.

A rainbow appeared 10 minutes before gametime on a humid, overcast field that had intermittent light rain. Fans were singing to calypso music, hoping the Bajan Rockets, ranked just 102nd in the world, could upset the United States, ranked 18th.

And after a first half that saw Mathis hit a post in the 36th minute and get stopped by goalkeeper Horace Stoute on a penalty-shot attempt, the 39th, the Americans had grim, tight faces when they walked off at halftime.

“Today seemed harder,” said U.S. goalkeeper Tony Meola, playing a World Cup qualifier for the first time since the 1989 game at Trinidad. “For a while, it seemed like we couldn’t get a goal.”

Guatemala was at home against Costa Rica in a game played simultaneously. If the United States failed to win and Guatemala won, the Americans would have been eliminated.

Because Guatemala won 2-1, the United States came uncomfortably close to elimination.

“We knew it wasn’t going to be easy,” Meola said.

Both games were scoreless at halftime. The crowd of about 4,000 kept getting louder.

Five minutes into the second half, Barbados nearly went ahead.

Llewellyn Riley took a hard shot and Meola just managed to deflect it. The rebound hit the knee of defender Carlos Llamas, ricocheted off the crossbar and only then bounced away.

“Maybe the play of the game is Meola’s save,” Arena said.

In August, the United States routed Barbados 7-0 at Foxboro, Mass. But the Americans had a two-man advantage in the final 49 minutes of that game. This was a far more confident Barbados team.

“I always said we match up with their players very well, especially at home,” Barbados midfielder Augustus Hurtle said.

Chris Klein appeared to put the Americans in front in the 94th minute when he put in a rebound of a Moore shot, but referee Noel Bynoe of Trinidad and Tobago called Moore offside. That was just about the time the U.S. bench learned Guatemala had taken a 1-0 lead.

“It could be one of those days,” Arena said to himself.

Moore, who scored twice in the win at Foxboro, created the goal when he picked up a pass in the corner of the field a few minutes later, ran down the end line, eluded Wayne Sobers and passed the ball back to Mathis, who was just about to be taken out of the game in favor of Razov.

Mathis had a virtually open net and scored from about six yards out.
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The sharp rhetoric has escalated and the indecision has become almost unbearable in Florida this week, as the nation waits for a winner.

Such is the state of politics.

Such is the state of football.

The winner of one contest will wind up in the White House. The other, No. 4 Florida vs. No. 3 Florida State, will be decided late Saturday night.

For the last century, sports and politics have happily coexisted in America, often creating a blurry line between what people are passionate about and what really is important.

As the two obsessions collide this weekend in Tallahassee, there seems to be agreement on one thing: The election may decide the future of the country, but the football game may go further in determining who is happy for the next 365 days.

"Around the nation, I don't know, "Florida State receiver Snup Minnis said. "But in Florida, I have the feeling more people are going to be concentrating on our game."

Is there any harm in that?

Florida State student Angie Chatham doesn't think so. Like so many Americans over the last week, she has been monitoring the election on TV and in the newspapers.

"I'm a political-science major, so the election is important to me," Chatham said. "But it's my senior year, so the game is going to take up most of my attention this weekend."

The mixing of metaphors between sports and politics has long been a staple of American life. Tight political campaigns are called horse races; some football coaches are so beloved, "they oughta run for president."

Politics and sports mix in more tangible ways, as well.

In Nebraska, voters just elected former Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne to Congress. Steve Largent, J.C. Watts, Jack Kemp, and Gerald Ford — all football players who became politicians.

In Florida, a state that takes its rich football and political traditions seriously, the ties are just as deeply entrenched.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, the politician making some of the most crucial decisions regarding election recounts, is the granddaughter of Ben Hill Griffin, a cattle and citrus magnate. Florida plays football in Bell Griffin Stadium, aka "The Swamp."


Even the Florida-Florida State game is a product of politics. Then-Gov. Leroy Collins brought the schools athletic directors together in the mid-1950s and ordered them to schedule a football game as soon as possible.

The first game was played Nov. 22, 1958. Florida won 27-7.

Suddenly, however, with a presidential election and a college football season on the line in one small Southern capital, some Americans may wonder if they have their priorities straight.

