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NDSP warns of increased theft during finals

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

With final exams rapidly approaching, Notre Dame students strive for an increase in their grade point average while Notre Dame Security Police aims for a decrease in campus crime.

In a memo posted on its website, NDSP warned students of heightened criminal activity prior to, during and after finals week. According to NDSP Assistant Director Phillip Johnson, instances of theft and robbery are more frequent at this time of year because criminals tend to capitalize on students' increased immersion in

their studies.

"We see more theft at the end of the semester because some criminals are opportunists," Johnson said. "They take advantage of how busy students are and how they can be distracted preparing for final exams, the holidays and travel home."

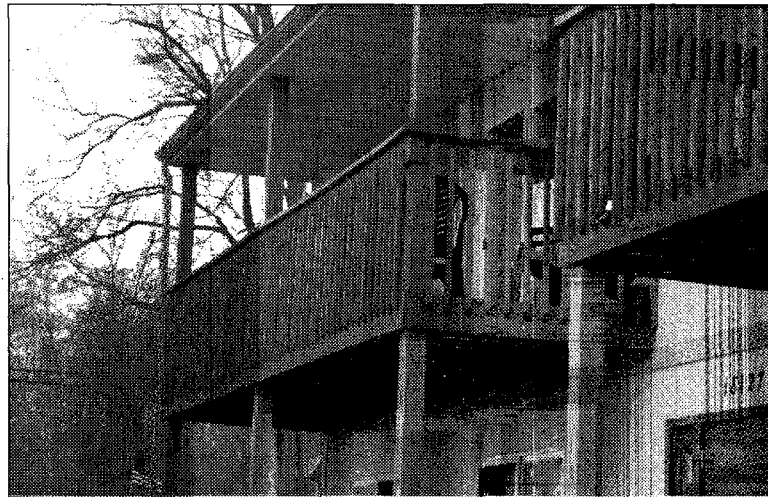
In addition, the memo cautioned students to be especially vigilant of their belongings in the library, study areas around campus and dining halls, as these have been prime locations for theft in past years.

Thefts occurring over winter break are often more serious than those before and throughout final exams. Last year, a number of College Park resi-

dents were shocked to find their apartments had been robbed over winter break. The string of break-ins left some students without their video game systems, laptop computers and DVDs.

In an effort to prevent similar robberies at off-campus housing complexes, NDSP has offered secured storage for those students who do not reside on the Notre Dame campus. According to NDSP, valuables will be placed in a storage room that will be both locked and alarmed for the entire duration of break. Off-campus students are also invited to thwart any potential robberies

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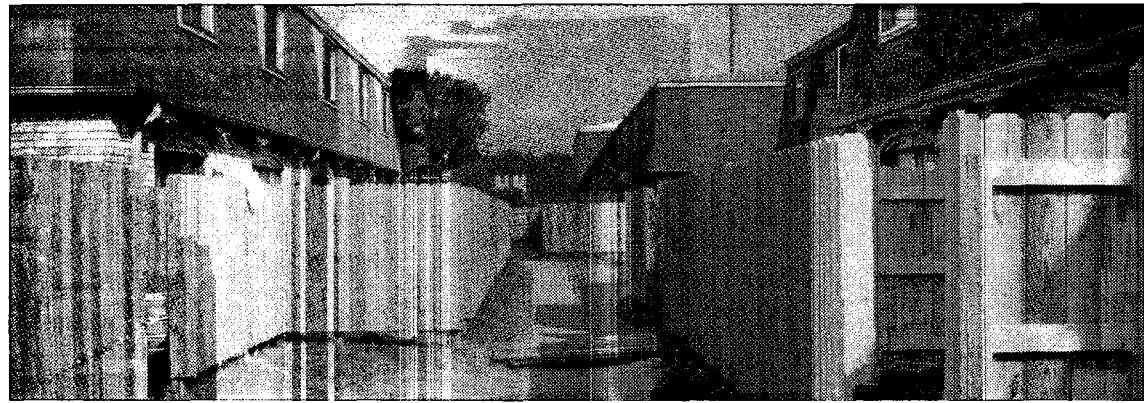


Observer File Photo

Several College Park apartments were ransacked last year over winter break.

Turtle Creek to get face-lift

New owners to invest in apartment upgrades



DUSTIN MANNELLA/The Observer

Turtle Creek Apartments, a popular off-campus housing option for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, will undergo renovations including landscaping, re-carpeting and re-fencing.

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

The Turtle Creek Apartments will be undergoing major changes after the Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO) purchased it for \$11.8 million.

AIMCO, the largest apartment management group in the country, took ownership of the property two weeks ago and has already made plans to improve the popular student housing complex.

"We are here to serve the Notre Dame community," Randy Fein, executive vice president of the University

Communities Division of AIMCO, said. "AIMCO really gets involved in the communities where it has apartments, so we want to get involved in the South Bend community as well."

