Workers speak out against Azteca

Workers have been on strike since Sept. 30 in protest of contract

By KATERI MCCARTHY
News Writer

Employees from Azteca Foods Inc. of Chicago spoke about their current four month long strike in an Tuesday's lecture, “Support Justice.”

Joséfina Bonilla and Maria Montes Azteca Foods employees, who walked out on Sept. 30, spoke of the abuses and injustices and their diplomatic solutions claimed they experienced working at the Azteca Foods factory.

Azteca Foods, a tortilla company that boasts of producing “1 million tortillas a day,” is owned by Art Velasquez. A Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Board of Trustees, Velasquez is said to have made the comment that his company is “the best paid tortilla company in the nation,” while his workers are being paid $9.10 per hour, said Leah Freed, a representative of United Electrical Workers Union. The annual revenues for Azteca are approximately $33 million, while labor costs is less than 10 percent, Freed said.

And it’s not just workers that while the company is making millions, they struggle to make ends meet — with many working almost daily overtime. Rolls regularly worked 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, often under verbally abusive supervisors and horrible work conditions. Although almost all of the employees speak Spanish, Azteca Foods refuses to translate their proposals or the bargaining meetings said Freed.

“It’s an ugly place,” it’s hot in there and there is metal everywhere,” said a rollina through a translator. “Even if we are very happy because we can’t leave to get water.” Freed said Azteca Foods wants to “cut take-home pay up to 3 cents an hour, raising health insurance costs by up to 700 percent, while labor costs is less than 10 percent, Freed said.

Freed said that after four months of negotiations it was fair to say the workers have not made any progress with Velasquez. Two weeks into the strike, the union called for a national boycott of all Azteca Foods tortillas and chips. An audience member said Beekman, an on-campus restaurant, serves tortilla chips that are made from Azteca.

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Faculty members speak against war in Iraq

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As thousands of U.S. troops mass in the Middle East poised to invade Iraq, Notre Dame faculty members circulated a petition calling for a diplomatic solution to the international crisis.

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, a professor of biology and philosophy, wrote the petition in support of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ open letter to President Bush last fall. That document called on the Bush administration to step back from the brink of war” and urged “moral limits on the use of military force.”

The faculty petition also calls for the use of diplomatic channels, broad international support, convincing evidence of weapons of mass destruction, and the cessation of Catholic just-war doctrine.

“Being a Catholic university, we wanted to make it clear that the Church is on the side of peace,” Shrader-Frechette said.

The number of full-time faculty who have signed the petition is “in the hundreds,” she said, without specifying how many of the 760 full-time faculty members at Notre Dame signed the petition. “We’ve had good responses from people all over campus,” Shrader-Frechette said, emphasizing the document’s popularity in the English, theology, sociology, and philosophy departments.

Shrader-Frechette said the solution to the brewing conflict lies in strengthened inspections by U.N. personnel. “There should be a multilateral agreement with multinational forces,” she said. “We should make sure that Iraqi scientists can speak to the U.N. alone.”

While calling for more inspectors, Shrader-Frechette cast doubts on the president’s claims that Iraq retains weapons of mass destruction. “Saddam Hussein doesn’t have nuclear weapons, and he couldn’t have them for a long, long time,” she said. She also criticized U.S. policy on weapons of mass destruction as hypocrisy, claiming the Pentagon unleashed biochemical agents on unsuspecting Americans. “The U.S. government continues to experiment with chemical and biological warheads on its own citizens without their knowledge,” Shrader-Frechette said.

Shrader-Frechette also called for campaign finance reform, characterizing the Bush administration as beholden to political donors. “It’s not national security that runs this country, it’s vested interests,” she said. “Thomas Jefferson would say that we’ve become like the worst part of corrupt Europe.”

The Bush administration’s war plans hit speed bumps recently, as France, Belgium, and Germany blocked NATO plans for the defense of Turkey in the event of an Iraqi reprisal against that country.

According to U.S. defense officials, some 150,000 troops will be in position in the Persian Gulf region by week’s end. They will join four Navy battle groups, each with a complement of 5,000 personnel and 75 warplanes.

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Items stolen from pub

By AMANDA ROTHEY
News Writer

Fiddler’s Hearth, the popular downtown Irish pub, has experienced several incidents of theft, the owners said.

Among the stolen items are family heirloom and collector’s pieces ripped from the walls of the restaurant.

Owner Carol Meehan noted an increase in thefts since the Notre Dame-Boston College football game on Nov. 2, 2002, when a circa-1870 photograph of the Notre Dame Crew team on St. Mary’s Lake disappeared. In subsequent weeks, more items vanished, including a picture of Meehan’s father-in-law as a wedding boy in South Bend and a receipt from the Bank of Scotland.

Meehan removed many of the more valuable items from the walls, items that remained secured with glue.

“I began gluing things to the wall, so that they could not be taken very easily,” said Meehan. “But soon after that, we lost another picture that we had pulled off the wall, taking some of the plaster along with it.”

In one particular incident, several items were taken from an area was a group of young people had spent the evening, including the receipt from the Bank of Scotland, a family photograph and a horse sculpture emblazoned with a Celtic cross.

As the group left, a bartender noticed the plaque partially hidden in the coat of a young woman. The bartender followed the woman out of the bar and recovered the plaque for the restaurant.

Meehan expressed her dismay at the disappearance of the items and the effect the thefts have on the pub’s atmosphere.

“We enjoy having young people here who like the slower atmosphere we provide. It’s unfortunate that a few bad apples can spoil the fun for the bunch,” Meehan said.

Terry Meehan, co-owner of Fiddler’s Hearth, said the items should be returned and any of the stolen items would be accepted willingly with no questions asked.

“This has never been in our family for a long time and we’d just like to see it again,” Terry Meehan said.

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Lone star Yankee misses Texas

As I look out my window on the barren Indiana tundra, I can just barely make out the trees through the snow. I know it’s just another winter night in South Bend, but I can’t help but think of a few little words: I miss Texas. That’s right.

Wire Editor
I’m from Texas. I say things like “y’all” and “daddum,” and I call carbonated beverages "coke." I learned how to drive in a big ol’ Suburban and I know that the Astrodomes really is the eighth Wonder of the World. I listen to country music, I love hot peppers and I voted for George Dubya Bush.

I like to think my folks raised me to deal with whatever comes my way, but it’s not easy being a Texas exile up here. When I wear my cowboy boots, I get funny looks, and a certain friend of mine says I “look like a four-year-old kid.” When someone comes into my room, I cringe and wait for the inevitable question: “Why do all you people have Texas flags?” And God forbid I should cheer for my hometown Houston Texans. There are just too many Yankees around for any of that stuff.

Now don’t get me wrong, I have nothing against Yankees personally, it’s just that there’s a lot they don’t know. They don’t know how to make a Frito Pie. They don’t know the lyrics to “Me and Billy the Kid” by Pat Green. They don’t know how much fun it is to see a rodeo with 55,000 of your closest friends. But as much as it pains me to write this, some Yankee mannerisms are beginning to rub off on me.

After two and a half years at Notre Dame, I fear I’m becoming a pseudo-Yankee. It occurred to me over Christmas break. My little sister was all bundled up and shivering in the 60-degree "cold," while I was in a T-shirt, scoffing. If I’m offered a beer at home, I have to pause for a second, torn between a Shiner Bock and a Guiness. I’ve even noticed my “y’all” occasionally degenerate into “you guys.” Let’s just pray I don’t stop missing the Texas blondes I’ve come to know and love.

All in all, I’m developing a split geographical personality. I’ve learned to deal with the bitter cold, the bland food, the generic music, the perpetually pajama-clad women. But even as I take to a white, worldy collide. When I’m in Houston, wearing my Notre Dame hat, I can feel the occasional evil eye. They’re sniffing out a Yankee. But I know that at some point this summer in July when I get out of car and the steering wheel is too hot to touch, I’ll think of a few little words: I miss Notre Dame.

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Check out Scene if you are still clueless as to what to get that special someone for Valentine’s Day.

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What’s Happening @ SMC

• Writing Center Tutors meeting, Noble Family Dining Hall, noon.
• Tax Assistance Program Training, Haggar College Center, 3 p.m.
• Irish Dance lessons, Madaleva Hall, 5:30 p.m.
• We Pray with Open Hands, Le Mans, 3:30 p.m.

