Students to travel to Georgia for SOA protest

By MYRA MCGRIFF
News Writer

This afternoon, dozens of Notre Dame and last year's students will pile into vans for a 780-mile ride down to Columbus, Ga.

When they arrive, they will join thousands of other protesters from across the country in a two-day prayer vigil to demonstrate against the School of the Americas (SOA), a U.S. Army program at Fort Benning which has been accused of teaching Latin American officers the arts of torture and human rights abuse in the name of democracy.

This is the third year that students from the two schools have gone to the vigil. Twenty-four made the trip last year and nine the year before. Last year, 12,000 people participated in this peaceful demonstration; this weekend even more are expected.

"It's amazing, the diversity of people who come out and say we should not pay our tax dollars to support this," said Sheila McCarthy, a Pax Christi Notre Dame member who went last year. "You've got priests, nuns, punk high school kids, Catholic Workers, anarchists ... It's just an amazing variety of people who come out and say we should not pay our tax dollars to support this."

The SOA was founded in 1946 in Panama to spread "American" culture to Latin America. In 1984 it was moved to Fort Benning, on the border of Alabama and Georgia. From its beginning, the school has taught Latin American soldiers about United States military techniques and discipline, and, as a result, been denounced by human rights organizations around the world.

The SOA protest will be the second public demonstration against the school at Fort Benning this year. On Sept. 22, around 1,000 people peacefully demonstrated against the SOA in front of the gates to the fort. Fort Benning police, who had been called to clear the road leading to the gates, used tear gas to disperse the crowd. The protesters have vowed to continue their demonstrations until the SOA is closed.

The SOA protest is one of several demonstrations scheduled to take place in the region this weekend. In addition to the SOA protest, there will be a demonstration against the United States military's role in Central America on Friday afternoon at noon. The demonstration will begin at the intersection of Veterans Boulevard and South Boulevard and proceed to the U.S. Army Center for Environmental Excellence on Fort Benning.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Dumb and Dumber**

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Outlined on its website, the SOA provides — cost effecting training in democratic values and human rights. But its critics are many. An organization called School of the Americas Watch was founded in 1990 to get the school shut down, decrying the fact that many of its 60,000 graduates have achieved international notorious for human rights abuses. One graduate is former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, now serving a 40-year sentence for drug trafficking. Roberto D'Aubisson, a Salvadoran who is widely believed to have ordered the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and three of the five Salvadoran military officers who killed three American nuns and a lay social worker in 1980 were also graduates of the school.

This is what motivates the students traveling there this weekend.

"In 1990 graduates of the SOA killed 800 people, destroying the El Mozote village in El Salvador," said Maureen Capillo, a member of the PeaceMakers at Saint Mary's. "We do not want our tax dollars to fund this school."

The vigil itself is a two-day event. Saturday there is a rally outside the base gates, with speakers and concerts protesting the SOA. Sunday is the "Vigil for Nonviolent Civil Disobedience" in which protesters march onto the base itself in a "funeral procession."

The procession is led by members bearing eight coffins, one each for six priests and their housekeepers assassinated in 1989 by El Salvadoran officers, many of whom were SOA graduates. Behind the coffins are thousands of mourners, each carrying a white cross in memory of a victim. Many of these people will cross into the base, and thus risk arrest for trespassing.

"We cross the line to demand justice for all the victims that have died at the hands of the School of the Americas," senior Sarah Greeman said.

Other students want the protest to bring awareness to government policy.

Many see the United States playing a large part in perpetuating the wars in countries like Columbia, El Salvador, and Mexico. Outside of training Latin soldiers, some students voice concern with the United States exporting weapons into the hands of these Latin soldiers.

"I think there needs to be a reappraisal of the U.S. foreign weapons policy," Capillo said.

Another goal of the vigil is to shut down the SOA. On this front, protesters have come close to success.

In 1996, Pentagon officials admitted that the SOA had used manuals on the use of fear, torture and truth serum in its classes. Last year, voting down several previous attempts, the House of Representatives approved a measure to cut $2 million from the SOA's budget. But the money was later restored.

This year, for the first time, the Notre Dame students making the trip will be sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Institute for International Peace Studies and the Institute for Latin Studies and Campus Ministry.

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The teachers in attendance this weekend represent education at all levels and at all kinds of schools.

"The confidence is open to educators from Catholic schools, private schools and public schools, so we really do have a range of all schools in the community," said Judy Gibson, associate director of Alumni Continuing Education.

"Educators will return to the classroom with a greater appreciation for their vocation and a stronger commitment to their students," said Sullivan.

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**RUSSIA**

**Cabinet to ditch Mir space station**

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia's Cabinet decided Thursday that the space station Mir will end its 15 years of pioneering achievements and white-knuckle mishaps with a fiery plunge into the Pacific Ocean in February.

Mir's successes and tribulations mirrored the epochal changes that shook Russia during its time aloft, and ditching it in a remote corner of the sea 900 to 1,200 miles off Australia will extinguish a potent symbol for many Russians.

But Mir is deteriorating, foreign investors who bought the station an eleventh-hour reprieve this year haven't met their commitments, and Russia wants to concentrate its revenues on the 16-nation international space station, which received its first crew last month. Russian Space Agency chief Yuri Koptev said.

Koptev said it would be unsafe to leave Mir aloft without new, expensive missions to refurbish it.

"This year has already been rich with disasters," he said. "We must not encourage new attacks and speculations aimed against our country."

Russia's one-time image of technological prowess was severely tarnished this year by the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk and the fire that engulfed Moscow's TV tower, one of the world's tallest structures.

Russia also was embarrased by the funding problems that caused it to fall years behind in launching a key module of the NASA-led international space station. But its launch this summer, followed by the station's first Russian crew arriving on board, provided a Russian space capsule, with the station a symbol of Russia's pride.

For years, NASA has been urging Russia to concentrate its funds on the international space station. "Our concern has only been that the Russians have adequate resources to support their commitments to the international space station," NASA spokesman Debra Rahn said Thursday at the space agency's Washington head.

Court blocks Texas execution: The U.S. Supreme Court blocked Thursday night's execution of a convicted killer said to be mentally retarded he spends his days coloring with crayons and still believes in Santa Claus.

The high court said it wanted more time to decide whether to hear arguments that Johnny Armstrong, who identified himself as Duke's bodyguard and a caretaker at the house, said agents told him they were looking into whether Duke was illegally using money raised for his new wildlife organization for his personal use. "It's a fishing expedition," Armstrong said.

**VIETNAM**

Three Vietnamese employees of Hanoi's D' shah hotel hold U.S. and Vietnamese flags as they leave a brief welcoming ceremony held for U.S. President Bill Clinton. He is the first U.S. President to visit Hanoi since the end of the Vietnam War 25 years ago.

Clinton visits communist capital

Associated Press

HANOI

President Clinton began a historic visit Thursday to Vietnam, stirring painful memories back home of America's longest and most unpopular war and prompting a former enemy to build a different future.

Clinton was welcomed by the communist capital late at night, the first U.S. president ever in Hanoi, a city once bombed by American warplanes. The welcoming ceremony was put off until morning, but that didn't stop thousands of Vietnamese from turning out in the midnight cold to get a glimpse of Clinton's limousine and jam the square in front of his hotel.

Even though the visit received scathing advance publicity, the Vietnamese lined the streets, some just looking on and others waving and clapping when the president's motorcade passed by. "This has only happened in a thousand years," said homemaker Tran Thi Lan, 50.

Clinton was to be formally welcomed Friday by President Tran Duc Luong at an honor guard ceremony in the courtyard of the French-built presidential palace on Ba Dinh Square.

Reaching out to a generation of students born after the war, Clinton will speak at Hanoi National University to describe his vision for a new chapter in U.S.-Vietnamese relations. State-run television was to broadcast the address live.

More than 50 U.S. corporations sent executives to Vietnam during Clinton's visit in hopes of gaining a foothold in a vast untapped market of 73 million people.

As a young man, Clinton "opposed the war for a reason," said Vietnam War, organized protest marches and avoided the military draft. As commander in chief three decades later, Clinton acknowledged that "A lot of people still bear the wounds of war" in both countries.

The war cost 58,000 American lives and tore the nations with suffering and turmoil.
THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE HAPPENING AT
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Author Events:

Saturday, Nov. 18 from Noon to 12:45 p.m.,
parenting experts Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish
will answer questions and sign copies of the classic,
*How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk.*

Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 11:00 a.m., Storytime features
the book *Big Hungry Bear*, with craft and sing along.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 11:00 a.m., Storytime features
the book *Sleepy Bears*, with craft and sing along.

Thursday, Nov. 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Digger Phelps signs copies of his newly revised book,
*Basketball for Dummies*. Digger is an ESPN
Commentator and former basketball coach for Notre
Dame.

Thursday, Nov. 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
join artist Nancy Swan Drew for a tea party. Nancy
will encourage your creative spirit and help you create
wonderful holiday gifts.

Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m., local pediatrician
Dr. Yuval Brandstetter, writing as Moses Brand,
will discuss and sign copies of his new and timely
book, *Joe’s Trial*. Written over a period of six years,
during which time Dr. Brandstetter served with the
Israel Defense Force in Lebanon, this is a fictional
version of the political and scientific events of the
1990s and their relationship to the grand scheme of
the ongoing Arab-Jewish conflict. Dr. Brandstetter
specializes in Blood and Cancer diseases in children,
and is a native of Israel.
Biotech corn hurting U.S. exports

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government is reporting a steady drop in exports of corn, evidence that the mishandling of genetically engineered grain is hurting U.S. markets overseas.

The Agriculture Department on Thursday reported net sales of 517,700 metric tons for the week that ended Nov. 9, about half the weekly rate in October. Japan, by far the biggest U.S. customer, purchased less than 150,000 tons during the week, less than half its normal amount.

"This is a big drop-off and it is a concern to us and anyone who wants high prices for corn," said Chris Schaffer, marketing manager of international operations for the U.S. Grains Council.

A variety of biotech corn not approved for food use prompted nationwide recalls of taco shells in September and October. The corn also was discovered in snacks and animal feed in Japan. The Agriculture Department subsequently reached agreement with Japan for screening U.S. corn shipments.

Purchasers in South Korea, another major U.S. market, have expressed concerns, too, about the biotech corn known as StarLink.

When the Korean corn processors association earlier this week solicited bids for corn, the United States was omitted from the list of eligible suppliers. The Korean government has issued a recall for U.S.-made tortillas, although the manufacturer says there was no corn in the product.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman acknowledged that StarLink is probably a cause of the export drop. "That's why we're working to get StarLink out of the inventory," he said. 

On Wednesday, his department offered to start testing corn for StarLink at the request of elevators and other grain handlers. The government regulated says there is little, if any, health risk for the corn, but it was never approved for human consumption because of unresolved questions about its potential to cause allergic reactions.

The discovery of the corn in the United States that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering a request by the corn's developer, Aventis CropScience, to temporarily approve it for food use.

No decision by the agency is expected before December. The Food and Drug Administration disclosed on its Web site this week that a major food processor, ConAgra Inc., has pulled some of its corn meal and corn flour from the market because it may contain StarLink. The problem was reported to FDA in early October. The company told the agency the product was never distributed.

Within the week that ended Nov. 9, about 10,000 tons of corn also was discovered in Korea as StarLink. The Agriculture Department has pulled some of its corn meal and corn flour from the market because it may contain StarLink. The problem was reported to FDA in early October. The company told the agency the product was never distributed.

Corn prices had been dropping for a week on the Chicago Board of Trade and fell again Thursday morning when the export report was released. Prices rose later in the day as investors concluded the outlook was not bad enough to keep pushing market down.

"That's one thing that's working really well," NASA astronaut Bill Shepherd reported Thursday, two weeks after he and two Russian cosmonauts became the station's first full-time residents. In his weekly status report, Shepherd said the crew spent a couple days trying to reduce the bothersome noise from the air conditioner.

"We have a lot of equipment that runs all the time. Some of it's quiet. Some of it's not," he said. "We would like it to be a little bit quieter, but it's certainly livable.

Overall, Shepherd said living conditions are a little better than what he expected. He said it took him about three days to settle in and sleep throughout the night.

Shepherd and his crew arrived for a four-month stay on Nov. 2. The three men spent the first week installing an oxygen generator, carbon-dioxide removal unit and other life-support systems. It took longer than planned, Shepherd said, because of hard-to-find parts and confusing procedures.

"It's kind of a brave new world for an organization like NASA, where we fly 100 pounds of documents on each shuttle flight," he said. "But we're kind of a test bed for how that's all going to work. So far, it hasn't been flawless, but it's been working OK."

Shepherd said the men also have had to contend with computer problems and spent considerable time organizing their new home.

The workload is about to pick up.

A Russian cargo ship loaded with food, boots, brackets, cables, trash bags and another air conditioner is due at the space station late Friday, following a two-day flight.

The crew will have just two weeks to unload the carrier, put away all the gear and then fill the carrier with garbage for jettison. All this must be done before space shuttle Endeavour can lift off on Nov. 30 with a new set of solar wings for the station.

Once the solar wings are installed, Shepherd, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev will have full run of the space station. One of the station's three rooms currently is sealed off because of limited power.