The complex, located to the east of Notre Dame, was

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Saint Mary's study day trial continues

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

In an effort to help students relax and prepare for finals, Saint Mary's will continue to observe its study day by not holding classes Friday.

The first study day was implemented for the 2003 fall semester after many years of student government campaigning. Two years ago, the Academic Affairs committee approved a proposal to give students the Friday before finals off.

On the study day, professors are prohibited from holding a mandatory class session. There are reports of teachers holding review sessions on this day, but none have been confirmed as mandatory class sessions.

"Saint Mary's was in the minority in the fact that it did not have a study day, compared to other institutions of higher learning," Mary Pauline Moran, vice presi-

dent of the Board of Governance, said. "Considering the amount of work students have in the last two weeks of each semester, I think the study day offers a little relief for students."

The purpose of the day is to allow students time to prepare their notes, study or simply relax prior to the onslaught of final examinations. Concern over how productive students actually were on the study day originally led to questions over its continuation.

Students were invited to take a survey at the conclusion of the 2003-04 school year to indicate their feelings about the study day, and how they took advantage of their time out of class. Survey results are currently being evaluated by both the administration and the student government, and should be available soon.

"It is my belief that the study days will continue in the future," student body president Sarah

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Racism, sexism addressed in second SMC identity forum



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students discuss the image of Saint Mary's women at an identity forum Tuesday.

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance sponsored a second Identity Forum Tuesday evening in Regina Hall in hopes of determining what a Saint Mary's woman really is.

The forum turned out to be an intimate meeting of minds as 11 BOG members and students met to discuss such issues as racism, sexism and the definition of the Saint Mary's student.

Katie Kelly, BOG Women's Issues commissioner, organized the event.

"I think it was very successful at this point with the dynamics of the issues on campus," Kelly said.

"Having a targeted group and being able to speak candidly about the issues of the shirt and diversity, and how our student body understands these issues [is important to] how the student body can implement ideas in the future to be more proactive and implement change on campus."

The shirt, sold during Pride Week earlier in the semester, has spurred protest on campus. Kelly said the forums are meant to facilitate better student understanding "of what the protesters were trying to say and SAB's response."

"The SAB members did not intend [the shirt] to be racist or sexist or classist," she said. "At the same time people who are thinking more critically on the shirt and seeing how critically it would be a

negative representation [is a good thing]."

First-year student Alexandria Zakrzewski attended the forum in an effort to "find out about what the feelings are on the image of Saint Mary's."

"I hadn't gone to the first one, so coming to the second I was looking to find an image that could be used when I go out, go home or visit new places," she said. "People will say, 'What is Saint Mary's,' and I want to be able to answer."

Zakrzewski said she felt the forum was very successful, and hopes that it will help the student body work through problems such as sexism, racism and class issues.

"I think that it will help us find a

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INSIDE COLUMN

In the arms of Morpheus

It has become a pattern. By the end of the semester, as the dark days descend on us and the work piles up, I turn nocturnal. My most productive hours are between midnight and four in the morning.

Claire Kelley

Over the years, I have learned not to fight this inevitable shift in my sleeping schedule because by recognizing and yielding to my insomnia at night, I get the most work accomplished. And there are other benefits — I am allowed a daytime nap, and I have fantastic dreams.

Photo Editor

Because my sleep cycles are interwoven into my longer periods of consciousness I often remember my dreams. And these dreams have become increasingly realistic. I find myself questioning whether an event really happened or if I imagined it. I am slipping slowly into a dual existence — the one that I create, and the one I must interpret.

Embarking on this existential way of life has sharpened my perception of reality. I pay more attention to little things — the flower sitting next to my keyboard at the LaFortune computer cluster, the declaration of love inscribed in a library carrel on the eighth floor, and the person who returns my lost ID — because these are the subjects of the fragments of memory that will resurface later in a dream.

My mind has a life of its own even after my eyes shut and I am temporarily disengaged from the physical world.

Yet lucid dreams, or dreams in which you know you are dreaming, can allow you to play out any stressful scenario to a successful conclusion — like taking an exam, running a race or confronting a problem — thereby positively influencing your waking life. And, if I think of a scenario from my day as I fall asleep, I can sometimes set the content of my dream.

I love being awake late at night at Notre Dame. A calm stillness comes over the campus, and I feel an eerie sense of camaraderie with those who are still awake.

Lately I have found myself at the library around 1:30 a.m. on the fourth floor doing research for an English paper. On multiple occasions I have heard muffled classical music coming from the office to the right of the elevator.

I peer into the small window in the door, and in the reddish soft light at the end of a room surrounded with bookshelves, I see an older man reading a newspaper and tapping his foot to the rhythm. I am tempted to talk to him.

Maybe I will in my dreams.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS ... ?



Alan Rodriguez
sophomore
Keough

"A new roommate."



Lauren Armstrong
sophomore
Farley

"You!"



Charlie Horn
freshman
Dillon

"A good football coach."



Regina Muscarello
sophomore
Badin

"A trip to Ohio."



