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OIT Internet upgrade breaks down

Department tried to upgrade the connection again this morning

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The University's Office of Information Technologies installed a new Internet connection Sunday morning, but things didn't go as planned. Just three hours after the connection was activated, a hardware failure disrupted the link, slowing campus-wide Internet access to a crawl.

Tom Klimek, manager of network engineering for OIT, said that after the new connection failed, there was a "failover" — a situation in which a failure triggers a backup connection.

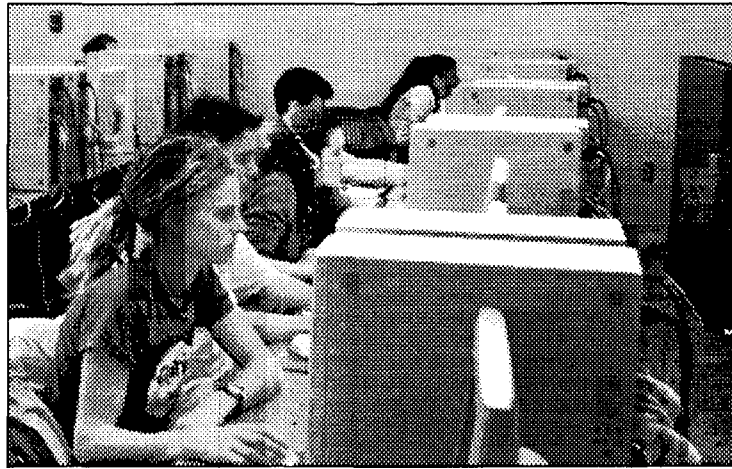
The failover sent all Internet traffic on campus to ResNet's connection with GramTel, a South Bend-based Internet service provider. That connection consisted of half of the University's bandwidth before the upgrade.

"The failover ... slowed things down as demand fought with capacity," Klimek said.

OIT was scheduled to reactivate the new connection at 6 a.m. today.

"There will be two brief outages lasting about five minutes between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.," Klimek said. "We picked a time

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students work at computers in the cluster in Coleman Morse. OIT was scheduled to reinstall its upgrade this morning.

Graduation speaker invited

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

An invitation has been extended to a graduation speaker candidate, but the Office of the President will not release any name until a confirmation is received, according to Executive Assistant to the President Matthew Cullinan.

"We're not ready to announce yet," Cullinan said. "Hopefully, we'll be ready to announce in the next couple of weeks."

Cullinan said that every year several potential speakers are identified, but the quality of names on the list is more important than the number.

"We always identify a couple of candidates," he said, "and because of the nature of the candidates that we try to attract, the length of the list is less important than the quality of candidate."

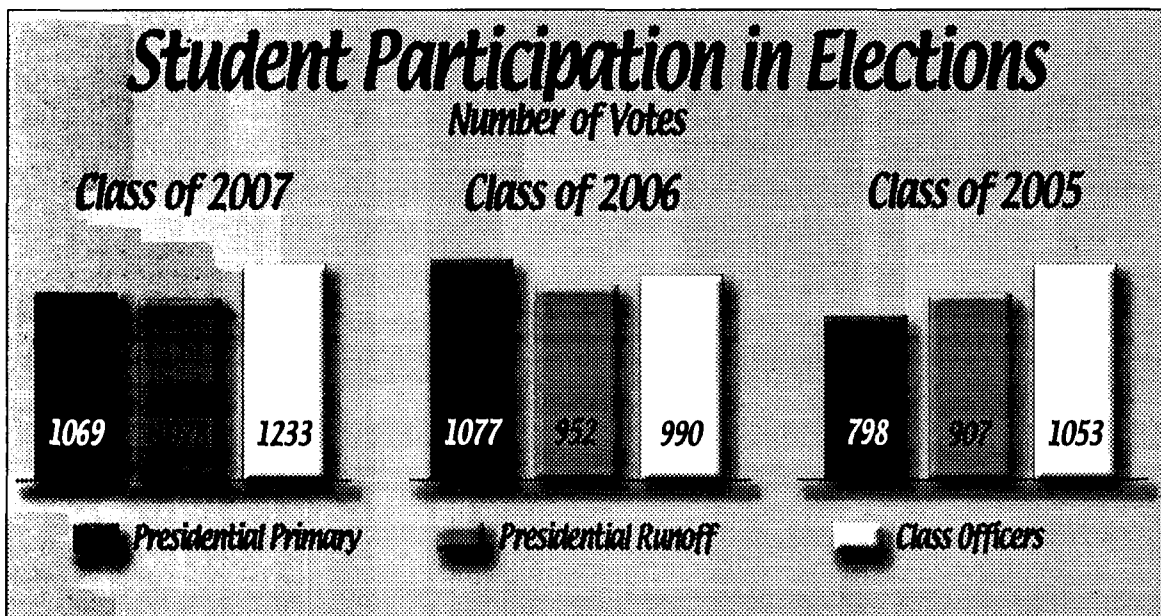
An important aspect in the quality of the graduation speaker candidate, according to Cullinan, is the message delivered to the students, as well as the way they represent the University.

Cullinan said he looks for "someone of stature who will deliver a good message for our students and someone who represents Notre Dame well."

The final decision as to the speaker lies with University President Father Edward Malloy.

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Elections reveal class inconsistencies



Both Juniors and freshmen revealed greater interest in class council elections, while the sophomore class showed greater interest in the presidential primary than the run-off.

Presidential election has different impact on each class

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Sophomores didn't care. Juniors and freshmen spoke up.

From one extreme to another, the fallout from Feb. 12 student body presidential election — a neck-and-neck race between Adam Istvan-Karla Bell and Charlie Ebersol-James Leito that required an emergency meeting of the Student Senate to declare Istvan/Bell the winner — had

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Crossin announces 'The Shirt' winner

By STEPHANIE YAHN
News Writer

While the catchphrase "Here Come the Irish" lingers in the minds of Notre Dame football fans, 2004 represents a new season for football and hope of new promise. It also signals the traditional release of a new design for The Shirt.

This year's design selection has been made, but will not be revealed until a press conference April 23 — the day before the Blue and Gold game — which officially kicks off a new season of football.

"Until then, the design is being kept under wraps," said Kate Crossin, the 2004 president of The Shirt committee.

"It's traditionally a big secret, as there is always going to be a lot of hype surrounding its release."

Crossin was unable to reveal any specific details as to the appearance of the new design, nor could she comment on whether the color selected would continue to create "The Sea of Green," a term coined by Coach Tyrone Willingham in his first season at Notre Dame in 2002.

The 128,000 shirts sold in 2002 set an elevated bar for future year's sales, breaking previous highs. Although acknowledging that sales won't "continue to climb exponentially year after year," Crossin says

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders mull basketball tickets

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed basketball ticket distribution and a funding appeal for a Christian rock concert at their Monday meeting. The meeting also marked the first COR appearance by student body president-elect Adam Istvan and vice president-elect Karla Bell.

Istvan said he and Bell have begun their transition efforts to fill their staff.

"We're beginning to look at our appointments for next year," he said.

Bell said the pair has been in contact with officials in student government and the administration.



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Student body president Jeremy Lao leads the Council of Representatives meeting, where they discussed basketball tickets.

"Right now we're just meeting with a lot of people," she said.

Student body president Jeremy Lao said he met with assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh — who oversees ticket

distribution policies — to discuss potential improvements.

Chief of staff Pat Corker said changes in the policies are nec-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Random thoughts

So, this one time, at the dining hall ...

How many times have you heard that ubiquitous rip-off of the ubiquitous line from that ubiquitous movie? One too few, apparently, so I decided to tell you again.

Speaking of movies, there hasn't been a really good one out for a while. I don't work for Scene, so don't take that as exactly a scathing criticism. All I'm trying to say is that it's nearly impossible to find a good movie to watch nowadays that doesn't involve a copyright date of 1985 or something.

Oh yeah, didn't you hear? The Motion Picture Association of America, in its anti-piracy ventures, has decided to make us all start calling movies by their copyright dates. There's nothing like talking about "that great copyright '79 movie with the cool thing," except for maybe talking about "the even greater copyright '89 one with the bald guy." Actually, we're not even allowed to say "movie" anymore — we have to pay royalties if we do that.

So everyone's in the middle of midterms, papers and whatnot right now. That would be great, except for the insane number of crazy awesome cool things to do on campus ... exactly zero. I think I saw someone sun tanning on the ice on North Quad last weekend from sheer frustration.

Thus, here's an idea of something to do — take a grape, cut it nearly in half and microwave it. You should get enough amusement out of that to keep you going until spring break finally arrives.

Incidentally, those of you who voted to move your class midterm to the same day I have an eight-page paper due can take spring break early. How about two weeks early? Um, yeah ... I'm going to have to ask you to get off campus right now. ... If you could just go ahead and make sure you do that, that would be just greeeeaaaat. ...

All inanities from copyright 1999 aside, unpredictability is annoying. So how about we make the answers to everyone's tests all A? That would certainly be a lot more predictable for everyone, even the poor overworked Registrar's Office.

Ouch, that last thought was too heavy for my brain to handle at the moment. I think I'll wait about three weeks, and then try it again. Be careful, or it could happen to you — your brain might be frozen that way forever! So here's to stuff that nobody really knows how to do that we do anyway, I guess. If there was a point to that, somebody please shoot me.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR MARDI GRAS?



Anamarla Scaperlanda-Ruiz
Freshman Howard

"I'm having an 'ice cream for dinner' party."



Padralc McDermott
Senior Off-Campus

"Boxing practice."



Noah Babln
Freshman Stanford

"Playing hockey and doing homework."



Louls Cavadini
Freshman Keough

"Make out with this guy."



Tim Randolph
Sophomore Keough

"Ditto!"



Brad Wanchulak
Junior Siegfried

"Strip for beads!"



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students take advantage of the free massages sponsored by UBWELL2 Monday in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The club recognizes the need for stress relievers for students during midterms. They will also offer free food and massages today.

IN BRIEF

UBWELL2 will host an afternoon of free food, relaxing massage and raffles. Participate in activities to challenge yourself and our culture's ideal of beauty today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sorin Room at LaFortune. Prizes include a free massage from Emerald Cut, Panera Gift Certificate and Notre Dame Bookstore Gift Certificate.

Ambassador Francis Taylor, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security will give a lecture today entitled "Perspectives on the Global War on Terrorism." Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the lecture will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in 140 DeBartolo.

International Student Services and Activities will hold the International Film Series: Marooned in Iraq today from 7 to 9 p.m. The showing takes place in 117 DeBartolo.

Come cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on Providence tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Learn about the Student Union Board, talk with current SUB staff and eat free food at the SUB Open House Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in 201 LaFortune.

The Student Union Board presents the 46th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Preview Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free to students and the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Jeweler turns man's glass eye into a ring

DUNCAN, Okla. — Al Nix has designed a lot of jewelry in the last 25 years, but nothing compares with the project Michael Burton handed him — a glass eye to be refitted into a ring.

Burton has had a glass eye for 35 years because of an industrial accident. He had to have the artificial eye refitted recently, and he didn't want to part with the old one.

So he called on Nix. "That eye cost me \$2,000 35 years ago," Burton said. "It took three days for people to hand-paint that eye. To throw it away would be like

buying a new car and just taking my old car to the dump. I guess it's like they say — one man's trash is another man's treasure."

Cigarette blamed for toilet fire

JACKSON, Wyo. — A cigarette pitched down a ski area toilet is the suspected cause of an underground fire that took several hours to put out.

Plastic fixtures melted in the mid-mountain men's room at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, but the flames did not reach out of the toilet Monday.

"It was too hot to be sitting on the toilet, that's for sure,"

Teton Village Fire Chief Watt Hyer said.

The fire smoldered overnight before ski patrollers tried to put it out by dumping snow down the toilet. Firefighters arrived around 10 a.m. and began skiing 5-gallon jugs of water down to the bathroom, which can only be reached on skis or by snow machines. The fire was extinguished by 2 p.m.

Hyer said he is not familiar with any other toilet fires and is not looking forward to another one.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 38 LOW 24	HIGH 30 LOW 19	HIGH 39 LOW 22	HIGH 41 LOW 23	HIGH 46 LOW 31	HIGH 53 LOW 38

Atlanta 54 / 41 Boston 37 / 21 Chicago 39 / 28 Denver 44 / 29 Houston 68 / 49 Los Angeles 62 / 50 Minneapolis 35 / 21 New York 41 / 25 Philadelphia 40 / 21 Phoenix 63 / 47 Seattle 52 / 41 St. Louis 45 / 28 Tampa 80 / 66 Washington 44 / 26

Candidates campaign for SMC class councils

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The campaigning for class officers has begun at Saint Mary's.

Last night in Haggard Parlor the tickets for the classes of 2005, 2006 and 2007 debated, answering the student body's questions about their platforms.

This year, there are two tickets running for representation in the class of 2005 and class of 2007, and only one ticket running for the class of 2006. Although the numbers are slightly down from the average of two to three tickets per class, elections committee chairman Nicole Haerberle feels there is increased activism in student government at Saint Mary's.

"Overall there has been an increase in interest, and it has to do with how well student government has done," Haerberle said. "It has really encouraged people to get involved."

The current 2007 class president, Claudia Toth, is up for re-election with running mates vice presidential candidate Kathleen Kindt, secretarial candidate Kristen Bogdanowicz and treasury candidate Deanna Shorsten. They have coined themselves "The Chics," and promise to increase class spirit through retreats and outings. They also plan to activate a new program, "Sophomore

Sisters", in which a sophomore student will mentor a freshman and help them adjust to college life.

Aside from Toth being the current class president, Shorsten currently serves as class treasurer and Kindt is the class secretary.

"Because the three of us have served on student government before, we have past experience that we will combine with new ideas," Toth said.

Also running for class of 2007 officers are presidential candidate Susan McIllduff, vice presidential candidate Angela Litrell, secretarial candidate Amanda Litrell and treasury candidate Krista Fritz. Promoting the strength and unity of the class of 2007, this ticket promises to strengthen the ties with the South Bend community and increase officer availability. They would keep the class involved by e-mailing a monthly newsletter entitled the "Sophomore Soiree," and increase on-campus activities during the weekend.

"We feel we have to be strong to carry on the legacy of the class of 2007," McIllduff said.

The only ticket running for the class of 2006 is comprised of presidential candidate Danielle Lerner, vice presidential candidate Liz Palasky, secretarial candidate Nichole McCloud and treasury candidate Kellye Mitros.

"We hope to build on the



STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer

Saint Mary's class of 2007 presidential candidate Claudia Toth, far left, and her ticket, Kathleen Kindt, Kristen Bogdanowicz and Deanna Shorsten describe their platform at last night's debate.

success we've had this year while promoting strong relationships for the class as a whole," Lerner said.

This ticket's goals include increasing student attendance and support of athletics, community service opportunities, and pairing juniors with senior mentors regarding graduate school, internship, and senior compositions.

Running for class of 2005 officers are presidential candidate Rachel Casciari, vice presidential candidate Tricia Michalak, secretarial candidate Julie Conaty and treasury candidate Megs Hanifin. They promise to enhance

relationships between on-campus and off-campus seniors and fight for new student ideas while keeping old traditions.

"There are a lot of great things at SMC that can be expanded," Casciari said. "We have so many ideas of things to put into action that we can't even begin to tell you."

The other class of 2005 ticket is comprised of presidential candidate Jacqueline Cuisinier, vice presidential candidate Abby Ragan, secretarial candidate Beth Bennett and treasury candidate Jodie Emerick. Their goals include

starting new traditions in the Senior Apartments, begin new events such as "Senior Service Saturdays" and "Senior Night at State" and have fun class apparel.

"I am confident in our belief that we have something great to offer to the class of 2005," Cuisinier said.

Students can vote for only the tickets running for their class, and current seniors are not eligible to vote. Voting takes place until 11:59 p.m. tonight on PRISM.

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Collegiate Jazz Festival 2004

February 25th & 27th-28th

9 College Jazz Bands

will perform while being judged by 5 highly acclaimed jazz artists.

all events are free

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:00 PM PREVIEW NIGHT-LAFORTUNE BALLROOM

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME JAZZ BAND II AND COMBO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

EVENING CONCERT BLOCK-WASHINGTON HALL

6:45 PM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND I

RODNEY WHITAKER, DIRECTOR

7:30 PM WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AF QUINTET

TRENT KYNASTON, DIRECTOR

8:15 PM MICHIGAN STATE OCTET I

RODNEY WHITAKER, DIRECTOR

9:00 PM WESTERN MICHIGAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA

SCOTT COWAN, DIRECTOR

9:45 PM JUDGES' JAM

JEFF CLAYTON (SAXOPHONE)

JOHN FADDIS (TRUMPET)

ALAN PASQUA (PIANO)

DAVE CARPENTER (BASS)

PETER ERSKINE (PERCUSSION)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

2:00 PM JUDGES' CLINIC-BAND BUILDING

EVENING CONCERT BLOCK-WASHINGTON HALL

6:45 PM UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME JAZZ BAND I

LARRY DWYER, DIRECTOR

7:30 PM MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

MARTIN W. SAUNDERS, DIRECTOR

8:15 PM TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND

FREDDIE MENDOZA, DIRECTOR

9:00 PM INDIANA UNIVERSITY JOEL KELSEY COMBO

9:45 PM TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SALSA DEL RIO

JOHN LOPEZ, DIRECTOR



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Council

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essary.