Flight director Jeff Hanley said the crew and Mission Control will have to work on Thanksgiving.
Civil rights leader Williams dies

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Hosea Williams, the fiery lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. who was at the forefront of the civil rights struggle for more than three decades, died of cancer Thursday.

He was 74. Williams died at Atlanta's Piedmont Hospital, where he was admitted for an infection Oct. 20. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer three years ago and had a cancerous kidney removed last year.

"We were with him when we went to see him, and we were present when the Lord took his spirit," said daughter, Elizabeth Williams-Omiami. "He was selfless. What he did for this earth will now reveal itself because the fruit of the seeds he sowed will begin to emerge.

The chief organizer of King's marches and demonstrations, Williams helped lead the "Bloody Sunday" march in Selma, Ala., in 1965. Another leader, John Lewis, called Williams a patriot.

"Hosea Williams must be looked upon as one of the founding fathers of the new America," he said. "Through his actions, he helped liberate all of us.

Williams was also at the Memphis, Tenn., motel where King was shot in 1968.

He recalled his anger that day during a 1993 interview with The Associated Press: "I was wishing I could pull some molecules out of the air and make me a weapon and just wipe out every white person near, because we thought they had shot Dr. King at that motel."

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The Associated Press

ITALY

Company to pay Holocaust victims

Associated Press

ROME

The Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali on Thursday agreed to pay up to $100 million to settle thousands of Holocaust-era claims.

The agreement, which came after protracted negotiations, was signed in Rome by former U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, chairman of the International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, and the general manager of Generali, Giovanni Perissinotto.

"This whole exercise has taken much too long," a weary Eagleburger said. "It has taken us more than a year to get here."

Perissinotto said he hoped the agreement would bring "closer to a matter of highest moral concern."

No one knows just how many Nazi-era claims Generali might end up paying. The commission is conducting a worldwide search for Holocaust survivors who may have unpaid insurance policies.

Eagleburger said the commission is adding 20,000 names unearthed in German archives by its researchers to the list, which is published on the Internet.

"It demonstrates the value of aggressively pursuing the research necessary to uncover the documents, records, and testimonies necessary to identify potential claimants and ultimately achieve justice, which has eluded us for more than half a century," he said.

The Web site now has 19,000 names, including 9,000 Italian policyholders.

The agreement signed Thursday allows Generali to deduct payments on Holocaust-era claims that it has already made from the $100 million fund, according to one of Generali's lawyers, Marco Schnabl. He said the company had already paid $7 million in the past year.

Eagleburger said the commission is now going to set up its own mechanism to handle claims and may enlist a Generali-financed Holocaust foundation in Israel. "We have to work out all the details," he said.

As part of the agreement, the commission also is helping Generali muster support for extricating itself from lawsuits over Holocaust-era claims. Eagleburger said Thursday's deal won a quick endorsement from Washington, where Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat issued a statement saying the United States "encourages resolving Holocaust-era insurance matters "on a cooperative basis, rather than subject victims and their families to the prolonged uncertainty and delay that accompany litigation."

The International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims includes Jewish and Holocaust survivor groups, U.S. and European regulators, the Jewish community, and five European insurance companies that operated during the Nazi era and now have subsidiaries in the United States.

It was established two years ago to settle unpaid insurance policies issued between 1920 and 1945.
WASHINGTON

After an exchange of diplomatic letters, the United States and Yugoslavia will re-establish a relationship that soured in the conflict over Kosovo: They will reopen their embassies in each other's capital within the next few days.

In an interview Thursday with a state radio in Belgrade, President Vojislav Kostunica said welcoming Belgrade's invitation to renew ties that had been suspended under former President Slobodan Milosevic would focus its relations with our two countries and peoples. "We hope to restore the strong ties that have historically characterized the relations between our two countries and peoples," Kostunica said. "This will be the first step in normalizing relations between our two countries and peoples." Philip Reeker, State Department spokesman, said in Washington that the Yugoslav embassy in Washington and the U.S. embassy in Belgrade will be open for consular services and staffs will be hired. Also, Reeker said, the United States was reviewing restrictions on travel here by former Yugoslav officials. The U.S. ambassador, William Montgomery, will be changing presidential letters and notes with the Yugoslav foreign minister in the next few days. And then, Montgomery said in Belgrade, the U.S. embassy would be "up and running." Relations with Milosevic were virtually nonexistent toward the end of his 13-year rule. The Clinton administration did not disguise its hope that Kostunica would take the presidency from him in an election in September. A legal scholar, the new president questions the independence of the war crimes tribunal, which has indicted Milosevic and other senior Serbian military and political officials. The United States and its allies, meanwhile, have made no effort to arrest them.

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Group says U.S. needs better space spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The United States may eventually become "deaf and blind" to terrorist threats unless it devotes more resources to developing new technologies for spying from space, says a congressional watchdog group.

In a report released Tuesday, the 11-member National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Organization, which reviewed the federal agency in charge of space-based spying, concluded that requirements for intelligence from satellites have grown so rapidly that the agency responsible for building and operating satellites, the National Reconnaissance Organization (NRO), is being stretched thin.

"Users of the intelligence provided by the NRO's satellites have grown so dependent on them that they are expected for priority," the report said. "But now, the number of those customers has expanded dramatically ... In the absence of additional resources, the NRO is being stretched thin trying to meet all its customers' essential requirements.''

The report was posted on the commission's Internet Web site Wednesday.

The commission was created by Congress in the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2000 and is made up of Porter Goss, R-Fla., who is chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who until recently was vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The NRO, which was created in 1992, is an agency of the Defense Department and is funded by both the Defense Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The commission concluded that the NRO's "clarity of mission" and sense of urgency have dissipated since the end of the Cold War, and that the President's Office of National Security stands in need of more policy direction.

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Amtrak's bullet train debuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

High-speed rail travel in the United States debuted Thursday with the maiden run of the sleek Acela Express, which hit an Amtrak-record 150 mph during the New York-to-Boston leg of a trip that began in Washington.

A full load of VIPs nibbled on salmon, filet mignon, prosciutto and caviar hors d'oeuvres as the made history aboard the train that Amtrak and high-speed rail advocates hope represents the future of U.S. ground travel.

"Today's inaugural run symbolizes the beginning of a new era of American transportation," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said at a kickoff ceremony in Washington.

Regular service on the train begins Dec. 11 in the Northeast. Rail enthusiasts hope favorable reviews will boost demand elsewhere in the country for high-speed trains.

Amtrak, which has received $23 billion in federal operating subsidies since its inception in 1971, is under orders from Congress to become financially self-sufficient by 2003. High-speed rail plays prominently in its survival plans.

Amtrak wants its bullet train to compete with airline shuttles popular with Northeast business travelers. Acela Express will cut about a half-hour off the current Metroliner train service between Washington and New York and about 45 minutes from the New York-to-Boston trip.

A one-way coach ticket between Washington and New York will be $122, compared with $122 for the Metroliner.

Travel between New York and Boston will cost $120, compared with $122 for international Amtrak trains, which will continue to run in the Northeast.

For the 300 passengers invited for the inaugural run from Washington, the day began with breakfast inside a sleatly restaurant in Union Station that once served as a VIP suite for presidents and other dignitaries preparing to ride the trains of America's past.

"We gather in the same place this morning to prepare to ride the great train of the future," Acela, said John Robert Smith, the mayor of Meridian, Miss., and member of Amtrak's governing board.

"I think it's a very sexy train," she said. "Maybe you can walk around and find a partner here. Those of you who don't have partners ... find them on the Acela." Dukakis said.

Among those greeting Acela Express passengers in New York were Gov. George Pataki, former New York Mets star Keith Hernandez, actor Henry Winkler and cast members from the Broadway show "Fosse," who stuck to the railroad theme by appearing in the singing song "Steam Heat."

The train had a date with history later in the day. At 4:15 p.m., near Kingston, R.I., the train hit a top speed of 150 mph, faster than any train in the 29-year history of Amtrak.

"Congratulations, and let's give a whoop 'Fosse,'" Walt Peters, Amtrak's chief scheduler, said over the loudspeaker as passengers applauded.

The train arrived in Boston — two minutes early, again — and was greeted by fireworks shot from the top of South Station.

"This is the future. We've seen it," Dukakis told several hundred people gathered to greet the train.

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Bush won't dispute Iowa results

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa

George W. Bush's campaign gave up on Iowa's seven electoral votes Thursday, portraying him as a candidate willing to respect the results when they go against him.

Bush aides have voted and the votes have been counted," said Eric Woolson, a spokesman for Bush's campaign in the state."Let's get on with it."

Democrat Al Gore had forged a lead of just over 4,000 votes in the state out of about 1.3 million cast, according to the latest count.

Republican Bush had a Thursday deadline to ask for a recount, and strategists had debated for days about whether to take that step.

Some Bush backers pushed for a recount knowing voters will keep the state in play as an insurance policy, should things go wrong in Florida. By giving up on Iowa, Bush was placing his hopes almost entirely on Florida.

Campaign chairman Don Evans announced in Austin, Texas, that Bush would not seek a recount in the "exceptionally close" race.

"Both sides waged vigorous campaigns in Iowa," said Evans. "Governor Bush believes the time has arrived for our nation to begin the process of moving forward.

Bush campaign officials in the state conceded privately that there was not much hope of reversing the election's outcome.

While a 4,000-vote margin is the closest presidential election in decades, it does not use punch ballots or others likely to be miscounted.

A canvass after the original tally in Iowa showed no miscounts are likely to be found — shifted only about 1,000 votes.

Democrats were glad to make the same point.
"We've got a fair and honest system here and a recount wouldn't have made any difference," said Democratic Iowa Democratic Chairman Rob Tulley.

Bush's decision, the vote count will be certified by the state's Executive Council, a panel of statewide elected officials, on Dec. 4. Four of the five members of that panel are Democrats.

The result also means that Iowa will not be the Democratic column for the fourth straight presidential election.

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WASHINGTON

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Amid escalating political tensions, top lawmakers from both parties were issuing memos Monday, who said he hoped to have an announcement Tuesday.

Chairman of the House Administration Committee, said he hoped to have an objective report on the subject from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service by Monday.

"There are many backwater areas of our jobs that aren't visited on a weekly or monthly basis," Thomas said.

A separate two-page memo by House Majority Whip Tom Delay (R-Texas) described a process by which the House and Senate could vote to reject some or all of a state's electoral votes.

His paper does not mention any states or candidates by name, and Delays spokesman Jonathan Baran said the lawmaker "neither expects nor desires this to be decided in the House.

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Bush rests on ranch; aides grow subdued

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

George W. Bush stayed on his isolated Texas ranch as subdivision advisers sought a week ago which they regarded would-be Cabinet members before cameras.

The new president has reflected both the passage of time and the growing influence of James Baker.

Top Bush campaign officials said little on Thursday, leaving details of the vote recount in Florida to the former secretary of state, known for his meticulous attention to detail and careful use of language.

Baker, a longtime friend of Bush's father and also close to GOP vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney, had not played a visible role in Bush's campaign.

But, from Tallahassee, Fla., he is increasingly becoming the voice of the campaign in its current state of limbo.

Campaign chairman Don Evans came in the podium on Thursday and read a statement lasting only a few minutes in which he said the Bush campaign wouldn't demand a recount in Iowa, closely won by Gore, and that in Florida a law setting a deadline of midnight Friday "must be respected."

"Win or lose, this election will be over," Evans said. He took no questions.

The night before, Bush came back to Austin from his ranch — about a two-hour drive — just long enough to deliver a statement. He read from a TelePrompTer and took no questions.

The Texas governor then returned to his 1,500-acre ranch, where he has been since last Friday evening.

Campaign officials were slow to return phone calls and had little information on what Bush was doing on the ranch, or when he would come back. "We'll let you know when he comes back," aide Gordon Johndroe told reporters at campaign headquarters examining floor plans.

Johndroe said he didn't believe anyone was with Bush on the ranch other than wife Laura. "They're working on a book on the ranch," Johndroe said. The ranch is near Crawford, Texas, about 80 miles west of Austin.

In the days immediately after the election, Bush advisers exhibited no reluctance in talking about transition planning for a Bush presidency, saying it was in the national interest.

More recently, they've grown silent on the subject, though Continental Rice, expected to be the national security adviser in a Bush administration, declined to discuss it on Wednesday evening.

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so partisan and so completely unreasonably obstinate on issues that there is no room for debate? Is there no room for the type of compromise that brought this nation through its infancy in the late-eighteenth century and through its coming of age in the mid to late-nineteenth century?

This would not just be for the American people. Every day that we wait, we may have the opportunity to forestall a critical or that the Republican and Democratic candidates hide out in their respective havens is another day that the stock markets around the world feel the weight of our indecision. It is another day for a country like Pakistan, Iraq, Palestine or Israel to decide that the United States is not strong enough to deter them from pulling some destructive stunt.

It also worries our allies and all of the countries whose democracy is patterned after ours. How strong is a faint reproduction of American democracy if the original can break down so completely?

Of course, by the time that you read this column, the last of the absentee ballots have probably made their way to Florida and the recount has either been allowed or banned. Regardless of the decisions on hand counts and pending law suits, the election should end now and our new President should take his place. And God help the man for he has no mandate nor does he have the support of even 20 percent of the country (50 percent of the 100 million Americans who voted). Hopefully this will humble him enough that he will work with his fellow politicians on the other side of the aisle to actually fix some of the damage that this protracted process has done.