Diana Valenzuela
sophomore
McGlenn

"Chris Scaperlanda or to be Korean."



Steve Fabian
sophomore
Stanford

"An error-free Question of the Day."



ERIC SALES/The Observer

First-year members of the Irish men's soccer team go through their initiation process in front of Professor Dashti-Gibson's First Year Composition class Tuesday. The players had to dress up as women and stop whatever they were doing to dance whenever an upperclassman team member played music.

OFFBEAT

Woman auctions father's ghost on eBay to ease son's fears

HOBART, Ind. — A woman's effort to assuage her 6-year-old son's fears of his grandfather's ghost by selling it on eBay has drawn more than 34 bids with a top offer of \$78.

Mary Anderson said she placed her father's "ghost" on the online auction site after her son, Collin, said he was afraid the ghost would return someday. Anderson said Collin has avoided going anywhere in the house alone since his grandfather died last year.

In a description titled

"This isn't a joke," Anderson told Collin's story on eBay:

"I always thought it was just normal kid fears until a few months ago he told me why he was so scared. He told me 'Grandpa died here, and he was mean. His ghost is still around here!'"

Upperclass Oxford hoolligans trash pub, destroy crockery

LONDON — The owner of the 15th-century White Hart pub in sleepy Fyfield, near Oxford in southern England, was not amused this week when 14 well-

dressed young men showed up, ate salmon and steak, and started to brawl.

"It was very peculiar. They were not rude or violent to my staff," said Ian Rogers, who called police when fighting broke out Wednesday evening.

As it turns out, for decades, members of Oxford University's Bullingdon Club have had a tradition — they dress up in smart suits and ties, dine in a quiet pub or restaurant, then trash the place.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Unchained Melodies will present their winter concert tonight from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Morrissey Manor chapel. A \$1 donation is requested to benefit the Center for the Homeless.

The Center for Social Concerns will host a fundraising dinner to benefit the women and children of Cambodia tonight from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse student lounge.

The Notre Dame Collegium Musicum will present a Christmas concert tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Christmas concert: Empire Brass will perform its Christmas concert Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be obtained through the DeBartolo ticket office.

The Notre Dame hockey team will take on Michigan State Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Washington Friday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play DePaul Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

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Student team wins \$12,000 prize

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team wasn't the only group from the University to win a major championship over the weekend in North Carolina.

A team of five MBA students from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business won the \$12,000 first-place prize Saturday in the Fuqua Product Strategy Case Competition at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Organized by Duke's Fuqua School of Business, the competition is the first and largest busi-

ness school case challenge focusing on product strategy.

Second-year MBAs Jordan Carlson, Maria Diaz, Jim Ham, David Paredes and Kevin Wolf defeated teams from second-place Emory University, Cornell and Harvard Universities, and a second team from Notre Dame, composed of first-year students Jenny Bailey, David Chow, Sharon Moore and Christine Yoon.

The final case study challenged the participants to help the Lawn & Garden Care Group of John Deere & Company grow

at or above industry benchmarks. The teams received the case Friday morning and had 24 hours to formulate a strategy and present their recommendations to a panel of judges who are managers with John Deere.

A third team from Notre Dame participated in the preliminary round of the Fuqua competition, along with students from Dartmouth College, Columbia, New York and Northwestern Universities, the Universities of Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania and UCLA.

Professor wins Grawemeyer award

Special to the Observer

George M. Marsden, the Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at Notre Dame, is the 2005 recipient of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his biography of early American theologian Jonathan Edwards.

Given jointly by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville, the annual award includes a cash prize of \$200,000.

Titled "Jonathan Edwards: A Life," Marsden's biography "portrays Edwards as exemplifying the tension between the Puritan evangelical heritage and the secular world and mindset then emerging out of the Enlightenment," said award coordinator Susan R. Garrett, professor of New Testament at Louisville

Presbyterian Theological Seminary. "This central cultural tension of Edwards' era surfaces today as the ongoing struggle between evangelicalism and intellectual inquiry in American Christianity and in the American political process."

An expert on the history of Christianity in America, Marsden holds bachelor's degrees from Haverford College and Westminster Theological Seminary, and master's and doctoral degrees in American studies from Yale University. He taught at Calvin College and Duke University before coming to Notre Dame in 1992. He has written or edited more than a dozen books on the history and present state of fundamentalism in America and the culture of American university education.

Marsden has received fel-

lowships and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Pew Freedom Trust and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

In addition to the Grawemeyer Award, Marsden's "Jonathan Edwards: A Life," published by Yale University Press, won a Bancroft Prize from Columbia University, the Merle Curti Award from the Organization of American Historians, and the Annibel Jenkins Prize from the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. It also was named one of 10 "Books of the Year" for 2003 by Atlantic Monthly, one of eight "Best Religious Books of 2003" by Publishers Weekly, and one of 12 "Notable Religious Books of 2003" by Richard Ostling of the Associated Press.