"It's ridiculous that there are kids who want to be there that can't get tickets," Corker said.

However nothing can currently be done to give more students tickets.

"For the short term, there is no way to increase the number of student tickets," Lao said. "The only way to increase the number of tickets is to renovate the [Joyce Center.]"

Lao said such renovations are three to 10 years away. He also said Fraleigh's office was concerned about the proportion of students who buy season tickets but fail to attend the games.

"If we're complaining about student tickets, why aren't more students showing up to the games?" Lao asked.

He said another potential change would be to reduce the

number of season tickets allocated to students, allowing the athletic department to sell more individual game tickets.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer said she would support such a plan.

"It'll reduce the number of people who buy season tickets but only go to a few games," Keefer said.

The council's adviser, Peggy Hnatusko, emphasized that plans are still being debated.

"[The proposals were] the result of a focus group where people were allowed to freely give their opinions," Hnatusko said. "There's nothing etched in stone."

Istvan suggested creating an online message board, which would enable students to contact each other to exchange tickets.

"It could significantly reduce the no-show rate, which would give the athletic department enough confidence to increase our ticket allotment," Istvan

said.

Club Coordination Council president Seth O'Donnell praised the "Carolina Fever" fan club at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and suggested such a plan could work at Notre Dame. Under the UNC program, students who attend less popular sporting events earn points. Students who accumulate larger point totals are eligible to receive tickets in the Fever student section at the wildly-popular Tar Heel basketball games.

The council also considered an appeal for funds from Iron Sharpens Iron, a nondenominational Christian group. The group is planning a "Faith Rocks" concert to be held in late April.

The council maintains a collaboration fund, which allocates funding to organizations planning large events. The fund currently has a balance of more than \$16,000.

Hnatusko said money has not

yet been drawn from the fund this year, but she cautioned council members more appeals might be coming.

"No money has been spent to date," Hnatusko said. "But typically, March and April are prime times for requests to come in."

The council allocated \$12,000 toward the "Faith Rocks" event.

Council members began to discuss the ongoing revisions to the Student Union Constitution, but quickly tabled the matter until next week. Lao directed the programming committee to meet this week, in order to create revisions to programming-related areas of the constitution.

In other COR news:

♦ Student body vice president Emily Chin said her office is launching a responsibility campaign, encouraging students to make prudent decisions about drinking. The campaign includes posters asking students not to be "that guy" or "that

girl" who gets into trouble after drinking excessively.

"[The campaign] stemmed from the Board of Trustees report and our concerns as student leaders that students need to take responsibility for their actions and make wise choices," Chin said.

♦ Junior class president Katie Barrett said her office will be distributing rice bowls today in LaFortune, DeBartolo and O'Shaughnessy Halls. The bowls will be used to "collect loose change during Lent to help feed poor families," Barrett said.

♦ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said her council will hold a "Rock the Vote" meeting Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns. She encouraged each class council to send a representative to the meeting, which will focus on planning the voter registration drive.

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Shirt

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she holds "high expectations for the 2004 shirt."

Each year a campus-wide contest is held for design submissions. This year, 18 entries were submitted from which eight people were asked to resubmit ideas based on their original design and/or graphic design ability. From the talents displayed, senior Brittany Becker's design was chosen.

"I met and spoke with her and could see she is very talented and that her design fit very well with the direction we saw The Shirt going in 2004," Crossin said.

Although neither can comment on the shirt's design, Becker, in creating it said, "I wanted The Shirt to really evoke the feeling of unity that is so important to the Notre Dame Stadium experience, plus I wanted it to be fun and vibrant, something everyone would want to wear."

Some tweaking of the original design was necessary, Becker and Crossin said, but both agreed it only changed for the better. Together they collaborated to refine the idea, but the original thought remains the same.

"Design is a constant process, and there are always changes being made," Becker said.

"[It is] a huge accomplishment for a designer to have so many people wearing your design, but I am especially happy to just be involved in such an awesome project."

The Shirt Campaign began in 1989 when Sister Jean Lenz encouraged students to buy the shirts in support of Zheng de Wang, a Notre Dame graduate student who was a victim of a hit-and-run. Thus began a tradition of supportive fundraising, which continues 15 years later. Today proceeds benefit several scholarships and charities, in addition to contributing to Student Government.

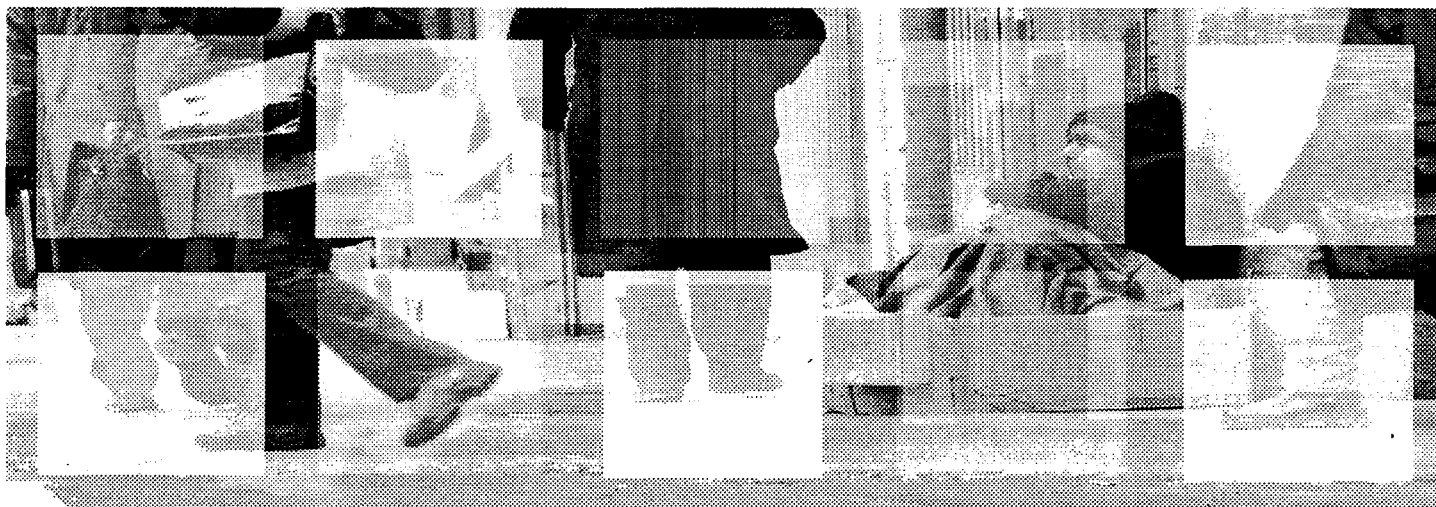
Becker hopes The Shirt can make a significant contribution at football games next season.

"I really just want it to be a success, and I hope it creates a great atmosphere in the stadium for our team and our fans," Becker said. "I really think this is a fun, cool design, and I hope everyone will be excited when The Shirt goes on sale."

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The Ganey Award & Grants

For Research Addressing
Challenges in the Local Community



The Ganey Award

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting nominations for the Ganey Award, a monetary award of \$5,000.

Nominees should be regular faculty who have completed one or more research projects that address a need of a South Bend area community based organization.

Greater consideration will be given to projects that are:

- Oriented around a challenge articulated by a local community group;
- Conducted in collaboration with a local organization;
- Inclusive of graduate or undergraduate students;
- Published in a refereed journal or presented in other forms (juried exhibitions, distributed films, etc.) recognized as highly valued in the recipient's area of expertise.

To learn more about requirements for the award, go to <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/ganeyaward2004.html>

Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m., on Monday, March 22, 2004

The Ganey Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications for two mini-grants of \$5,000 each. Awarded in two phases, the mini-grants support joint faculty-student-community research partnerships that address a social challenge articulated by a community organization.

The purposes of the mini-grants are to foster faculty-student-community partnerships that:

- Result in measurable, positive impact in the South Bend area;
- Reflect the investment of faculty expertise in the local community; and
- Offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility.

To learn more about requirements for the mini-grants, go to <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/ganeygrant2004.html>

The proposal should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2004.

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CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N.: Iraqi 2005 elections possible

UNITED NATIONS — Elections for a new Iraqi government would be possible by January 2005 — but only if preparations begin immediately, the United Nations said in a report released Monday.

Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. secretary-general's envoy to Iraq, warned of increased violence and ethnic strife unless Iraq's leaders and the U.S.-led coalition get Iraqis' acceptance for a way forward.

His report followed a weeklong mission earlier this month by a team of U.N. experts who were essentially asked to resolve a dispute between the United States and Iraqi clerics on the best way to restore sovereignty to Iraq.

Palestinians protest Israeli barrier

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinians held coordinated protests — occasionally rebuffed by Israeli tear gas — throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Monday aimed at persuading the world court to rule against Israel's separation barrier.

Thousands responded to Yasser Arafat's call to "make their voices heard" on the first day of the court hearing. Some marchers burned Israeli flags, destroyed fake walls or threw stones at Israeli soldiers.

Palestinians say the partially built barrier, which would dip deep into the West Bank along its planned 450-mile route, is an Israeli effort to take land they want for a Palestinian state.

The sections already built make it hard for thousands to reach jobs, schools, fields and hospitals.

NATIONAL NEWS

Workers face smuggling charges

MIAMI — Following a sting operation, 14 workers at Miami International Airport were indicted Monday on charges of smuggling cocaine and heroin from Latin America to the United States, federal officials said.

Thirteen current or former airport workers were charged with drug conspiracy after a four-year investigation spanning at least three foreign countries and three U.S. cities.

Authorities arrested a 14th man, but he may have been a victim of mistaken identity, officials said. They were trying to determine how the mistake occurred.

Some support televised executions

NEW YORK — Three in 10 American polled last month said that Osama bin Laden should be the first victim if executions were televised — and 21 percent said they'd pay for the privilege.

Eighteen percent said Saddam Hussein should be executed on TV, and 11 percent said they'd pay to watch it. The opinions on executions came in a poll taken by Harris Interactive for the Trio cable channel.

One-third of the respondents told Harris that they didn't believe executions should be televised.

Harris Interactive interviewed 1,017 Americans aged 18 or older at random Jan. 24-26. The margin of error for the sample is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

STATE NEWS

Legislators debate healthcare

FORT WAYNE — State officials and insurance companies are working to find a way to save a program that provides health-care coverage to thousands of Indiana residents who would otherwise have to do without.

Lawmakers have been working on a proposal, set for a full Senate vote this week, that would prevent the Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association from failing. The program was on the verge of bankruptcy in 2003 before Indiana lawmakers made short-term fixes that helped the program survive.

HAITI

U.S. troops arrive in capital city

Marines secure U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince; rebels hunt Aristide supporters

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Fifty U.S. Marines streamed into the capital Monday to protect the U.S. Embassy and its staff, while government loyalists set flaming barricades to block the road from rebels threatening to move on Port-au-Prince.

The United States made last-ditch efforts at finding a political solution. As an opposition coalition was on the brink of rejecting a U.S.-backed peace plan on the grounds that it did not call for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to step down, Secretary of State Colin Powell phoned opposition politicians and asked them to delay responding formally to the plan for 24 hours.

Evans Paul, a leading opponent who once was allied with Aristide, said the coalition agreed the extra time "will perhaps give Mr. Powell a little more time to consider his position ... and give us the assurances we need" on Aristide's departure.

With rebels hoping to seize the capital by Sunday, Cabinet ministers were asking friends for places to hide, senior government sources said. The rebels seized Haiti's second-largest city, Cap-Haitien, with little resistance Sunday and attacked two police stations outside Port-au-Prince.

More than half of Haiti is now beyond the control of the central government. In Cap-Haitien on Monday, rebels hunted down militants loyal to Aristide, accusing them of terrorizing the population in the days before the fall of the northern port city of 500,000.

"I am a brick mason, I didn't do anything wrong," Jean-Bernard Prevalis, 33, pleaded as he was dragged away, head bleeding.



Reuters

U.S. Marines arrive at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Rebels set their sights on the rest of Haiti after swooping in to take the country's second largest city.

"We're going to clean the city of all 'chimères,'" said rebel Dieusauber Magustin, 26. Chimere, which means ghost, is used to describe hardcore Aristide militants.

It was not clear what would happen to those detained. One rebel said they were saving them from lynching. But another, Claudy Philippe, said "The people show us the [chimere] houses. If they are there, we execute them."

Thousands of people in Cap-Haitien demonstrated in favor of the rebellion Monday, chanting "Aristide get out!" and "Goodbye Aristide."

Residents went on a rampage of reprisals and looting that began after the insurgents seized the city. Looters stole the 800 tons of food from the U.N. World Food Program warehouse, according to the agency's Andrea

Bagnoli, and people torched the colonial mansion of Mayor Wilmar Innocent, who supports Aristide.

Rebel leader Guy Philippe said his men could do nothing to stop the looting, and blamed Aristide's government for leaving most of Haiti's eight million people hungry and desperate. However, some rebels later fired shots into the air to scatter looters at Cap-Haitien's seaport; at least two looters were hit by rebel gunfire and taken to a hospital.

Philippe said more than 30 residents have volunteered to fight with the insurgents, who have started to replace officials in Cap-Haitien with rebel sympathizers. He said in an interview Monday that he hopes to take Port-au-Prince by Sunday, his 36th birthday.

Remissainthe Ravix,

another rebel leader, told The Associated Press there was no turning back.

"We have the weapons and the expertise to take the country," he said. "Nothing can stop us."

The rebels cut cellular telephone service in the city, saying they wanted no communication with Port-au-Prince.

Aid agencies have warned a humanitarian catastrophe is brewing, with 268,000 people who depended on food aid in northern Haiti being the most vulnerable. The International Committee of the Red Cross sent medical supplies and a four-person team.

Aristide's Premier Yvon Neptune said the international community must help save Haiti from "terrorists that are sowing violence and death," but he did not go so far as to ask for peacekeepers.

Bush intensifies election campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Slipping in the polls, President Bush is striking back with an aggressive new stump speech and preparing a multimillion-dollar advertising barrage. "It's going to be the year of the sharp elbow and the quick tongue," Bush said Monday.

Bush shelved the rhetoric he's been using for months on the fund-raising circuit in which he tried to cast himself as focused on policy and unconcerned with re-election politics. The new speech, to be unveiled before a Republican Governors Association fund-raiser Monday night, drew contrasts between the way Republicans

and Democrats address issues such as taxes.

The speech, as drafted, walked to the edge of referring to Democratic front-runner John Kerry by name, but did not explicitly do so, aides said.

Kerry has yet to secure the Democratic nomination as he and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina wage a two-man fight. Kerry holds a significant lead in the delegate chase, with contests Tuesday in Hawaii, Idaho and Utah, and a 10-state election, including California and New York, on March 2.

While engaging his Democratic rival, Kerry has succeeded in drawing Bush into early skirmishes, like the one over the weekend in which Kerry chal-

lenged the president to a debate about the Vietnam War.

Kerry said Bush's plunge into campaign mode signaled the president is nervous.

"I think George Bush is on the run." And I think he's on the run because he doesn't have a record to run on," Kerry said while campaigning in New York's Harlem neighborhood.

"I don't think losing three million jobs, having deficits as far as the eye can go, having two million people lose their health insurance, turning your back on kids in schools and not funding No Child Left Behind ... represents a vision," Kerry said later in Queens, N.Y.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board discusses charity events

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Few subjects were discussed in depth at Monday's abbreviated Board of Governance meeting.

Due to personal commitments of student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the meeting was held to only a few minutes.

The BOG discussed sponsoring the Prom Dress. Founders Nicole Watson and Emily Carey presented the plan to BOG.

The two intend to collect prom dresses to give to Wabash and Walkerton students who would not be able to attend end-of-year formal events without them.

"We just thought it would be a good starting place here at Saint Mary's to collect prom dresses," Carey said.

Watson and Carey got the idea for the project last semester through a class assignment. It was inspired in part by Regina Perkins of United Way, who will help collect and distribute gowns.

"They are asking for any size semi-formal and formal dresses for middle school and high school girls," Watson said.

The pair also requested \$200 to fund advertisement and buy several new prom dresses to donate.