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The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
Friday, November 17, 2000

Getting the election opinions of people who matter

HANDREW, N.J.

As a result of this year's incredibly close election, the American media have focused only on Vice President Al Gore. Governor George W. Bush and the state of Florida for the past week. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a complete absence of opinions associated with people who are not "experts" working for news organizations. In fact, many notable individuals who have valuable opinions concerning the election have not had the opportunity to voice their ideas because the news stations are so determined to have their own people explain the manglement of this year's election.

It is important that we Americans hear the thoughts and feelings of the people we elect and then share their important feelings concerning the election. Monica Lewinsky — Not only has this woman had sexual relations with that man, but she has also lost weight through some special diet. These features make her representative of a sizable part of the female population in the U.S.

No doubt she has several important statements to make regarding the election. Perhaps she would shed light on the fact that presidential mistresses often have been discriminated against in the workplace. Then she would charge that there was some sort of intimidation involved. One of the two major political parties would then say, "No way! Voter fraud stuff doesn't happen in our neck of the woods. We are a great, perfect country."

Then Monica would say, "Yes it does.

And then that same party would say, "Ok, but we're going to criticize you for taking legal action ourselves to stop you from rechecking the votes and then hypocritically take legal action ourselves to re-check the votes cast."

And that's probably what would happen when news stations decide to interview her.

Ralph Nader and Patrick Buchanan — Nader failed to get his 5 percent and he also failed in his bid to completely destroy the Democratic Party and its chances at claiming the presidency. Buchanan simply failed to get any votes, except from his staunchest supporters — the elderly Jews and minorities of Palm Beach. An interview with Ralph and Pat would allow them to comment on their respective failures and would also give them the opportunity to describe their personal friendship. Both would talk of their common interest in stealing votes from the evil Democrats, the Republican parties and their plans to take over the country. Both would also note, however, that despite their budding relation, they often get into arguments concerning strategies taking over the country. Nader and Buchanan would be able to distillate Democracy and Republicans with very green foliage, unpoliced air and "consumer-powered, universal, accessible, quality health care" forced upon them and then take over everything.

Meanwhile, Buchanan would argue that a much more effective way would be to collect all the immigrants in the country and just burn them in D.C. That way, Buchanan would argue, the country would be getting rid of its two biggest threats. Both would squabble during the interview.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praising Martin Sheen

This may sound silly, or like I'm too easily influenced by the sway of popular culture, but how can I not get Martin Sheen to be the commencement speaker this spring? Not just the actor Martin Sheen, but Martin Sheen the activists, the liberal and the supporter of social change for the good of the country. Liberal may not fly too well around here, but I think it would great and I'm sure I'm not alone thinking this.

The West Wing (the television series, not the actual offices) has been a recent source of pride for Notre Dame students, alumni and fans all over the country can point out to their friends that the fake president is wearing a Notre Dame sweatshirt that anyone can still buy at the bookstore. Some might say that it's all part of a vast NBC conspiracy, but what? Mr. Sheen is supposed to be a fan in real-life too, and the time is right to pay him back for his support with an invite to speak at campus commencement.

Besides, anyone who would say "Michigan sucks" twice on a prime time program deserves some sort of reward. Let's take the opportunity to do it, give a warm welcome to Professor Sheen and make a simialr pledge in our lives.

Jeremy Jolin
Siegfried Hall
November 15, 2000

Taking strides toward rape education

On Tuesday night, we had the privilege to attend the talk given by Katie Koestner on sexual assault prevention in the Library Auditorium. For all of us there, it was an amazing, eye-opening experience into the realities of date rape as well as the role we can all play in helping eliminate rape both from our campus and from our world.

Katie is such an inspirational and courageous woman in her true commitment to this issue and love for others that we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her for coming to campus to educate us on this all-important issue.

We, however, would like to make sure that our gratitude does not end with that thank you. Having been among some of the men in attendance, we would like to add our names to those who are fighting nationwide to prevent rape. We pledge to promote healthy relationships in our own lives; to stand up against any jokes, pressures or norms condoning or promoting rape; to provide witness to realities of date rape and what can be done; and, finally, to be support for any woman who needs our help.

In closing, we would like to challenge all our fellow members of the Notre Dame family to join with us in this fight and make a similar pledge in their lives. Together we must break out of the box of believing that this is only a women's issue.

Date rape affects all our lives whether we are male or female, and it is going to take the concerted effort of both sexes to make true strides in one day achieving a life without rape.

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Drew Gesreych
Dany Goodwin
Brian O'Donoghue
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Jason Tohy
David Zachary
Jay Smith
November 16, 2000

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach Brey thanks students

To the MOB:

We wanted to thank you for all of your support during the preseason. We are excited about getting started Saturday night with you at every step of the way. Always remember how much a part of our team you are. We need you!

Coach Mike Brey
2000-01 Men's Basketball Team

Let's make this a special season together! Go Irish!

Coach Mike Brey
November 16, 2000

Coach Brey thanks students
Imagine a perfect evening in South Bend: the loud crashing, the smell of old dirty shoes and the squeals of delighted townies.

A weekday night at the Boat Club? Hardly. The 10-mile radius outside of Notre Dame contains two bowling alleys — Chippewa Bowl, south of downtown on Chippewa Street, and Beacon Bowl on Lincoln Way West near the airport.

But which wins the Battle of the Alleys?

**Atmosphere and Food**

Beacon Bowl, by the South Bend Airport, is a quintessential bowling alley, straight out of "Kingpin" or "The Big Lebowski." The visitor enters the building to find 52 lanes of hardwood in what Beacon employee Cheryl Deardurff calls "one big straight line."

The alley has the traditional snack bar with pizza, hamburgers and French fries, and the usual assortment of hard-core bowlers and little kids' birthday parties, with open lanes every night for those who like to drop in.

Chippewa answers with an insane 70 lanes of bowling action, set inside a building that looks like the safest place to be if the Russians ever bomb South Bend. As employee Janet Briones says, "the advantage of 70 lanes is that we have open bowling every night."

Chippewa also features a fully stocked snack bar, with mozzarella sticks and jalapeno poppers as specialties.

Both alleys open at 9 a.m. every day and close at midnight on weekdays and 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In terms of atmosphere and food, advantage Chippewa.

There's no arguing with lane number supremacy and jalapeno poppers.

**Entertainment**

One of the most essential parts of any bowling alley is the arcade.

After all, bowling can't be the only distraction if a visitor is only rolling up scores under 100.

Clearly, Chippewa Bowl has the advantage in this critical category. Their games are concentrated in one area, while Beacon Bowl has them spread out down the concourse, discouraging the lazy college student from travelling from game to game.

Beacon Bowl, strangely, lacks pool tables in its lounge area. Chippewa has them, however, providing another source of entertainment besides just bowling.

The folks at Beacon strike back with a quality darts facility in their lounge area. But once again, Chippewa gets the edge. Sure, bowling is fun, but visitors need a little extra.

**Beer and College Night**

Bowing and beer go together like macaroni and cheese. Low prices mean more drinking, which means more fun, and Beacon Bowl has better prices on pitchers, $6.50 versus $7.75 at Chippewa. Beacon features the usual selection of domestic brews on tap, including Miller Lite, Budweiser and Bud Light, as well as additional varieties of bottles.

For solitary drinkers, both facilities will charge $1.65 for a glass on tap, but Chippewa charges 15 cents less for bottles.

Beacon and Chippewa feature College Night on Thursdays, and Beacon has it on Mondays as well. Both offer the same deal: $5.95 for unlimited bowling between 9 p.m. and midnight.

For those patrons fortunate to have their own bowling shoes, they avoid the extra charge for those spiffy clown shoes with the funny smell.

Sadly, neither alley's College Night has any discounts for beer or food, but Beacon throws in a free soda, included in the $5.95 charge.

Beacon receives the advantage in this category, and a bonus point for the extra College Night. That brings the score of the Battle of the Alleys to 2-2.

**Tiebreaker**

Chippewa has really cool bowling balls, nudging them over the finish line. Beacon is a fine alley with fine people, but as Boines put it, "Chippewa's a better center."
South Bend have to offer?

Now for the feature presentation — Movies 14 or Showplace 16; which is the best pick for your flick fix?

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

Believe it or not, behind the tumbleweeds that blow through the streets of South Bend there are a few havens for all the Notre Dame movie goers out there. But how do you avoid those townie magnets with tiny, cramped theaters and popcorn lined seats? Well we’re here to help guide you through a pleasant movie going experience.

Cinemark Movies 14
♦ 910 Edison Road

As part of Cinemark’s international theater chain, Movies 14 is located only a few short blocks east up Edison Road, which makes it particularly accessible from campus.

Unlike many of the other theaters in town, Movies 14 offers a student discount on all evening shows that brings your ticket price down to $2 with a flash of your blue and gold ID card. The prices are discounted from $6.50 Sunday through Thursday and $6.75 on Friday and Saturday.

Whether or not the student discount makes up for the Big Top lobby is up to you. If you’re not sufficiently enchanted by the checkerboard tile and flashy neon lights that are enough to induce nightmares of clowns and circus rings, you’ll be lucky to make it to the concession stand without getting tired of the popcorn crunching underneath your feet.

In the event that you do make it there, however, you may be delightfully surprised by the salt-it-yourself popcorn bin ($2, $3, $4 and $5 dollar bags) and ice cold drinks (running from $2.25-$3). And if you can brave it back again sometime during the show, Movies 14 promises free refills — with a catch. Only the large soda and two largest popcorns can be refilled, but after all, it’s only 25 cents for an extra eight ounces of Mountain Dew, right?

Inside the auditorium, though, it’s a whole other story. If you make it there anytime before the start of the movie (which, face it, you probably won’t), they do offer a good 15 minutes of various trivia and movie facts to help pass the time.

While only half of the 14 screening rooms offer stadium seating — which means you could very well be stuck behind Marge Simpson — they all have high backed chairs that tip back to about a 50 degree angle, making for a fairly comfortable viewing experience.

Again, the only concern is the popcorn on the floors which can become a noisy nuisance if anyone tries to leave the theater in the middle of the movie. Bottom line: Movies 14 may be close to campus but it’s far from being the best in town, Movies 14 opens daily at 12:30 p.m. and closes after the final show of the night.

Showplace 16
♦ 450 Chippewa Drive

Though Showplace 16 is a bit of a haul (actually about 10 minutes south on US-31), the over-all movie-going experience should be more worth your money. Owned by the prominent Midwestern chain of Kerasotes, Showplace 16 also offers a student discount which brings evening tickets of $6.50 to a mere $5 — for most of you, that’s less than you spent on your last laundry day, and it promises to be a lot more fun.

Showplace passes up the ever-popular circus theme for a slavish futuristic look that is equally cheesy, but somewhat less harsh on the eye. They seem to run a clean ship, too — the only popcorn to be found on the lobby floor is behind the concession counter. And here’s the best part: Showplace 16 offers free refills on everything from smoothies to popcorn with prices ranging from $3.10 to $4.52.

This is a little more expensive than Movies 14, but some might find the personal butter pumps worth the expense, as customers can decide the exact degree to which they drench their popcorn in butter syrup.

Inside the 16 theaters, which are all stadium, high-back seating and equipped with either Dolby Digital or DTS digital sound systems, the cleanliness factor holds up. The chairs here do not rock, and the seat cushions do not flip up like regular theater seats, which means they collect popcorn easily.

Still, a hard working staff makes sure they remain clean and comfortable. The elevated seating assures a perfect view of the screen and flip-up arm rests let you cuddle with your date — of course they also double as a convenient barricade between you and the creepy townie you’ve been forced to sit next to.

Bottom Line: If you’re going to make the trek to D6 anyway, why not settle for a few extra minutes in the car in exchange for a few more enjoyable ones in the theater?

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Showplace passes up the ever-popular circus theme for a slavish futuristic look that is equally cheesy, but somewhat less harsh on the eye. They seem to run a clean ship, too — the only popcorn to be found on the lobby floor is behind the concession counter. And here’s the best part: Showplace 16 offers free refills on everything from smoothies to popcorn with prices ranging from $3.10 to $4.52.

This is a little more expensive than Movies 14, but some might find the personal butter pumps worth the expense, as customers can decide the exact degree to which they drench their popcorn in butter syrup.

Inside the 16 theaters, which are all stadium, high-back seating and equipped with either Dolby Digital or DTS digital sound systems, the cleanliness factor holds up. The chairs here do not rock, and the seat cushions do not flip up like regular theater seats, which means they collect popcorn easily.

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Ventura to announce new leagues names

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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Donnie Miller seems blunted in comparison.

"I don't think I'll have any hangovers on me. I'll be free to express my opinions, whether they're right or wrong," Ventura said Thursday. "This is going to be a lot of fun.""It's a joint venture between NBC and the World Wrestling Federation, opens its pay-per-view season in February. NBC will broadcast games in prime time on Saturdays, generally the lowest-rated night of the week.

"Sunday night needs a real rejuvenation," NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol said. "We're going to take it into that period, six days after the NFL season, and we can do 4.5 rating that we've been promised advertisers." If the ads run so far -- they've shown armored tanks on a battlefield and the inside of a cheerleader's locker room; none has featured a game aiming for more sensational than sports.