What’s Cooking

North Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Chicken in the pot soup, broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, pastabean Tuscany soup, BetsyPlan chicken breast, boulanger potatoes, cherry crisp, portobello and creamaruro, broccoli quiche, scrambled eggs with cheese, raisin bread French toast, fried potato skins

Today’s Dinner: Oriental shrimp with noodles, vegetable eggrolls, Chinese steamed rice, chicken taco, honey glazed ham, cherry crisp, rabat vegetables, scrambled eggs with cheese, French toast, fried rice, couscous, broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, pastabean Tuscany soup

South Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, sausage calzones, cauliflower au gratin, zum zum potato salad, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, paralled potatoes, rice valenciana, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork loin, BBQ chicken, soft pretzels

Saint Mary’s Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Mexican black bean stew, pasta, marinara, roasted cauliflower, Caribbean portobello wrap, sauteed fajitas, grilled hamburgers, turkey sliders, fishwich sandwich, fresh fries, French dip sandwich, curley French Fries, green beans, roasted turkey

Today’s Dinner: Chickpea and walnut empanada, roasted pepper quasadilla, baked ziti ratatouille, pasta, pasta bar, rotiserie style greek chicken, confit duck, home style vegetables, ranch pizza with bacon, cheese pizza, bread sticks, warm bread pudding, white cake with fudge icing

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Citations won't affect most abroad programs

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant New Editor

Though reports regarding student citations issued in the Jan. 24 raid of The Boat Club have been forwarded from the Office of Residence Life and Housing to the London Program and the Office of International Study Programs, officials from both departments said such a citation would not necessarily prevent a student from being admitted to or participating in an abroad program.

Students cited from the bar bust were sent letters Jan. 29 instructing them to appear for disciplinary conferences. The director of International Study Programs (ISP) said it was notified early this week about the citations, but was notified early this week about the citations, but

"It in itself probably isn't going to prevent someone from going."

Thomas Bogenschild
director of International Study Programs

Bogenschild said it is typical for his office to maintain constant contact with Residence Life regarding students' disciplinary records before and after the application deadline.

Meanwhile, officials from the London Program declined to comment on whether their office had been in contact with the Residence Life regarding The Boat Club citation.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to say whether we have or not," said Anastasia Cutting, director of the London Program, over e-mail. "Such [disciplinary] matters are handled on a case-by-case basis."

Cutting did not say how recent a citation might affect a student on the London Program wait list. She did not return phone calls seeking further comment on the matter.

Letters regarding initial acceptance and wait list decisions for the London Program were mailed to students on Jan. 29. Students contacted by The Observer who had been cited at The Boat Club and who had applied to study-abroad programs declined interview requests.

Because many students apply to London, Australia and Dublin, Bogenschild said his office makes decisions regarding the Dublin and Australia programs first so that students receive notification from the London Program and ISP around the same time. The director expected decisions for the remaining programs to be finalized shortly. "They should be complete in about two weeks," he said.

While Bogenschild said that his office can suspend an acceptance for a study abroad program, he stressed that ISP will consider such applications individually and pay attention to such problems, although Bogenschild said such problems would not necessarily prevent a student from studying abroad.

Regarding Boat Club citations specifically, Bogenschild said the same policy would apply. "It in itself probably isn't going to prevent someone from going," he said. "It's part of a larger picture," he said.

Bogenschild also said that the only issue that automatically prevents a student from participating in ISP is disciplinary probation.

Cutting said disciplinary probation was not the only matter that automatically precluded a student from participating in the London Program, but did not say what those other issues were.

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Sportscast

LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS

Finishes at the Family Hall accumulated the highest point totals. Money from the event is donated to the Special Olympics.

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC), at Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame, is seeking individuals to work in the 2003 Summer Employment Program.

If you are 18 years or older, enjoy children, and have experiences with preschool and/or primary children ages 5-10, please contact one of the numbers below for further information and an application.

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Logo Contest!

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The Student Activities Office is accepting logo designs for the new "LEGENDS" (formerly SENIOR BAR).

$250 prize for the winning design, and the designer's photo and logo will be displayed at the new "Legends." (Must be a Notre Dame student to submit a design.)

Deadline for submitting logo designs is Friday, February 21.

Drop off entries to the Student Activities Office, 235 Foil Farm. For additional information, contact the Student Activities Office, 631-T508.

Sports for Charity

Dorms competed Friday in various sports events for the annual Late Night Olympics. Keough Hall and Welsh Family Hall accumulated the highest point totals. Money from the event is donated to the Special Olympics.

Early Childhood Development Center, Inc.
Columbia tape released

Conversations offer insight into Columbia's last moments

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston

Engineers in Mission Control never lost their composure even as they lost hope that space shuttle Columbia would make it safely home.

Conversations between the flight controllers, released Tuesday, suggest the engineers were waiting helpless-ly at Mission Control while Columbia came apart on the threshold of space, scattering debris across two states and killing seven astronauts.

Flight director Leroy Cain quickly shifted his attention from landing the craft at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to saving computer data that might help experts learn why it destroyed itself.

Thirty minutes before the landing, Cain was concerned about which end of the Kennedy runway Columbia commander Rick Husband would guide the shuttle to, landing a relatively minor issue.

If in father was no hint of any problem until the final six or seven minutes of the flight when Jeff Kling, the maintenance, mechanical arm and crew systems officer, reported a sudden and inexplicable loss of data from spacecraft sensors.

"I just lost four separate temperature transducers on the left side of the vehicle, the hydraulic return tem- peratures," Kling said. "Two of them on system one and one in the ETES systems 10 and 3."

Cain quickly asked if there was anything common to the sensors and got bad news in reply. Kling said there was no communality, suggesting there was a general failure instead of a single system.

"Moments later, more bad news. Mike Sarafin, the guidance and navigation officer, announces Columbia's wing is encountering drag, or increased wind resist-ance."

Cain, still hopeful, asks if everything else is normal and Sarafin assures him, "I don't see anything out the ordinary."

Mike Sarafin

guidance and navigation officer

on tapes released Tuesday

The communication checks continue. So does the silence. A radar station near the Kennedy center then says it is putting its radar in a "search mode.

"We do not have any valid data at this time," said Jones. "He said there was a "blip" but it was bad data."

Then a long pause, a silence of despair. Then Cain says the final words, the phrase that marked the lack of hope: "Lock the doors."

This meant nobody could leave Mission Control or even make phone calls. For the next several hours, the engineers have to ignore the certain loss of the crew and store the data in their computers, finish reports and then write personal accounts of what they saw, heard and did Feb. 1.

"I don't see anything out of the ordinary."

The Observer

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Agent: Tyson found investigation

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.

A government agent testified Tuesday at the trial of Tyson Foods that the company dis-covered the undercover investigation that led to the immi-grant smuggling charges against it.

Border Patrol agent Benito Maldonado, the government's lead undercover agent in the case, testified as the second week of the trial got under way.

Tyson managers are accused of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants to work on the production lines of the nation's largest poultry processor.

Maldonado described a telephone conversation with Keith Snyder, manager of Tyson's Noell, Mo., complex, that took place on July 12, 2000, four months after the two men met.

Maldonado said Snyder sud-denly began asking if the workers the undercover agent was delivering were illegal—a question that "totally contra-dicts" previous conversations the two men had.

Hours later, he testified, he learned that Tyson had discov-ered the government's undercover investigation, which had been under way almost three years.

Maldonado later testified under cross-examination that no one at the company directly asked him to smuggle workers before he first brought illegal immigrants to work at a plant.

"Did (former Tyson manager Robert) Sanford tell you should go to Mexico and direct you to smuggle illegal immigrants?" Tyson attorney Tom Green asked.

"He did not use those words," Maldonado said.

Prosecutors have played hours of secretly recorded con-versations between undercover agents and Tyson managers accused of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants.

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The Notre Dame community is invited to attend our speaker series this semester, held on Thursdays from 12:30-1:15 in COBA 162. Mike Suddes speaks this week. Contact cmenecak@nd.edu for more info.

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Shuttle investigation expands

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston

The head of the space shuttle inquiry said Tuesday he has the best investigators in the country to figure out what caused the Columbia crash and is confident the mystery will be solved. But one of those experts cautioned the scope of the disaster is the biggest any of them has ever seen.