The drive was approved and will take place before prom season.

In other BOG news:

♦ The Saint Margaret's House Winterwalk in was a success in downtown South Bend Sunday, according to the Board. Over \$600 was raised by Saint Mary's, along with a donation of cookies by the senior class.

♦ The Student Activities Board is holding auditions to find an opening act for "Last Comic Standing" winner Dat Phan. Auditions will take place Friday and the winning student will perform before Phan at March's Midnight Madness.

♦ This weekend will be Sophomore Parent's Weekend. Parents will arrive Friday. Activities include free tours of the South Bend Chocolate Factory, an Academic Open House and a dinner and dance Saturday night at the Palais Royale.

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that will [have] the least impact on operations and the user community."

Klimek said OIT will maintain a backup connection in the event of future problems. "Current plans are to keep a second service provider in standby mode and to failover all Internet traffic if required," he said.

The new connection will supply significantly more bandwidth, both to the residence halls and the University at large, Klimek said. He said the new connection provides 100 megabits per second of bandwidth to campus, a 30 percent increase from the current level.

In addition, the University's Internet2 connection will get a 400 percent boost in band-

width to 100 megabits per second.

Internet2 is a consortium of more than 200 universities across the United States working on cutting-edge technologies to improve the Internet.

The connection will provide a direct fiber-optic link to Internet backbone components in Chicago, allowing OIT to increase capacity.

"With a complete fiber build from campus to Chicago, we will have the ability to scale as necessary," Klimek said.

Despite the setback, Klimek was optimistic the new connection's installation will help the University community.

"I don't think we can base anything on one [failure]," he said. "We have confidence that the new connection will succeed."

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Results

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a clear impact on voter turnout in Monday's primary class council elections.

While only 798 juniors voted in the student body primaries and 907 in the runoff, 1,053 voted for the officers of the class of 2005 — a race that will be decided Thursday in a runoff between the Darrell Scott-Lauren Flynn-Tom Raaf-Kristin Boyd (43.2 percent) and Katie Boyle-Brian Agganis-Sarah Bates-Steph Aberger (36.1 percent) tickets.

Scott attributed the increased voter participation to the considerable publicity — both positive and negative — generated by the previous election.

"The Ebersol-Istvan matchup may have increased voter apathy, but it helped out in getting student union issues to the forefront," he said.

Boyle agreed the presidential election was a "pretty big factor" in attracting student interest. She added that especially for current juniors, class council representatives can seem more accessible and relevant than the student body president during their senior year.

"The immediacy of our concerns is important," Boyle said, naming Senior Week and class reunions as important responsibilities of the senior class officers. "The junior class has a vested interest in seeing a good ticket elected — it will make or break our senior year at the University. ... It's easier for voters to think about life on campus, and then after college with the reunions, than about getting someone into the Board of Trustees."

Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter expressed similar thoughts about juniors' priorities.

"I would attribute the increase in juniors voting to already having more apathy for the student



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Class of 2005 council candidates await the election results last night. Run-off elections will be Thursday.

body presidential elections," he said, adding that the controversial outcome did "not necessarily" influence juniors' choices.

Sophomore voters seemed to move somewhat in the opposite direction. Only 990 voted for the officers of the class of 2006, a decrease from the presidential primaries (1,077) and only a slight increase from the runoff (952). The class of 2006 race also required a Thursday runoff, as 36.7 percent voted for the Steve Miller-Ben Zerante-Patricia Adams-Erika D'Addabbo ticket and 26.2 percent voted for the Vijay Ramanan-Lauren Mullins-Lauren Hallemann-Emily Short ticket.

Both Miller and Ramanan cited the aftermath of the presidential elections as a negative factor in sophomore participation and said they would step up their campaigns over the next few days in order to combat the apathy shown Monday.

"People were really disenchanted with the whole thing," Miller said. "The [Student] Senate decision didn't do anything to make students think they had a voice in student government."

Ramanan agreed with Miller that the controversy of the previous election contributed to the low turnout, but added that many voters in his class simply didn't know an election was held — a problem he hoped to fix by Thursday.

"My instincts would tell me there was a certain bit of fall-out," he said. "I think the number of people voting Thursday will be quite different."

Freshman voters displayed the highest turnout, as 1,233 votes were cast for the officers of the class of 2007 as opposed to 1,069 votes cast in the presidential primaries and 1,028 in the runoff. The Jason Laws-Bill Andrichick-Megan Spokes-Laura Horne ticket won the election outright, receiving 50.8 percent.

Laws said the freshman response reflected not only a "strong sense of community within [the] class," but also a heightened awareness of their power to swing an election's outcome.

"Our class has seen how much their vote can count," Laws said. "They wanted to make sure they had the people they wanted to represent them."

Poindexter agreed the more elections freshmen experience and the more they are targeted by campaigns, the more motivation they have to participate.

"With each election they get more used to it," he said. "There were also multiple candidates spending more time to reach every freshman. ... When there are fewer votes on the table you have to treat every vote more carefully."

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COMPANY BRIEFS

Campbell serves up Q2 profits

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Campbell Soup Co. reported a 2 percent increase in second quarter profits Monday as ready-to-serve soup sales picked up but condensed soup sales stayed flat.

For the quarter ended Feb. 1, the Camden-based company had net income of \$235 million, or 57 cents per share, up from \$231 million, or 56 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales increased 10 percent from \$1.9 billion in the second quarter last year to \$2.1 billion this year. But expenses rose by 10 percent — from \$1.5 billion to \$1.7 billion as the company sought higher quality ingredients, used more expensive packaging and spent more on marketing.

Lowe's posts surge in Q4 earnings

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lowe's Cos., Inc., the world's second-largest home improvement retailer behind Home Depot, reported a 28 percent rise in fourth-quarter profits but saw shares tumble Monday as its forecast for this quarter and this year disappointed Wall Street.

Lowe's shares closed down \$1.71 per share, or 2.9 percent, at \$56.67 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company earned \$407 million, or 51 cents a share, for the three months ended Jan. 30, up from \$319 million, or 40 cents a share, a year ago.

Disney board hears warning

LOS ANGELES — The two-month effort being waged by ex-Disney board members against Disney chief executive Michael Eisner may have created a false impression of weakness that encouraged cable giant Comcast Corp. to bid for the company, a Disney board member said Monday.

"There is a perception of weakness," Disney board member Judith Estrin said during a Proxy Talk investor conference call hosted by Glass, Lewis & Co., an investment research and proxy advisory firm.

Stanley Gold and Roy E. Disney have waged a "Save Disney" campaign aimed at producing a protest vote against the re-election of four board members at the company's March 3 shareholder meeting in Philadelphia.

BEVERAGES

Coke expands search for CEO

Soft drink giant looks outside company to replace current chief by year's end

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. is looking outside its ranks as it searches for a new chief executive, but some company-watchers say the beverage giant's size and complexity along with its recent legal and image problems may make an insider the right choice.

Only a handful of outsiders such as the bosses of major consumer products companies such as Gillette or Procter & Gamble would have the knowledge, strength and experience to run a company like Atlanta-based Coke, executive search experts and industry analysts said Monday.

They say that because the pool of qualified outsiders is so small and the candidates might be unavailable or unwilling to take the job, Coke would be better off tapping an insider, like No. 2 executive Steve Heyer, to replace the retiring Doug Daft.

"You need someone who has proven their mettle in the consumer products industry," said Gerald Kraines, head of Jaffrey, N.H.-based executive development firm The Levinson Institute. "You can't take a chance with a company this size that he or she doesn't have the skilled knowledge."

Coke officials have said little about their search for a new chief executive beyond that Heyer is the top internal candidate and that other candidates from outside the company will be considered. Nine Coke board members contacted by The Associated Press declined to comment or



The Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co. announced it is looking at outside candidates to be its new CEO, replacing current chief executive Doug Daft, who will resign at the end of the year.

did not return phone calls Monday.

Daft, 60, said last week that he will step down at the end of the year.

When he was appointed president a little over a year ago, Heyer stressed that he was not necessarily being groomed to take over the top job. "There were no promises made and there shouldn't have been," he said at the time.

Whoever Coke hires will have the support of a strong and involved board made up of experienced business leaders like investor Warren Buffett and Home Depot chief Bob Nardelli, said Nathan Lewis, an analyst with Jackson Securities in Atlanta.

But, Lewis said, the problems Coke has faced — from a major restructuring that included several thousand layoffs to a whistleblower lawsuit that led to an ongoing criminal investigation — make its selection a challenge if it decides to hire outside.

"Given the amount of changes they've made over the past two years, a person that understands the strategy would be the best person to carry that strategy out," Lewis said. "And it's all about execution now. It would make a lot of sense to go inside the company."

Heyer, a former Turner Broadcasting System executive, was appointed president and chief operating

officer of Coke in December 2002. He replaced the company's former president, Jack Stahl, who left after a reorganization in March 2001.

Heyer also has prior experience at Coke. He previously served as president and chief operating officer of Coca-Cola Ventures and Coca-Cola Latin America. While he would seem to be the likely choice to succeed Daft, Heyer has also had some difficulties.

Sales in Coke's North America unit have not been as high as officials would like. Also, Heyer was a key figure in the lawsuit that started the criminal investigation.

EQUITY MARKETS

Intel news pushes Nasdaq down

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Technology shares sank Monday on disappointing news from Intel, briefly pushing the Nasdaq composite index into negative territory for the year despite a brighter forecast from wireless equipment maker Qualcomm. Blue chips also slumped after the U.S. Army canceled a helicopter program, sending Boeing and United Technologies lower.

A multibillion-dollar acquisition by Citigroup and strong sales at Wal-Mart gave those stocks a boost, but failed to energize the markets. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks to a credit union conference that American consumers are in "good shape" following a wave of mortgage refinancings also had little positive effect.

The fourth straight day of declines

reflects lingering concerns over valuations and rising questions about whether the economic recovery will hold, said Stephen Massocca, president of Pacific Growth Equities. There are also growing worries on Wall Street about the upcoming presidential election, he said.

"Nothing in the headlines today was able to allay those concerns," Massocca said. "We've also not seen a significant correction since March, and a lot of people are concerned that we're due for one, and they're pulling back while they can."

The Nasdaq shed 30.41, or 1.5 percent, to 2,007.52, after falling 0.8 percent last week. The tech-heavy index was up just 0.2 percent for the year, having closed 2003 at 2003.37.

The other major indexes were narrowly lower. The Dow Jones industrial average gave up 9.41, or 0.1 percent, to finish at 10,609.62, after a

weekly decline of 0.1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.12, or 0.3 percent, to 1,140.99, following a 0.2 percent drop last week.

The Nasdaq's weakness is "obviously part of a larger picture of market correction," said Richard E. Cripps, chief market strategist for Legg Mason of Baltimore. But the economy's underlying strength and the prospect of continued corporate earnings growth are likely to mitigate the long-term impact, he said.

"It's a consequence of how far, how fast and how widespread the gains have been for the last 10 weeks," Cripps said. "I'd say we're going through a sentimental correction, not one precipitated by fundamentals."

Intel Corp. dropped \$1.00 to \$29.00 after the chipmaker reported in federal filings that the Internal Revenue Service was examining its tax returns for 2001 and 2002.

Go discusses Charismatic Movement in the Church

By KATIE MOUNTS
News Writer

Twenty students, faculty and community members met Monday evening to hear "The Fire Within: the Charismatic Movement in the Catholic Church," the first in a series of lectures discussing the Catholic Church in the modern world. Senior theology student Monica Go spoke to clarify some misconceptions about the movement and to discuss its origins and future.

Go said a charismatic is some-

one who has received at least one of the charismatic gifts — knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom — through Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Among these gifts she discussed are knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom.

Catholicism's charismatic movement began to spread after the second Vatican Council called for "renewal in the Church", she said.

The movement at Notre Dame began when a group of Notre

Dame students met on March 4, 1967 to hear a student from Duquesne University speak about his experiences, according to Go said. At a retreat, someone from the group was given the gift of prophecy, and "the movement quickly spread across campus."

But it continued to face criticism around the world, and debates arose in Church hierarchy about the possibilities of the laity possessing these extraordinary gifts. Go explained that after papal support from Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II, by 1990, the movement had grown

to 72 million Catholics worldwide and 15 million Catholics in America.

Although within the Charismatic community, Go said, a potential for conflict with authority exists, it is "essential to know that they ... build up the community" and are not only meant for individual growth.

Go discussed said that "Baptism in the Spirit does not replace the sacraments," but it further ignites the Spirit within Catholics that they have already gained through Baptism and Confirmation.

"We should all be striving

eagerly to renew the fire in our hearts. ... It is only through the Holy Spirit that we are able to rejoice always," Go said. "Once the whole Church is renewed ... the movement will no longer exist."

The department of theology and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture co-sponsored the lecture. Seven additional lectures will be presented by students on related topics throughout the months of March and April.

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Helicopter program cancelled

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic about-face, the Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program Monday after sinking \$6.9 billion and 21 years of effort into producing a new-generation chopper.

It is one of the biggest program cancellations in the Army's history and comes less than two years after the service's \$11 billion Crusader artillery project was dropped after \$2 billion had been spent.

At a Pentagon news conference, senior Army leaders said they would propose to Congress that \$14.6 billion earmarked to develop and build 121 Comanches between now and 2011 be used instead to buy 796 additional Black Hawk and other helicopters and to upgrade and modernize 1,400 helicopters already in the fleet.

"It's a big decision, but we know it's the right decision," said Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. He said the Army also will invest more heavily in a variety of unmanned aircraft, such as the existing Hunter and the new Raven.

The Comanche decision reflects a growing realization in the Pentagon that the military has more big-ticket weapons projects in the works than it can afford, even after seeing the Pentagon budget grow by tens of billions of dollars since 2001. And it reflects the rising popularity in recent years of unmanned aircraft for surveillance as well as attack missions.

The RAH-66 Comanche helicopter project was launched in 1983 and was eventually to have cost more than \$39 billion. The Army said it needed a stealthier, more capable armed reconnaissance helicopter not only to collect and distribute battlefield intelligence but to destroy enemy forces.

The program encountered many setbacks and was restructured six times, most recently in 2002. The latest timetable had specified beginning initial low-rate production in 2007, with the first Comanches to have been declared ready for combat in 2009 with full-rate production to have begun in 2010.

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IRAN

Iranian elections deemed 'fiasco'

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Candidates considered loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers regained control of parliament, denying liberals an important forum in their drive to ease social and political restrictions, according to results Monday from the country's disputed elections.

Reformers called the vote a "historical fiasco," noting that voters could only select from candidates chosen by conservative clerics. The European Union criticized the elections as undemocratic and warned of a new chill on efforts to warm relations between Tehran and the West.

"It's plain for everybody to see that these were, from the

start, flawed elections," British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said.

A disappointed Bush administration vowed Monday to keep hoping for revival of a reformist trend in the country.

"We continue to believe the Iranian people deserve a government that responds to their aspirations and we believe that that desire on the part of the Iranian people will continue to be expressed in a variety of ways," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Conservatives took at least 149 places in the 290-seat parliament, which has been controlled by pro-reform lawmakers since their landslide win four years ago. Reformers

and self-described independents won about 65 seats, according to Interior Ministry figures. The final count was expected Tuesday.

The conservative victory was expected even before Friday's elections. Reformers widely boycotted the vote after more than 2,400 liberal candidates were barred from running.

The nationwide turnout stood at slightly more than 50 percent, a noticeable drop from the 67 percent in the last parliamentary elections in 2000. In Tehran, the Iranian capital and the country's biggest city, just a third of the voters turned out, the ministry said.

Despite the lower numbers,

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei welcomed the turnout as a "national and an Islamic epic in the true meaning."

The shift of control in parliament expands the influence of theocracy and denies liberals an important forum for challenging the almost limitless powers of the country's Islamic leaders. It also deprives reformist President Mohammad Khatami of a key source of support.

In Tehran, previously a liberal stronghold, the new conservative group "Developers of Islamic Iran" was firmly in the lead. The group is headed by Gholamali Haddadadel, a conservative figure with a family relationship to Khamenei.

RUSSIA

Papal visit not possible

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Orthodox Church remains firm in its objections to a visit by Pope John Paul II, a top Vatican envoy said Monday before ending a six-day trip aimed at easing tension.

The trip by Cardinal Walter Kasper, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, was the highest-level visit by a Roman Catholic representative in four years.

Overcoming divisions among Christians has been a main goal of John Paul's papacy, and he is especially eager to visit Russia, but attempts to defuse differences between the Vatican and the Russian Church have stalled. Russian Patriarch Alexy II has said that no visit by the pope can be made until the disputes are resolved.

"I would wish that the Holy Father could come, and it is his fervent wish to come, but we cannot do it against the wish of the patriarch," Kasper said.