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McDyess drops in 16, grabs 11 boards in Nugget victory

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DENVER The Denver Nuggets survived a near-collapse. Antonio McDyess scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Nuggets squandered a 21-point lead but held on to beat the Chicago Bulls 89-85 Thursday night.

"We came out and took it for granted that we were up by 17 points," said McDyess, who grabbed the third rebound of his career in the game. "They came out and played hard in the third. We should have learned from their game against Houston that they don't give up.

"We just can't hold teams off right now. When we get to a point where we can hold teams off and play our game, we'll be all right." Denver coach Dan Issel said. "Antonio did a great job in the first quarter. I didn't see it coming because our practices were so good yesterday and this morning. Denver did a nice job of making shots and executing early."

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A 3-pointer by Corey Benjamin got the Bulls within 69-68 with 9:14 remaining, and free throws by Mercer and Brand gave Chicago a 72-71 advantage with 6:15 left.

Voshon Lenard buried a 3-pointer and McDyess hit a layup and free throw after running down his own miss as the Nuggets grabbed a 77-73 lead. Two baskets by Clark allowed the Nuggets to maintain at least a three-point lead until the 2:31 mark.

Mercer drained a running one-hander and Brand sank a pair of free throws as the Bulls closed to 84-82.

The Bulls had a chance to tie with 30 seconds left, but Clark blocked A.J. Guyton's layup, and Nick Van Exel hit two free throws to make it 86-82.

Fred Holberg added a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left. Van Exel finished with 15 points and six assists.

Chicago started out slowly, shooting 32 percent in the first quarter and 34 percent in the first half. The Bulls trailed by 17 at halftime.

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Bulls guard Bryce Drew defends the perimeter against the Pacers during the preseason. Chicago staged a stunning comeback against Denver Thursday night, but fell short 89-85.
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Blue Jackets 5, Predators 2

Geoff Sanderson and Kevin Dineen scored in the first four minutes and the Columbus Blue Jackets tied an NHL expansion-record team with their fourth straight victory by beating the Nashville Predators.

NHL

Last-second overtime goal pushes Devils past Bruins

Associated Press

Scott Gomez scored with two seconds left in overtime, as the New Jersey Devils snapped a six-game losing streak and beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 Thursday night.

Gomez scored his third goal of the season when he slid the puck past sprawling Bruins goalie Byron Dafoe in front of the net.

The goal came after a wild scramble in front. Patrick Elias dove on his stomach, away from the shot, and sent the puck back to Brun in the slot. Dafoe moved the puck to Gomez, who scored from the right side of the net.

Petr Sykora tied it 2-2 for the Devils, scoring a short-handed goal with 1:58 remaining when he stole the puck at the Bruins blue line, and blasted the puck past Dafoe.

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Hurricanes 1, Senators 0

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Ottawa (9-5-4-0) has scored in just one of its last 11 periods and the Senators' last goal was tallied by Radek Bonk late in the second period of a 4-3 loss at Philadelphia on Nov. 11.

The Hurricanes, who lost 4-1 to Florida at home Wednesday night, have won three of four.

Irbe and Lalime each came up big in the first period as both teams enjoyed solid scoring chances.

Lalime made a diving stick save to rob Martin Gelinas. The forward knocked Lalime down behind the Ottawa net while clearing the puck along the boards. Lalime scrambled back to the crease and reached out with his stick to deflect a shot by Gelinas, who found himself with a wide open net when he was set up alone in the slot by Rod Brind'Amour.

Ottawa failed to convert a glorious short-handed opportunity 15:00 into the period as Irbe made a big save on a power-play goal.

Hurricanes forwards Bates Battaglia missed out less than a minute later when his shot from the edge of the crease beat Lalime, but rang off both posts and stood out.

Blues 4, Penguins 3

Pierre Turgeon had two goals and an assist to lead the St. Louis Blues to a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

On a power play, Turgeon deflected Pavol Demitra's shot past Penguins goalie Garth Snow at 9:48 of the third period. It was his eighth goal and gave the Blues a 3-1 lead. It was the first short-handed goal the Blues allowed in 22 opportunities.

Turgeon assisted on Dallas Drake's second goal of the season at 1:21 of the second period which made it 1-1.

Turek finished with 17 saves and Snow stopped 30 shots.

Rene Corbet put Pittsburgh back in front 2-1 at 3:58 of the second when he beat Blues goalie Roman Turek for his first goal this season.

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"Why on earth would we want to discredit USATF and our leadership." Arne Ljungqvist


At a WADA meeting in Oslo, Norway, Ljungqvist reiterated his charge that USATF is withholding details of two positive cases, including two in which athletes were exonerated after testing positive for the steroid nandrolone.

Pound described as "non-sense" USATF's insistence that it is bound by confidentiality rules preventing the disclosure of names of athletes who test positive until they are proven guilty.

Pound asked also of USATF's contention that, on a number of occasions, backup "B" samples do not support the positive findings of the "A" sample.

USATF said the comments by Pound and Ljungqvist were part of a pattern of "false and unfounded accusations that surfaced during the Sydney Olympics. These included allegations that USATF had failed to report 12-15 positive cases from 1999-2000 and had covered up positive tests of shot putter C.J. Hunter, husband of sprint star Marion Jones.

"Dr. Ljungqvist and Mr. Pound, through their remarks in Oslo, are at best simply trying to bring another stab in the back," USATF chief executive Walter Johnson.

"We do not know why Dr. Ljungqvist made this accusation in obvious contradiction to the fact," he said.

On Nov. 6, USATF chief executive Craig Masback sent IAAF president Lamine Diack a letter detailing several hundred pages of documents detailing the current status of doping from 1999-2000.

"Regarding Pound's questioning of cases where the "B" sample fails to confirm the 'A' finding, USATF said, "Laboratories do make mistakes." Of the 22 positives in 1999-2000, three cases were dismissed because the "B" sample did not support the 'A' according to USATF. Another case was thrown out because a "B" sample was destroyed by USATF before it could be opened.

"If Mr. Pound is critical of our procedures, we are not directly criticizing his own organization, the IAAF Anti-Doping Committee, which certifies these labs and has oversight of them," the statement said.

"USATF has no involvement whatsoever with lab results or work." On Nov. 6, USATF denied that Ljungqvist has ever written to the federation pressings for information on 10 cases, adding, "There are quite simply no 'unreported' cases about which to implicate." Ljungqvist, who lives in Sweden, said the written requests were not sent directly by him but on his request by Gabriel Dolle, the doping control administrator at IAAF headquarters in Monaco.

"Whether it's my or Dolle's name is totally irrelevant," he said. "It's a bad mistake." 

USATF maintained that IAAF rules do not require disclosure of the names of athletes who test positive. The rule states the IAAF has the option to report "any positive results obtained in the course of doping controls."
Kane’s 67 earns her share of tourney lead

The Arch Championship was supposed to be in Las Vegas until the Desert Inn began to lose its staff and the LPGA decided to move the event to its headquarter, instead of the wide-open Champions Course, which held the TPC's for five years. it went across the road to the more treacherous Legends Course. It was a dream match for the lead, the most dominant player in women's golf who was a picture of frustration throughout most of the week, warm afternoon. Trying to cal off her sensational season in style, she was off the mark all with several short irons and looked uncomfortable around the greens.

Mallon played in the group ahead of Weber, and noticed the 25-year-old Australian lumber her drives across 225 yards past Sorenstam on the final two holes.

"The thing with Karrie is ... when she gets mad, she plays so well," Mallon said. "Today, I don't expect anything less than a 66 or a 65 from here."

Kane expects nothing less than a victory.

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A Philadelphian Band that has opened for G-Love & The Special Sauce, Macy Gray, and Wyclef Jean. P.O.B combines Roots, Ragga, R&B, Jazz, Blues, and Funk all in the context of contemporary hip-hop beats.

Smith leads Walker Classic

BANGKOK, Thailand

Wayne Smith made eight birdies and shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday to take the lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker Classic. Tiger Woods opened with a 68 and was tied for fourth place with the others.

Smith was one stroke ahead of fellow Australian Paul Gow, while Scotland's Paul Lawrie, the 1999 British Open champion, was third with a 67 on the 6,989-yard Alpine Golf and Sports Club course.

Spain's Sergio Garcia struggled with a quadruple bogey 8. During his 16-year professional career, Smith, 39, has won twice on both the Australasian and Japanese Tours, but he hasn't had many rounds better than this one.

Smith made three straight birdies heading into the turn, then had another five on the back nine.

He missed the fairway on No. 7, chipped it back, hit a six-iron to the left fringe and chipped in from five yards. That, he claimed, was his most difficult hole of the day.

"My goal was to hit a lot of pars at the start of the round and take the stress away from needing to get up and down from the greens," Smith said. But he did bogey the par-4 14th, a 10th, where he hit past the green and missed the par putt from 15 feet.

Woods, who won this event in 1998, made six birdies and two bogeys on a 3-under-36 that of which came on the front side. He powered through the back nine in 3-under-33 with birdies on Nos. 12, 14 and 17.

"It could have been a little bit worse, but I didn't really feel like I was playing that great," Woods, the world's No. 1 golfer, was met earlier this week by protesters demanding that Nike improve working conditions for its workers in Thailand. Woods recently signed a $100 million endorsement deal with Nike Inc.

Woods, whose mother is Thai, is a national hero in Thailand. Gow, who finished with a 6-under-66, got off to a slow start. He bogied the second hole, but birdied the fourth and fifth.

"On the back nine I played really well with four straight birdies from the 11th hole," he said.

Gow holed putts from six, two and eight feet and had a two-pitch birdie at the par-5 17th. Gow, who has qualified for the 2001 PGA Tour, said "the best player in the world is in the field and I will see this week if I can compete against him. There is no pressure on me. I always play as hard as I can and make as many birdies as possible."

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Bryant hits two key shots for Lakers in 112-110 victory

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Sacramento, Calif. Kobe Bryant hit a game-tying 3-pointer with 24 seconds left in regulation, then made the go-ahead jumper with 24 seconds left in overtime as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings 112-110.

Sacramento lost twice at Staples Center, but won two elimination games at Arco Arena before losing the deciding fifth game in Los Angeles.

The hard feelings from the series have bubbled over, as shown by the "Beat L.A." chants throughout the stadium and the staredown between Williams and O'Neal after a collision in the first half. After Bryant hit his game-tying 3-pointer in regulation, he spent several seconds staring down a beckoning.

The Kings completely abandoned an inside game with Webber out and O'Neal struggling in the middle. Instead, Christie and Stojakovic led an outside barrage of offense, while Vlade Divac and Scot Pollard tried to keep the ball out of O'Neal's hands on defense.

Trail Blazers 96, Raptors 80

Rasheed Wallace scored 25 points as the Portland Trail Blazers snapped the Toronto Raptors' four-game winning streak.

Portland's Steve Smith scored 15 points and Dale Davis added 14 rebounds, spoiling Vince Carter's high 37-point performance.

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But Odom took it the length of the court with five seconds left in the final minute. His score at the buzzer to tie the game was the closest the Spurs came around.

Odom scored seven of his 11 points in the fourth quarter as the Spurs kept the Wizards without a result.

Both teams got the same result with a 3-pointer.

We got beat by a team that played a little bit better at the end of the game, Washington coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"Both the teams got the same shot opportunities, but the difference in the game was theirs fell, and ours didn't," Hamilton said.

Mitch Richmond's 3-pointer late in the fourth gave the Wizards an 87-82 lead with 5:51 left in the game.

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"Both the teams got the same shot opportunities, but the difference in the game was theirs fell, and ours didn't," Hamilton said.

Mitch Richmond's 3-pointer late in the fourth gave the Wizards an 87-82 lead with 5:51 left in the game.

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Michael Dickerson scored 16 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight game. Shareef Abdur-Rahim finished with 15 points.

The Clippers matched their biggest lead of the game when Wallace hit a 3-pointer and made it 58-48 late in the third quarter. But the Clippers' rally was short-lived. The Grizzlies' 11-1 run and the Spurs' 11-2 burst in the fourth quarter tied at 59.

Derick Strong and Olowokandi scored 14 points apiece in a 13- 0 Los Angeles run in the second quarter that gave the Clippers a 42-32 lead with 3:41 left in the half. The Clippers led 47-37 at the intermission on 51 percent shooting. Lamar Odom's 13 points and Olowokandi's 12 led the Clippers.

Vancouver was led by Othella Harrington, who had 14 first-half points.

The Grizzlies used a 9-0 run in the final minute of the first quarter to take a 22-19 lead. But Olowokandi scored the final five of the quarter on a dunk with 1:25 left to tie it at 15.

The Grizzlies made 37 of 60 shots in the first half and outrebounded the Blazers 31-26.

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Kent adjusting to new MVP status

Associated Press

NEW YORK  Jeff Kent planned to celebrate his National League Most Valuable Player Award in the same understated way that helped him win it. Kent hopped on the tractor to mow the lawn at his Texas ranch, went out for a barbecue dinner and hoped to go hunting over the weekend.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Kent said Thursday after beating out San Francisco teammate Barry Bonds to win the award. "I don't have trophies up in the house. I don't keep pictures of myself. I don't brag about my accomplishments. This is something that is a fantasy."

Kent, the first second baseman to win the award since Bonds and Bobby Bonilla did it for Pittsburgh in 1990.