"Looking at the complexity of this, it is huge. It is one of the biggest debris fields that I think any of us have ever seen," said Navy Rear Adm. Stephen Tuorto, who as commander of the Naval Safety Center is responsible for investigating every aviation mishap in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Thousands of pieces of debris have been found in a 500-mile area across Louisiana and Texas. The search is expected to take at least several more weeks.

The head of the investigation board, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., said the panel was still collecting data and hasn’t ruled out any potential cause. He said no debris has been recovered west of Fort Worth, Texas.

"We don’t have proof, but we have reason to believe that we should be looking west of Fort Worth," Gehman said in the board’s first full news conference since taking over the investigation from NASA last week. He said NASA is tapping into military and weather radar to try to pinpoint wreckage.

Debris found west of Fort Worth could be extremely important because it would help investigators understand how and when Columbia started breaking apart as it aimed for a Florida touchdown the morning of Feb. 1. All seven astronauts aboard were killed when Columbia broke apart at an altitude of more than 200,000 feet.

Air Force Maj. Gen. John Barry, a board member, noted there was no "black box" aboard Columbia, as there is on every airliner. Instead, each shuttle has "on the order of 4,000 sensors that we’re going to be able to take advantage of."

Gehman renewed NASA’s request that amateurs turn over any photos and video of the shuttle as it flew over the United States. Those pictures, along with telemetry data and radar, will enable experts to build "a stereoscopic mosaic of the shuttle as it came across the sky."

NASA released tapes of the final conversations between Mission Control in Houston and the shuttle crew. The tapes include the final communication from spacecraft commander Rick Husband, whose was abruptly cut off, and the calm demeanor of the flight controller as he slowly realizes the shuttle is in trouble.

Separately, NASA also said officials from Johnson Space Center called experts at its Langley research facility in Hampton, Va., on Jan. 27 to ask what might happen if the shuttle’s tires were not inflated during a landing attempt.

NASA spokesman Keith Henry said the question was based on assumptions that damage to the shuttle’s thermal protection system would cause the tires to deflate. The Langley experts said such a failure could cause broad damage to the shuttle’s tires, to comment on what impact or debris tests might be performed, saying “We don’t have favorite theories. We’re pursuing everything.”

**Scary mood? The Ring**

**Animal House**

**Cheesecake**

The tuition increases hit students nationwide

Associated Press

Cash-strapped states from coast to coast are weighing hefty tuition increases for public colleges and universities, prompting experts to wonder aloud about the possibility students will jump out of the market for post- secondary education.

"The pressure to catch up with the middle class at some point," said Barmak Nassirian, an analyst with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

With most states unable to cover their expenses, tuition increases have been imposed midway through this academic year by several states including Maryland, Oregon and Colorado.

Vermont, Hawaii, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, New York and Utah are among the states that have already adopted or are considering tuition hikes at public institutions for the fall semester.

The budget woes have been especially severe for the University of Oregon junior Rachel Pilliod, who may forego her senior year if an additional tuition hike is imposed next fall. Students at Oregon this year have already faced tuition increases of $10 per credit hour for the winter and spring terms. That’s more than $100 per term for a full-time student.

"I’m ahead on my credits so I can graduate with the bare minimum. That’s graduating without honors and that’s graduating without the classes I really need to develop me," said Pilliod, a self-described middle-class student who has assumed most of the cost of her own education. "The real cheap option for me, and that’s paying for college."

"Students can’t afford the extra classes, Pilliod fears it will affect their chances of getting into graduate school.

The tuition increases at Oregon have followed a come in an academic year when tuition at four-year public institutions jumped by an average of 9.6 percent, according to the annual survey of college costs released last October by the College Board, the owner of the SAT exam.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reported in a study released Tuesday that students at public, four-year colleges in Arizona and states were hit with tuition hikes of more than 10 percent for this academic year.

One expert sees no end in sight.

"Just about every state out there, except for a couple, is dealing with significant budget shortages," said Julie Reiley, the education program director with the National Conference of State Legislators. "And almost every state is looking at higher education either through a budget cut or a tuition increase."

Of course, the specific financial picture for education varies from state to state. Overall, the College Board found that students at public four-year colleges this year paid an average of $9,663 for tuition, fees, room and board.

Each tuition hike, said Christopher Davis, a spokesman for the Washington-based Council for Opportunity in Education, sends a "message of discouragement" to low-income students.

"We spend most of our time telling them that college is within reach," said Davis, whose organization promotes educational opportunities for low-income and disabled students. "And every time we turn around, every semester the fees keep going up."

For many students, staying home to attend more-affordable community colleges is the alternative to covering tuition increases with student loans.

After tuition rose at the large universities in Kansas last year, enrollment at Cowley Community College in Arkansas City rose by 19 percent. "Generally, when the economy is in the tank we flourish," said Stu Oosterhuis, a school spokesman, encountering their own budget woes.
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In Brief
Greenspan warns Congress on deficits
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BP makes $6.75 billion deal

Associated Press
LONDON
British energy group BP
PLC said Tuesday it plans to
pay $6.75 billion for a 50 percent
date stake in a major Russian
company in post-commu-
nism as "a major step as a


By ANDREW THAGARD
New York

A team of five Notre Dame stu-
dents did it to the extreme —
accounting that is. The group participated in PricewaterhouseCoopers' inaugural
"xTAX" learning experience and
exposed the venerable 225-issue
level, according to Craig


The group was composed of sophomores Jason Kingery, junior Andrew
Van Cura, graduate student
Matthew Fumagalli and faculty
advisor James Wittenbach, an
accounting professor.
The program, called xTAX for short, was implemented in 21
universities around the United States by the international accounting
circle and was designed to give
college students a perspective on real
world work, according to
PricewaterhouseCoopers' press
release.
The contest required students
to develop a tax policy case study on Panadrevia, a fictitious country with
economic issues similar to
those of former Soviet republics. Team members needed to address and sug-
gest ways of implementing solu-
tions to problems plaguing the
nation's economy, including an
exodus of youth, an aging population,
stagflationary industries, defense
issues and declining tourism.
"This isn't your typical competi-
tion," said Tyrene Federick, a
tax public relations manager for
PricewaterhouseCoopers. "It's
designed to get students to think
outside the box. There is no right
answer.
"Representatives from PricewaterhouseCoopers visited
the 21 participating universities during November and December to
review team's presentat-
tions. The four Notre Dame teams presented
their proposals in front of six to
eight judges from the accounting
firm at the McKenna Hall and
engaged in question and answer
sessions. The presentations were
video taped. Judges selected a win-
ting team from each school and
t heir tapes were judged at the
national level.
"We focused on changing the
tax structure and creating more
industry growth," Oliver said. "At
the same time we wanted to
increase tourism but not decrease
defense funding.
"The group criticized
Panadrevia's existing personal
income tax and corporate tax sys-
tems as too high. They recom-
manded introducing a lower, grad-
ated tax rate at the individual
and corporate level, adding a
nationwide income tax and launching
a social security program to serve
the aging population. For
improving tourism, the team not
only suggested a more aggressive,
visual advertising campaign, they
potted out some blueprints.
Fumagalli attributed the team's success to the diverse talent of the individual members and their
ability to work together well.
As a graduate student who had
worked for
PricewaterhouseCoopers, Fumagalli said the bulk of the
research while Van Cura spear-
headed work on the presentation
graphics.
"The rest of the guys were pha-
nomenal," Fumagalli said. "I was
really impressed.
"Wittenbach, the team's advi-
sor, was available for feedback
and guidance but also let the stu-
dents take control, according to
Oliver.
"He was really helpful," he said.
"He took sort of a detached role.
He didn't help us with the presenta-
tion or anything along that line."
According to Frederick, the first run of xTAX was very success-
ful. PricewaterhouseCoopers plans to increase participation next year's event, she said.

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Tokyo stocks higher, dollar climbs
Tokyo stocks soared moderate higher
Wednesday morning after the yen weakened,
rising hopes of higher profits for blue-chip
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open. On Monday, the average rose 36.77
points, or 0.44 percent, to close at 8,484.93.
which enforces EU competition laws.

British Petroleum Vice President Robert Dudley listens to TNK Chairman Viktor Vekselberg during a Tuesday news conference in Moscow.