Tensions between the churches have deep historical roots, but increased markedly since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and communist restrictions on religion faded.

In particular, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church has accused Catholics of poaching converts in Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union.

The Russian Orthodox Church also is angered by Vatican plans to elevate the Greek Catholic presence in western Ukraine into a full patriarchate. It alleges that Greek Catholics, who retain Eastern-rite rituals but recognize the pope's supremacy, have accelerated their expansion into traditionally Orthodox eastern and southern Ukraine.

Kasper, who met with Alexy on Sunday, said the patriarch had repeated the same complaints that have been heard for years.

"I responded to them and told the patriarch that we do not have a policy of strategy of proselytizing," Kasper said.

He acknowledged that single cases did occur but said the two sides had agreed to establish a commission to investigate.

The Vatican contends it has the right to be active in Russia, which had small Catholic communities before the Bolshevik Revolution. The Roman Catholic Church has sought to recover churches that were seized after the revolution, and has drawn followers among Orthodox believers attracted by its social programs and community outreach.

President Vladimir Putin, who met with John Paul at the Vatican in November, has indicated he would favor a visit by the pope but would not pressure the Orthodox church to agree.

Kasper delivered a personal message and present from the pope marking Alexy's 75th birthday.

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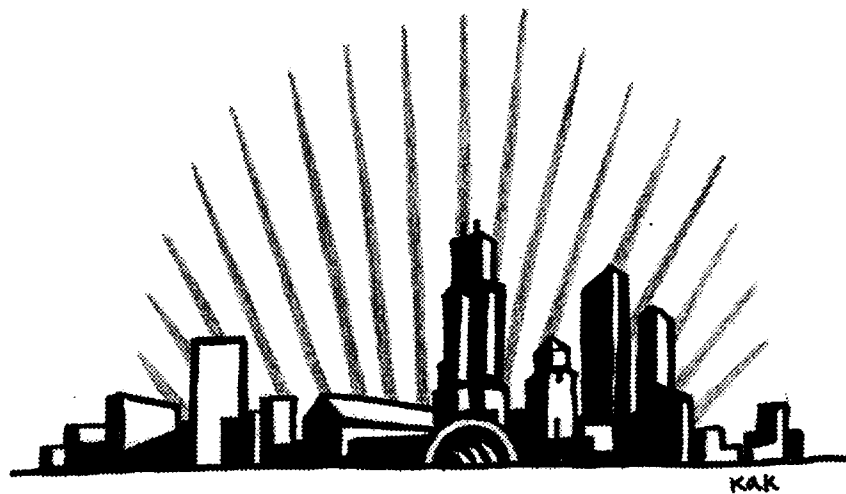
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You are not from Chicago

I have got a beef with all the origin-claiming of Chicago, my hometown, by suburbanites — a recurring phenomenon of deceit at Notre Dame. Images of Chicago as an urban metropolis, cultural hub or a place for a good time are primary motivations for these claims and complement the city.

Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

However, my position has nothing to do with those who love the city or lament their town's obscurity. Running along with prevailing attitudes that ignore class and racial issues, idealized characterizations of Chicago excludes the reality of its segregated neighborhoods, under-funded schools and poverty. While my view of the city represents a minority here, I feel the complete picture of urban life is being harmfully distorted.

I have a rather conflictual affection for Chicago due to my experience of its many sides. The city exemplifies the reality of "Two Americas" — one for white or privileged and a different one for minorities and poor. Depending on residency, one can live in Chicago for a lifetime and see nothing of the run-down neighborhoods, struggling schools, abandoned buildings and lack of business diversity, while at the same time, see nothing but these conditions.

I have lived in the class-divided lakeside neighborhood of South Shore since infancy. Lakeside property is dotted with high-rise apartments and condominiums, a golf course, parks and various businesses. Yet blocks away, neglected and vacant houses, shabby playgrounds and garbage-lined sidewalks become the norm. Aside from a few lovable greasy spoon family owned counter-restaurants, my neighborhood seriously lacks business diversity. On the nearest main shopping block, dollar stores, beauty supply shops and nail salons dominate. The saddest part is that a majority of these identical establishments are not owned or operated by the mostly

African-American residents of South Shore. If one wanted a job close to home, fast food and grocery chains are the chief options. Movie theaters, coffee houses, bookstores and other signature community business do not exist. The community library is smaller than our dorm common rooms.

As a youngster, I can remember playing in the yard, walking with my mom to the nearby park and merrily pedaling size appropriate bikes down and

around the block. As crime and drug activity escalated in the area, those activities stopped. I became paranoid, especially when my mom found a bullet hole in our front window — a stray shot from an altercation — which luckily did not find one of us in its path. Violence is a common experience for many Chicago residents and their stories do not appear in suburban envy narratives.

The state of Chicago Public Schools represents the biggest reason, logically, that a majority of Notre Dame Students could not possibly be from the city.

Looking at the relationship between a school's percentage of low-income students and overall performance on national achievement tests shows the poorer the school, the worse the scores become. A city with a school system that leaves so many of its children behind could not be shuttling its progeny en masse to top tier universities.

Teachers are not to blame. City public school teachers represent the hardest working and least appreciated people. Many, like my mom — the greatest early childhood instructor in the city — assume the role of teacher, mentor, caretaker and disciplinarian. They care when no one else will.

The systemic problem of Chicago schools is indicative of the overall movement to forget low-income areas and

misjudge the roots of their troubles. Many residents have never received the various class boosts throughout history or are the first to suffer in our unforgiving market driven economy.

I suspect many outsiders' perceptions of Chicago begin and end with visions of the downtown area. From the Museum Campus to the Magnificent Mile, downtown Chicago offers a plethora of fine entertainment, shopping and dining places. What people fail to recognize is

the area is also a haven for low wage service jobs. Sanitation, food service and sales positions dominate the area east of Chicago's thriving business hub. Downtown hosts the convergence of the city's divided classes.

Between dawn and 9 a.m., south and west side residents flood the city, gearing up for full and part-time shifts, at their primary and secondary jobs, selling goods and services they could not think of purchasing to rich, predominantly white north-side and suburban dwellers.

When you love something, or even like it enough to claim it as your own, you ought to recognize all its attributes. Ignoring social realities is irresponsible and compiling suffering of others through silent assent to systemic injustices is appalling. All cities like Chicago ought to be habitable for every resident. When that happens — through infrastructure rebuilding, unionization of service-sector workers and income redistribution — Chicago will truly be place to admire, wholeheartedly.

So, if your area code is not 773 or 312, give it up, you are not from Chicago.

Kamaria Porter, a sophomore history major, has "A Right to be Hostile, the Boondocks Treasury," a book worth your attention. Why Nader why? Her column appears every other Tuesday. Contact her at kporter@nd.edu.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington
U.S. First Lady

Touring London

Even though I narrowly missed the Queen Mum's recent trip, there is still much to report from Oxford. A few of us Domers finally made it down to London, visiting all of the 'touristy' locales and enjoying the nightlife. In today's column I will try to describe the sights and sounds of 'The City':

Geoff Johnston

Certainly one cannot visit London without venturing into the Tower. It is not as big as you might expect: the moat surrounding the walls has gradually silted over and so the fortifications are lower than they once were. However, within the gates there is much to see: inside is a miniature city, with little roads, shops and homes in which the Beefeaters live and do whatever it is the Beefeaters do. One thing we noticed immediately were the huge shoe-polish black ravens, picking at bloody scraps of meat that their handlers had thrown over. The Tower Ravens have been under royal protection since the reign of Charles II; apparently there was a legend that if the ravens left, the Tower would fall.

A Domer at
Oxford

After staring at the ravens we wandered over to a prison tower where generations of political offenders had etched elaborate Latin quotations and family crests on its walls. I also happened to examine Henry VIII's armor, and the pictures do not lie: that guy was huge. Then we made our way past the high-stepping guard into Jewel Tower, where the Crown Jewels are on display. The Jewels themselves are interesting at first, but there is so much gold and so many diamonds, rubies, etc. that one loses any appreciation for how rare and beautiful they are. After we visited the torture exhibition — many Jesuits apparently availed themselves of the service there — we were so tired of armor, pageantry and blood-stained ravens that our next attraction was a perfect antidote.

My favorite part of London is the Tate Modern. Approaching the building from the Millennium footbridge, the Tate seems like a singularly ugly building compared to the futuristic, swooping curves of the landmarks of the London skyline. The Tate used to be a power plant, but it was redesigned and repack-

aged as an art museum and all of the magic is inside.

The first exhibit one sees, titled "The Weather Project," covers a huge section of the museum: the ceiling, which is perhaps a hundred feet above, is covered with mirrors and on the far wall is a huge yellow 'sun' composed of thousands of yellow fluorescent lamps. Dozens of people lie out on the concrete floor, sunbathing before the huge artificial sun, forming stars, circles and other patterns on the ground. But "The Weather Project" is not the only exhibit there: there is also a public urinal from New York signed by Duchamp, Communist posters from Soviet Russia — expel all 'double-dealers' from the Party! — and Yves Klein's "IKB 79:" a large expanse of undifferentiated blue — IKB stands for 'international Klein blue.' Got to love modern art.

Having enjoyed one of the top modern art museums in the world, we traveled to Tower Bridge and walked on its upper rise overlooking the Thames. From there we were able to view all of London's skyline: the huge egg-shaped Gherkin tower, Big Ben, the houses of Parliament and St. Paul's Cathedral. We visited all of them in turn and not all on purpose: London's transportation system is sometimes confusing. Which brings me to the Tube, the subway system of London

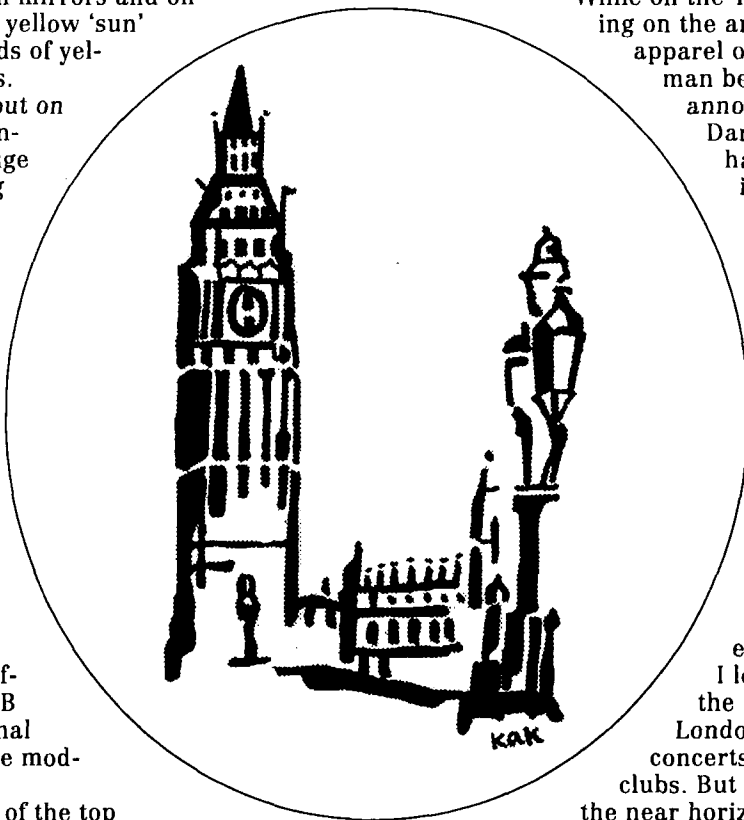
and one of the most traveled in the world. Each station is different: some are grimy tiled pits, while others are so futuristic they seem to have leapt straight out of 2001: A Space Odyssey.

While on the Tube we were commenting on the amazing amount of Irish apparel one sees here, when a man behind us overhead and announced himself a Notre Dame grad, class of '80. I had to leave without talking to him too much, since he was unfortunately a Keenanite, but the fact that there happened to be a grad in that car goes to show how global the Notre Dame community has become.

That about wraps up our London visits. While Oxford is a great place to study, after a couple of weeks I start to feel the presence of that same bubble that envelops Notre Dame and I love being able to hop on the bus and jet down to London for an afternoon of concerts, ethnic food and night clubs. But I have bigger plans for the near horizon: our Easter break is approaching, and I have already booked tickets on the Eurostar — the Chunnel train — for a trip to Paris. Sweet!

Geoff Johnston is soon to be murdered by the New College football team for missing so many games. Condolences can be sent to gjohnsto@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mardi Gras: Latest Victim

How far will it go? In light of yet another restriction on social behavior, I see no slowing in this destructive trend. Please read on as I describe how another dorm tradition is being executed for a fascist ideal that is creating a social environment at Notre Dame totally contradictory to the ideal's purpose. For years, the signature event of O'Neill Family Hall has been a Mardi Gras celebration. An SYR dance used to mark the event, as well as a parade around campus to pick up dates and an all out night of partying. Everyone on campus looked forward to the event, and it was a highlight of Notre Dame social tradition.

After the new alcohol and SYR restrictions were imposed two years ago to kill such highly anticipated student events such as Mardi Gras, O'Neill has remained steadfast. Last year, without official dorm sponsorship or funding, the men of O'Neill organized a Mardi Gras party for the whole campus to enjoy. The night included all of the costumes, beads and music of years past, but there was no dance, parade or any comparison to the amount of alcohol abuse that previous years had experienced. The night was as perfectly permissible as any other dorm party, any night, and would have even been in line with the atmosphere that the Dome was trying to dictate by imposing its policies a year prior. But listen to this.

As the week of Mardi Gras is upon us, O'Neill Family Hall has been commanded by the social engineers of this University that: "Mardi Gras activities at O'Neill, or sponsored by O'Neill, are not allowed in any form, under any name, in any semblance, with any costumes or decorations, at any hall gathering at any time." This information was passed on by e-mail to the residents of O'Neill by our hall staff who, in looking out for our best interests, concluded by warning, "We fear that the punishment for defying the decision about Mardi Gras will be swift and severe."

Please stop to swallow this. The Dome has just conditioned what you may wear, when you can celebrate, how you should decorate your walls,

where you are allowed to party and for what causes you are permitted to enjoy your life as a college student. Fascism: A one party system of government marked by a centralized dictatorship, severe social regimentation and forcible suppression of opposition.

This decree is enraging. The interpretation of this policy can be as loose and self-serving as needed. Any party, of any size, in O'Neill this weekend could be identified as Mardi Gras motivated with its holders being sent to ResLife. Furthermore, any future party that O'Neill coordinates can be declared a Mardi Gras substitution and equally punished.

For those of you that write this off as merely a worthless attempt to save this weekend's party, guess again, because Mardi Gras will march on and that is precisely the point here. What do you think happened to the students who remember the glory days of Mardi Gras? They moved off campus and they are not about to see tradition die. Mardi Gras will no doubt be celebrated this year with lots of hard alcohol, long past 2 a.m., with zero hired security and far from home. The girls will be drunker than last year and instead of having South Quad between them and their bed, they will have miles. Oh, that is if they make it home at all.

Congratulations to the engineers of our social environment, employing a method that is 100 percent contradictory to their ideal. The attempt to slaughter a non-existent Notre Dame drinking problem (in comparison to every other school in the country) is making our students increasingly less safe.

I cautiously, but nonetheless, stamp my name on this letter to the editor in fear that the next beer I crack open will blow up in my face. "Freedom? Yeah right."

Nick Stahlschmidt
sophomore
O'Neill Hall
Feb. 21

Enjoy the college experience

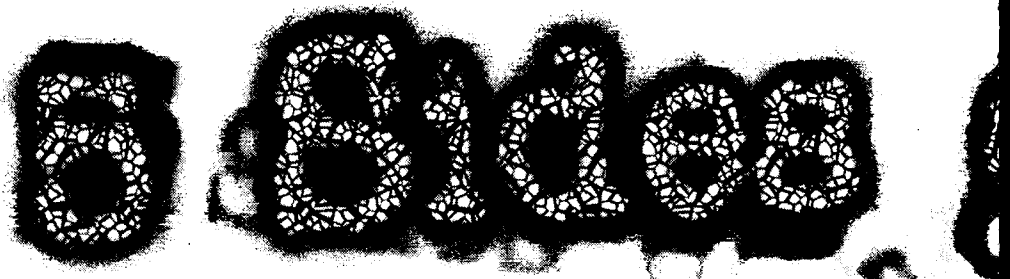
My last semester at Notre Dame is seemingly an utter waste of time. Suddenly, my biggest challenge is getting to class on time, nay, getting to class at all. My job offer was not exactly motivation to crank out A+ papers. And while recent grads — the free and liberated — and underclassman — still bound by the chains of responsibility — tell me that I should be living up the abundance of free time with incessant partying, I am finding that my lack of determination to do anything at all is actually a nightmare, not some coveted promised land.