"There is no doubt I wouldn't be doing the things I'm doing without him," Kent said. "The way he gets on base gives me opportunities to drive in runs. You can't really ask for a better guy to hit in front of you than Barry. I complement him as well. I've earned the respect of opponents that they now pitch to Barry."

Kent hit .334 with 33 home runs and 125 RBIs, solidifying himself as one of the best offensive second basemen. His 475 RBIs tie the last four seasons brok e Rogers H or n s b y 's 75-year-old record for most at the position over such a span.

Chiefly because of the second baseman's RBI total and knack for clutch hits, manager Dusty Baker said Kent would have gotten his MVP vote, not Bonds, perhaps swaying voters. Bonds also had praise for his teammate.

"He's been doing this ever since he got here," Bonds said in September. "The numbers he puts up for a second baseman are amazing. They're great for any player, but to do it at second base is really something."

The only other MVP second baseman are Joe Morgan of Cincinnati (1975-76), Nellie Fox of the White Sox (1959), Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers (1949), Joe Gordon of the Yankees (1942), Charlie Gehringer of Detroit (1937) and Frankie Frisch of the Cardinals (1931).

"This puts me more in a category along side of guys like that," Kent said. "It is truly an honor to be mentioned in the same breath as those guys. I never try to compare myself with anybody."

Giants second baseman

Jeff Kent

Bonds hit 306 with 49 home runs and 106 RBIs. Bonds also scored 129 runs and walked 117 times as he almost became the first four-time MVP in baseball history. He won the awards in 1990 and 1992 in Pittsburgh and in 1993 for San Francisco.

Mets catcher Mike Piazza was the only other player named on all 32 ballots, finishing with three first-place votes and 273 points. He hit .324 with 38 home runs and 113 RBIs, but were down in September, when he hit .222.

Duke-North Carolina, other showdowns highlight weekend

Associated Press

In the days before the annual Duke-North Carolina game, Tar Heels coach Carl Torbush makes sure an unlagnubound 200-pound brass bell, complete with a hand crank to ensure it is heard, gets hauled from the locker room to the practice field.

"I hammer that Victory Bell every day," Torbush said, referring to the coveted prize that goes to the winning team. "I want my players to hear what that thing sounds like because unless we're ringing it, it's not going to sound very good."

Torbush may be on the coaching hotseat these days, but he knows what kind of impact a little ol' win over your biggest rival can have. Torbush was on the verge of being fired in 1999, but a season-ending 38-0 win over Duke N the Tar Heels' 10th in a row over the Blue Devils helped him keep his job.

On Saturday, North Carolina (5-5) plays Duke (0-10) for the 86th time in one of many classic rivalries on the final big weekend of the season. Carolina needs a victory not only to keep the coveted Victory Bell in Chapel Hill, but also to become bowl eligible.

Bowl bids, conference crowns and national championships are usually secondary, though, when such rivalries as The Game (Yale at Harvard), the Big Game (Stanford at Cal) and the Civil War (Oregon at Oregon State) are contested. Also at stake is the Iron Bowl (Auburn at Alabama), the Old Oaken Bucket (Indiana at Purdue), the Apple Cup (Washington at Washington State) and yet another Victory Bell, which goes to the USC-UCLA winner.

Let us not forget Michigan at Ohio State, which may produce the most pomp and pageantry of any rivalry, or the 136th renewal of Lehigh-Lafayette, also known as the Most Played Rivalry.

Some games, such as No. 4 Florida at No. 3 Florida State, will have a direct bearing on the national title, but first there are braggin' rights on the line. With rivalry games, ranking and records mean nothing, passion and pride everything.
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Kreher led the Irish with 14 kills, 15 digs and five blocks while Boylan added 43 assists, 11 digs and three blocks.

Pittsburgh finished its regular season at 22-9 and went 8-3 in the Big East.

The Irish lead the series against the Panthers at 14-3.

Notre Dame earned the 2000 win on Oct. 8 (15-9, 10-15, 16-15, 16-14). Girton led the match with a career-high 30 kills while Kreher added 22 kills, 10 digs and eight blocks.

Boylan racked up 19 kills and 19 digs to aid the Irish. Boylan totaled 86 assists for a new school record while adding 11 digs.

Notre Dame is coming off a four-game win (15-13, 13-15, 15-5, 15-3) against Syracuse last weekend. Girton led the match with 20 kills, eight blocks and five digs while Kreher added 18 kills and nine digs. Bombeck racked up 14 kills and 12 digs to aid the Irish.

Throughout the season, the Irish have had three players named as conference players of the week. Bombeck, the most recent, was named Big East Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 6 following her stellar performance in Notre Dame's wins against Boston College, North Carolina and Providence.

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Women's Swimming

IRISH TAKE 6-1 RECORD INTO INDIANA MEET

LIZ LANG/The Observer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team, ranked 18th in the country, has continued its dual-meet dominance early this season. The Irish are 6-1 in 2000-01 and the loss to Purdue on Nov. 4, was the first for the team since the 1998-99 season. Head coach Bailey Weathers and his team hopes the momentum created during the early dual meet season will result in a strong showing at the Indiana University Invitational this weekend.

The team began the season with a strong start in the Oct. 9, Notre Dame Relays, where the Irish won 12 of 13 events to finish ahead of Illinois State, Valparaiso, Butler, St. Mary's and Marquette. The meet was highlighted by the record-breaking performance of Brooke Davey, Allison Lloyd, Tiffiny O'Brien and Danielle Hulick in the 500 medley relay. Irish swimmers now hold all of Notre Dame Relay meet records in 13 events and will hold the 400-yard freestyle relay record, which Irish swimmers achieved this year, as a top priority next season.

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Notre Dame signs Molina to star-studded recruit class

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Adding an element of versatility to an already talented squad, the Irish baseball team has signed catcher/right-handed pitcher Jay Molina as a member of the Class of 2005. Molina is one of seven players announced Tuesday in perhaps the greatest recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame baseball.

With current starting catcher Paul O'Toole, who is a junior coming off of a strong performance in the Cape Cod League this summer, possibly leaving after the 2001 season to enter the professional draft, the Irish faced the possibility of entering the spring of 2002 with only Andy Bushey to play behind the plate. Bushey is a junior who is being converted to catcher after starting at third base his first two seasons.

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri feels that Molina, who actually has pitched and played shortstop more in high school than he has played behind the plate, has the tools to be an outstanding defensive backstop.

"We think he has all the tools to be a great catcher and that's where we will need him most," said Mainieri. "He has arm strength, good quickness behind the plate, good hands, and he's a tough kid."

Toughness runs in the Molina family. His older brother Anthony, who was an infielder and catcher at the University of Evansville, has recovered from being intentionally hit in the face by a warm-up pitch from Wichita State hurler Ben Christiansen in April of 1999. Anthony Molina was left with a shattered face and blurred vision. He will never play baseball again.

The story gained national attention, and a civil trial against Christiansen—a pinch hitter—who has since been drafted in the first round by the Chicago Cubs—begins Nov. 28.

The same toughness that helped Molina get through his brother's troubles has helped Molina become a more competitive baseball player.

"I'm looking forward to playing at Notre Dame and will do whatever they need me to do," said Molina. "I'm a hard-nosed player who likes to win and doesn't back down. I'll do anything it takes to win."

Molina excels at the plate as well as behind it. Known for being a quick line-drive hitter who spreads the ball through the infield, Molina enters Notre Dame with a coach's confidence.

"He will be an offensive force as he can really swing the bat," said Mainieri.

Molina could contribute on the mound as well. He has a fastball that has reached the mid-80s and is also known for a solid breaking ball.

Molina decided to attend Notre Dame after visiting the campus in early September. The spirit of campus during a football weekend sold the 18-year-old on the Irish.

"My visit to Notre Dame was during the weekend of the Nebraska football game and it was pretty overwhelming," said Molina. "I knew it was the place I wanted to go to school."

Jay Molina makes a play at shortstop for Moline High School. Molina signed with the Irish Tuesday and will play catcher as well as pitch in 2001.

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**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

**Belles squad to begin assault on record books**

Associated Press

Who said records aren't made to be broken?

After freshman Megan Ramsey began to make her mark in her collegiate debut season by shattering the 17-year-old 100-yard butterfly record last weekend, the rest of the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team is looking to follow suit as they continue on their 2000-2001 campaign.

The team will put the record board to another test this weekend, as the team voyages to Indianapolis Saturday for the Wabash College Invitational at the IPU1 Natatorium, the site of the 2000 Olympic trials. The invitational, one of the largest meets the team will attend all season, is another opportunity for some of the talented underclassmen to make a premature imprint on the record board.

Said performances are again expected from Ramsey, along with classmates Bilay Doro and Maureen Falchak, whose swims are expected to challenge the sprint freestyle records by the end of the season. Veteran Lauren Smith in the breaststroke, Olivia Smith in the distance freestyle, and Colleen Sullivan in the middle distance freestyle will also be looked to for critical performances.

The weekend is mainly an opportunity to capitalize on already fast early season swims, said co-captain Olivia Smith.

"We've done excellent so far — we've dropped so much time as a team since the Notre Dame relays," Smith said. "We're just looking to swim well and looking to keep up the times we've been doing all season."

**Soccer**

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Mia Sarkesian surveys the field as she is confronted by a defender in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Michigan in the second round of the Women's College Cup. The Irish face Harvard at home Friday night.

The Irish also have added a potent mix of freshmen that have contributed more than anyone could have imagined. Amanda Guerin has consistently been among the team's top scorers, while classmate Amy Warner, her effectiveness limited by a knee injury, is still perhaps the squad's most dangerous scorer.

The Irish hope to put the Crimson away early.

"We're going to try to get as many as we can early," Lindsey said. "Hopefully then we can sit back and get a bit more defensive."

In the first half against Michigan, Notre Dame was sloppy and not the least bit focused.

"We just weren't focused, and that's my fault," Waldrum said. "We know we need to play better."
No. 16 Notre Dame to open season against Sacred Heart

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

With the bad taste of last year’s NCAA Tournament snub and a loss in the NIT championship game still left in its mouth, the No. 16 Notre Dame men’s basketball team opens the regular season Saturday with its most talented, most experienced and most respected squad in over a decade.

The Irish take on the Sacred Heart Pioneers Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in their 500th game at the Joyce Center.

“We’re excited to get the season underway,” junior forward David Graves said.

“We’ve been practicing together since June, so we’re anxious to get going and play some games that actually count.”

Notre Dame went 2-0 in the preseason with wins over the California Midwest All-Stars and the International Select All-Stars. The Irish showcased their explosive offensive attack, averaging 94 points, but it is clear that defense will ultimately determine just how good this Notre Dame team is.

“We know we can put points on the board,” Graves said. “We can come at teams in a lot of different ways, but we also need to be able to stop people. We need to work on our defense teamwork and our communication is key. That’s what makes the difference between mediocre and good teams.

The Irish opened up a 16-0 lead in the first preseason game and never looked back. But in its second exhibition contest, Notre Dame was challenged by the International All-Stars until a 17-4 run late in the second half enabled the Irish to pull away for the 89-71 victory.

“We are going to go over them [today],” Graves said. “I don’t know much about them, but they are like any small Division I team. They are undersized, but have good skills and can be dangerous, so we need to be prepared to play.”

Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey will be looking for his 100th win as a head coach, after posting a 99-52 record at Delaware. More importantly, he will be seeking his first win as head coach of the Fighting Irish.

Following the season opener with Sacred Heart, Notre Dame will host Loyola (Chicago), before traveling to Indianapolis for a showdown with perennial power Cincinnati.

“There isn’t much time before we have a tough battle with Cincinnati,” Graves said. “We have two important games, so we need to get off on the right track with that game a week away.”

Junior guard Charles Thomas brings the ball up for the Irish. Notre Dame enters the season ranked 16th in the country.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of the needs of older family members. You may find it difficult to handle all your responsibilities. Try to continue your mate or close relatives to help smooth out the difficulties. OOOOO

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be a little shy today. Accomplishments will be yours if you are making what you really think is the best choice in transit. A friend may give you something to worry about. OOO

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There appear to be limitations on your relationship. You must be extremely honest in dealing with your mate. The way you handle an existing situation now will lead to success later. OOO

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Irish to battle unfamiliar Crimson in NCAAs
By KEVIN BERECHOW
Sports Writer

When Harvard's Crimson touch down in South Bend today to battle with the top ranked Fighting Irish of Notre Dame in third round NCAA tournament action introductions will certainly be in order.

Both teams are unfamiliar with their opponent, as the Irish and the Crimson will match up for the first time tonight at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

While Irish head coach Randy Waldrum will enter the game at a disadvantage because the teams have never met on the field, he's prepared for a tough battle. With the Crimson currently 12-7 on the year and rolling on a three game win streak after defeating Quinnipiac and Hartford, the Crimson are ready for war.

"We're going to have to play a better game to beat Harvard," he said.

"We have to respect them," Lindsey said. "They beat a very good Hartford team and they'll be coming after us.

After receiving one of just 24 at-large berths into the NCAA field, the Crimson appear to be peaking just in time. Led by sophomore forward Joey Yenne, Harvard is capable of scoring in bunches. Yenne alone put the ball in the goal 11 times during the regular season, and will no doubt command considerable attention from the Irish defense.