One sociologist between those conflicting priorities could actually be a sign of the strength of the country.

"The interest in who wins the football game and how the election turns out are intricately linked," said Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University.

"People in this country are seeking in knowing the nation will continue to be administered in an effective way, no matter how the election turns out. That's one of the things that makes it possible to be obsessed with things beyond politics."
Arizona State's Snyder fired, will coach through season

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - Arizona State football coach Bruce Snyder was fired Wednesday with one game remaining in a third consecutive disappointing season.

Snyder, who just four years ago directed the Sun Devils to an 11-0 regular season, will coach through the remainder of this season.

Athletic director Gene Smith, a former Notre Dame football player who has been at Arizona State only since July, had said he would make a decision on Snyder's future after the season.

But he changed his mind following the Sun Devils' 29-7 loss at Stanford last Saturday.

"I came to the realization very recently that this is a decision that was best for our program for the future," Smith said during a news conference to announce the firing. "Once I make a decision, I'm the type of individual that likes to act."

Smith told Snyder his decision Wednesday morning, then the coach met with his players to tell them. The Sun Devils don't resume practice until Thursday, and Snyder told athletic department officials he wouldn't be available to comment until then.

Snyder will coach the Sun Devils (5-5) in their season finale at Arizona on Nov. 24. A win there would make Arizona State eligible for a bowl game.

Snyder is 57-44 in nine seasons at Arizona State, but just 16-17 in the last three years. He has a 125-105-5 record in 25 years as a head coach, including stints at Utah State and Califormia.

Snyder had three years remaining on his contract. Smith said that the total buyout for the coach and his staff would be "under $2 million" and that most, if not all, of the money would come from boosters.

In 1996, Snyder won consensus national coach of the year honors after guiding Arizona State to an unbeaten regular season. The Sun Devils lost to Ohio State 20-17 in the Rose Bowl and finished fourth in the national rankings.

Arizona State was 9-3 in 1997, including a Sun Bowl appearance, but the team went 5-6 in 1998, and 6-6 last season.

"Once I make a decision, I'm the type of individual that likes to act."

Gene Smith
Arizona State athletic director

"I want to make sure that we all understand as the Sun Devil family that Bruce Snyder has operated this program with class, dignity and integrity, and for that, we need to be thankful," he said.

Smith declined to talk about the specifics of why Snyder was fired, but said the win-loss record was important.

In Wednesday's Arizona Republic, former Sun Devils and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Danny White said he had talked to Smith about the job should Snyder be dismissed.

White, coach of the Arena Football League, said Smith told him that he would be on a short list of candidates if Snyder were fired.

However, Smith said Wednesday that he had not talked with anyone about becoming the new coach and that White would be considered the same as any other candidate.
# Student Union Board

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- Free event on Thursday, November 16th, LaFortune Huddle, 9pm-12am

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- Princes of Babylon concert on Friday, November 17th, Alumni-Senior Club, 10pm

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**Men's Basketball vs. Sacred Heart**
- Saturday, November 18th, 8:30pm, JACC

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- College of Architecture on Thursday, November 16th, SDH Hospitality, 12-1:30pm

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- Letter Writing Meeting on Thursday, November 16th, CSC, 4pm

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- Thursday, November 16th

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- Friday, November 17th, Stepan, 3-6pm

**Off-Campus Game Watch**
- Saturday, November 18th, BW3's, 3:30pm

**ND Faculty Chamber Music**
- Sunday, November 19th, Annenberg Auditorium, 2pm

**ND Brass Ensemble**
- Sunday, November 19th, Basilica, 8pm

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**Morrissey Unplugged; Dances:**
- Alumni, Zahn, BP, McGlinn on Friday, November 17th

**Dances:**
- Pangborn, Lewis, PW, Cavanaugh, Keenan, PE on Saturday, November 18th
NEW YORK
Jason Giambi still credits much of his success to his father, even though they only spent two years together in Oakland.

So it came as no surprise when the Angels' first call after winning the American League Most Valuable Player Award went to Mr. Giambi.

"I wanted to thank him first before anybody else because he's the one that brought me to my career," Giambi said Wednesday.

Thomas, a two-time winner, rebounded from his worst season as a pro to finish second with 292 points and 10 first-place votes. Seattle's Alex Rodriguez got the other four first-place votes and finished third with 215 points.