What I have realized is just how good I had it before. There was never any time for anything. I complained about how many papers I wrote in the late hours of the night/morning, whined about my lack of sleep that resulted from Thursdays at the Boat Club and moaned about how many miles were put on my car during various road trips. But secretly, I loved every minute of it. It was the best time of my life. Yet outwardly, I prayed that senior year would come so I could just do nothing.

Now my respite from work is here and I yearn to go back in time. College flew by, and I do not remember half of it. Weeks were packed with work at Reckers, working out at Rolfs, mass at P.E., meetings at Lafortune, beers at bars and road trips to Windsor/Florida/Chicago/insert fun place here. Pictures were taken, drinks were consumed and laughter was absorbed. I had the perfect life. I had a boyfriend that I loved, unforgettable friends that desired my time and work that I actually felt like doing.

Underclassmen, if this is your life, do not waste it. Use that fake ID like it is your job. You can catch up on sleep later. Do your homework and go the extra mile. Meet your professors. Go to office hours. Who knows, they might have something interesting to say. Join a club. You will double your acquaintances. Work out. After this, you will have to pay to use Gold's gym. But whatever you do, do not say no to your friends when they ask you out. Do not say no to your professors when they offer extra credit. These are all opportunities that will enhance your life. Do everything and be everything. Be busy. By the time senior year hits, it just may be too late.

Amy Chambers
senior
off-campus
Feb. 21



An interview with hip-hop

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

After director Paul Kell graduated from the Cinema Production program at Concordia University in Montreal, he wanted to find a way to work with a subject he loved. At first Kell didn't set out to create an entire documentary on hip-hop.

Kell interviewed some of the most

important figures in the history of hip-hop in his search for the roots of the five elements of hip-hop culture. It took him four years to collect and edit his footage into an original documentary.

The film has been acclaimed by critics and audiences at the Montreal Film Festival, the American Film Institute Festival and many others. The film will continue to show around the country before being released to theatres.

In anticipation of tonight's screening, Kell spoke to The Observer about his journey into hip-hop.

How did you first get into hip-hop?

In the early '80s, growing up in a small town on the prairies in Canada, I was inspired by the music of Montana — at my birthday party my friends gave me a K-Tel break record, the ones that had the pull-out poster that had step-by-step lessons on how to break. It had classic cuts from Sugarhill Gang, Grandmaster Flash and Run D.M.C. At the time, me and my friends

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ple have so many misconceptions about hip-hop.

Such as?

They think hip-hop is all about violence, misogyny, drugs, crass consumerism, etc. Even though those things do exist within certain styles of rap, they aren't what's inherent to hip-hop.

Was there much of a hip-hop scene around where you grew up?

No. Like I said, I grew up listening to rap. I didn't really start hearing it being

referred to as hip-hop until later on, around the time the Native Tongues crew stepped up. When I first started hearing the term hip-hop, I just thought it was a new way to define rap. At the time I was ignorant of the fact that hip-hop was a culture; it was a way of life. Eventually, thanks to emcees like KRS-One, Chuck D and other conscious brothers within the game, my eyes started opening up to a bigger

picture. But even then it was still in the '80s, and hip-hop as a cultural movement hadn't really emerged up in Canada, at least not where I was living. I'm sure it existed in places like Toronto and Montreal, but it wasn't in Saskatchewan.

How did you first get started making this documentary?

I had graduated from university with a degree in film production and was working in Montreal. I came back to my hometown where my family was based. I spent a year shooting a short film, and I realized I had a lot of interest in hip-hop. I was a fan of the music, and I wanted to make a film about it. I was a bit of a film snob and I used to only work on film.

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grow. It all started once I landed an interview with Run D.M.C. That happened by chance, but after that happened a light bulb went off. It snowballed from there.

It took about a year before I realized that this thing could be full-blown and it was around this time that I started writing proposals for grants to get money to turn it into a feature. Eventually the money came and here we are today, over four years later.

How far back in the history of hip-hop do the artists you've interviewed go?

Guys like Kool Herc are credited with creating hip-hop, so it's safe to say that I go right back to the birth. Although I felt it was important to get guys like Gil Scott-Heron in the film as well, since they helped give birth to the ideas and mindset of what became hip-hop well before Kool Herc started throwing block parties.

Arguably, you could go back to the birth of the drum in ancient Africa to go all the way back to the beginning of what we know today as hip-hop. Give me the time and the resources and I'll do a Ken Burns style, 10-part miniseries on hip-hop. My documentary really only scratches the surface — within 70 minutes, that's all you can do.

Was it difficult to get interviews with any of the artists?

Some, but for the most part the hip-hop community is really generous.

How long did it take you to collect all your footage?

Probably close to four years since I was still getting pick-ups while I was editing. I think I have around 75 hours of footage.

It must have been hard to choose what to keep.

There's a lot of gold on the cut. In the end, what determined what stayed and what didn't was gut instinct. When I would sit and watch the footage, I would make a list of what I wanted to keep. I would make a list of what I wanted to keep. I would make a list of what I wanted to keep.

What do you mean by "uncomfortable?"

It didn't sit right. When something doesn't work, you know it. When it works, you know that too.

What were some of the most exciting moments in making the documentary?

It was a long and hard world was the biggest thrill for me. Until the making of "5 Sides" I had never been on our continent. I had a goal that I would see the world as a film maker or assignment or as a director traveling to film festivals. What was so rewarding was that I was

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Many of the country's leading industrial and service companies have participated in the program. Out of the 100 companies that have rich financial resources, 70 want to help the program. In the past, the companies have been able to raise money for the program through a variety of ways, including the sale of bonds, the raising of money through the sale of stocks, and the raising of money through the sale of bonds.

How would you describe the rap scene in the last few years? Rap has become more mainstream.

Rap has been making a name for itself in the United States for a long time now. In fact, as records like the Sugarhill Gang's came out, it changed the face of hip-hop culture forever. A lot of people would argue that rap killed the culture and they might have a point.

Would you say that's true even considering the underground rap scene in the United States?

A lot of the underground rappers in the states are plotting their rise to the top, so it's hard to say. Eminem was an underground rapper, Jay-Z was an underground rapper and look at these cats now. There are obviously exceptions to this rule. I don't have a question why people get to the top. Outside of the United States, it's a great opportunity to become a major success through rapping, so it's not surprising to assume that people's interest in the

That's not to say that there aren't underground rappers in the United States who don't have good intentions. Of course there are, but eventually their success is

But not more complicated than going to have to make difficult choices. Mos Def, the underground rapper, has made movies, he's on TV, he's a celebrity. What he has yet to be is a star. He will tell. He is a unique individual, and he will make the right mess with the right people. What will happen?

...big question, but could you give a little how you've seen African culture affecting South culture?

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I think it's still fueled by people who are coming from being unified. The cultural movement in America—it's unifying white, black, brown, etc. All over the world, communities are very united. It's not like they've decided to be this way. These kind of decisions are made deep in the heart of the nation or the flagging nation. There's no more sense of unity.

—GARY NEWMAN

"Personally, I find race divisions a societal construct that has no relevance anymore. Class divisions exist, but race is a moot point. Poor white kids have more in common with poor black kids than they do with rich white kids, so why would there be any racial animosity between whites and blacks?"

Paul Kell
director

...for something like this to be properly articulated, I'm merely riffing off the top of my head. There are bigger and better thinkers out there who have tackled these types of issues; for example: Henry Lewis Gates Jr., head of African-American Studies at Harvard.

These guys can do a much better job of articulating what's just an instinctive move most of us have. By no means only when

made making this song for me. I had a ways making this discovery for me. I hip-hop was, but the people who my knowledge was

very limited. In the end, I think this reflects in the documentary. For many people watching it is like a journey that takes you from where you thought you knew what hip-hop is to where you feel you have more of a mature understanding of what makes me proud. The honesty comes through the experience is a part of that and that others can share to them what I sure if that makes

Do you know when your illness will suddenly be released, and what you'll have to do when it is?

Actually I don't

What time is it now? 10:00 PM

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...which so far they have. Once
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...they want to do a limited theatrical
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...crossover appeal.

After it's released theatrically, 7th Art shouldn't have any problem selling it to broadcasters all over the world. It's got so much appeal based on so many different elements within it, that they have no excuse for not moving it as far and wide as possible. It's pure, entertaining documentary. If you're not entertained and inhip-hop it automatically means you're not other thing that's really from the street. Anyone can walk in from anywhere and they're going to love it because it's entertaining.

So far, the film has been a success. "I love it and people outside the culture love it. I don't want to be lofty in my expectations, but I'd like to believe that it could help bridge the divide between those that understand hip-hop and those that don't. In fact, that's the tag line for the film: 'Think hip-hop is 'rap music?' Think again.'"

It's all about de-mystifying it, shattering the misconceptions. Even for people who think they know hip-hop, I'm sure there's a thing or two in the documentary that they weren't aware of.

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NBA

Battier leads Memphis to a 109-106 victory over Denver

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Shane Battier is not supposed to be a jumper. He got high enough to turn back Carmelo Anthony on a big play.

Battier's block of Anthony's putback attempt with 7 seconds left Monday night preserved the Memphis Grizzlies' 109-106 victory over the Denver Nuggets in a matchup of two of the NBA's most improved teams.

Battier's rejection prevented Denver from taking the lead. James Posey, who keyed Memphis' fourth-quarter rally with 13 of his 20 points, grabbed the blocked shot, was fouled and converted the free throws to seal the Grizzlies' fifth straight victory.

"The shot went up, and I turned to look for [Anthony] and all of a sudden he had the ball," Battier said. "I just tried to react and jump in his direction. Luckily, I got up high enough to get a piece of the shot."

Denver took a 106-102 lead with 1:22 left. But the Grizzlies scored the game's final seven points — five by Posey — to send the Nuggets to their second three-game losing streak of the season.

"For us to win this game, down by four at the end, we played almost perfect," Memphis coach Hubie Brown said. "Whenever you overcome a team that gets 23 offensive rebounds and gets to the line 40 times and then you don't play your best game, you have to be happy with your team."

Trail Blazers 89, Heat 81

MIAMI — The Portland Trail Blazers found a way to do what nobody else could lately — stop Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat.

Zach Randolph scored 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, and Derek Anderson added 20 points to lead the Trail Blazers over the Heat Monday night.

The Blazers won their fourth straight and snapped Miami's four-game winning streak.

Damon Stoudamire added 18 points as Portland evened its record at 28-28, the first time the Blazers have been at .500 since Dec. 31.

"Tonight was a grind-it-out game," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "We had

good performances from a lot of guys. We've been trying to get to .500 all year, and now we are here. Now we have to stay there."

Lamar Odom led the Heat with 25 points. Wade, the Eastern Conference player of the week after leading Miami to three double-digit wins, finished with 12 points on 5-of-15 shooting.

Portland took control with a surge that extended from the third quarter into the fourth. Down by 10 points, the Blazers rallied late in the third and built a nine-point lead early in the fourth.

The Blazers outscored the Heat 30-17 in the fourth quarter, including a 14-0 spurt at the start. Shareef Abdur-Rahim's corner jumper gave Portland its first lead, 65-64, since early in the second quarter.

Stoudamire's second 3-pointer in the run provided a 73-64 lead.

Meanwhile, the Heat missed their first six shots from the floor. The drought lasted five-plus minutes until Odom converted a three-point play with 6:54 left.

Cavaliers 104, Hornets 100

CLEVELAND — In four days, they've beaten the defending NBA champions, won at Madison Square Garden and rallied from 25 points down for a victory.

Suddenly, there seems to be nothing these Cleveland Cavaliers can't do.

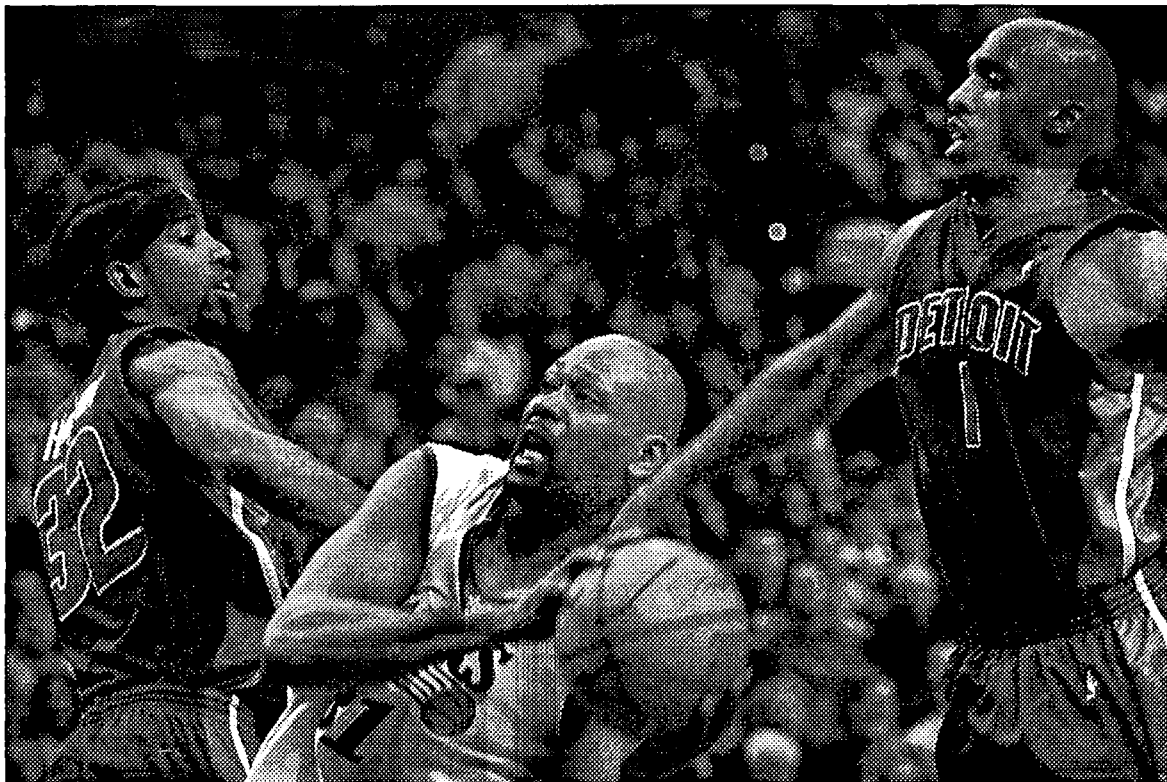
"This is sweet," guard Jeff McInnis said. "I've never come back from so far down before."

LeBron James scored 21 points, fellow rookie Jason Kapono added a season-high 19 and the Cavaliers rallied from a 25-point deficit Monday night for a victory over the New Orleans Hornets.

Carlos Boozer had 24 points, and McInnis added 14 and nine assists for the Cavs, who have won three straight — at home against San Antonio and New Orleans and at New York — since last Friday.

After starting the season 6-19, enduring turmoil and two major trades, Cleveland is within 1 1/2 games of the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I've never been around a group that has jelled," first-



Philadelphia's Glenn Robinson drives past Detroit's Richard Hamilton and Chauncey Billups during the second quarter Monday night.

year coach Paul Silas said. "This was sweet. We want to keep this thing going."

James also had a basket, steal and rebound in the final 1:19 as Cleveland completed one of the biggest comebacks in its 35-year history.

Neither the Cavs nor the Elias Sports Bureau could determine if it was the Cavs' largest comeback, but there's no disputing it was one of their most improbable.

Pistons 76, 76ers 66

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Brown sat deep in his chair, arms folded and a disgusted look on his face.

The Hall of Fame coach wasn't pleased with his team's performance, but his former club played even worse.

Richard Hamilton scored 15 points and Tayshaun Prince added 14, leading the Detroit Pistons to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Ben Wallace had 12 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks, and Rasheed Wallace added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons, who had lost eight of nine and four straight on the road.

"We haven't been winning games like this. We haven't been able to put teams away,"

Brown said. "I wasn't happy with some of the things we did, but we finished it out."

Kenny Thomas had 10 points and 18 rebounds, and Eric Snow added 12 points for Philadelphia, which was without Allen Iverson because of a shoulder injury. Iverson, tied for the NBA's scoring lead, was replaced by Aaron McKie, who had two points.

Philadelphia tied its second-lowest point total since 1954-55. The Sixers shot 30.1 percent (25-for-83).

"Without AI, our guys gave us a legitimate shot to win," Sixers interim coach Chris Ford said.

Brown again was booed in his second return to Philadelphia since leaving the Sixers to coach Detroit last spring.

He spent six often-turbulent seasons in Philadelphia, helping rebuild a struggling franchise and often clashing with Iverson.

After the game, Iverson greeted Brown in the coach's room.

In his second full game with the Pistons since a three-team trade brought him to Detroit last week, Rasheed Wallace was called for a technical foul in the third quarter, and his constant complaints to offi-

cials drew jeers from the crowd.