The Crimson, making their fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, will ultimately see SOCCER / page 25

VOLLEYBALL
Irish seek Big East title at Joyce Center
By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball looks to earn an fifth Big East title this weekend as it plays in the conference tournament held at the Joyce Center.

The No. 20 Irish (23-5) have gone undefeated at 11-0 in regular season league play to earn four titles. "For each match that we play, we have to do different things."

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Debbie Brown
head volleyball coach

Freshman forward Amanda Guerline leads an Irish charge against Michigan. Notre Dame takes on Harvard Friday night at Alumni Field.

Now they count
No. 15 Notre Dame takes on Sacred Heart in the Irish's first non-exhibition game. page 26

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Irish take on Valpo in opener
By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

In a match-up pitting two of the most prominent Women's basketball teams, the Notre Dame women's basketball team will face No. 4 Connecticut on Saturday and Sunday.

The Irish are one of the top-ranked teams nationally, the Crusaders are in more of a rebuilding mode after losing six members of last season's team to graduation.

Notre Dame is coming off wins in both of their season opener games, the last coming Tuesday night against Taposin Hanka, a team from Finland. First-team All-American center Ruth Riley played sparingly in each of the games, but impressed against Finland by not committing a single foul.

The Crusaders return a strong core group of post players, 6-foot-3 forward Carrie Wickham is the lone senior on the team and provides leadership to the young group of players. Also returning to the Valparaiso frontcourt are seniors Ambere Scherer and Marloes Nieuwem.

Notre Dame women's basketball teams will open their season on Sacred Heart Saturday at 9 p.m. and with a win will advance to Sunday's match against the winner of No. 2 Rutgers and No. 3 Pittsburgh. Since 1995 Notre Dame has earned a 9-0-0 winning percentage in the Big East tournament, with 10 wins and just one loss to earn four titles. "We did that well in the championships."

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head coach Debbie Brown

Notre Dame is coming off of an 84-63 win on Sacred Heart Dec. 29, 1999.

Despite the lopsided score, McGraw felt that the Irish could have played better against the Crusaders in that meeting.

"We didn't play that well against them last year," said McGraw. "They came here and it was a very good game."

"They're good fundamentally sound, good shooters," said McGraw. "We feel that we need to play with a little more intensity at least than we have been."
game hype

"We're not looking back at what we've done, and we're not putting ourselves on the back."

Ron Israel
strong safety

"I expect Rutgers to play their best football game of the year, but I expect us to play our best football game of the year."

Bob Davie
I Irish head coach

"We have to play each game like it's a BCS game."

Tony Weaver
defensive end

"What matters is us staying focused on what we have to do."

Terrance Howard
tailback

Irish aim to overcome distractions

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

With Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers interviewing for the head coaching position with the Scarlet Knights following Saturday's game — as well as a number of key players playing in front of friends and family, the biggest challenge facing the Irish as they head to New Jersey is avoiding all of the distractions.

Rogers, who has helped lead the Irish to a 7-2 record with three different quarterbacks this season, was contacted on Monday by the Rutgers administration. While he hopes that he is one of a small list of candidates in Piscataway, the offensive coordinator remains focused on the remainder of the 2000 Notre Dame season.

"My focus legitimately is on our football team and what we're trying to do," Rogers said. "That's just speculation at this point in time."

The key player making a return home to New Jersey is freshman quarterback Matt Lovecchio.

"He played in a big high school program," Irish head coach Bob Davie said of Lovecchio. "His family has been to every game here. You know, he is going to handle this. If anything, I am going to tell him to enjoy this."

Linebacker Anthony Brennan, strong safety Ron Israel and defensive end Ryan Roberts all played high school football in the Garden State.

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Quarterback Matt Lovecchio (10) throws a pass in Notre Dame's 45-14 victory against Navy Oct. 14. Lovecchio is one of several Irish players who hail from New Jersey.

The Irish defense — which has faltered during the fourth quarter in each of the last four games — will need to prevent a repeat performance by a Scarlet Knights team playing its final home game of the season.

"They finished the game with a tremendous amount of confidence," Davie said. "I know they're coming into this game probably as confident as they've been all year."

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Striking close to home

Youngest Israel continues family football ties as he levels Irish into home state Jersey

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The light is always blinking on strong safety Ron Israel's phone in his O'Neill Hall dorm room when he returns from Notre Dame games. His teammates call, and so do his older siblings, Jim and Lisa, as well as his younger brother, Tim. Ron's older brothers, Steve, a defensive back with the New Orleans Saints, and Tim, a former football player at Temple University, call each week to give their young sibling some constructive criticism. They give him a chance to make a big play — and an earful when he misses one.

"They praise me when I do well, and get on me when I'm doing something wrong," Ron said. "While they're watching the game, they call me. I'm actually playing in the game, but they call and leave a message on my voice mail as if I was in the room to tell me what I just did wrong, or if I did something good, they're on the phone praising me."

Ron regularly turns to his football-playing brothers for tips on his game. They talk weekly, with Ron on the receiving end of the coaching lessons.

According to Steve, Ron is a quick study.

"We never had a computer with an endless amount of megahertz," Steve said. "His memory bank is infinite. He's a very intelligent player.

With football so strong a tradition in Ron's family, there's a lot he can learn from his older brothers — not only Steve and Tim, but also eldest brother James and older sister Lisa, who guided him off the football field. As the youngest of five children, one thing Ron missed when he was growing up was playing football with his siblings. His parents have now provided him with that outlet for fun.

Overall, Ron seems to be doing immense well, and getting on well when I'm doing something wrong," Ron said. "He would have a whole team out by himself, falling down, getting tackled, all in his personal-sized shoulder pads and getting up."

Despite the family tradition, playing football was something Ron chose for himself.

Even as a 7-year-old kid, he had love for football. At the time, Ron shared a room with Steve, a senior in high school being recruited to play college football. The two would lie awake at night talking, and Steve wanted to be sure Ron didn't feel pres- sure to follow in the same path as his brothers.

"I would tell him, 'You don't have to play football just because myself and Tim play football,'" Steve said.

"I know," the 7-year-old Ron answered. "I just like to play football."

But Ron still loved football. He convinced his mom to buy him a junior-sized uniform so he could go out and play like his brothers. "He's a football player that's gotten better, and the biggest thing I see is that you should make, that's one thing about playing for yourself, but that has passion for the game."

The season winds down, and Israel and his teammates are focused on getting to a Bowl Championship Series bowl. The next potential roadblock comes this Saturday when Israel gets to show off for a partial crowd. So many friends and family members requested tickets for Notre Dame's contest against Rutgers that Israel had to make a list to keep track. He only hopes his hard work will pay off with an eighth victory for the Irish.

If Ron follows his brother Steve's latest weekly critique, he will have done his part.

"Take it one play at a time," Steve said, "and things will work out."
Terry Shea

head coach

Rushing ahead as backup

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Knights prepare to pull off biggest upset since 1988

**By KERRY SMITH**
Sports Editor

On paper Saturday's match-up between No. 11 Notre Dame and unranked Rutgers looks more like an exercise than a contest.

Riding a five-game winning streak with a Bowl Championship Series bid on the horizon, the Irish have the talent to deliver a painful blow to the Scarlet Knights. And while Irish head coach Bob Davie expects to earn a win on the road, he is not looking past the faltering Knights.

"Rutgers is a team that spreads the field," Davie said. "They have good receivers. ... Defensively they play really hard. They took West Virginia to double overtime last week and last year they beat Syracuse in their last home game."

Despite the clear mismatch, Davie may have good reason to wait until the final seconds tick off the clock before declaring his team the winner — even though Rutgers holds just a 3-6 (0-6) record, the Scarlet Knights have enough motivation to catch the confident Irish off guard.

After announcing his resignation Nov. 3, Knight head coach Terry Shea is playing his last game in Rutgers Stadium and he and the 13 graduating seniors on the squad are eager to end the home season with one of the biggest wins in Rutgers' history. And Davie is ready to combat not only the physical challenge of the game but the mental as well.

"You go into this week and certainly the scenario changes a little more," Davie said. "It is Terry Shea's last home football game that he is coaching in. So as always every week there are those (issues) swirling around."

The Knights look to capitalize on those intangible issues and pull off their first win against a ranked opponent since 1988. Quarterback Mike McMahon heads an offense that has struggled all season to put enough points on the board this season. Despite throwing 13 interceptions and leading his team to a series of winless conference outings, McMahon is considered one of the leading signal callers in the Big East with a 50 percent completion rate.

Running back Dennis Thomas is the Knights' go-to player on the ground. With 96 carries on the season, he has amassed 371 yards and one touchdown.

In the air, Errol Johnson has emerged as the leading receiver on the Rutgers squad. The wide receiver leads the team with five touchdowns and 435 yards.

The Knights' offense has struggled, however, and has yet to play a humble-free game.

Defensively, the Knights have faltered continually. Giving up on average 42 points a game, opponents have steam rolled over the Knights all season long.

Only an improved defensive effort coupled with a solid grasp on the intangible factors will let the Knights in the game — a game that they sorely need to win to add a highlight to an otherwise dismal season.

Scarlet Knight quarterback Mike McMahon scrambles for no gain in Rutgers Sept. 23 29-17 loss at Pittsburgh.

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**fast facts**

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Football gets cold reception in Northeast

Matt LoVecchio, Ron Israel and several other New Jersey natives return home this weekend. Parents, siblings, friends and a sold-out crowd of 41,500 will greet the Garden State guys when Notre Dame visits Piscataway.

The game marks only the second capacity crowd since the "new" Rutgers Stadium opened in 1994. The fifth biggest audience in stadium history stands at 33,279.

And to think Rutgers is arguably the third best program in the Northeast, trailing only Syracuse and Boston College.

In that region (the six New England states, New Jersey and New York), college football's popularity ranks just above John Rocker's. Think professional hockey in the Southwest.

"It's mostly basketball," said freshman linebacker Jason Sapp. "That's what the Northeast is about."

Add professional football, baseball, tennis, golf, hiking and mountain biking. Anything but the sport that Rocker built.

The New York and Boston media, two of the United States' biggest markets, virtually ignore local college football. And that's with some of the most recognized and respected football journalists in the country on staff.


But only four of the 114 Division I-A teams (the aforementioned three, Buffalo and Connecticut) reside in the Northeast. The rest would rather send their best to South Bend or Gainesville.

How bad is the quitting?

They have a combined record of 19-29, Connecticut is in its first year of 1-A and Buffalo joined the highest division last season.

Besides the futility, there are other reasons for the apathy.

First, the competition for the sports fan. Massachusetts has the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics. New York has the Yankees, Mets, Rangers, Giants and Knicks. New Jersey has the Jets, Nets and Devils.

In Rhode Island and Connecticut, college basketball rules. Providence College, University of Rhode Island and the UConn men's and women's teams have a faithful following.

Residents of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont enjoy the pro teams if they aren't too busy skiing, snowboarding or listening to Pish.

In N.C. and Big Ten country, arena football, minor league hockey and CBA compete with the local college team. And don't forget the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets and Nashville Predators.

Then there's Texas, where the obsession begins early.

"There's nothing like playing in front of 20,000 fans in high school," said safety Gerome Sapp, a native of Houston. "The stadiums would be closed down, the streets would be blocked off before games."

"We make fun of them [the Irish players who are not from Texas] and say, 'You don't have football there and that Texas originated football.'"

Defensive end Tony Weaver, from Sarasota Springs, N.Y., has felt the wrath of the 19 Irish players from the Lonestar State. Although he grew up as a Notre Dame fan, he realizes that the pigskin cannot compete with the round ball in the Northeast.

"I always hear about how New York football's got nothing, even from the Jersey guys," Weaver said. "I hear it from just about everybody. I'm just trying to represent the state."

Assistant coach Jerry Rosdug, who coordinates recruiting, would disagree with the players' assessments. In the past two years, the Irish staff has landed players from such non-traditional football places like Bridgewater, John Carroll, toward Sapp — and Billings, Mone. — Pat Ryan, seven Notre Dame players are from New Jersey.

"To say that the Northeast is overlooked is an exaggeration," Rosdug said. "In the popular media, they don't get enough credit for having good football. Having lived there, I know there's good football coaches up there and good players up there."

"When you go to New Jersey, you'll find coaches from Georgia, Georgia Tech and Florida State. It's not like it's ignored."

But only four players on the Irish roster — Weaver, Sapp, PW Jordan and Chad Dettho — are from the other Northeast states.

On Saturday, big-time college football comes to that region. And with that comes requests.

"Hopefully I can get some more tickets," Weaver said. "I should have a lot of family and friends there."

Wonder how many of those people attended last week's Rutgers' game against West Virginia?

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welcome and encouraged to attend.
Steamtunnels interviews five women at the helm of innovative Internet companies.
Esther Dyson  
**President, EDventure Holdings**

Esther Dyson is known to almost everyone who understands the business of the Internet. She's the President of EDventure Holdings, an influential VC firm with investments in Russia and Eastern Europe. “In many ways Russia is another world,” she says. “But experiences there can tell us a lot about how the fundamentals of the old economics keep working under different conditions—both in the strange world of Russia and the supposedly new-economics world of the Internet.”

Dyson is at the top of a profession dominated by men, but feels that women have unique advantages in the Internet world. “The Net gives the underappreciated, underheard, underwhatever more access, so to that extent it helps women.”