"This is a boy's dream come true," Giambi said.

"This has been nothing but a fairy tale for me this year with my brother (Jeremy) here and the A's winning the division.

Giambi came up to Oakland early in the 1993 season, when McGwire was entrenched at first base and served as a tutor for the young player.

Two years later, McGwire was traded to St. Louis as the A's began a rebuilding process that turned into this season's division title. Oakland also took the Yankees to deciding fifth game in the division series before being eliminated.

"A couple of years ago we almost lost 100 games," Giambi said.

"We're really turned the corner. And Billy Beane did an unbelievable job putting together this machine we have going now. Hopefully we can take it to the next step.

Giambi is the biggest reason why. He spearheaded the team's run to the AL West title by hitting .317, 36 home runs and 137 RBIs in the final month.

"I knew when I came to the ballpark that it wasn't a question if I would get it — it was how many and if I'd have a chance," Giambi said.

"I had never been so focused in my life. It is something you dream about to have that kind of September to get your team to the playoffs.

Not that he was shab-
**Broncos’ Griese out 4 weeks**

Associated Press

DENVER

Quarterback Brian Griese, who led the Denver Broncos to victory Monday night despite playing with a separated throwing shoulder, will be sidelined 3-to-4 weeks and possibly longer.

"I’m looking to come back in a month or so and see if I can throw the ball and help this team out because that’s my responsibility," Griese said Wednesday.

He was injured in the first quarter when he was tackled and Oakland lineman Dwayne Collins hit him in the shoulder. Collins was ejected for targeting and Griese was treated with an ice pack.

Griese is listed as "questionable" for Sunday’s game at San Diego.

"I’m not sure what the plans are," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "But we’ll see how (Griese) feels and if there’s any set back."

"I don’t know if we’re going to have to open the door and go outside and do this thing," he said. "We’ll have to see how he feels."

Griese sustained an injury in a 23-22 loss Sunday. After Griese tore the cartilage in his shoulder in 1999, he missed only two games.

"I don’t feel snakebit," he said. "I’ve had some problems but it hasn’t been something where I’ve missed a bunch of games. I’ve been able to play through it."
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Baseball Recruits: "I think [Macri] is the type of player who's going to be a first-round draft pick out of high school or after a career at Notre Dame. He's kind of a centerpiece to any program and he might be the best all-around player that they've ever signed."

Jeff Spelman
Baseball One recruiting analyst

"One big thing for me was how the coaches got along and I liked them a lot and could tell the players love playing for them. The No. 2 player in the Irish class was Grant Johnson, a 6-foot-6, 205-pound pitcher from Burre Ridge, Ill. Johnson, a National Honor Society member carrying a 4.34 GPA, has a fastball in the low 90's and, because of his height, a very high ceiling in terms of his development as a player.

"A guy like Grant Johnson would be the No. 1 guy for a lot of other schools," said Spelman. "He's throwing 88 to 90 now, but you look at him and you can easily say he's a guy that's going to throw in the 90's in a couple of years."

"Grant is an outstanding prospect who has the physical tools to be a dominant power pitcher," said Mainieri. "He has a great arm with a fastball that already can touch the low 90's. He has the perfect fit of pitchers body at 6-6 and with additional strength should throw even harder."

"I'm looking forward to working with Coach [Bryan] O'Connor on improving my off-speed pitches," said Johnson. "I've heard great things about him as a coach.

"The Irish inked a third top pitching prospect in New Jersey native Martin Vergara. Vergara has a very live fastball with impressive movement on his off-speed pitches."

"I think the important thing for Scott is that he needs to get stronger and gain weight," said Mainieri. "He's a 6-foot-5 left-handed pitcher with a very nice fluid delivery and he knows how to pitch. What you hope with him is that he gets stronger and his velocity goes up four or five miles per hour."

As with every baseball recruiting class, Mainieri runs the risk of losing a few of these players to the June draft, especially Macri, Johnson and Vergara. The Irish head coach remains confident that each of these players will suit up for the Irish to comprise a team that looks to have one of the best shots at going to the College World Series in recent memory."

"All of them have told me that their desire is to first go to Notre Dame and then go play professional baseball," said Mainieri. "In reality, when June rolls around with the major league draft, will they still feel that way? I certainly hope so, but there's a possibility they may not."