A Philadelphia native, he joked with some fans as he walked off the court following a timeout in the third.

"It's great to have a big guy like him who can score," Hamilton said. "I really love our team now."

The Sixers, competing for the final playoff spot in the East, are 2-3 under Ford.

Philadelphia, down by 18 in the third quarter, cut the deficit to 67-63 on a 3-pointer by Greg Buckner with 5:36 left.

A spectacular block by Prince on a breakaway layup attempt by Snow prevented Philadelphia from getting within two points, and the Pistons scored nine of the last 11 points.

The Pistons used an 11-0 run to break the game open in the third.

A driving layup by Prince and a jumper by Hamilton put Detroit ahead 58-40.

But poor shooting and turnovers by the Pistons allowed the Sixers to get back in it. Glenn Robinson had 11 points for the Sixers, but sat on the bench for the final 17:30 because of a sore elbow. Samuel Dalembert also scored 11.

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NFL

49ers franchise Peterson, sign back Barlow

Owens' departure is imminent following announcement

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers designated All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson their franchise player on Monday, keeping him with San Francisco for next season and practically guaranteeing Terrell Owens' departure.

The 49ers also agreed to terms with running back Kevan Barlow on a five-year contract extension, the first deal in what's sure to be a difficult offseason for a team with 14 unrestricted free agents and plenty of uncertainty.

Peterson, a two-time Pro Bowler, will be offered a one-year deal worth between \$5.8 million and \$7.2 million — whatever turns out to be the average salary of the NFL's top five linebackers after various contracts are restructured.

The 49ers had hoped to sign Peterson to a contract extension before

Tuesday's deadline to place the franchise tag, but general manager Terry Donahue and Peterson's agents quickly realized it wouldn't be possible.

"We're just so far apart that there was no point in using up any more energy on trying to get it done," said Donahue, who hasn't met face-to-face with agents Kevin and Carl Poston for weeks.

"When you put the franchise tag on somebody, it isn't like they aren't going to be paid handsomely. I think players love to play, and I think Julian loves to play. I think he'll come to camp at the appropriate time."

Peterson was a standout last season with seven sacks and two interceptions

while playing several positions. The 49ers credited him with 144 tackles, second on the team.

With Peterson under the franchise tag, Owens will be free to sign with any team if he chooses to void the final two seasons of his contract next month. The 49ers won't get anything higher than a third-round draft pick as compensation for losing a four-time Pro Bowl selection who has spent all eight of his NFL seasons in San Francisco.

Owens' departure has been expected after Donahue designated Peterson the 49ers' top priority shortly after their 7-9 regular season ended.

Barlow was a restricted free agent after rushing for 1,024 yards and six touchdowns last season. After sharing time with Garrison Hearst in his first 2

1/2 NFL seasons, Barlow took over as the full-time starter late last season, averaging 108 yards over the last four games.

Hearst, an 11-year veteran, probably must agree to a dramatic salary reduction to stay with the 49ers. Donahue and Hearst's agent, Pat Dye Jr., were negotiating in Indianapolis on Monday.

The 49ers also are hoping to restructure the contract of quarterback Jeff Garcia, entering the fourth season of a six-year contract.

Donahue acknowledges the process has been difficult, but he still expects Garcia to return.

"Certainly, Jeff has the right to be concerned about his own career, short-term and long-term," Donahue said. "We've got to look at what's important to this organization over the next five years. It's very important that we choose cap health over cap hell. We can't make short-term decisions."

But Donahue said the 49ers haven't received any offers for Garcia, and they haven't allowed the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback to talk to other teams about a possible trade.

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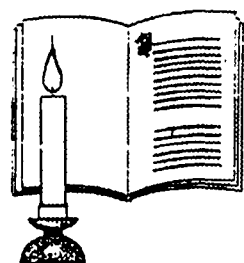
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Syracuse tops Nova at home

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick and Gerry McNamara combined for 36 points, 21 of them on free throws, to lead Syracuse to a 64-59 victory over Villanova on Monday night.

It was the third win in four games for the Orangemen (18-6, 8-5 Big East) and the fourth loss in five games for Villanova (14-12, 6-7 Big East). And it was a struggle all the way on both sides of the ball — there were 39 turnovers and 45 personal fouls.

Warrick was 4-for-10 from the floor and McNamara was 3-for-10, but they were 21-for-24 from the foul line, and that helped seal the Wildcats' fate. Josh Pace had 14 points and Louie McCroskey finished with 10.

Curtis Sumpter had 12 points and Jason Fraser and Allan Ray each scored 10 for Villanova, which went 7-for-23 (30.4 percent) on 3-pointers.

Syracuse, which was 24-for-32 on free throws, went on a 13-3 run early in the second half and seemed to take charge after McNamara hit four straight free throws, the last two after the Villanova bench was called for a technical.

That gave the Orangemen a 43-33 lead with 9:50 to go, but the Wildcats wouldn't quit.

Randy Foye, who finished with eight points, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner, Fraser converted a fast-break dunk and Ray hit a 3 after stealing an inbounds pass as Villanova rallied to take a 49-48 lead with 4:50 to go.

Pace then drove the lane and hit a shot off the glass to give Syracuse the lead, and the Orangemen never trailed again.

McCroskey hit a long 3 from the right wing to extend the Orangemen's lead to 57-49 at 2:33 before the Wildcats rallied one more time.

MLB

Bonds says he will block numerous offseason distractions

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A winter without his father beside him in the batting cage weighed more heavily on Barry Bonds' mind this off-season than his connection to a lab at the center of an alleged steroid ring.

"It's been difficult," the slugger said Monday, sitting in the dugout at soggy Scottsdale Stadium. "Just hard all the way around. I broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he wasn't with me. He's been my coach my whole life."

Bonds was surrounded by reporters on his first day at spring training, and he was asked repeatedly about his ties to the supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to dozens of athletes. The six-time National League MVP, who appeared in December before a grand jury probing the lab, had repeatedly denied using steroids.

"They can test me every day if they choose to," said Bonds, who is right around his 228-pound playing weight.

After last season, Bonds seriously considered walking away from baseball for good, unable to imagine playing without his dad. Bobby, who had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor, died in August at age 57.

But the Giants slugger pushed on, at the urging of his mother,

his wife and godfather Willie Mays.

"I couldn't hit. I didn't want to go in the cage. I didn't want to swing the bat," Bonds said. "I really didn't want any part of it for a while."

Now, another important member of Bonds' supporting cast, trainer Greg Anderson, won't be around. Anderson was absent Monday when Bonds showed up for camp a day ahead of the voluntary reporting date for position players.

Anderson, often seen with Bonds at spring training and during the season, was among four men charged this month in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

"I feel bad for him," said Bonds, who turns 40 this summer. "I feel sad. We grew up together. We're friends. It's unfortunate what he's having to go through."

About BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that's at the center of the federal steroids case, Bonds said: "There's nothing I can do about it right now. I have to go out and play baseball and, hopefully, it will blow over."

"I believe if I wasn't going for records, it would be a nullified situation," said Bonds, who is two home runs shy of tying

Mays for third on the career list with 660. "If you want to be at the top, you've got to have broad shoulders. I know who I am. I know what I stand for. I know what kind of ballplayer I am."

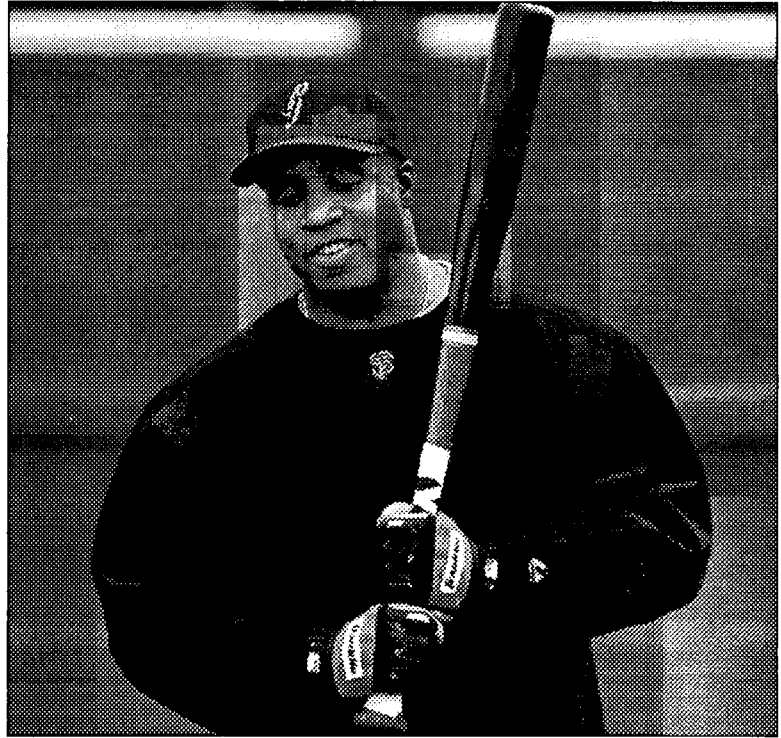
Bonds spent two stints on the bereavement list in 2003 and, despite all he was dealing with, still batted .341 with 45 homers and 90 RBIs.

When asked if he can pass Hank Aaron's record of 755 homers, Bonds quickly answered: "I think I can do anything. ... I'm going for it all."

Mays spent three days a week with Bonds the entire off-season, working with him on his swing while also monitoring Bonds' mental frame of mind.

"I'm focused now, and ready," Bonds said.

He admitted, with a smile, that he wants to pass Mays on the homers list as soon as possible. He just wishes his father could be there to see it.



San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds walks back from the batting cage at Scottsdale Stadium in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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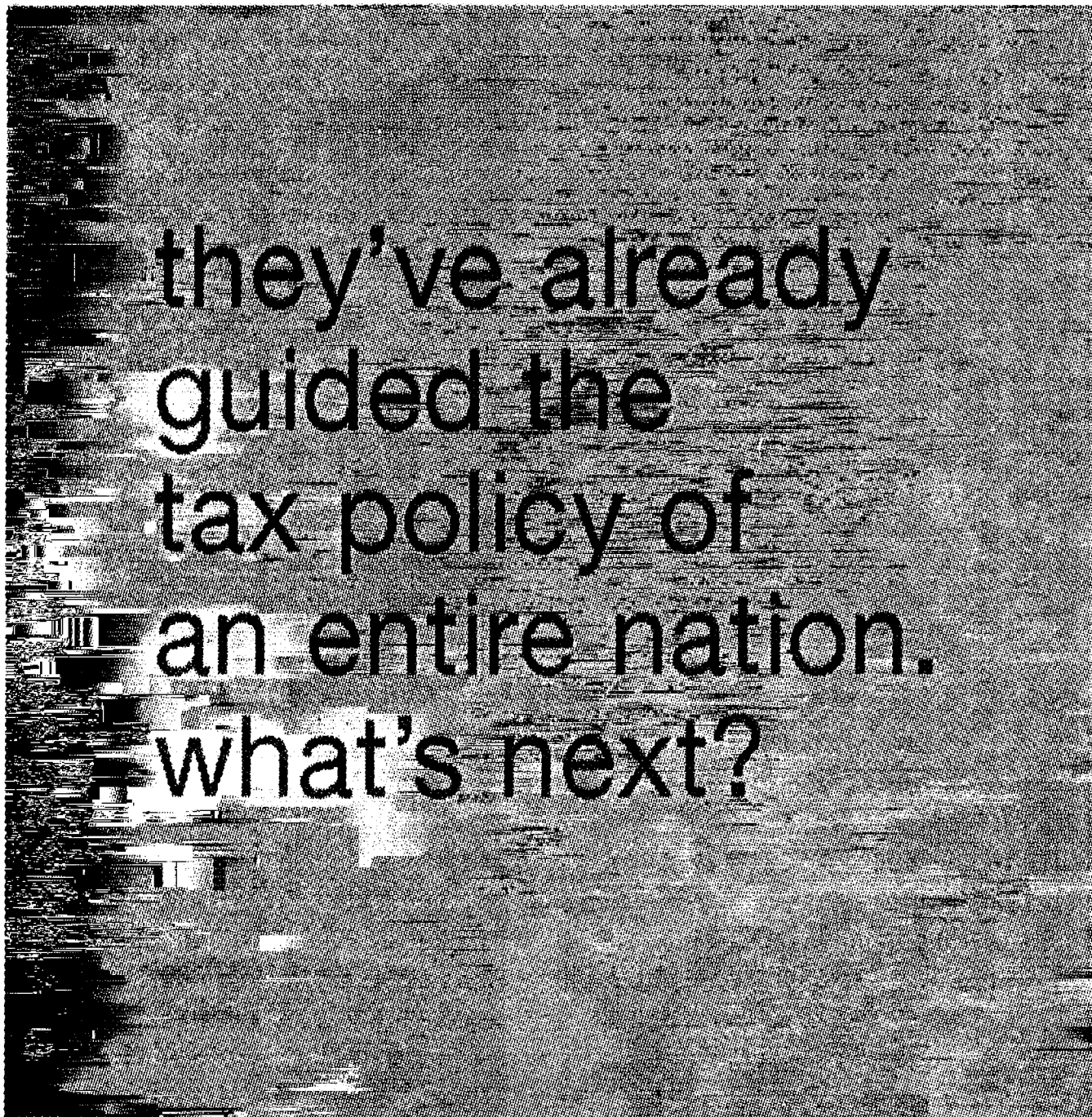


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BOXING

Bout waits Hopkins' approval

The 39-year old's signature could mean a meeting with Oscar De La Hoya

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The dates are set and so is the site. Now all promoter Bob Arum needs to do is get a signature from middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins to complete his two-fight deal with Oscar De La Hoya.

Arum said he finalized a handshake deal Monday for the MGM Grand hotel-casino in Las Vegas to host a June 5 fight card featuring Hopkins and De La Hoya in separate bouts. If the two win as expected, they will meet Sept. 18 at the MGM for the middleweight title.

Arum said Hopkins has already agreed to terms and is coming to Las Vegas on Wednesday to sign his contract. The first news conference promoting the fights will be next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

"It's going to be the biggest non-heavyweight fight in history," Arum said. "I'm looking to make this another [Marvelous Marvin] Hagler-[Sugar Ray] Leonard."

Though Arum declined to discuss figures, he did not dispute previous reports that De La Hoya could make up to \$30 million for the two fights while Hopkins will make at least \$10 million.

De La Hoya, who lost his 154-pound title fight to Shane Mosley last September, will move up to middleweight to take on Felix Sturm of Germany on the June 5 card while Hopkins will defend his undisputed titles against Robert Allen, who he has fought twice already.

Assuming De La Hoya and Hopkins win, they would meet in September at a contract weight of 157 pounds.

Arum said the two-fight series came together after De La Hoya couldn't get rematches with Shane Mosley and Fernando Vargas, while it is still unclear whether Felix Trinidad has come out of retirement.

"Oscar wanted to fight Hopkins last but everybody else was pricing themselves out of the market," Arum said. "Rather than wait and fight Hopkins at the end, he put him up front instead."

De La Hoya, who in the past has been criticized for picking his opponents carefully, will likely enter the ring as an underdog for the first time in his career in September.

Hopkins is 39, but he shows no sign of age and has defended his middleweight title 17 times. Hopkins stopped Trinidad in the 12th round in September 2001 in his biggest fight to date, but complained before his last fight in December against William Joppy that De La Hoya was ducking him.

"Am I being a bully by calling Oscar out?" Hopkins asked. "Why is the media treating Oscar like a prima donna? I beat the man [Trinidad] who

NFL

Browns' Green will serve sentence

Associated Press

WESTLAKE, Ohio — Cleveland Browns running back William Green began serving a three-day jail sentence Monday after reaching a plea agreement on drunken driving charges.

Green, recently reinstated by the NFL after his suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy, reported

to the city jail immediately following his sentencing in nearby Rocky River Municipal Court.

Police Capt. Guy Turner said Green will not receive any special treatment while serving his time other than careful screening of any cell mate.

"I've got to watch who else he's in with," Turner said. "I've got to pay more attention to some of these other knuckleheads in here."

Green has been cooperative throughout the case, including his Oct. 27 arrest, Turner said. "He took responsibility for his actions," he said.