Psychology professor publishes autism book

Special to the Observer

A new book, titled "The Development of Autism: A Self-Regulatory Perspective," by Thomas L. Whitman, a professor of psychology at Notre Dame, provides a unique perspective on the nature of autism and how it develops over time.

Intended to serve as a college textbook and as a guide for parents, teachers, and therapists and other professionals, Whitman's book examines the key symptoms used in defining autism and other characteristics that are important for understanding the development of the disorder. Major psychological, social and biological theories of autism are reviewed and a new theory of autism is proposed that explains how people with autism develop a unique self-regulatory system that results in withdrawal from their social environment. The book also summarizes educational and biomedical interventions that have been utilized to treat the disorder. Finally, the impact of autism on families is examined and recommendations are made to parents and professionals regarding how families and children with autism can best be served.

The book emphasizes even though autism cannot

presently be cured, implementation of early intensive intervention programs can prevent many of the developmental delays associated with the disorder and help people with autism lead more typical lives. Currently, Whitman and his students, in conjunction with the new Regional Autism Center at Logan in South Bend, are helping families of children with autism to implement this type of program.

Whitman, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1967, focuses his research in the areas of early child development and intervention. He has a special interest in studying the factors associated with resilient development in at-risk children. He has been involved in several longitudinal studies evaluating the effects of medical and family environments on the socio-emotional and cognitive development of children.

Whitman teaches courses in developmental psychology, autism, developmental disabilities, behavior therapy, applied behavior analysis, psychology and medicine, and human resiliency.

"The Development of Autism" is published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers and is available at, or can be ordered through, Barnes & Noble and Borders.

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originally put on the market in mid-September by Los Angeles-based real estate firm CB Richard Ellis for \$12.25 million.

Plans to improve the 192 units and much of the surrounding property are already underway.

"We are going to spend \$500,000 to replace the kitchens to new modern-day kitchens. We're yanking out the old kitchens and putting in new appliances," Fein said.

That budget will also go toward re-carpeting, re-fencing, landscaping, installing a hard-wired smoke-alarm system and other general safety and lifestyle improvements that are needed at Turtle Creek, Fein said.

"[Turtle Creek is] dated. Everybody loves that location, but it's dated," Fein said.

AIMCO was attracted to the property because of its "closest to campus" location.

Fein said. The average size of a Turtle Creek apartment is 865 square feet, and the complex includes a swimming pool, sand volleyball court, picnic areas, grills and a 24-hour laundry center, among other amenities, making it a desirable place for students to live.

Aware that off-campus housing units are often the sites of student parties, Fein said that AIMCO is accustomed to dealing with col-

lege students, as they own 15 university communities in seven states. He added while his management team can do nothing about drinking in apartment units, underage drinking in common areas will not be tolerated.

"We operate nationwide student complexes, and we pretty much understand the student renter. We respect student rights, but we also enforce rules and regulations that are common," Fein said. "Our intention is to uphold the general traditions associated with Turtle Creek, however, at the same time, we will enforce the law."

Students were given notice before AIMCO brought in their management team to Turtle Creek. This group includes new property manager Delphina Smith, who previously managed a property in West Lafayette, near Purdue University.

At this time, lease rates for Turtle Creek have not increased. Any changes will be determined in the future.

"We have been renting very strongly for both the spring and for next year. I think people are excited about the improvements," Fein said.

AIMCO expressed enthusiasm about their new acquisition.

"Student groups that want to use facilities or work with us in terms of leasing — we are wide open to work with anybody," Fein said.

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Catherine White said.

Although many Saint Mary's students are grateful for their study day, some would like to see a second study day added onto the academic schedule.

"I think that a second study day would be nice," first-year student Christine Haunert said. "I have a goal to get a lot of things done on Friday, but in reality I will probably just end up sleeping in and then going to the basketball game. If we had two days, I know I

would get something done on the second day."

Although the goal of the day is to provide students an extra opportunity to prepare for exams and rest, many students will use it as an opportunity to go out and partake in social activities.

First-year student Alexandra Hathaway has decided to head to Chicago on Thursday night to see her sister and get some Christmas shopping done before returning to campus on Saturday.

"I wanted to take a little break from this hectic week, clear my head and then come back ready to focus for the rest of the weekend," Hathaway said.

Other students like sophomore Sheila McLaughlin plan to balance work and fun on their study day.

"I think that the study day that we are given is a great idea," McLaughlin said. "I'll most likely sleep in and then hit the books — I have three exams to prepare for. I plan on hanging out with my friends too, especially the ones leaving next semester."

The study day is planned for the Friday before finals week next semester as well, and is expected to continue in the future, pending the results of the student survey.

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Theft

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by requesting a Home Watch from local authorities.

Despite the small number of robberies reported in dorms over break, NDSP asked all on-campus students to also remain prudent and use common sense to protect their belongings.

"Break-ins on campus are infrequent," Johnson said. "But most often, burglary in a residence hall happens when someone enters an unlocked room."