It's a pretty big bet," Spedding added.
Government had clues before Okla. City attack

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two federal law enforcement agencies had information before the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing suggesting that white supremacist groups were preparing an attack on government buildings, but the information was never passed on to federal officials in the state, documents and interviews show.

FBI headquarters officials in Washington said Tuesday that white separatists at the Elohim City compound in Muldrow, Okla., might launch an attack on government buildings in Oklahoma. The warning was never passed on to federal officials in the state, documents and interviews show.

FBI officials confirmed Noble's account and expressed concern that the group at Elohim City might strike on April 19. According to Noble, Elmer Dill and Noble had plotted to attack the Murrah building in 1983 with plastic explosives and had an investigation on the group was arrested after a siege with law enforcement agents. The FBI wasn't alone in its concerns. According to thousands of pages of federal investigative memos and handwritten notes obtained by AP, which portray government communications during the intelligence failures before the Sept. 11 attacks, the FBI had been monitoring the compound as early as 1993. The FBI didn't have its own list of white separatist groups. But if the government had always been aware of the threat, the officials said, they would have taken action.

"It's an issue of coordination, lack of coordination between the agencies and the departments," Ricks said, comparing the ATF's response to the attack to the ill-fated ATF action on David Koresh's compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993. "At the time, they hadn't told me everything the ATF knew.

Neither law enforcement agency possessed accurate or complete information relevant to the attacks that federal authorities had generated targeting federal buildings in Oklahoma. "It's like digging through blowing buildings," Ricks said.

But when ATF considered raiding Elohim City two months before McVeigh struck, the agent in charge in Oklahoma, Bob Ricks, stopped the plan.

"I do remember I told them I didn't want another Waco on our hands," Ricks said, comparing the danger at Elohim City to the ill-fated ATF action on David Koresh's compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993. "At the time, they hadn't told me everything the ATF knew.

ATF documents show the informant provided agents with fragments of practice explosives detonated by Elohim City members and had suspicions about a possible target. "It is understood that McVeigh is the main enemy of the people of the city," one report states. "ATF offices were in the building McVeigh struck.

Gram also disclosed that Noble's by aping "an inspired specific threat against the Murrah building." Viki Reath, the Oklahoma City bombing victim and was eventually ruled out as a suspect.

FBI officials said they suspected Millar was initially involved, but he cooperated with the investigation and was eventually ruled out as a suspect.

"I don't see any other possibility, honesty. It is not a coincidence that he picked April 19, and even if it was, to pick the same building that we had picked? There are only a handful of people who knew about that decision," Ricks said.

Millar died in 2001. His former attorney, Kirk Lyons, said he doubts his client had anything to do with McVeigh's attack and that Millar's fiery rhetoric was aimed more at uniting members at his compound than inciting violence. "He was trying to keep his followers together," Lyons said.

Though ATF agents had reports of dramatic threats against the government, they focused their investigation on making a gun violation case against a former citizen, who later documents showed.

Come to the run-off debate for the student body president.

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

8pm

Gary Atwood
VIEWPOINTS ON IRAQ
A series of events to encourage discussion.

"WE PRAY WITH OPEN HANDS: VOICES OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE"
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2003
3:30 pm STAPLETON LOUNGE
A conversation with Sheila Provencher, who recently returned from a Pax Christi delegation to Iraq. An exhibit of some of her photos will accompany.

"IRAQ BRIEFING"
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003
7:00 pm CARROLL AUDITORIUM
Background information on the conflict with Iraq from a variety of perspectives, to initiate an informed dialogue with the audience.
Moderator: Sr. Kathlee Dolphin, Director, Center for Spirituality
Panel Participants: Teresa Marcy - the political/historical background on Iraq
Linda Berdayes - media coverage of the conflict
Joe Miller - the psychology of war-making
Jerry McElroy - the economic costs of war

A STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION ON IRAQ
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003
5:00 pm WEDGE ROOM OF THE DINING HALL
Hosted by the Political Science Student Club and Peacemakers

"IRAQ: A JUST WAR?"
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003
7:00 pm CARROLL AUDITORIUM

Sponsored by: Campus Ministry, Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Department of Political Science, InterCultural Community Living Program, Justice Education, Peacemakers, The Political Science Student Club, Women's Studies.
A fictitious letter from the heavens to those left behind

My Dearest,

Writing a letter to you that can never be delivered, I know, may not come as any consolation after recent events. It doesn't bring me much consolation, either. I only write it for myself with the hope that somehow you will feel the presence that my message intends. I can't seem to explain it in any other way. All you know is that I am lost and will never see me again. I am left with much the same sentiment having lost both you and the life we had together. But no matter what happens, I don't want you to worry about me. I know it is hard to understand my death, especially since I was within minutes of holding you in my arms when things went wrong. But, as much as my world revolved around my love for you, I have no regrets of the choices I made in life and the direction in which I led it. I knew the dangers that were involved when I volunteered for the astronaut corps and accepted them. In the end, we paid the ultimate price, but any confusion our crew might have felt upon our arrival at the gates was eased by a group of old friends who have gone through this before.

My darling, I've grown up with the idea that I was meant to make a difference in the world and I believe, now, that I have. In the 16 days I spent on the Columbia, I realize we were helping the world sail into unforeseen waters and doing it with our sails at full mast. And sad though it may be, the deaths of my crew and I am making a difference around the world. Nations will mourn now, but things will only get better because of this. The program must move forward, and hopefully the first Indian-born woman in space will not be the last. It's too important to world relations not to extend the necessary olive branch to all nations around the world.

I was part of a space exploration project that furthered people's understanding of God's plan. In my crew of seven, we have two women (one which was born in India), an African-American man, and the first Israeli woman in space. The Columbia was a guiding light of human liberties and world relations, and I was proud to be a part of her crew. The shuttle and others like it have brought the nations of the world together in concert with a common goal to improve humanity.

Sweetheart, there is a lot of noise in the world today. There is talk of war, disease and terrorism. But this much I know. If God's sacrifice of our lives can help soften the voices of hostility, I would die a thousand deaths to ease the suffering of mankind. I am certain that if the leaders of the world could have seen through my eyes the past 16 days, politics and partnership would cease to exist. They just don't understand that the questions of power and ownership can be muted by a few inches of a space shuttle's window. God's power can be spoken without words.

My love, it is hard for me to bear the thought of being without you, even in this place. How thoughtless and foolish I feel to have put you in the position that you are in now. I can do nothing to change the circumstances that have befallen you. And for that I am eternally sorry. I only wish I could have done more.

But this I promise you. If ever you worry about my fellow astronauts and their families who are and will continue to follow me into the forefront of space, do not be troubled. We will always be with them. Always. For when the next landing of astronauts takes place, they shall have new sets of eyes watching over them. And when the wings of the shuttle waver in the wind, they will remain firm. When the astronauts touch down on the runway, know that they floated back to earth under the wings of angels.

I can do nothing to change the tragedies of the past, but I will do all that I can to prevent them from happening again. I believe that Sullivan Ballou, a union major in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, said it best in a letter to his wife. "Do not mourn me dead, think I am gone and wait for me, for we shall meet again." My dear, tell our friends that heaven is on their side and when we meet again the mood will be heavenly. I promise.

All my love,
One of Columbia

Adam Cahill
It is always unfortunate when insult and invasive repetitious mutual respect and rational dialogue. This is all the more true in a student setting, where diverse views are meant to be seen and heard.

Professor Thomas Gresik concludes his remarks in yesterday’s Viewpoint on the proposal to split the existing economics department and to create a new department exclusively devoted to mainstream economics with “... the Department of Economics is an embarrassment.”

Along the way, he accuses his colleagues and me of treating mainstream economists with less respect and rationality than they deserve. I happen to agree with him, though I do not agree with his characterization of the reasons why.

Gresik is, of course, entitled to defend mainstream economics, to endorse its views and to attack and dismantle the department of economics as I have done. It is in respectable debate that the public can hear the views of students in this undergrad community, and can continue the discussion through The Observer. (Let it be noted, though, that no member of the department has ever attempted to involve the students in this imbroglio or, until now, even to talk to them.)

The problem, as I see it, is that the administration has not solicited the views of students as it should have. The whole point of a democratic society is to give the people standing in line the right to discuss the issues of the hour.