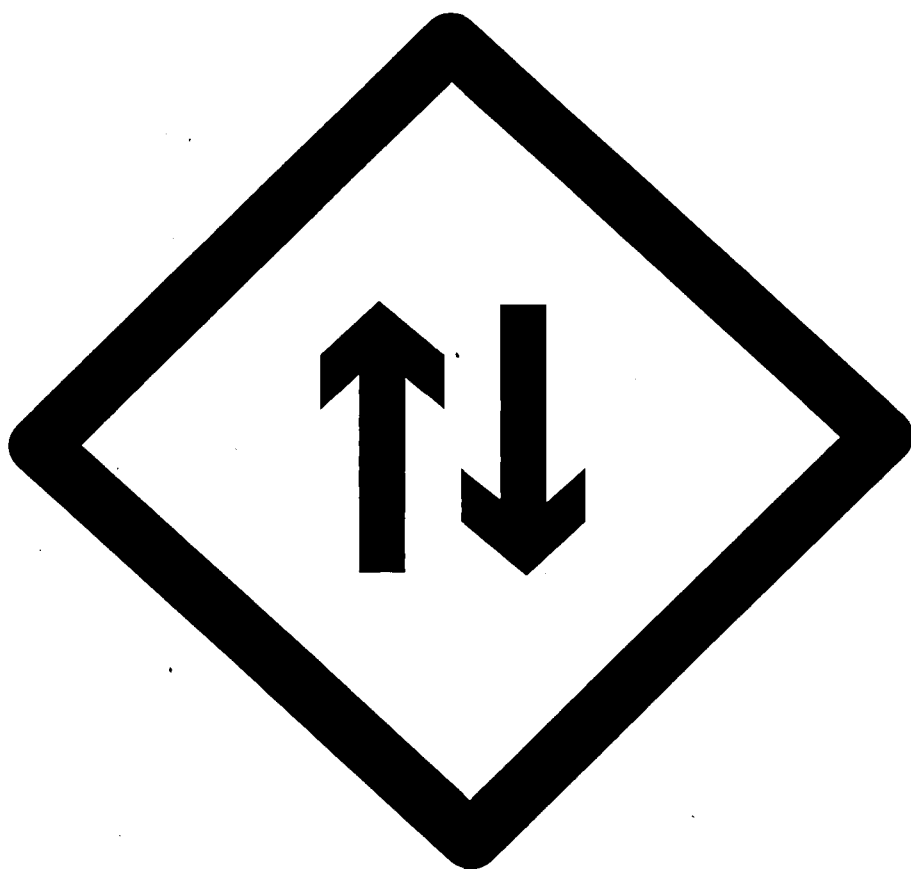
Judge Maureen Adler Graves sentenced the 24-year-old to six months but suspended all but three days if Green complies with terms of his one year of probation, which includes staying drug and alcohol free.

In exchange for Green's no

contest plea to drunken driving, prosecutors dropped charges of possessing marijuana and making an improper lane change.

His lawyer, Brian P. Downey, said Green is remorseful and committed to straightening out his life.

"In court, he apologized to his family, the Browns' organization and to Browns fans," Downey said. "He understands what he needs to do."



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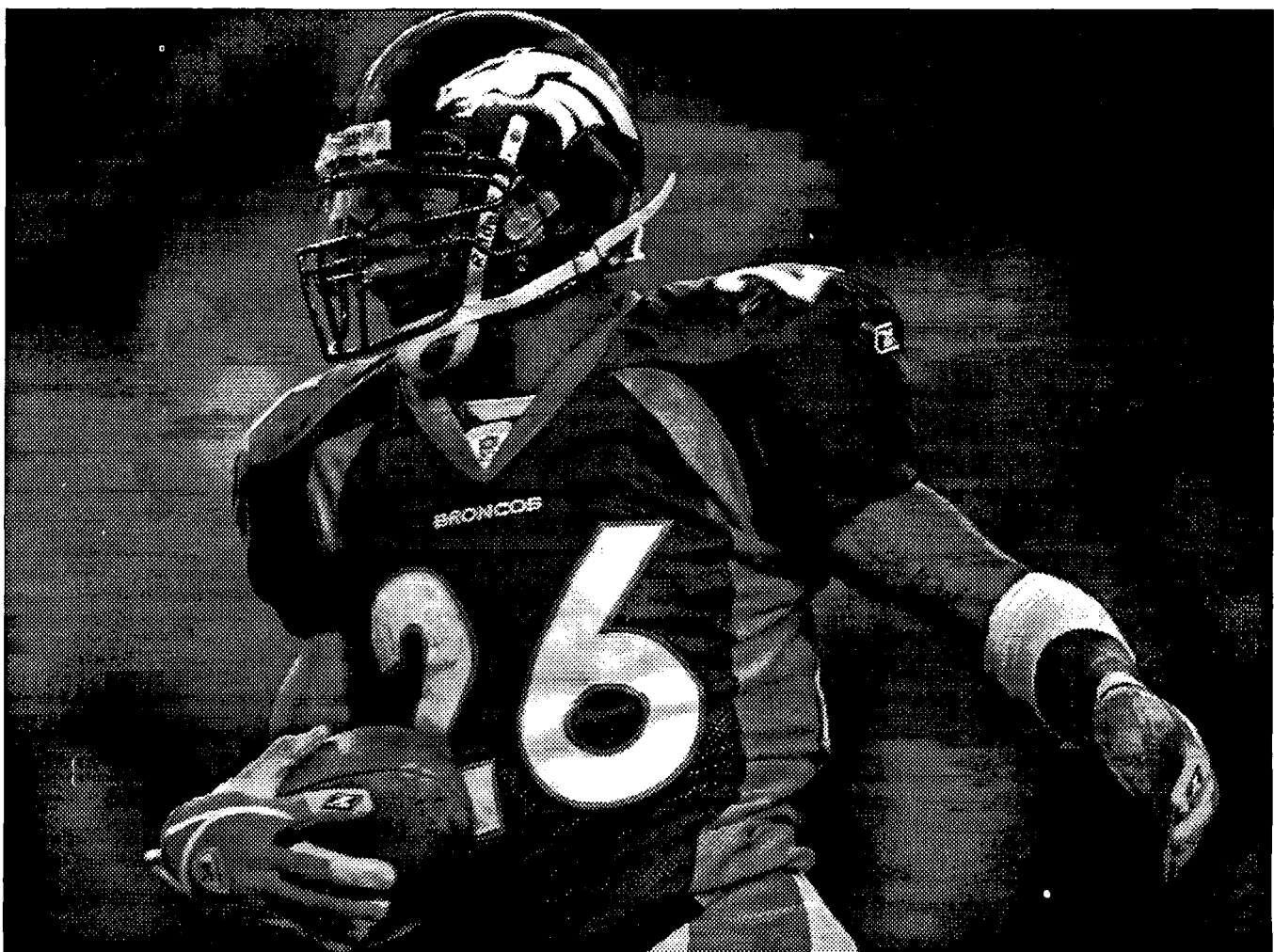
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Connecticut	9-3	21-5
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Georgetown	4-8	13-10
Miami	3-10	13-14
St. John's	1-11	6-17

NFL



Clinton Portis of the Broncos strolls into the end zone during a game against the Browns last season. The Broncos are considering trading him to Washington in a deal involving cornerback Champ Bailey.

Broncos may trade Pro Bowl rusher Portis

Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos are discussing a trade that would send running back Clinton Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey, a swap of two Pro Bowlers upset with their contracts, a source said Monday.

In giving up Portis for Bailey, Denver also would receive Washington's second-round selection in the April draft, the NFL source told. The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Vinny Cerrato,

Washington's player personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis "We are talking to a number of teams and Denver is one of the teams." He wouldn't name the players.

Jack Reale, Bailey's agent, said the Redskins have talked with several teams, including Detroit, the New York Jets, Houston, Chicago and Arizona.

"We have had preliminary discussions with the Broncos and with other teams as well, just on the broad outlines of a contract," Reale said. "I can't go into detail until I know

what team we're going to be dealing with."

The negotiations with Portis were first reported in The Denver Post.

The Redskins have protected Bailey, who can become a free agent on March 3, by designating him their franchise player. That means the Redskins must make him a one-year, \$6.8 million tender, the average of the top five players at his position.

Portis has two years remaining on the contract he signed as a second-round draft pick in 2002. Displeased with the \$300,000 he made last

season, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos rework his deal.

The deal would make sense because the Redskins went last season without an every-down running back, a must in the offensive system favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. Portis ran for 1,591 yards last year despite missing three games with chest and ankle injuries.

Portis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment and the Broncos did not return a call seeking comment.

IN BRIEF

Hall of famer defends Rose

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt called Pete Rose "a beaten man" and doesn't know whether the career hits leader will gain reinstatement to baseball.

Schmidt, one of Rose's biggest allies, said Rose didn't come across as a sympathetic figure in a book tour that included television and newspaper interviews. In "My Prison Without Bars," Rose reversed course from 15 years of denials and admitted to betting on the Cincinnati Reds while he managed the team in the late 1980s.

"It wasn't the best showing of sorrow and regret," Schmidt said Monday. "That's just something Pete isn't great at doing. But I know he truly is sorry and that he regrets everything. He talked to me about it in private, told me that he let me down. And he broke down."

"As soon as I got off the phone with him, I contacted the commissioner and told him, 'This guy

means what he's saying.' I believe in him and, you know, I don't want to get caught in a con game. Pete's a beaten man."

Pistons fined for illegal player use

NEW YORK — The Detroit Pistons were fined \$200,000 by the NBA on Monday for using Rasheed Wallace and Mike James before the league finalized the deal that brought them to the team.

The league said it was the first time a player acquired in a trade played for his new team before the NBA officially approved the move.

Wallace and James came to Detroit in a three-team trade with Atlanta and Boston on Thursday, and both played in the first half of the Pistons' 88-87 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

They were pulled at halftime when it was discovered that paperwork for two other players in the deal —

Lindsey Hunter and Chris Mills — had yet to be completed. Wallace and James also missed a practice Saturday before the NBA said the trade was "final and complete."

Former umpire charged in scandal

NEWARK, N.J. — Former major league umpire Al Clark pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in connection with selling baseballs he falsely claimed had been used in memorable games.

The 56-year-old Clark, formerly of Trenton and now of Williamsburg, Va., had claimed some of the balls were used during games in which Cal Ripken tied and broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games record.

Clark pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. Memorabilia dealer Richard Graessle Jr., a 43-year-old from Millburn, pleaded guilty to tax evasion for his role in the scheme, which operated from September 1995 to Nov. 19.

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CLUB SPORTS

Frisbee club excels at Mardi Gras meet

Special to The Observer

The ultimate frisbee club sent both its men's and women's squads to Baton Rouge, La. this weekend for the annual Mardi Gras Tournament. In the 67-team field for men's play, the Irish opened with a loss to the Texas B-squad, 13-7 and rebounded with a 13-9 win over Pacific Lutheran. The Irish continued on a roll with wins over Flagler, 13-9, and Towson, 15-12 in Saturday's pool play to earn a trip to the round of 16 on Sunday.

The Irish then posted their biggest win of the weekend, 11-6 over Alabama. Maryland brought an end to the streaking Irish run, with an 11-6 quarterfinal victory. Seniors Sean O'Neill and Christian Braunlich provided steady leadership while freshman Eric Morin dominated the air, scoring on several big hucks. Sophomores Andrew Sheehan, Vasili Karas and Ryan Butler shared handler duties and played stifling defense. The men will next defend their title as reigning champions at the Invitational in Savannah, Ga.

The women's squad posted a 3-3 record against an equally strong field. In see-saw results, the Irish dropped their opener to Chico State, 7-5, defeated Tulane, 13-10, fell to Wisconsin, 13-1 and defeated Rice 13-7 to close pool play on Saturday at 2-2. On Sunday, the Irish dropped a closer rematch with Wisconsin, 13-7, before being awarded a forfeit against Arkansas. Sophomore

Chrissy Hedges set the tempo in her first game as handler. Seniors Meagan Sutton and Priva Varghes spearheaded the attack with excellent cutting and solid throws, while Junior Heather Tsukamoto excelled with several outstanding layouts.

Women's water polo

The women hosted the Irish Invitational this weekend, bringing a strong field to Rolfs Aquatics Center. The Irish split four contests over two days of play. Behind the strong offensive play of co-captain Kimmy Moore and Kendra Harmon — and stalwart defensive play of Christina Hoover and goalie Brigitte Alge — the Irish defeated Northwestern, 11-2, and Illinois, 7-2. The Irish dropped a 7-2 decision to defending national champion and No. 2 Michigan State.

Bowling

The bowling club closed its season with a 39th place finish at the Hoosier Classic in Indianapolis this weekend. The club finished Saturday with a 1002 game, the fourth highest overall team score for that game. Jim Talamo, who rolled a 300 game in intramural competition earlier this semester, posted a 183 average with a high game of 205. Steve DePoy averaged 178, including a 234 game. Captain Jason Raver's 215 game earned him a 175 average. Dan Martin (172 average and 204 high game), Van Koppersmith (168 and 203) and Vance McClenton (156 and 197) completed the scoring for the Irish.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish finish preseason with losses

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wrapped up its exhibition season Saturday with a sojourn to the Northeast, the cradle of lacrosse champions. In New Jersey, the Irish faced off against three different teams, including two-time defending national champion and No. 1 Princeton, No. 7 Dartmouth and No. 9 Ohio State.

At the Princeton Invitational, the Irish played in an altered format in order to compete against all three teams. The team played one half each against Ohio State and Princeton with a full game against Dartmouth in between.

The Irish met with mixed degrees of success. They began the day strong, shutting out Ohio State 10-0 in one half of play. But coach Tracy Coyne was most looking forward to the showdown with Dartmouth.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they're in the Final Four," she said. "I don't think anybody that we face on our schedule is going to be better than Dartmouth."

Dartmouth gave the Irish a competitive match. Notre Dame hung around for much of the match before Dartmouth put the Irish away at the end en route to a 12-8 victory.

Dartmouth keyed its attack with an aggressive, penetrating offense and an equally potent trap on defense.

"From an attacking standpoint, we struggled when they were double-teaming," Coyne said. "We had solid opportunities to score against Dartmouth, [but their] attack was getting some opportunities going strong to the cage with their dominant hand."

Coyne felt her players could take away many positives from

the match.

"To go up against a team like Dartmouth, and to know that we had opportunities, it pointed out some things that we can focus on," she said. "We were definitely competitive. I was very pleased with the way we came out in the second half."

Senior captain Andrea Kinnik agreed.

"It's a learning experience and it puts us in a good place for the rest of the season," Kinnik said. "It gave us the experience that we need."

Experience, however, was not enough to carry the Irish past Princeton. Notre Dame was over-matched at times and Princeton was able to handily defeat the Irish in only one half of play, 7-0.

Playing against three top 10 teams in one day proved to be a unique pre-season challenge.

"It's definitely intimidating, but you just have to put that behind you," Kinnik said. "You have to come there to make them adjust to your game instead of you adjusting to their game."

The challenge is one that Coyne feels will prove beneficial during a season in which the Irish face ranked foes early and often. Nine of the preseason top-25 teams appear on the Irish regular season schedule, including Big East foe No. 6 Georgetown.

"When you're trying to establish a winning tradition, you have to learn what it means to consistently compete at a high level," Coyne said. "We feel confident that we can compete. It's just a matter of executing when it matters."

Coyne is also looking to her upperclassmen to foster leadership among the younger players, especially as the Irish prepare for their season opener on Feb. 27 at the University of California.

"They're doing a good job of mentoring the younger players and that was lacking last season," Coyne said. "They're choosing to go in a certain direction and it's going to help us be successful this season."

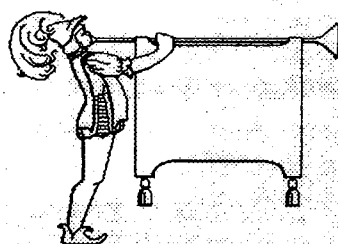
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CLUB SPORTS

Jo Syetanott leads the Irish at IU invitational

Special to The Observer

Freshman Wendy Jo Syetanoff stepped up with a strong performance at the Indiana University Big Red Invitational this weekend to lead the Irish women's squad. Syetanoff placed fourth on vault, fifth on balance beam and third all-around with a season best of 34.85. Cecellia Torres also placed for the Irish, finishing fifth on floor with a 9.0. Kim Turnipseed, Maurie Donnelly and Lucianna Ravasio contributed to the team, as well.

The men were led by Andrew Roberts, who finished third on floor exercise. Calvin Umeda, Aaron Roberts and Todd Moffat

completed the scoring for the Irish.

Sailing

Competing against a field of varsity teams that have sailed all winter long, the Irish sailing club finished 18th at the Charleston Intersectional. The Irish challenged a very tough field as all but two of the seventeen schools finishing ahead of the Irish are currently ranked among the top 25 varsity programs nationally. The final rankings saw Charleston, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Stanford, UC Irvine, Coast Guard Academy, Brown, South Florida, Eckerd and Saint Mary's College complete the top 10.

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and nobody else really hurt us," Brey said. "But they have a number of guys who can hurt us."

Like Notre Dame, the Friars depend on the 3-pointer for most of their offense, and Providence makes about 37 percent from behind the arc compared to Notre Dame's 3-point percentage of around 35 percent.