For those students opting to leave their cars at Notre Dame while they travel home for the holidays, NDSP will lock and give "special attention" to the D2 parking lot. NDSP cannot guarantee no car break-ins will occur, however; so valuables

should be removed from the vehicle beforehand, said Johnson.

According to Johnson, the simplest and best way to avoid stolen valuables is to avoid leaving them on campus over break.

"If it's something you can't live without, take it with you," Johnson said.

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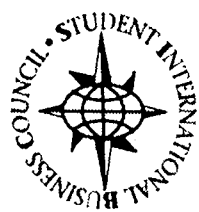
more structured way of working through problems and issues on campus," she said.

Kelly agreed the dialogue was a success, and said several suggestions for student government actions to eliminate such prob-

lems will be taken into consideration. Two responses likely to be implemented were a newsletter written in conjunction by the core group members and concerned students and diversity training. Kelly also said it has not yet been discussed whether this training will be campus-wide, for all student leaders or just for student government. Both suggestions will be discussed further at upcoming BOG meetings.

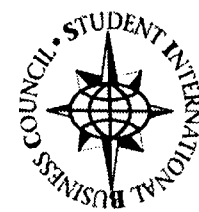
"My goal as the Women's Issues commissioner is to help facilitate these discussions because the issues of diversity have faced our campus for a long time, and I feel that the shirt aided in bringing the discussion to light," Kelly said. "We need to look at the next semester and see how we're going to move forward."

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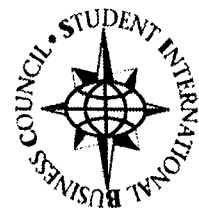
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ghanaians exercise voting rights

ACCRA, Ghana — Urged to wield the "power of the thumb," Ghana's people exercised it in force Tuesday pressing ink-moistened thumbs to ballots in an presidential election marking the growing steadiness of some older democracies in sub-Saharan Africa.

Voters were deciding the re-election bid of economic reformer President John Kufuor, waiting for hours in lines that built long before dawn in the Atlantic coast capital.

Ghanaians hope the "power of the thumb," a phrase plastered on posters across the West African nation, would prolong more than a decade of peace in a country where coups once were commonplace and democracy was dismissed by the butt of a gun.

Afghan leader sworn in

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai took the helm Tuesday of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging opium trade and a persistent Taliban insurgency, pledging to bring stability and prosperity to Afghanistan even as rebels staged attacks near the Pakistani border.

With the speeches over and foreign dignitaries departing his solemn swearing-in ceremony, the affable Karzai begins a challenging five-year term under pressure to heal ethnic divisions and repair the war-ravaged nation's decrepit infrastructure.

Wearing his trademark green robe and lambskin hat and with his right hand on a copy of Islam's holy book, the Quran, Karzai appeared jittery as he repeated an oath of allegiance read to him by the white-bearded chief justice, Fazl Hadi Shinwari.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldier court-martialed

BERLIN — A U.S. tank company commander accused of killing a critically injured Iraqi driver for radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr will be court-martialed, an Army spokesman said Tuesday.

Capt. Rogelio Maynulet, 29, of Chicago, will be tried on charges of assault with intent to commit murder and dereliction of duty, which carry a maximum combined sentence of 20 1/2 years, said Maj. Michael Indovina.

During Maynulet's Article 32 hearing the equivalent of a civilian grand jury investigation witnesses testified that the driver had been shot in the head when Maynulet saw him. A fellow officer said Maynulet told him he then shot the man out of compassion.

New York eases drug laws

ALBANY, N.Y. — State lawmakers voted Tuesday to scale back some mandatory prison terms under New York's infamously harsh drug laws, which critics said caused low-level offenders and addicts to spend too much time in state prison.

Among the reforms would be to change the current maximum sentence of 15 to 25 years to life to a sentence of eight years to 20 years, making offenders eligible for release in less than seven years.

The proposal would also eliminate the maximum term of life for the most serious offenses. A common sentence of three years to life for many offenders would become a determinate sentence of three years, making offenders eligible for release in just over 2 1/2 years.

LOCAL NEWS

Man killed by wildebeest

NORTH LIBERTY — A wildebeest that was part of a man's menagerie of exotic animals trampled him to death on his northern Indiana farm, police said.

It was unclear what caused the roughly 500-pound wildebeest, an African antelope also known as a gnu, to attack Klaus "Dick" Radandt, 64, in the barnyard behind his home Sunday in North Liberty, about 10 miles southwest of South Bend.

Kofi Annan plans to 'carry on'

Secretary-General rejects calls to resign from top post at United Nations

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan rejected calls for his resignation from several U.S. lawmakers, saying Tuesday he will "carry on" at the helm of the United Nations for the next two years.

Five Republican members of the House of Representatives on Monday backed a GOP senator's call for Annan to resign amid allegations of corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program. But outside the United States, there is no clamor for the secretary-general to step down, and he has picked up support from many of the 191 U.N. member states.

Annan said he plans to concentrate on reform of the United Nations in the last two years of his term, a process that began last week with the release of a report by a high-level panel that analyzed global threats in the 21st century and made 101 recommendations on how to tackle them.