Indeed, the department is proud to have the best teachers in the College of Arts and Letters. What makes us good teachers is precisely our faculty’s ability to provide our students with a solid foundation in the discipline of economics, including mainstream theory and methods, which would not be possible if we spent our time “vilifying” economic orthodoxy.

Second, Gresik recommends the proposal to split the department as a “triumph of ‘beauty’ because it ‘allows both groups of economists to create co-exist.’” Besides the fact that we consider ourselves to be市场经济, a single department, with a single goal (of conducting high-quality research, teaching and service), and not two different groups, Gresik fails to mention salient features of the proposal currently being discussed.

Additionally, it seeks to create a new department of economics that excludes what has always been important aspects of economics: history and policy. Also, the two departments would not be allowed to “credibly co-exist”; one (the new department) would have a graduate program and a series of new hires, while the other (the renamed department) would have no graduate program and no projected new hires. Separate and unequal is a poor way to develop economic knowledge.

In the end, what is important is not just that one member of the faculty might treat his colleagues in any department with contempt. It is that all of us, especially the students, are and should be interested in some thing more than rankings. Learning about and exploring diverse points of view that are comfortably mainstream as well as more heterodox undergraduates are what make a truly great university.

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Tips for successful Valentine’s Day online shopping

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For some less expensive but romantic gift ideas, check out www.redenvelope.com. The site features traditional candy, jewelry and flowers, as well as more unusual choices such as hugging teddy bears, an aphrodisiac garden and erotic fortune cookies.

Don’t panic yet. The world is wired to make up for the inconveniences bothering busy people like you. You can still find the perfect gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend, no matter how long you’ve been together—without even leaving campus. Grab a credit card and you can find gifts for anyone and everyone online.

Combine that with a reservation at one of South Bend’s fine restaurants and you’re good to go. Whether you’re entertaining your parents or your significant other this Friday, it can still be a fun night.

Contact Maria Smith and Christie Bolen at msmith4@nd.edu and cbolen@nd.edu

A pricier and more unique selection can be found at www.architectsbtouch.com. This site offers architect designed gifts ranging from distinctive jewelry to designed vases with pretty paper roses. The site is also affiliated with a fresh flower site that can send flowers to your sweetheart direct from the grower. The prices are higher, like the silver and black Night and Day vases and flowers for $85 on sale, but are a change from the ordinary.

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Grecian Delights

Grecian Delights offers a tempting array of delicious Greek dishes

By ON-KAY WONG, ANNIE HASTER, and GWEN SCHMIDEBUSCH
Scene Restaurant Critic

Grecian Delights, a small restaurant, combines a pleasant atmosphere, an assortment of Greek tunes — in addition to more familiar pop tunes — and delicious food at a decent price. The service was a little slow, perhaps because of the amount of food ordered, but the waiter was very friendly and eager to please.

The meal began with sourdough rolls and pita bread, as well as butter. Feta cheese and Kalamata olives, a tasty treat for those who enjoy strong, slightly bitter foods. The appetizers offered were an assortment of dips for the pita bread, salads and cheeses. "The Sampler," consisted of three appetizers chosen from the menu. Flevithosalata is a dip made with chopped Tahini, garlic, olive oil, cumin and lemon. It tastes similar to hummus but slightly spicier. Hipiti, made with red peppers, feta cheese, garlic and jalapenos, is definitely for people who like tangy foods. Lastly, Melitzanosalata combines eggplant, garlic, cumin, lemon and olive oil, and has a beach-like taste to it. Overall, the appetizers could have been skipped, especially since most of the entrees at Grecian Delights come with a choice of any three sides.

The sides were wonderful, especially the soup. Faki tasted like a spiced up version of American lentil soup and was delicious. Avgolemono is basically a chicken and rice soup with eggs and lemon, and was strong but surprisingly tasty. Out of the three salads offered, the garden salad was the best selection. While the other two had a bland "secret dressing" on them, the garden salad came with a selection of three dressings: Balsamic Vinaigrette, Lemon Tahini or Tarragon Mustard.

For the main course, I chose the "Sampler," consisting of three servings of three different dishes, including some of Grecian Delights' specialties: a chicken and rice soup with eggs and lemon, a chicken and rice soup with eggs and lemon and the rice pilaf was outstanding. The Mediterranean Makaronia is pasta with sauteed veggies, garlic, Kalamata olives and Feta cheese on it. It was the best of the three dishes, and well worth the $12 price.

Dessert, of course, was necessary to finish off the meal, and pineapple sorbet, a lemon bar and floyetta were chosen. The floyetta was a little too sweet, but the pineapple sorbet and the lemon bar were delicious. At just $2 apiece, the desserts are relatively inexpensive and won't double the cost of the whole meal like they tend to do at some restaurants.

Grecian Delights was a very pleasant dining experience, an ideal place for a casual lunch or dinner date. Overall, with its excellent food and first-rate service, it is well worth the trip off campus. Grecian Delights is located at 2349 Miracle Lane, in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Mishawaka. Hours are Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday noon-8 p.m.

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Grecian Delights provides a pleasant atmosphere as well as exotic and tasty Greek dishes.

Hana Yori: Dinner and a Show

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Restaurant Critic

Ever seen an egg tossed four feet in the air, hit metal and not break? Well, it is a common occurrence at Hana Yori. Hana Yori Japanese steakhouse is a place where they cook the food right in front of you, entertaining you with an unusual break from the usual routine of Steak 'n Shake and fajitas. Cook tosses food up in the air and catches it on hot spatulas, light flames ablaze and quickly flick your meals about at dizzying speeds. Hana Yori is not just a place to eat — it is a place to be entertained at the same time. Service is friendly, and the chefs are quite entertaining, even when they aren't amazing you with their acrobatic culinary skills.

Meals range in price, but usually fall in the range of $15 or more. While this may seem like a lot, it is a good deal for the amount of food that is served, which is enough to burst your stomach. The menu offers you a choice between their many dishes, including steak or lobster tail on the grill or sushi and sashimi in a cart. All entrees on the grill came with soup, salad, a shrimp appetizer and a hearty helping of fried rice. Recommended are the Samurai meal, which includes shrimp and chicken grilled to perfection, or the Shogun dish, featuring savory steak and chicken and a glass of sweet plum wine for after dinner. Hana Yori also offers alcoholic drinks such as sake and Sapporo beer for those over 21.

While it is an interesting detour from the usual, Hana Yori is the most romantic place to dine. While providing a quiet atmosphere for eating, most tables seat eight people, so if you have a small party, you will find yourself sitting at a table and engaging in conversation with complete strangers. While fun in its own right, it is not the best idea for the shy, for a first date or for a Valentine's meal when you want to have your date all to yourself in conversation. The atmosphere is better suited for a large and boisterous group and you are much more likely to enjoy yourself with a large group of friends than with that cute girl from your theology class. Hana Yori is located at 3601 Grape St., off of Edison. It is recommended that you call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait and to make sure that your party is not split up. The lunch hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner hours are Sunday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. But even with out reservations, Hana Yori is worth the wait.

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NBA

Timberwolves topple league-leading Mavericks

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - It wasn’t just the aggressive fast breaks and the pounding of the crowd during the past week that made the Minnesota Timberwolves past the feisty, pesky Dallas Mavericks.

Kevin Garnett, right, and Dirk Nowitzki squared of Tuesday. A perfectly designed inbounds play by Anthony Peeler, left, led to a basket by Kevin Garnett with 1.7 seconds left.

"I’m happy for Wally,” said Garnett, who was held hard by Nowitzki in a celebration on the court.

Magic 92, Nets 83

Coach Doc Rivers gazed around his locker room and chose his words carefully.

"It’s a real big win for us. We’re trying to get up for this game, and the Magic was a real big win for us." Rivers said.

McGrady had 32 points and eight rebounds and Darrell Armstrong scored a clutch shot to stop the New Jersey Nets after the Vermont forward had missed the free throw. McGrady made 32 points and all eight of those rebounds and Darrell Armstrong scored a clutch shot to stop the New Jersey Nets after the Vermont forward had 1.7 points and four assists.

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"That’s the shot Wally always makes,” said Minnesota’s Anthony Peeler.

Dirk Nowitzki had 34 points and 12 rebounds in his first half in Dallas, which had its fourth game-road win, and Garnett, who had 21 points, 12 rebounds, 12 assists and seven assists — continued to play the game with 1.17 left.