Dyson also has a distinct opinion about privacy on the Net. “Individuals will have to learn how to manage their data for themselves. But they will have to get used to the fact that what they say to friends will probably be archived somewhere. If you want to keep something private, don’t tell anyone!”

**Education:** Harvard 1972, B.A. in economics. “I didn’t study much in college, to be honest, but the analytical thinking I learned in economics has proved useful.”

**Current projects:** President of EDventure Holdings; Interim Chairperson, Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers; Publisher of Release 1.0, Internet newsletter

**How she got there:** reporter for Forbes magazine, 1974-77; Securities analyst with New Court Securities (1977-80) and Oppenheimer (1980-82)

**Recognition:** Ranked 23rd in Russia’s Who’s Who in the Computer Market; one of Fortune magazine’s “most powerful women in American business” (1998).

For the complete interview with Esther Dyson, log on to steamtunnels.net and search for keyword “Esther Dyson.”

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Gina Smith  
**CEO, NIC Corporation**

When 36-year-old reporter Gina Smith was named CEO of the New Internet Computer Company (thinknic.com) earlier this year, jaws dropped and tongues wagged. NIC is Oracle CEO Larry Ellison’s latest venture, another step in his dream to bring Internet access to the masses.

NIC is a cheap ($199), “thin-application” computer. It doesn’t store applications on a hard drive, it makes them available online. Thousands of NICs are being given away to promote the new company. If it works, the NIC will join a flood of devices that people use to access the Internet—cell phones, PDAs, pagers.

Smith may never have run a company before, but she’s one of the country’s best known tech journalists. In 1991 she began a popular column in the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle called “Inside Silicon Valley.” Her syndicated tech advice column, “Ask Gina,” reached 10 million readers. She’s done various radio shows on the ABC Radio network, and hosted the Discovery Channel’s “Cyberlife.”

**College:** Florida State, majored in Chemistry and English. “What was truly relevant from college was my work at FSU’s daily paper, the Florida Flambeau.”

**About women in business:** “Women are excellent communicators who collaborate well. That helps get things done more quickly. Speed is everything in the Internet business.”

**On being a writer turned CEO:** “The advantage is the huge Rolodex. I know all the top dogs—and when I need to talk to them, I’m not afraid to call.”

**Internet future:** “Anything requiring broadband will flourish. Live video. Online first-person action games, video conferencing, the beginnings of copying movies. What will fail? The PC-only approach to the Internet.”

For the complete interview with Gina Smith, go to steamtunnels.net and search for keywords “Gina Smith.”

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Jennifer Floren  
**Founder/CEO, experience Inc.**

You may owe your future job to Jennifer Floren. Her company, experience Inc., is an online and print resource aimed at graduating college students entering the job market. The company is one of the leaders in online student and alumni recruiting.

Floren is a role model for anyone wanting to skip “working for the man” and start up a business. Floren went straight from Dartmouth to Bain and Company, a top Boston consulting firm. She ditched the corporate role quickly however, and soon founded Ivy Productions, an online and offline provider of job information for college students. She then merged with Crimson Partners to form a new company, experience.com, in 1996. With over 140 college subscribers and deep-pockets venture capital, experience.com plays a leading role in getting graduating students in touch with the best jobs.

**College:** Dartmouth College in 1993 with a B.A. in psychology: “I studied Organizational Behavior, and I use it every day. Study what you love; there’s plenty of time for training later on.”

**The startup:** Founder of Ivy Productions in 1996; launched experience network in 1996; currently CEO of merged experience.com. “I realized the need for credible, objective career advice.”

**Finances:** Received $20 million in second round VC financing from Polaris partners in August 2000. “Women stand out in the business world, and that’s an advantage. But the VC world is male dominated, and a woman has to learn different rules.”

**Hiring students:** “I look at what they want to do, not what they’ve done. I don’t expect them to answer questions, but to know what to ask.”

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i-Glow founders
Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta

Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta are brand new to the Internet scene and are making a splash with their site, i-Glow. i-Glow is a sports-oriented community for girls aged 8-16, and its official launch in September generated a lot of attention. "We want to take a real approach to the site and to what girls want," Eslinger said.

Bartletta, who had experience in ad sales and worked for both AOL and the Wall Street Journal, and Eslinger, who worked in sports marketing and interactive advertising, met just over a year ago. Both played sports their whole lives, and wanted to give girls a place to come together to discuss why they love to play and to offer advice to one another. The result: a dynamic site where girls can support one another in a safe environment, provide encouragement and learn about real women athletes. "We wanted the site to belong to the girls," Eslinger said, "and we had them vote on the logo, the design, and the sections. It really does belong to them."


Sports: Eslinger played basketball and was a walk-on on Smith's women's basketball team. Bartletta skis, plays tennis and volleyball.

What they look for when hiring a college student: Someone who is responsible, openminded, who wants to learn and wants to take on a greater level of responsibility than you'd find in a normal job.

Start-up business tactic: Three market research teams at Michigan's business school "adopted" i-Glow and helped with their focus groups and market research.

Why there is a need for i-Glow: There's a large drop-off in girls playing sports after age 14, and Bartletta and Eslinger feel that a stronger community will help them stay involved longer.

How they came up with the name: "Thirty years ago women couldn't even sweat. They said they either 'glowed' or 'glistened,' so it's kind of tongue-in-cheek. But [we also liked it] because we think when you're happy and healthy and energetic you glow from the inside out. We thought it had a powerful, deeper meaning."

For the complete interview with i-Glow founders Jamie Eslinger and Brooke Bartletta, go to Steamtunnels.net and search for keyword "i-Glow."

Women Outnumber Men on the World Wide Web

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Source: mediainfo.com

Ask the Employers

Q. My future employer asked me if I had a salary requirement and I didn't know what to say, so I said "no." Now I am afraid that I made a mistake. Is it too late to negotiate?

A. You can always negotiate! Keep in mind what you have to lose, which is usually nothing. In this case, you have not declared a salary requirement so you should be open to at least receiving any offer. Then you can always counteroffer. If the response to your counter is "We thought you had no requirement," you can say that you "would feel more comfortable with $____ after taking a closer look at it." Again, the worst thing they can say is no. If they don't accept your offer and you still want the job, you can take it at the amount they offered. Who knows? You may end up making a lot more money than you thought you were worth. An ex-boss I had while I was in a sales position had this motto: "If you don't ask, you don't get." I like to say, "negotiate or die."

-Ryan Tucker, Director Georgia Governor's Intern Program
Steamtunnels is now hiring:

**Student Sales Associates**
Sales associates will work 10-15 hours a week selling online advertising to local businesses. Sales associates are paid on commission, and will receive training and support—no prior sales experience necessary. Estimated weekly earnings of up to $150. This is an excellent opportunity for business/marketing majors!

**Campus Web Masters**
Web Masters will be paid a $50 weekly retainer in return for 5-7 hours a week posting up-to-date campus events, local links, restaurant guides, and photographs on their college’s local Steamtunnels website.

To apply for a Steamtunnels Sales Associate or Web Master position please send your resume and a brief cover letter to:

**campusjobs@steamtunnels.net**

or call (800) 964-2799
Giving the Coolest Jobs out there and how to get them

When Mount Holyoke College junior Erica Lutes landed a summer internship at the United States State Department (state.gov/www/careers/rintercontents.html) in Caracas, Venezuela, she had no idea what to expect. The job title “international paper shredder” or “coffee server for the ambassador” came to mind. But instead, the international relations major spent her summer heading up an election observation program for the American embassy, writing reports on Venezuela’s economic situation, composing classified cables on revolutionary activity, and hobnobbing with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias. “It was wonderful. You just can’t imagine how much you can learn in one summer,” said Lutes.

Recent University of Vermont grad Jody Handly interned as a field research technician on a national wild fish health survey for Fish and Wildlife in Alabama, traveling between 10 states and working with state and federal agencies. Handly eventually developed her own project, which she hopes to complete in graduate school with the help of grants she was offered because of her internship.

“It was a life-changing opportunity for me,” said Handly.

Finding the Right Internship

Erica had to go through a rigorous application process that included interviews with the CIA to get her internship. Jody found hers at the Student Conservation Association web site (sca-inc.org). The SCA is the country’s oldest and biggest intern placement organization for those interested in conservation, placing thousands of students into positions with organizations like the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

The U.S. government has tons of opportunities in practically every field. Although White House interns inevitably have to deal with occasional snide jokes about Monica, isn’t it worth it to help shape domestic and foreign policy? Students interning for the Council on Environmental Quality advise the President on national and international environmental policy matters (whitehouse.gov/CEQ/interns.html), while interns at the Social Office help plan White House dinners and other gatherings. Try (whitehouse.gov/internship/program.html) for other government internships working for the Chief of Staff, Counsel to the President, Office of the First Lady, the National AIDS Policy and other offices.

Even the FBI is looking for a few good men and women (fbi.gov/employment/honors.htm). So is the Department of Commerce’s Central and Eastern Europe Business Information Center (mac.doc.gov/eebic/intern.htm). Whatever your interest, be it folklore, African art, space travel, or astrophysics, the Smithsonian is likely to have an amazing internship (http://web1.si.edu/ogf/resopp.htm#intern).

From Mickey Mouse to Letterman

Ever wonder what it’s like to be Mickey Mouse for a day? Disney theme parks (wdcollegeprogram.com) have hundreds of opportunities for business majors, future hotel and restaurant managers, and even aspiring animators, filmmakers, dancers and actors.

Fan of daytime drama? The new NBC show “Passions” is seeking interns now (http://home.nbci.com). Aspiring music video maker? Palomar Pictures lets interns dub and edit its music videos and commercial showreels with professional systems (rsinternships.com/applications/posting.php3?id=192). Another internship site, www.rsinternship.com, can help you land jobs that range from running a night club in New York City to promoting the House of Chanel fashion, fragrance, or makeup lines through a public relations internship with the legendary French company.

Fifteen lucky students per semester get to pour coffee for David Letterman (csp.msu.edu/slc/indetail.asp?code=CM A=010). And according to MTV Networks spokesperson Suzanne Lumerman, about 700 interns get to work in the same building with the likes of Carson Daly and the folks who bring you “Total Request Live” and “Real World” (mtv.com/jobs.html).

Even if you don’t land on Letterman, there are likely to be plenty of possibilities for cool internships in your hometown. Check with your local newspaper, TV station, congressman, police department or courthouse.

It beats sitting in a stuffy classroom or flipping burgers for the summer. And a truly cool internship might lead to an even cooler job after graduation and end your burger-flipping days forever.

A few hours on the Internet will reveal literally thousands of internship opportunities. Try these sites:

www.rsinternships.com
internshipprograms.com
4internships.com
summerjobs.com
futurecollegegrads.com
coolworks.com
resortinternconnection.com

Above: The New York Yankees share their 1999 World Championship champagne with David Letterman (AP Photo/HO, Alan Singer)
Once the most popular form of computer game, the Adventure genre has waned to near non-existence. People new to computer gaming will never know just how prevalent adventure titles were, like: the Zork series, Sherlock Holmes, the Blackstone Chronicles, the Broken Sword series, the Gabriel Knight series and many more. These games were the staple of every early gamer, taking them through the storybook lives of heroes and antiheroes. The stories were well written, and the games themselves involved puzzle solving in order to unlock more of the story.

Hardcore adventure fans have tried everything under their power to keep the genre alive. However, one by one publishers killed off any projects for new adventure games. Speculation over what brought about the demise of the genre has raged online. Folks have blamed just about everything—from the popularity of Myst, considered not a true adventure, to lack of good marketing.

Whatever the case, it is hard to find a good adventure in the works in the U.S. Only one, Escape from Monkey Island (lucasarts.com/products/monkey4/), the fourth in the humorous Monkey Island series, is expected out later this year. But the genre is still alive in Europe, especially in the Paris offices of a small developer called Arxel Tribe (arxel.com). Arxel is producing adventure titles with a European flare, and is even publishing their own titles.

Their games are not for the faint-hearted. The two most recent are The Ring: The Legend of the Nibelungen, and Faust. For any literature and music majors out there, you’ll get the idea. However, both titles are modern and full of interest for even the novice.

Another title expected out soon takes things to epic proportions. The first installment of The Legend of the Prophet and the Assassin is a tale of the Templar Knight Tancrede, who is betrayed by his religion and country. To exact revenge he begins to track down the false prophet, Simon de Lancrois, and in his journey becomes a legendary bandit in the wilds of the Arabian deserts. If adventures are your thing, keep an eye out for it sometime next month. For the first time Arxel Tribe will release The Legend of the Prophet and the Assassin simultaneously in the U.S. and Europe.

### Salary Comparison: the Big 12

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*Baylor officials declined to disclose coaching salaries
Greg Dulli Reinvents Himself

The Twilight Singers
Twilight as played by the Twilight Singers
(Columbia)
By Johnny Walker (Black)

When he rang the bell with 1993's classic Gentlemen, black-clad Greg Dulli of Ohio's Afghan Whigs created a "Leonard Cohen on testosterone" persona. He was the streetwise tough guy tormented by both the opposite sex and by the sensitive artiste within. This stance worked exquisitely for a few years, but after the searing post-Gentlemen effort Black Love, Dulli found his black romantic persona eating him alive, turning him to heroin and assorted other painkillers for comfort.