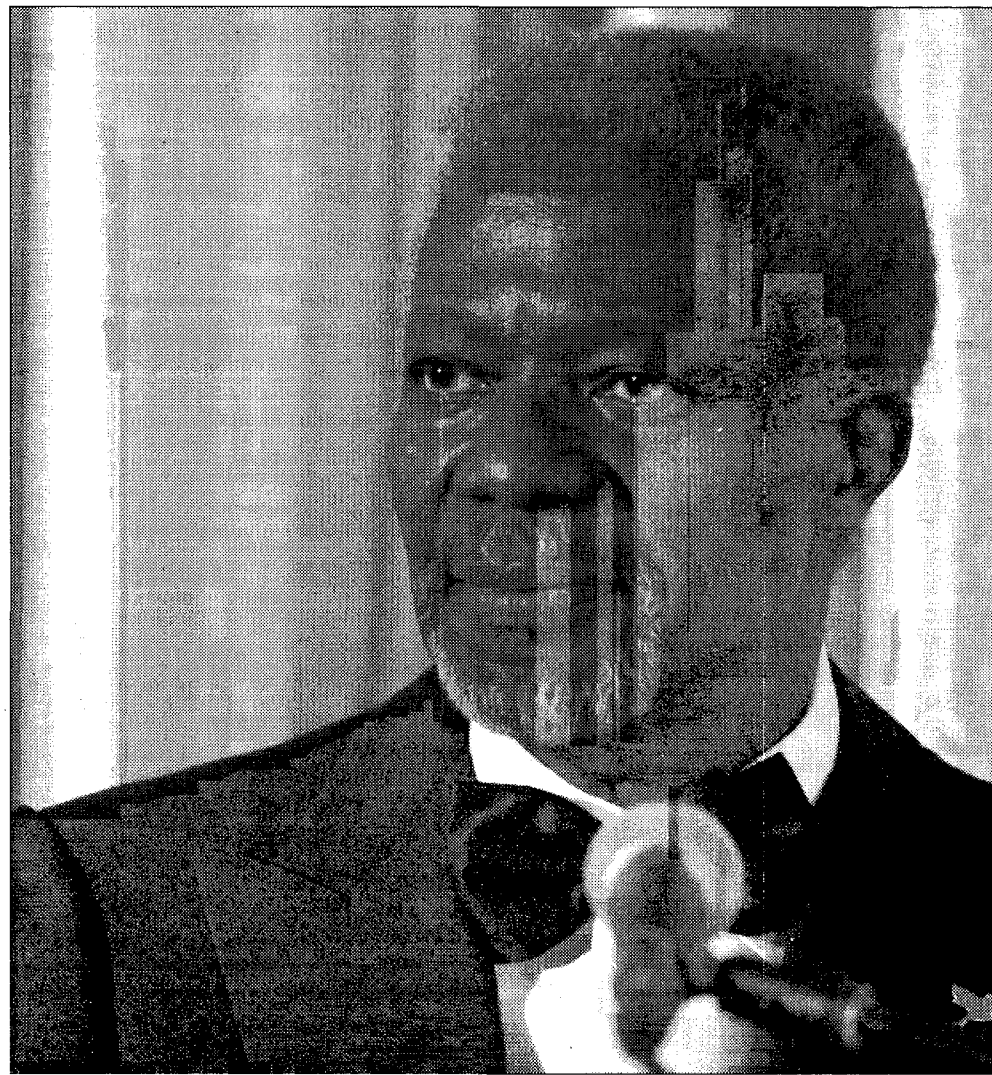
"I have quite a lot of work to do and I'm carrying on with my work," Annan said when asked when he would respond to those calling for his resignation. "We have a major agenda next year, and the year ahead, trying to reform this organization. So we'll carry on."

Was he definitely saying no, he would not resign?

"I think you heard my answer," Annan replied.

Although President Bush refused to back Annan last week, his closest international ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, gave the secretary-general a strong endorsement Monday, saying he is doing "a fine job ... often in very difficult circumstances."

The French and Spanish leaders telephoned their support Tuesday. Arab nations sent a letter of support, joining the 54 African nations and the 25-member



United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan speaks at the United Nations Correspondents Association's annual awards dinner on Friday.

European Union in backing the secretary-general.

And after Annan's monthly luncheon Tuesday with the 15 ambassadors on the powerful U.N. Security Council, Germany's U.N. Ambassador Gunter Pleuger said: "Nobody in the room called for Kofi Annan's resignation. On the contrary, we all expressed our confidence in the secretary-general."

U.S. Ambassador John Danforth, standing nearby, was asked whether he had joined in the expression of confidence. Like Bush, he had previously sidestepped any endorsement of Annan.

"I have great confidence in the secretary-general," Danforth replied. "I think

that the issue, though, related to oil-for-food, is to have the investigation go on in a thorough and objective fashion. That's the key. And you can't make up your mind before the facts are in. You just have to let the facts speak for themselves."