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Sources say Sorenstam could play in PGA

Associated Press

TRUMBULL, Conn. Annika Sorenstam of Sweden could be offered an exemption to the Colonial and become the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour, a magazine reported Monday.

Golf World cited unnamed sources as saying Bank of America, in its first year as the title sponsor, wants Sorenstam to play the Colonial in May 22-25 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The 32-year-old, who last year charged $0.50 per minute and, if applicable, an additional $0.25 per minute for long distance, P CS V ision: Offer limited to PCS Phones and is not available with any device used as a modem and non refundable $3499 phone activation fee apply. Night & Weekend Minutes: Mon.-Thurs. 9pm-7am and Fri.-Sun. 7am-7pm. Depending on credit, a deposit and initial prepayment for services may be required. Voice usage may not exceed 10 hours per month. Rates do not include taxes, fees or other charges. Included minutes are not good for calls made while roaming off our network. Roaming calls are charged $0.50 per minute and, if applicable, an additional $0.25 per minute for long distance. Unlimited PCS Vision: Offer limited to PCS Phones and is not available with any device used as a modem. Offers may not be available everywhere. Offers subject to change without notice and may not be combinable. See in store materials for details. Copyright ©2003 Sprint Spectrum LP. All rights reserved. Sprint and the diamond logo are trademarks of Sprint Communications Company LP. L.P.

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Associate Press were not immediately returned.

Tournament director Dee Finley suggested last week that Colonial had no room for Sorenstam because it had several players interested in their exemptions and "we're here to provide a place to play for PGA Tour players."

It would be fun to see her play, but I'm afraid that will not be possible for Colonial this year," Finley said at the time.

On Monday, Finley told Golf World that talks had reached an advanced stage.

The last woman to play a PGA Tour event was Babe Zaharias in the 1945 Los Angeles Open. Zaharias not only qualified for the tournament, she made the 36-hole cut until a 79 eliminated her for the final round.

If Sorenstam were to play Colonial, she would steal the spotlight from Connecticut club pro Suzy Whaley, who has said she will play in the Greater Hartford Open in July.

Whaley qualified by winning a PGA of America sectional tournament, even though she was allowed to compete from a shorter of tees set of three.

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Five-car collision ends practice for Daytona 500

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Burton, Elliott Sadler and Mike Skinner will switch to backup cars after a crash Tuesday proved just how risky even practice for the Daytona 500 can be.

The five-car crash came on the front straightaway of the 2 1/2-mile oval with about four minutes left in the 60-minute practice, the only Winston Cup track time on the day’s schedule.

Rookie Jack Sprague, a three-time NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion, was riding in the middle of a three-wide pack, with Steve Park above him on the banked Daytona International Speedway track and Skinner on the low side.

Sprague’s Pontiac appeared to slide up the track, banging off Park, then sliding down into Skinner, who went sideways. Burton and Sadler then drove into the melee.

There were no injuries, but Skinner’s Pontiac and the Fords of Burton and Sadler got the worst of the accident and were put out of action for the rest of the week.

The other drivers heaped most of the blame on Sprague, who is trying to qualify for his first Daytona 500.

“TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, WE GOT RAN INTO BY A ROOKIE,” Skinner said.

Sprague said he was in the middle, while Park was on the outside “and he didn’t stay up and he hit me in the right front, drove me into Skinner and it was all over.”

Park disagreed with that version, saying Sprague “bounced off me.”

“I was up by the wall and couldn’t go any higher, except for the grandstands,” Park said.

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It’s hard to avoid this type of crash at Daytona. Thanks to the horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates used here to slow the cars, the racing is often in huge packs.

“One thing about restrictor-plate racing is to go ahead and put your nose in there,” Burton said.

“It’s a shame to wreck a bunch of good cars on the straightaway. I mean, we’re supposed to be professionals and using our heads, and they’re out there running into the side of each other on the straightaway. There’s not much common sense going on,” Sadler said.

Skinner had much the same view.

“This was our first race practice of the year, so I would say it was preventable,” he said.

“NEARING THE END OF PRACTICE, PEOPLE DOING STUPID THINGS, I GUESS I MADE MISTAKES WHEN I WAS A ROOKIE, TOO.”

Dale Jarrett had the fastest time in the practice in a Ford at 188.494 mph, followed by the Pontiac of Jerry Nadeau at 188.336, the Ford of rookie Greg Biffle at 188.111 and the Chevrolet of Jimmie Johnson, also at 188.111. Daytona pole-winner Jeff Green was 20th at 187.141 in a Chevy.

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James’ referee may face sanctions for photo

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

The postpone encounter was a brief, just long enough for LeBron James to put his arm around a referee, lean in and smile for the camera.

Now, however, that seemingly innocent moment could hurt referees Tony Celantano, who faces possible sanctions for his actions following James’ impressive comeback game on Saturday night.

The president of the central New Jersey chapter of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials said the group is investigating whether Celantano broke any rules by posing with the 18-year-old high school basketball star.

“We’re just trying to sort out all the facts,” the association’s president Fred Dumont, said Tuesday.

Celantano posed with James after the senior scored a career-high 52 points to lead top-ranked St. Vincent-St. Mary’s of Akron, Ohio, to a 78-52 victory over Westchester of Los Angeles at the Prime Time Shootout in Trenton.

It was James’ first game since a judge in Ohio restored his eligibility on Feb. 5, allowing him to resume playing.

James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in the next NBA draft, was ruled ineligible for the rest of the season by the Ohio High School Athletic Association on Jan. 31 after he accepted two retro sports jerseys valued at $845 from a Cleveland clothing store.

But the judge reduced James’ punishment to two games, he’s already missed one and will sit out the other later this month.

After Saturday night’s game, James posed with his right arm around Celantano. James is grinning slightly.

While posing for pictures with a player don’t violate any specific rules for referees, Dumont said Celantano spoke to him and conceded he used bad judgment.

Dumont added, however, that he was confident the game was called impartially.

“I was at the game. I don’t have a problem with how the game was officiated,” Dumont said.

Dumont declined to specify what sanctions that Celantano might face, but he said he expected his association to make a determination within a week.

The organization that oversees scholastic sports in New Jersey will review the findings.

Celantano, a 27-year veteran, remains eligible to officiate, Dumont said.

“He’s still free to be a referee and happens to be an outstanding referee,” Dumont said. “He’s a very professional person; he’s an experienced official.”

Celantano told The Times of Trenton that the photo was taken by a relative and was not for personal use.

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NBA

Kemp suspended for violation

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Orlando Magic center Shawn Kemp was suspended without pay by the NBA on Tuesday, the fifth games for violating the league’s anti-drug policy.

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Spikes wants out of Cincinnati

NFL

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Linebacker Takeo Spikes was tagged as the Bengals’ transition player Tuesday, disappointing one of Cincinnati’s top defensive players and emotional leaders. Spikes, the Bengals’ top draft pick in 1998, wants to leave as a free agent because he’s worn out from five years of losing. The Bengals have the NFL’s worst record since 1991.

Marvin Lewis talked to Spikes several times since he became the Bengals’ head coach last month, but the club couldn’t convince him to accept a contract extension.

The tag allows the Bengals to match any offer from another team, keeping Spikes in Cincinnati for another season.

Spikes has led the team in tackles four times during his five seasons. Winning over Spikes is one of Lewis’ first challenges. Several of the team’s leaders said at the end of last season that they had given up hope the Bengals would ever win.

Lewis’ hiring has made some players reconsider, but Spikes remains unconvinced that there will be significant change.

“I don’t have to persuade him. I can just say it,” Lewis said. “It’s a very difficult job to be a professional football player. It’s a privilege. I’m going to ask a lot of things of him. I don’t need to talk to him into it.”

Lewis said the club will continue talking to Spikes about a contract extension.

The Bengals tendered Spikes a one-year, $4.8 million offer — the average of the top 10 linebackers’ salaries last season — to make him their transition player.

The Bengals also tendered offers to receiver Ron Dugans and Danny Farmer, kicker Neil Rackers, linebacker Armegis Spearman and snapper Brad St. Louis. The four-year players will become restricted free agents on Feb. 24 if they don’t sign with the Bengals.

Worn out by all the losing, Spikes stopped talking to the media midway through the Bengals’ 2-14 season, the worst in franchise history. After Lewis was hired, Spikes told The Associated Press that he still wanted out.