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Thomas makes triumphant return to Detroit in 92-88 victory

**Associated Press**

ABU N U R L S, I c h.

Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas insisted that Wednesday's visit to the Palace of Auburn Hills was no big deal.

His players knew better. Reggie Miller scored 30 points, while Travis Best added 22 as the Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons 92-88 Wednesday night.

"Isiah coming back to Detroit was a lot like the last few years when Coach [Larry] Bird would go back to Boston," Miller said. "They would act like it was just another game, but you could see it in their eyes. Isiah has a lot of tradition in this town, and we wanted to win for him." Thomas, who spent his Hall of Fame playing career with the Pacers, was given a standing ovation by the sparse crowd during pregame introductions.

"I wouldn't trade the feeling I got when I walked back on that court for anything in the world," Thomas said. "It was great to realize that the fans have still appreciated what we did."

Jalen Rose's return to the Pacers lineup was delayed for at least one more game. The Detroit native, who has missed the entire season with a fractured wrist, had hoped to return against the Pistons but did not dress for the game.

"It's a bonus that we have been able to get to 5-2 without Jalen," Best said. "We don't have one of our main players, and even the two games we lost, we had a great chance to win."

Austin Croshere had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Indiana. 

Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 29 points, and Cedric Ceballos scored 19.

"We had opportunities to win this game, but that's not any consolation," Stackhouse said. "This was a game we should have won. We can't just let teams keep coming back on us like that." The Pistons missed nine of their first 10 shots in the fourth, but two baskets from Stackhouse put them ahead, 86-85.

Miller answered with a jumper and, after two Detroit misses and a turnover, hit a fast-break layup to make it 89-86 with 25.7 seconds left.

Stackhouse threw the ball away on the ensuing possession, and Miller made a free throw to put the Pacers up by four.

"I thought we played hard enough to win, and we held a good team to under 40 percent shooting," said Pistons coach George Irvine. "But in the second half, in crucial situations, we had too many turnovers.

After two free throws from Chuck Knicks, Miller hit another pair from the line to wrap up the victory.

76ers 107, Cavaliers 98

George Lynch figured it was his time to lead the Philadelphia 76ers, even if it meant not playing his normal game.

Lynch scored a season-high 23 points and Allen Iverson added 22 as the 76ers matched the best start in franchise history — 8-0 — with a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"My shot opportunities were there. I knew I had to come out of my shooting slump sometime," said Lynch, who averaged 7.3 points entering the game. "I always wanted to score, but my role is to be a defensive player. If you watched the way we played last year, other than Allen, someone else has to step up.

Philadelphia also opened the 1979-80 season with eight straight wins and went to the NBA Finals. Iverson, playing with a sprained left ankle, overcome a slow start and sparked an 18-0 run in the third that gave the Sixers control of the game.

Clarence Weatherspoon scored 24 points and Robert Traylor added a career-high 17 for Cleveland, which began the night with the second-best record in the East. Theo Ratliff had 15 points and six blocks for the Sixers.

"I was disappointed in my first half, and I wanted to come in and ignite the team," Ratliff said. "George kept us in the game with his scoring." The Sixers erased a five-point deficit and took their first lead since the opening minute on a fast-break layup by Iverson that made it 59-57 with 9:42 left in the third. Iverson had seven points during the run, including a layup and free throw for a three-point play as the Sixers built a 76-57 lead.

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wouldn’t be doing it,” Davie said. “I know how difficult head coaching jobs are to get, and I’ve been in the same position myself. When you have the opportunity to take the next step in anybody’s career, I’m not going to stand in anybody’s way.”

Other colleges have contacted Rogers in the past about a head coaching position, but no Division I-A schools.

Another coach mentioned by the Newark Star-Ledger as a possible replacement for Shea is Gary Darnell, former Irish defensive coordinator and current Western Michigan head coach.

“They said I was a candidate,” Rogers said. “I’m hoping there are not many. I don’t think I am, but I really don’t know who else is involved or anything.”

Following Saturday evening’s meeting, Rogers plans to jet back to South Bend to help the Irish get ready for their final regular-season game.