In addition to Gomes, Donnie McGrath, Rob Sander and Sheiku Kabba all average double-digits in points for Providence.

The Friars have the conference's best defense, giving up 60.1 points a game in league play, thanks in part to a stifling zone.

Brey wants his team to concentrate on pushing the tempo to score points in transition — similar to what the Irish did in a win against Syracuse a week ago.

"We didn't win Saturday [against Connecticut], but

we're playing well and our body language is good," Brey said. "We've got this attitude where we're playing loose and going for it and not being afraid to win. We have to continue to play with that frame of mind."

The fact that Notre Dame is even in a position to challenge for the NCAA Tournament is a testament to how the Irish have played over their last four games.

A loss to Pittsburgh Feb. 7 left the Irish one loss away from dropping to .500 on the season. But there

straight wins against Connecticut, Seton Hall and Syracuse and a narrow loss at Connecticut Saturday helped propel the Irish onto the bubble.

"This is what it's all about," Brey said. "We're in meaningful games, we're in the mix, we're on the radar screen."

"You do have control of your destiny, and that's all you can ask."

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22-5 women), Detroit Mercy (27-0, 23-4), Wisconsin (23-4, 24-3) and host Purdue (25-2, 24-3) proved less of a challenge.

The wins were more impressive because walk-ons provided much of the help. The University of Detroit fielded the only varsity team in attendance, so the Irish were able to give non-scholarship fencers experience.

Senior foilist Matt Castellan was pleased with how the walk-ons carried themselves on the strip.

"[The wins] say something about the commitment [of] the entire team and not just the starters," Castellan said. "It's a testament to the fact that the entire team is 100 percent when we're practicing."

Streaks were not the only milestones reached either. With her 7-2 record on Saturday, senior foilist Maggie Jordan became the second fencer in the history of Notre Dame men's or women's fencing to record 80 career victories with two weapons. At her current position in foil, Jordan owns an 83-36 record. She also holds a career mark of 85-22 at sabre.

Claudette deBruin, who

fenced from 1993-96, is the only other fencer to accomplish the feat with 152 wins at epee and 81 at foil.

Jordan was one of many fencers who finished the season with strong performances. Freshman epeeist Amy Orlando continued her late season surge, finishing the day at a perfect 14-0. She has won 45 of her last 50 bouts. Following her on the women's side were senior sabres Danielle Davis and Natalia Mazur, who both swept through the day with 17-0 records apiece.

On the men's side, freshman foilist Frankie Bontempo capped off his rookie campaign with an unblemished 11-0 record. Fellow foilist Castellan complemented his performance with a 17-1 mark.

For Castellan, the tournament added to the growing anticipation of the post-season, especially among the new fencers.

"We are very excited," he said. "Everyone's really anxious to qualify the full 12 and get on to NCAAAs. It's a totally different format compared to anything [the freshmen] have ever fenced in. That's the only question mark, but we're all confident that they're talented and motivated."

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pop out to end the game. Megan Ciolli led the Irish with two hits and one run, while Stephanie Brown went 1-1 with one RBI.

Pacific 12, Notre Dame 1

The Irish couldn't overcome an 84-minute rain delay and came out flat in the fourth inning after holding Pacific scoreless through three.

"The weather played a huge factor," Fuemmeler said. "We started a little flat. It was a lack of focus after the rain delay."

Pacific tallied 12 runs in just two innings to spell doom for the Irish, who only managed one hit. Nicole deFau broke up the no-hitter in the bottom of the fourth with an RBI single. But despite the loss, Notre Dame didn't hang their heads.

"It might have been a good loss, because we don't want it to happen again," Fuemmeler said. "It was more of a learning experience."

No. 8 Stanford 4, Notre Dame 2

After putting themselves in a 3-0 hole, the Irish bounced back to almost steal the game from the Cardinal. But two errors and the early deficit were too much for a Notre Dame team that left eight runners on base, despite outhitting Stanford 7-4.

"We would have won the game if we played the game defensively," Fuemmeler said. "It should have been a 2-1 game," she said.

In a game that included a home run robbing catch by deFau, the Irish scored their only runs in the top of the sixth when pinch runner

Nicole Wicks scored on Kellie Middleton's sacrifice fly. Pinch runner Gessica Hufnagle then scored after Stanford tried to catch her at third but instead overthrew the ball into left field. But that was all the scoring Notre Dame could manage in a disappointing loss.

"We hit very well," Fuemmeler said. "We just weren't able to cash in on runs."

USA Olympic Team 10, Notre Dame 0 (exhibition)

In what Fuemmeler called "the experience of a lifetime," the Irish met the best softball players in the nation in an exhibition matchup. After holding the Olympians to one

run on four hits, pitcher Steffany Stenglein was relieved after three innings. Booth pitched the next two innings, giving up four runs.

But the Irish offense only managed two hits, both by Sara Schoonaert, who singled in the first and fourth innings.

The Irish fell victim to Lisa Fernandez's grand slam in the sixth inning to end the game.

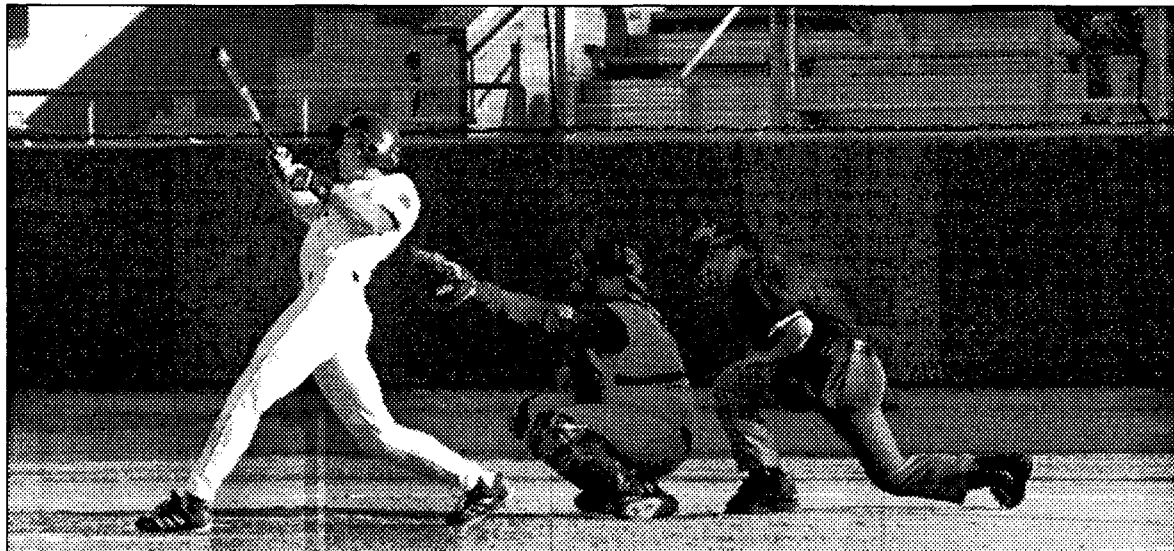
No. 12 Tennessee vs. Notre Dame, rain out

Neither team played the final game of the weekend as a result of the inclement weather.

But after playing the Olympic team, the Irish were ready to go home. The team hopes to carry the early season momentum from five wins in eight games onto the upcoming weekend.

"We were very disappointed," Fuemmeler said. "We felt like we had gained momentum and thought that we could prove ourselves against a ranked team."

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SOPIA BALLON/The Observer

Senior Javi Sanchez swings at a pitch against Valparaiso last season. Sanchez has helped lead the Irish to begin the season an impressive 2-0.

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"Niesel was 'typical Niesel' and got us off to a good start," Mainieri said. "He comes in and starts throwing strikes right out of the gate and really allows our team to be energized."

Joe Thaman made his first relief appearance by getting one out in the sixth. Thaman played first base from 2001-03 before moving to pitcher.

Grant Johnson worked his first two innings in a regular season game since having shoulder surgery before last season and missing all of '03. Johnson threw two scoreless innings, striking out two batters.

First baseman Matt Edwards homered in his first at-bat and finished the first game batting 3-for-5 with four RBIs. Second baseman and preseason Big East Player of the Year Steve Sollman collected two hits in three at-bats. Sollman walked twice.

In Notre Dame's game

against USC, sophomore starting pitcher Tom Thornton gave the Irish an outstanding outing, going six innings and allowing zero earned runs. He struck out four, walked two and allowed just four base hits.

"I have always said Tom Thornton has the ability to be an outstanding pitcher against good teams, but he's never been on that kind of a stage before," Mainieri said. "He just settled in and made a lot of big pitches when he needed to. I was just so happy for him and proud of him, and [his performance] had a great effect on our team."

The top of the Irish lineup struggled against the Trojan pitching. Sollman, freshman Danny Dressman, Edwards and Javi Sanchez combined to go 0-for-12 in the game. But the middle hitters led the way for the Irish offense as Cody Rizzo, Matt Macri and Matt Bransfield each had two hits. Rizzo also threw out a USC runner at the plate to end the sixth inning and help the Irish cling to a 2-1 advantage at the time.

Sophomore pitcher Ryan Doherty later struck out three

batters in relief to pick up his first save of the season. The game was called after seven innings because of rain and a soggy field.

Mainieri was pleased with the win over USC because of the tradition that Trojan baseball has stood for throughout the years.

"It was a great victory for us," Mainieri said. "Southern Cal is to college baseball what Notre Dame is to college football. That's the level of tradition there."

Notre Dame travels to Boca Raton, Fla. next weekend for four games in three days. The Irish picked up an extra game to replace the Louisville rainout and will face Florida Memorial Saturday.

Although the Irish have played just two games, Mainieri is excited about his team's play.

"It was a tremendous full team effort," he said. "We have a lot of season to go, but if we play like [last weekend] we're going to have our share of success."

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BASEBALL

Solid pitching sends Irish to 2-0 start

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

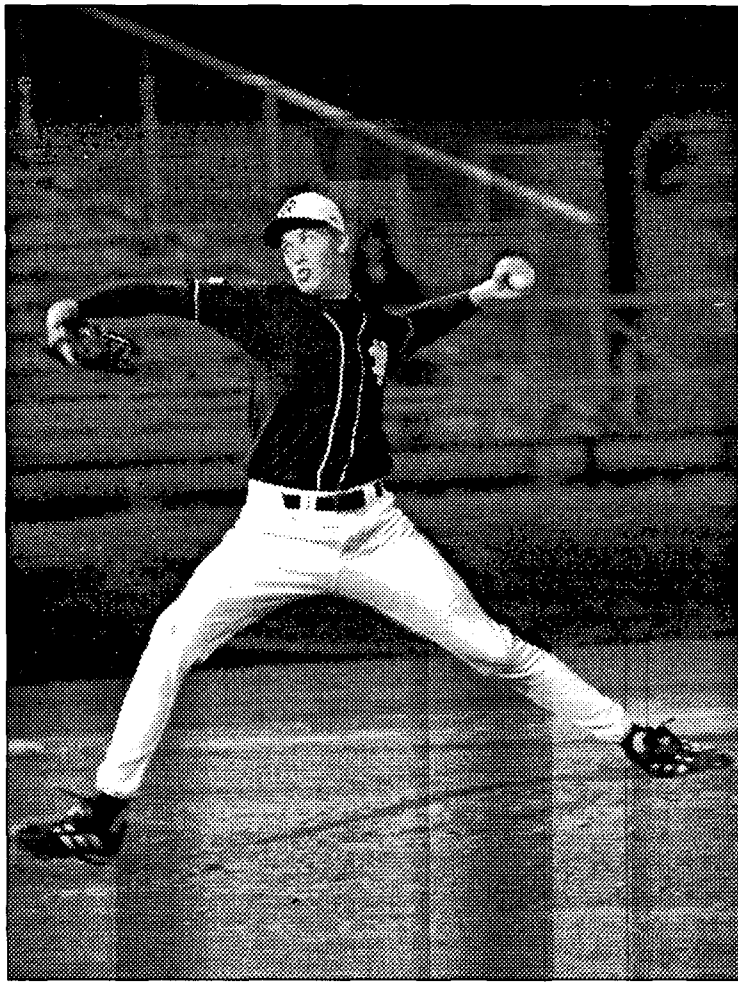
Somebody forgot to tell the baseball team they aren't supposed to play this well this early in the season.

The Irish hit, pitched and fielded well in two wins last weekend over San Diego State and USC. Notre Dame's third game against Louisville was rained out.

"If someone walked into the park and didn't know we were from the Midwest and it was our first day outside, they would have thought we had played 20 or 30 games already," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "We played that well. I couldn't imagine that we could have played any better than we did in our first days outside."

The Irish beat San Diego State 7-1 and then ousted USC in a rainy game, 3-1. Starting pitchers Chris Niesel and Tom Thornton and four relief pitchers posted a combined 0.56 ERA over the weekend. Niesel opened the weekend with a win over the Aztecs, going 5 2/3 innings, striking out nine and allowing one earned run.

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Tom Thornton pitches against Georgetown last season. Thornton allowed zero earned runs against USC Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

'Do or die' time

Irish face must-win against Providence

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Torrian Jones isn't given to broad, sweeping generalizations.

So when he describes how pivotal tonight's game against Providence is for Notre Dame's postseason aspirations by saying, "It's the biggest game of the season, bar none," fans should pay attention.

Jones and the rest of the Irish know the magnitude of tonight's game against Providence, who is tied for second in the Big East and boasts an RPI of 11. If the Irish win, Notre Dame adds a fourth quality win in five games to its NCAA Tournament resume. If the Irish lose, Notre Dame is in the position of having to advance deep into the Big East Tournament to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

"It's do or die right now, because that's our last opportunity to get a marquee win,"

Jones said. "It'll look real good on the resume and solidify us for the rest of the season."

Tonight's game also has several ramifications for how the Big East will shake out for the rest of the season. Notre Dame (13-10 overall, 7-6 in the Big East) is one of seven teams who have records between 7-5 and 6-7. An Irish win tonight and wins in its last two conference games against Georgetown and St. John's could give the team a chance at a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament.

"We definitely need this game," Chris Quinn said.

Notre Dame's recipe for beating the Friars is containing Ryan Gomes and preventing the rest of the team from doing too much damage. Since conference play started, Gomes has ranked third in the Big East in scoring (19.6) and rebounds (9.5).

But Irish coach Mike Brey said while the Irish know Gomes can score, the key to winning is stopping the rest of the Friars.

"We've done a good job where the guys who are going to get their [points] got theirs,

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FENCING

Winning streaks carry on as Irish end season

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams love to go streaking.

Saturday's dominating performance at the West vs. Central Dual Meet in West Lafayette, Ind. closed out a perfect 26-0 season for the No. 1 ranked women. The men finished the season 24-1, with a loss to top-ranked St. John's the only blemish on their schedule.

The six wins at the meet — against one varsity team and five club teams — extended the women's dual meet winning streak to 40 over the past two seasons. That streak ranks third-best all time in program history, behind only a 75-meet streak from 1993-96 and 42-meet streak from 1985-86.

The undefeated season also marks the first time the women's team has completed

the regular season without a loss since the 1994-95 season.

The No. 2 men's team had its own stretch of perfection this season. The men continued their run of 90 consecutive regular season victories into this season — a streak that dated back to 2000. St. John's ended that streak at the New York University Dual Meet in the only Irish loss of the season. An even more dominating performance at the West vs. Central Duals helped the Irish men finish the regular season strong.

Both squads controlled the competition Saturday. No team posted double-digit wins against the Irish, as Michigan and the University of Chicago were the only teams able to approach Notre Dame. The men dispatched both squads by 19-8 scores, while the women dominated with two, 21-6 victories. Michigan State (24-3 men,

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish earn one win in Palm Springs

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The weekend looked quite promising Friday afternoon, but after a little rain and a rude awakening, Notre Dame (5-3) left the Palm Springs Classic with just one win.

The Irish faced Utah, Pacific, No. 8 Stanford and the United States Olympic team in the tournament. Their last game against No. 12 Tennessee was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Notre Dame 4, Utah 3

Heather Booth pitched her second straight complete game, as the Irish jumped out to a 4-1 lead and never looked back.

"We were really aggressive at the beginning of the game, and that helped us jump on the board early," freshman Kenya Fuemmeler said. "It gave us insurance runs for later."

Every run was needed, as



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Mallorie Lenn tags a St. John's runner last season. The Irish struggled at Palm Springs going 1-2 over the weekend.

Utah hit a two-out, two-run home run in the top of the seventh to get within one. But

Booth got the next hitter to

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Freshman Wendy Jo Sytanoff places third in the all-around competition at the Indiana University Big Red Invitational.

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Irish end exhibition play with a disappointing 1-2 finish over the weekend.

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