“Don’t want a tag on me,” Spikes said at the time. “I feel like my time is done. I did all I can do. I did all that I owed not only to them, but to myself.”

“I just want to win. I just want to compete. That’s my whole objective. I don’t look at the time I spent in Cincinnati as wasted time. I just want to go somewhere to compete and win.”

Spikes and his agent, Todd Toy, immediately return phone messages Tuesday. Spikes told the team’s Web site that his feelings hadn’t changed and he still wanted out of Cincinnati.

“The tag is something they’re using to keep me there, even though I’m not happy and I don’t understand it,” Spikes said.

Spikes has insisted that change has to start at the top. Team owner Mike Brown has given Lewis more authority than his predecessors, but remains in control as the de facto general manager.

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Seahawks welcome new GM Ferguson

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Bob Ferguson thinks the odds are stacked against anyone trying to succeed in the NFL as a coach and general manager at the same time — even Mike Holmgren.

“I’m in a prejudiced obvi­ ous,” he said. “It’s very difficult nowadays because of the demands you have contractu­ ally with the players if you’re in that seat,” said Ferguson, who was introduced Monday as the Seattle Seahawks’ new GM.

Holmgren relinquished his title as Seattle’s general man­ ager — a job he held for four seasons — on Dec. 31, but will remain as the Seahawks’ coach.

“Coaches have to make cer­ tain decisions on those con­ tracts and it’s really difficult for them to go out and make some decisions on those play­ ers as far as the team goes,” Ferguson said.

Holmgren, who has com­ piled a disappointing 31-33 record in four seasons with the Seahawks, did not attend the news conference.

Team president Bob Whitsett made the decision to hire Ferguson, who was fired by Arizona on Jan. 6 after the Cardinals finished with a 5-11 record, los­ ing nine of their last 10 games.

Ferguson said the new opportunity in Seattle came as a surprise.

“I didn’t expect to be here,” he said. “I was going to retire completely. This kind of opportunity just kind of fell out of a tree.”

He thinks he can become a major asset for Holmgren so he can concentrate exclusive­ ly on coaching again.

In Green Bay, Holmgren coached the Packers to back to back Super Bowls.

“I think it’s the best situa­ tion for Mike Holmgren because there are just so many things that can come up that have to be dealt with in a different manner than the head coach,” he said.
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**In Brief**

Stewart's term with Steelers may be ending soon

Kordell Stewart could be in his final month with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

With a pair of important deadlines approaching and the Steelers engaged in no active trade talks involving their former starting quarterback, Stewart appears he will release Stewart on or about Feb. 26.

That date is important not only because it is the start of the NFL free-agent signing period, but also is the day the league’s 2003 salary cap goes into effect.

With this year’s cap set at $75 million, the Steelers are currently about $1.6 million over. That could rise to as much as $4 million after various 2002 player bonuses and incentives are paid.

The Steelers could get under that figure just by releasing Stewart, who is scheduled to make $6.3 million in 2003. No matter what they do, a pro-rated $1.62 million share of the $8 million signing bonus they paid Stewart in 1999 will count against their cap.

With Stewart likely to be on the open market, teams seem reluctant to part with any players for his services. If he is released, Stewart, as a vested veteran, would be free to sign with any team.

Following a dreadful start last season that saw the Steelers lose their first two games and nearly lose a third before Tommy Maddox replaced him, Stewart spent nearly the entire season on the bench.

With numerous NFL teams looking to upgrade at quarterback, Stewart could have his choice of teams.

Cardinals’ Jones accused of assault

A Tempe barber has accused Arizona Cardinals running back Maurice Jones of beating him at a Scottsdale nightclub in November, around the same time the player sustained a hand injury.

Maurice May told police he was leaving the restroom when a man he later learned was Jones said “I’m tired of you” and punched him in the face. May said Jones then tackled him, sat on him and punched him in the face to 10 or 12 times.

The report indicates May showed the reporting officer a chipped tooth and some residual swelling around his right cheekbone: the result of the alleged attack. May said he also received 18 stitches to close a split lower lip.

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49ers search for coach ends with Erickson

Associated Press

Dennis Erickson was hired Tuesday by the San Francisco 49ers to replace Steve Mariucci as coach in a surprising end to a search that stretched nearly four weeks.

Erickson will be introduced as the 49ers’ 14th head coach at a news conference on Wednesday. The former Seattle Seahawks coach leaves Oregon State, where he went 31-17 over the last four seasons.

Mariucci, who was fired by owner John York on Jan. 15, despite leading San Francisco to four playoff berths in six seasons, signed a five-year contract with the Detroit Lions last week.

Erickson, who will turn 56 next month, is an unexpected choice for San Francisco.

The search was praised by the candidates as deliberative and thorough, though Pro Bowl quarterback Jeff Garcia called it “embarrassing” for its apparent lack of direction.

Earlier, several college coaches said they weren’t interested, including Washington coach Rick Neuheisel and Southern California coach Pete Carroll.

Erickson is just the 49ers’ fourth coach since 1979, following Bill Walsh and George Seifert — who both won Super Bowls — and Mariucci.

Erickson also is the first coach with prior NFL head coaching experience to take over the 49ers since Norman “Red” Strader in 1955.

Erickson coached the Seahawks from 1995-98, going 31-33. Many thought Erickson deserved better in his native Seattle, where he rebuilt the Seahawks but couldn’t make the playoffs.

Erickson’s greatest success has been in college, where he has turned four schools that saw the Steelers lose their last four games.
Woods returns to PGA after knee surgery

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Dressed in a black rain suit, Tiger Woods ducked out from under his umbrella on the 13th tee at Torrey Pines and gestured at what was rumored to be the Pacific Ocean. All he saw Tuesday morning was a soppy fog.

"Can you believe this?" he said. "Perfect weather at every West Coast tournament, then I show up and we get this."

Out of competition for two months because of knee surgery, and the only red carpet rolled out for Woods' return was a mat to wipe his feet at the end of a soggy practice round on the North Course.

Not that Woods was complaining.

"I feel great," he said. "My knee feels great, and mentally I feel fresh."

Woods was back in his domain, a familiar silhouette outlined against dense fog that covered the cliffside course north of San Diego.

A steady rain, not to mention his 6:40 a.m. start, kept the crowds to a minimum. No more than 60 people were following Woods when he finished 18 holes in just over two hours.

Players walking to the range along a path next to the fairway stopped to watch him hit a 3-wood to about 12 feet on the par-5 18th hole. In the locker room, Paul Stankowski gave him a gentle tap on his derriere to welcome him back.

How long the love lasts is anyone's guess.

Woods brings a certain fascination to the masses, which is why television ratings are spiked whenever he plays — up 113 percent when he is in contention.

The PGA Tour is off to a great start. Ernie Els won the first two events to establish anew his rivalry with Woods. Vijay Singh won in Phoenix, Mike Weir in the Bob Hope Classic and Davis Love III at Pebble Beach with two great shots under pressure.

Still, most of the talk on Tour has been dominated by what Woods will return. No one holds that against him, especially not his peers.

Thanks to Woods, golf is more popular than ever. The PGA Tour has been able to negotiate mammoth TV contracts, which is why prize money has more than doubled since he showed up six years ago.

"He's my favorite player besides me," said Chris Riley, who grew up playing junior golf with Woods. "He gives the Tour a lot of notoriety."

He also makes it a little tougher to win.

Len Mattiace was asked why there were a record 18 players who won for the first time on Tour last year, and one explanation he gave was that some of the top players were not at their best.

"Tiger was great, but he didn't win nine times," Mattiace said. "What did he win, five times? Which is fantastic. If he wins 10, it takes five other potential winners to do it."

"Straight up the hill. I would have made that," he said on one hole.

The fog grew thicker on the back nine, and there were a couple of holes where visibility was reduced to about 100 yards off the tee.

"Another shot out of sight," said Eddie Williams said when Woods clipped another drive that quickly vanished into the white mist.

Out of sight, but never more back in the picture.

Media credentials for the Buick Invitational have more than doubled to 300.

In the lobby of a nearby hotel, a manager was on the phone Monday night trying to explain to a desperate customer that he had no rooms left.

"Tiger Woods is coming to town tonight," he said. "It's very busy."
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and earned Honorable Mention All-Tournament honors for the 2001-2002 season.