Finally stabilized by a Zoloft regimen, the singer-songwriter responded by reinventing himself on the Whigs' 1998's funk-soul departure 1965, eschewing the tortured artist character for a more loose-fitting soul-man guise. The critics raved, but, predictably the fans frowned. Many demanded the old, depressed Dulli back.

The disgruntled faction of Whigites just might be placated by Dulli's latest effort, Twilight as Played by the Twilight Singers. Essentially a collaboration with sometime Whig keyboardist and Howlin' Maggie frontman Harold "Happy" Chichester, The Twilight Singers are half in love with an easeful death, and at home in the encroaching darkness the Whigs against.

Here, the usual dramatic emotional catharsis found in the best Whigs songs is replaced by a nighttime electro-glide: silky R&B beats tinged with contemporary drum 'n' bass and trip-hop touches. Even more of a departure from the Whigs sound is "That's Just How That Bird Sings," which finds Chichester, Dulli and Shawn Smith emoting prettily like a streetwise version of Crosby, Stills and Nash over a gently strummed acoustic guitar. The three also team up again on "Clyde," a sly, sinister number driven by a loping funk beat.

Fans of Dulli's more Cohen-like, tortured poet side will find plenty to mull over here. "King Only" finds him admitting that "I fell far enough to touch the hand of Lucifer," while in "Last Temptation" he admonishes a lover, "Every time I think of you I get the same old sinking feeling."

On Twilight as Played by the Twilight Singers, Dulli achieves artistic growth through a reconciliation of opposites, yoking dark and light, good and evil, God and Satan together in an effort to heal his fractured psyche. It all comes together on the anthemic closer "Twilight," where Dulli lyrically traverses the details of a dead love affair. Instead of ending in the usual fit of rage, he simply chants, "everything's gonna be alright." And, for the duration of this impressive album, everything certainly is.

For more about Greg Dulli, the Afghan Whigs and Twilight Singers, go to Steamtunnels.net and search using keywords "Greg Dulli."
The digital revolution comes to literature.

By Emile Andre

In March, 400,000 readers bought Stephen King’s Riding the Bullet the very first day it was available. Doesn’t sound like such a big deal for America’s best-selling author—right? Wrong. All 400,000 of them downloaded the electronic version.

Many print publishers are doing electronic editions as well as hardcover paperback and audio books. Not every book is available in eBook format yet—but that day is not far off.

The eBook phenomenon began in the ’70s, with Project Gutenberg (gutenberg.net) an early effort to make the classics available electronically. Other attempts to make the classics available online include the MIT site dedicated to Shakespeare (http://tech-two.mit.edu/). When dedicated eBook devices like the Rocket eBook Reader and SoftBook Reader came out in late 1998, it inspired publishers to make thousands of titles available. And with software like ActiveSync and Microsoft Reader, which make eBooks available for handheld devices, eBooks are now widely available for personal digital assistants.

One sign that eBooks have made it in a big way is a new prize—$100,000, awarded at the Frankfurt Book Fair for the first time this year for the best book published only in eBook format.

Like most of the digital world, eBooks are more widely available for PCs than for Macs. The industry is troubled by a lack of standards as well: with almost a dozen different file formats, some compatible with some devices, some with others.

EBooks range from about $2 to $25. Some eBooks are sold with Softlock, software that lets you preview before you buy. You can download them or buy the CD-ROM—download usually costs a little less.

A little browsing of some eBook links will give you an idea of what’s available online. Check out some of the sites in the box at right to get started.

Handhelds and eBooks
Use your PDA to read books on the road.

Since you can download a book to your hard drive, you can move that file over to your Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) as well. We tried out a few handheld devices to see how well they worked.

The Cassiopeia EM-500 ($499) is a snazzy looking box that downloads books using ActiveSync software. It comes with only a couple of fairy tales pre-installed, but it’s easy to read and use. The screen is large, and adjustable a million ways to Sunday. Best of all, it feels good and looks sharp.

If size matters to you, two slimmed down versions are the Handspring Visor Deluxe ($249) and the Palm IIIe (starts at $129; HotSync software is extra). Most users like the Palm III for the price. As an eBook device, it’s just a starter kit. The Visor Deluxe costs a bit more, but has lots more memory.

Unfortunately, we did not receive the HP Jornada 545 in time for review. It lists for $499, and uses Microsoft Reader for its eBook downloads, and looks like it’s loaded with options.

Aiming for the top of the market, for the real hardcore eBook users, are the Gemstar eBook ($299-$699) and the Franklin eBookman ($129-$229), both of which will be released this fall.

They’re dedicated devices for reading eBooks, and can play MP3s as well (the Gemstar is a relaunch of the old Rocket eBook, which was pulled off the market earlier this year). These will be the Jaguars of the eBook world, with built-in dictionaries, loads of titles as part of the original package and enough memory to store 20 books (upgradable to 150). Into eBooks? Make sure one of these babies is on your holiday wish list.

Links
Sites to get you started with electronic reading.

There’s a bunch of great sites serving the eBook community. Here’s a few to start with: eBookconnections.com has a basic primer to what eBooks are, and how to find them. This is also the place to find out about new releases, with monthly best-seller lists and hot links to other eBook sites.

Runningriver.com offers selections from several authors (eBook and traditional). It also carries breaking eBook news and a free newsletter.

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Peanutpress.com is a site dedicated to eBooks for handheld devices. Lots of magazines, tons of newspapers and, of course, eBooks.

Many sites offer eBooks for sale. Start here:

Everyone’s Doing It

Group Shopping: Lowers Prices, Raises Credit Card Bills.

By Tamar Maor

Everyone looks for deals when shopping. Instead of searching through the paper for sales, join the new craze of group shopping to save yourself some cash. These programs work by having people join together online to buy a product. The more people who buy, the lower the price drops (within reason). Essentially you get a wholesale price for buying one item.

The most popular of these programs is Mercata.com (mercata.com), where you can buy anything from electronics to hiking and camping equipment. Mercata offers a great feature where you can reserve a product and it will automatically purchase it if the price drops to whatever you specify. Browsing this site will lead you to purchase many more gadgets than necessary, so fix yourself a budget before logging on.

Volumebuy (volumebuy.com) offers three types of group purchase discounts, and each item in their catalog falls into one category. The first option is a time power pool, where there are several time periods with fixed prices. The longer you wait, the less you pay because the program allows Volumebuy more time to receive orders and get a greater volume discount. The second option is flex power, where the price drops as more people enter the group at any stage of the sale. The third—group power pools—work only if the specified amount of people purchase the item; then everyone receives the product. All three styles of discount offer lower prices than MSRP, however cross-checking other sites is a good idea before tying yourself down.

Mobshop (mobshop.com) has a similar selection as Mercata, but offers some unique features that might make it a superior site to some. Mobshop is offering free shipping in the U.S., so if you’re purchasing something rather large it could be beneficial for you to pay more but not pay for shipping. They also have an excellent notification program. You can either reserve a spot if the price drops to a certain level, or you can be notified by e-mail so you can make the decision then. Being notified is convenient because it gives you a little more time to decide if you’d rather spend that money on an evening at the bar, or perhaps it’s already spent.

If none of these sites offer what you want, direct your browser to Zwirl.com (zwirl.com). It works on a different concept: Groups of buyers interested in the same sort of product band together. Sellers look at the specifications of each group’s request, and make them an offer based on the amount of people in the group. Joining a group allows you to discuss the product with other members, look at product reviews, and view suggested helpful links. If a group for the product you’re looking for doesn’t exist, you can create one on your own, perhaps other people will join and a seller will make an offer. If no one joins your group, try pricewatch.com to find a low price on the product.

Group buying offers some great deals for mainstream products. When looking to buy something from one of these sites, always compare the price they are offering to other general stores on the web. Many times the “great price” group buying list is not so great, and you can find a much better deal elsewhere.
Extreme Mountain Biking
Extreme.nas.net
For of the most comprehensive mountain biking sites out there, point your browser to extreme.nas.net. Everything you need to know or even want to know about the sport is here. Wanna buy a new bike or maybe even sell one? You can do it here. Also find articles and reviews on bikes and manufacturers. Extreme.nas.net even has a section where avid bikers can post their worst crashes—even the pics! Gnarly, huh? Finding new single-track treks across the country is a breeze with their detailed trail search feature. BKeith
Content: A- Usability: B+

GAMING

Game Spot
ZDnet.com/gamespot
GameSpot.com has been popular among hardcore gamers since its launch on the web. After a recent acquisition/merger with growing online giant ZDNet, GameSpot has maintained its place among the best video game sites the Internet has to offer. You would be hard pressed to find a site with more reviews, previews, hints, cheats, and features. The site is also a great place to find downloadable patches and up to date news from the gaming universe. JLowenthal
Content: A- Usability: A-

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

1001 Beauty Secrets
1001beautysecrets.com
If you're looking for a new lifestyle—or just a new look—this should be your first stop. The site is divided into four sections: alternative health, nutrition, fitness, and beauty. Each category has tips and articles along with links for buying books and health and beauty products. 1001beautysecrets.com will surely have you practicing yoga, eating bok choy, and taking daily bee pollen supplements after one visit. TMaor
Content: B+ Usability: A

FINANCE

Payme.com
Payme.com, a service of Paymybills.com, offers a simple, hassle-free way to send and receive money via the Internet. Pay your roommate back for that pizza fest without going to the ATM—with Payme.com, you can send money to anyone with an email address, all for free. You can also use this secure service to receive payments and make purchases at online auctions. All the payments you send out are charged to your credit card, and anything that comes in goes directly into your bank account. Payme.com allows you to keep track of everything with an online filing system. This is the future of online banking. TMaor
Content: A- Usability: A-

Bepaid.com
Bepaid.com is slightly different because it caters the ads to your interests and you select which ones to view based on the amount of money the advertisers are offering. Payment per ad ranges from 55 cents to $2 and they average a little less than 2 minutes in length. The only limit to the amount of time you can spend watching ads is your sanity, so go ahead and register. Warning: Bepaid.com is only available for PCs. Mac users will just have to make their money working the corner. TMaor
Content: B Usability: B

FrozenFeline
Frozenfeline.com
FrozenFeline's visually stimulating art is as funny as it is engaging. The best feature of this wacky site is their goal of rhyming in as much of their prose as possible—it makes for very interesting reading, especially in the responses of their sex advice columnist. JLowenthal
Content: A- Usability: B

Editors Pick

Famous Mugshots
Mugshots.org
Ever wanted to see a celebrity at their worst? Mugshots capture that special moment right after an arrest. Their categories are Hollywood, sports, criminals, and miscellaneous. Each picture has a short blurb about the incident and when it occurred. A couple of spoofs like Jesus and Sesame Street's Bert stand side-by-side with OJ and Charles Manson. TMaor
Content: A Usability: A

Do you have a web site you just can’t live without? Tell us about it in our first ever "Your Picks" web site review special.
We'll publish 12 student submitted reviews in the April 2 issue of Steamtunnels.
Here are the rules:
1. Send your reviews to: editor@steamtunnels.net by Feb. 1, 2001
2. Reviews will be selected for publication by the Steamtunnels editorial staff
3. Reviews must be less than 100 words in length, and should follow the format of previously published reviews.
4. All submissions must be accompanied by the author's name, address, phone number and college or university. (Only name and university will be used for publication.)
Let us know what you think about Steamtunnels!

Please take a few moments to fill out and return this survey. Your opinions are very important to us and will help influence the look and feel of future issues of Steamtunnels. The first 50 respondents will receive a free Steamtunnels T-Shirt. Thanks!

### ABOUT STEAMTUNNELS MAGAZINE

1. How many issues of *Steamtunnels* magazine have you read or looked at in the last two months?
   - □ One
   - □ Two
   - □ Three
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   If none, please proceed to question 10.

2. How did you obtain your copy (copies) of *Steamtunnels* magazine?
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   - □ From someone else
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3. How many other people have read or looked at your copy (copies) of *Steamtunnels* magazine?
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   - □ Two
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   - □ Four or more
   - □ None

4. Who else has read your copy (copies) of *Steamtunnels* magazine? (Please check all that apply.)
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   - □ Other (please specify) ____________________

5. On average, how much time do you spend reading an issue of *Steamtunnels* magazine?
   - □ 1-5 minutes
   - □ 6-15 minutes
   - □ 16-30 minutes
   - □ 31 minutes – 1 hour
   - □ 1 or more hours

6. About how many times do you reread or go back to your copies of *Steamtunnels* magazine?
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   - □ Two
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7. Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements about *Steamtunnels* magazine:

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8. How would you rate *Steamtunnels* magazine overall?
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### ABOUT STEAMTUNNELS.NET

10. Are you aware of the web site www.steamtunnels.net?
   - □ Yes
   - □ No

   If no, please proceed to question 13.

11. How many times have you visited www.steamtunnels.net in the past month?
   - □ Once
   - □ Twice
   - □ Three or more
   - □ Four to six times
   - □ Six times or more
   - □ None

12. Please indicate whether you are likely or unlikely to use the following sections of steamtunnels.net:

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### ABOUT YOU

13. What College/University do you attend?

14. Are you a:
   - □ Freshman
   - □ Sophomore
   - □ Junior
   - □ Senior
   - □ Graduate Student
   - □ Professor, faculty or staff
   - □ Other (please specify): ____________________

15. Are you: □ Male □ Female

### OPTIONAL

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