Algeria's U.N. Ambassador Abdallah Baali, the current council president, said Annan told members that an initial report in January by former U.S. Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker, who is heading an independent inquiry into the program, will be made public as will a follow-up report in May.

Several U.S. newspapers and columnists have called for Annan to be replaced

because of the oil-for-food allegations, but it was Sen. Norm Coleman's demand for Annan's resignation that made headlines last week. The Minnesota Republican, who is leading one of five congressional investigations into the accusations, said Annan presided over the "greatest fraud and theft" in the history of the United Nations.

Two weeks ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which Coleman chairs, said it had uncovered evidence that Saddam Hussein's government raised more than \$21.3 billion in illegal revenue by subverting U.N. sanctions and the oil-for-food program.

Pentagon addresses sexual assault

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Air Force Academy commanders over the past 10 years failed to recognize and deal with the seriousness of sexual assaults against female cadets, according to the Pentagon's inspector general.

In a memo to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that was released Tuesday, Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz wrote, "We conclude that the overall root cause of the sexual assault problems at the Air Force Academy was the 'failure of successive chains of command over the past 10 years to acknowledge the severity

of the problem."

He quoted his own report on the academy in the Dec. 3 memo. The Pentagon did not release his full report.

In response to this and other sexual assault issues in the armed forces, David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the Pentagon would soon implement a new military-wide policy protecting the confidentiality of people who report being sexually assaulted.

"First and foremost, we want victims to come forward for help," something that hasn't happened enough in the past, Chu said.

The scandal at the Air Force

Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colo., began to emerge in January 2003. It led to the sacking of the academy's leadership and wholesale reviews of military policy on sexual assault.

Last year, nearly 150 women came forward with accusations that they had been sexually assaulted by fellow cadets between 1993 and 2003. Many alleged they were punished, ignored or ostracized by commanders for speaking out.

A summary of Schmitz's report blamed but didn't name eight Air Force officials for their roles in policies that oversaw sexual-assault reporting at the academy. They are dealt with in Schmitz's full report.

Pearl Harbor honors attacks 53 years later

Veterans recount memories of infamous day

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Tears ran down the wrinkled cheeks of 81-year-old Wayne Pease on Tuesday as he recalled the destruction he witnessed on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I had a bird's-eye view to watch five battleships go down," said Pease, who was an 18-year-old seaman aboard the USS Sicard destroyer when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pease, of Fort Myers, Fla., was among the dwindling number of survivors who returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor fallen comrades on the 63rd anniversary of the assault.

"On December the 6th, I was a boy," Pease said. "On December the 7th, I became a man, suddenly. I grew up in one day. I grew up in two hours you might say."

Ceremonies were held on shore and on the gleaming white monument straddling the submerged USS Arizona.

The anniversary took on added meaning with U.S. troops still fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, saluted the nation's resilience, then and now.

"It was a day when weaker souls would have surrendered," Inouye said of the attack that thrust the United States into World War II. "It was a day that gave real meaning to our name, the United States of America."

He added: "Today, the obstructions and challenges are many — the ugly voices of hatred and the unconscionable actions of terrorism around us intending to make us afraid."

Inouye, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, spoke to more than 1,000 people at the USS Arizona Memorial visitor center.

Just 17 and living in Honolulu at the time, he later lost his right arm serving in Europe as a member of the Army's distinguished 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans.

A moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. marked the time bombs began to fall over the harbor. Hawaii Air National Guard jets roared overhead in a missing-man formation.

The somber ceremony, under overcast skies with an ocean breeze, concluded with a 21-gun salute and a Navy bugler playing "Taps."

About two dozen Pearl Harbor survivors attended the ceremony, a number that declines every year. They were given a standing ovation and later signed autographs and posed for pictures.

"It's really neat to see them out here and see people that were in the war and experienced the whole thing," said Dave Casados, of Red Bluff, Calif. "It's a privilege to see them."

Other ceremonies were held around the country. In Little Rock, Ark., retired U.S. Air Corps Col. David Moffat recalled standing guard at an airfield when the attack began. "There was a state of confusion. Our weapons were locked up," he said. "One officer ran to his plane in pajamas."

Zenji Abe, 88, a Japanese dive-bomber pilot who participated in the attack, also paid tribute in Hawaii to the American lives that were lost. He met Pearl Harbor survivor Richard Fiske during the 50th anniversary ceremonies in

1991 and the two became friends.

The two men made a pact — Abe would send Fiske money each year to lay two roses at the memorial each month, one for him and one for Fiske. Fiske promised to continue the tribute for as long as he lived. He died April 2.

Wearing white gloves and a dark suit, Abe laid down the roses and bowed to the marble wall listing the names of those killed aboard the Arizona and prayed.

The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu lasted two hours. Twenty-one ships were heavily damaged, and 320 aircraft were damaged or destroyed. In all, 2,390 people were killed and 1,178 wounded, according to the National Park Service, which maintains the Arizona memorial site.