"She's extremely versatile," coach Bailey Weathers said.

Weathers does not use the word 'versatile' loosely. In her skill sets that are often invaluable, she is a team player.

"You need to depend on each other because we've had some tough dual meets and we've had to pull together as a team," Garcia said. "We're a different team than last year," Garcia said. "There is no doubt about it. We've got some tough dual meets and we've had to pull together as a team more. We need to depend on each other as a team, and that helps us swim better as a team."

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Garcia and her teammates exhibited this work ethic during the team's week-long training program in Alajulco, which culminated in a 129-69 spanking of Kansas. Garcia won the 200 IM with a time of 2:22.24.

The highlights of Garcia's and the team's season, however, came fittingly in the team's dual meet competition against Michigan on Feb. 1. It was a close, 1:35-147 home victory in which Garcia won the 200 butterfly (2:01.03). This butterfly victory, however, meant more than the others.

"For me that was a big race because I knew their butterfly was ranked 9th in the nation. Going in knowing that was mentally difficult," Garcia said. "For me to overcome that is something I've really been trying to work on, to not be worried about who I'm racing against and instead just go out and race."

Not only did the Michigan meet give Garcia confidence, it also marked an important confidence booster for the team heading into the Big East championships.

"For the team, that game was a huge barrier," she said. "We did all have to pull together. (This year) we won some races we didn't expect to win and lost some we didn't expect to lose. But we bounced back from things that didn't quite go our way. Ending on that note for the dual meet season was a real big confidence booster."

Though she shows individual leadership and accomplishes her individual goals, Garcia's mind and comments always return to the status and well-being of the team.

"Just what Coach Weathers wants. Actually one of my favorite quotes is four short words: a little bit more," Garcia said. "What puts the most successful individuals above the crowd is that little bit more. I do what coaches tell me to do and a little bit more. If I do that, others around me do that and it has kind of a snowball effect. I know I couldn't swim without my teammates, and it's really important to do everything that's expected."

Garcia's drive to succeed is contagious. The team hopes it will continue to be contagious in Uniondale, N.Y., when the Notre Dame competes for its seventh straight Big East title.

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MENS SOCCER

Irish announce new class of 2007 recruits

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven highly-regarded prep standouts to national letters of intent.

Three of those players have been members of the U.S. national team program and are current members of the under-18 national squad.

Joining the Irish program beginning in the fall of 2003 will be goalkeeper Chris Cahill (Louisville, Ky./St. Francis DeSales) central defender Greg Dalby (Pawolf, Calif./Pawolf), midfielders Ian Etherington (Fremont, Calif./Chaparral HS), forward Justin McGaney (Ames, Iowa/Ames), midfielder Ryan Miller (Barrington, Ill./Barrington), forward Brian Murphy (Granger, Ind./St. Joseph), and forward/midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester, Mich./Rochester Adams).

"These seven players comprise a fabulous recruiting class for us," Clark says. "All the individuals we identified early on in the recruiting process decided to come to Notre Dame. We were looking for players who would come in and give up depth as well as have an impact immediately. We're very excited to have all of them join our program."

"I think we've been very successful with our recruiting efforts the past two seasons. This year's class adds tremendous depth to our team and continues to move the program in the direction that we want to go."

Garcia runs away with honors for the best butterfly swimmer in the Big East. After setting the school record at the Big East championships last season, Garcia continued her winning ways in addition to the 100 butterfly victory, how ever, as the junior and senior classes is the biggest reason for the team's consistency. After graduating numerous top performers from last year's team, the team needs its upperclassmen to step up and take responsibility for the swimmers and divers together as a unit.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

A little bit more

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Bailey Weathers accepted the women's swimming head coach's position prior to the 1995-96 season, he knew the type of girl he wanted on his team.

He wanted what every coach wants. He wanted a leader, a team member who could not only put in the physical effort but encourage her teammates to do the same.

He wanted a contributor, a swimmer who could shoulder the burdens of regular season competition and then rise to the challenge in the post-season.

It was no surprise, then, that the Irish came calling at Cherry Creek High School in Denver, where Lisa Garcia had, among other accomplishments, set state records in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Garcia chose Notre Dame over other top swimming schools and made an immediate impact on an already strong squad. While seniors graduate from championship teams -- the Irish have won six straight Big East titles -- swimmers like Garcia are the ones who keep the Irish program at the top of the Big East and in the national spotlight.

Born Elizabeth Louise Garcia, the junior has slowly slid her way among the top tiers of swimmers for the Notre Dame women. As a sophomore last season, Garcia qualified for her first NCAA championship, setting a school record at the NCAAs with a time of 1:59.28 in the 200 butterfly. She also finished runner-up in the 100 and 200 butterfly in the Big East championships.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Storm warning for Irish at Joyce tonight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Muffet McGraw knows her team wants just one thing when it faces St. John's tonight at the Joyce Center. "We just want to win at home," McGraw said. "We need to start another streak after losing four in a row at home."

McGraw is referring to the month of January when Notre Dame lost all four of its home games. However, the Irish (13-8, 5-5 in the Big East) have won their last two home games and are looking to build on that momentum against the Red Storm (8-14, 2-9).

"As a team, we need to focus on ourselves and improving in our areas of weakness -- rebounding, defense and turnovers," McGraw said. "We've done all three of those well in the last few games and we did a good job with [fewer] turnovers against West Virginia and Georgetown.

The Irish are coming off another tough defeat, this time a 53-50 loss to Virginia Tech on the road. With the win, the Hokies improved to a perfect 11-0 at their own court. However, McGraw was pleased with her team's effort. "It was a great game," McGraw said. "We put ourselves in a position to win and that's all you can ask for. I'm happy with how we played."

At 13-8, Notre Dame needs to focus on ending its season strong so the Irish can make a run at an NCAA Tournament bid. The toughest part of their schedule is behind them, allowing the Irish an opportunity to travel off much-needed victories.

One of those victories could come tonight against St. John's. The Irish pounded the Red Storm 71-42 Jan. 14 at Alumni Hall. But the Johnnies were without their best player and leading scorer in that game, Danielle Rainey, who averages 16.4 points and five rebounds per game.

"We can't afford to look ahead," McGraw said. "I think we've shown all season that we can't look ahead.

McGraw also said she feels that if Notre Dame can get 18 wins heading into the Big East tournament, the Irish will have a legitimate shot at an NCAA bid.

Aside from facing Connecticut on the road, the Irish face four other Big East foes that are either tied or below them in the conference standings.

The Irish will likely need to win five of their last six to have a good chance of making the tournament.

The first of those six games starts tonight at 7 p.m. when St. John's comes to town.

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Notre Dame's Le'Tania Severé dribbles up the court against West Virginia. The Irish face St. John's tonight at 7 p.m.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles battle Britons

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The Belles have had their fair share of second chances. However, with their losing streak climbing to nine with Saturday's loss to Kalamazoo, guaranteeing their last place MIAA ranking for the third straight week, it's evident that Saint Mary's is having a little trouble cashing in on its opportunities.

Belles coach Suzanne Bellina and her squad will take to the court at home tonight with yet another chance at victory as they challenge third-ranked Albion College (13-6, 6-4 in the MIAA).

The Belles (5-16, 1-9 in the MIAA) have searched for a way of regaining that certain something that pushed their game along at the beginning of the season, focusing on correcting their mistakes and building and capitalizing on their opponent's mistakes.

Unfortunately, these adjustments have minimal effect for a team that has lost its star player.

Sophomore guard Emily Creachbaum, who accounts for 22 percent of the Belles' season points, has watched from the bench for the past three games after spraining her ankle in the opening minutes against Olivet Feb. 1.

The loss has already taken its toll on the Belles, and their numbers have taken a dramatic dive. While the Belles have been consistent shooters with scoring averages usually around 40 percent, these stats dropped following Creachbaum's injury, falling as low as 21 percent in a game against Hope College.

Saint Mary's bench will need to be ready to step up against the Briton with leading scorers such as Bridget Boyce and Anne Hogan who average 7.4 and 7.3 points per game, respectively.

"At this point, I think we just have to throw everything behind us," Creachbaum said. "Everyone on the team is focused on the game at hand and nothing more."

The Belles need wins against their next three conference foes for a desirable MIAA seed going into the conference tournament.

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