“I’m flying back as soon as I possibly can to get ready for Southern Cal,” Rogers said. “I know what I’ve got here, and we’ve got an opportunity to finish the season right and do something special. That’s what my focus is.”

Kevin Rogers
Irish offensive coordinator

“I’m in the bunker all day,” Rogers said. “We’re totally focused on the game plan and these kinds of things. I’m not making phone calls asking for recommendations. I’m not in there politicking for the job.”

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“She’s not the type of post player who’s going to come away from the basket,” said McGraw. “She can, but I think right now she’s more comfortable on the block.”

While no player — let alone a freshman — can step in and fill the shoes of an All-American like Riley who has been named Big East Defensive Player of the Year, Borton should provide enough solid defense and rebounding to prevent the Irish from being dominated in the middle during the coming years.

On a team with talented perimeter shooters and other talented post players, Notre Dame likely will remain competitive in the post-Riley era.

“She’s a post player with great mobility who can score around the basket,” said McGraw. “She has a lot of offensive skills and is a good defender as well so I think she is going to fit in with our scheme of things.”

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish add Borton to talented recruiting class

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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After already landing the best recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame women's basketball to go along with a recently signed five-year contract, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw could only ask for one more thing — a center to succeed All-American Ruth Riley next season.

On Wednesday, McGraw may have seen her wish come true as Teresa Borton, a 6-foot-3 center from Yakima, Wash, agreed to attend Notre Dame. Borton joins Jackie Battoast, Katie Flecky and Kelsey Wicks in a talented group of incoming frosh court players. Guards Allison Bustamante and Jill Krause also will be members of the class of 2005.

"Teresa rounds out a great class and gives us one of the top three classes in the country," said McGraw. "This is the best class we have ever signed and it shows that we are moving in the right direction."

Borton was the 2000 Seattle Times class 3A player of the year, finishing fourth in the state of Washington in rebounding. She led her team to the 3A quarterfinals before the Rams fell to Blanchet 45-39. Blanchet collapsed on Borton every time she touched the ball, allowing her to take only nine shots.

Blue Star Basketball ranks Borton 23rd overall among high school seniors, third among players 6-3 or taller. Her height and ability to play the post will be needed next season. The head coach says that Borton's play falls somewhere in between that of Riley and Barksdale.

"She's somewhere between Mandy and Ruth," said McGraw. "She's not quite as big as Ruth, not as dominating a presence, but she's a little bit bigger than Mandy."

McGraw also sees Borton as more of an inside player, which should fit in perfectly at Notre Dame history in Tuesday, signing seven players, all of whom are listed on Team One Baseline's list of "Tracking the Nation's Top Prospects".

In college recruiting, baseball ranks right with basketball in terms of difficulty. Not only are there a limited number of starting positions, but there is generally a limited number of scholarships.

To make the coach's job even harder in recruiting, players must be signed in the fall, while the coach does not find out which underclassmen are leaving until the following June. Notre Dame — a Northern school competing for top prospects with the likes of Florida, LSU and Miami — must also convince players to pass up the advantage of practicing outdoors year-round.

Despite such inherent disadvantage, Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri announced one of the finest recruiting classes in Notre Dame history on Tuesday, signing seven players, all of whom are listed on Team One Baseball's list of "Tracking the Nation's Top Prospects".

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FOOTBALL

Rutgers contacts Rogers about vacant head coaching job

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers won't let himself think about the future when he's preparing for Saturday's game against the Scarlet Knights. If he did, he'd be looking into a cloudy forecast that might include his taking the head coaching position at Rutgers.

Rutgers head coach Terry Shea announced last week that he will resign following the season. Shea carries an 11-41 record in five years for the Scarlet Knights. A New Jersey native, Rogers found himself amid speculation as a successor to Shea early on. It wasn't until Monday morning, however, that Rutgers attempted to contact Rogers by calling "My concentration and focus legitimately is on our football team and what we have to do. That [the Rutgers job] is just speculation at this point and time." Rogers returned the phone call Monday afternoon, scheduling a meeting for Saturday night after the Irish and Scarlet Knights meet in a 3:30 p.m. contest.

Irish head coach Bob Davie gave Rogers his full approval to look into the head coaching position.

"If I wasn't OK with it, we wouldn't be calling," Davie said.

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