Pease said he is finally free of resentment toward the Japanese.

"It's hard to get over it," he said.

Fire safety measures saved lives

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Lessons learned in a deadly 2003 high-rise fire may have saved lives this week when a fire broke out on the 29th floor of a downtown skyscraper, fire officials said Tuesday.

Six people died in the fire last year at a county government building, prompting authorities to overhaul many rescue techniques. Their reforms were put to the test Monday as flames began shooting from windows at LaSalle Bank's corporate headquarters.

As workers huddled inside, hundreds of firefighters went to work against the fire, but a much smaller team of rescuers rushed into the building with just one job: finding workers trapped by smoke and flames.

The fire burned for 5 1/2 hours Monday night, and more than 30 people were injured — most of them firefighters — but none died.

Authorities credited the new

rescue tactics for saving lives, but said they were also fortunate that stairwell doors in the 43-story building stayed unlocked and that many workers listened to firefighters' directions and remained in place.

"The lights were out and it was pitch black, and the smoke was so thick you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. But at every landing there was a fireman keeping us moving," said Jim Rubens, an attorney who was rescued after about 40 minutes of sitting on the floor, the only place workers could find air to breathe.

The fire department on Tuesday continued to search for clues about the cause of the fire that started on the 29th floor and spread to the 30th.

Workers reported some confusion, complaining they sometimes could not get through to fire officials on the telephone and could not always make out instructions being broadcast in hallways.

Many remained behind doors they dared not open for fear of letting in more smoke.

But it was clear firefighters had learned from the October 2003 fire at the Cook County Administration Building, where victims' bodies were found in a stairwell 90 minutes after firefighters arrived.

This time, members of a "rapid ascent team" arrived knowing beforehand their only mission would be to search for trapped occupants.

"They start going up and down stairwells and floor by floor, searching from top to bottom," said department spokesman Larry Langford.

Of the 450 fire department personnel on the scene, as many as 75 did nothing but search for people inside, Fire Commissioner Cortez Trotter said.

The search led to dozens of workers who, with stairwells and hallways filling with smoke, could only close office doors, stuff jackets and rags along the floor to keep out smoke, and call 911.



Irish BE THERE Weekend



Hockey vs. Michigan State

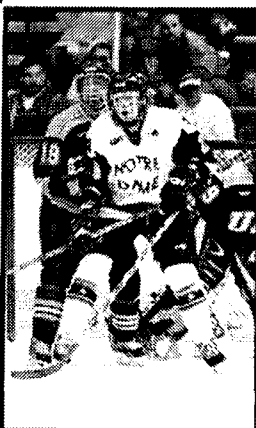
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"Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"

This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. **Catechumens** seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; **Candidates** are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

Catechumens and their Godparents:

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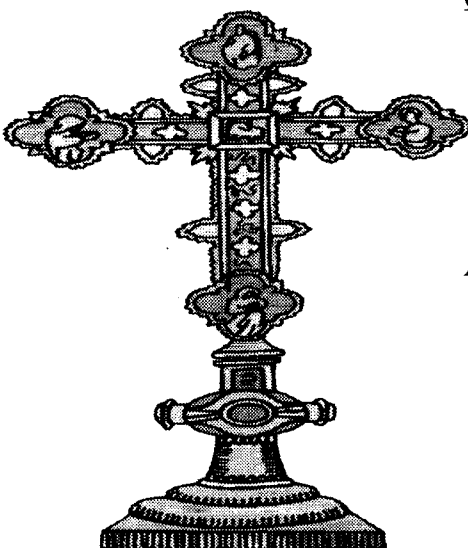
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AMEX	1,389.61	-18.93
NASDAQ	2,114.65	-30.26
NYSE	7,014.72	-67.86
S&P 500	1,177.07	-13.18
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,873.63	108.33
FTSE 100(London)	4,728.70	+5.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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Treasuries			
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5-YEAR NOTE	+0.06	+0.02	35.57
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YEN			102.9
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IN BRIEF

Yukos faces another tax bill

MOSCOW — The main subsidiary of Russian oil giant Yukos has been hit with a new \$1.2 billion tax bill for 2003, a news agency reported Tuesday, raising the unit's total tax arrears to more than \$5 billion.

Interfax, citing an unidentified source in the Tax Ministry, reported that the bill had been levied Friday against Yuganskneftegaz, which pumps more than 60 percent of Yukos' oil.

A spokesman for Russia's biggest oil producer could not immediately confirm the report.

Before this new bill, Yukos and its subsidiaries faced a total tax bill of \$24.5 billion for 2000-03. Of that amount Yuganskneftegaz already faced total claims of some \$4 billion, according to Yukos officials.

Yuganskneftegaz has become the focal point of the Russian government's crackdown on Yukos and its owners, led by jailed former CEO Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Johnson & Johnson plans merger

INDIANAPOLIS — Health care giant Johnson & Johnson is reportedly in advanced negotiations to acquire medical device maker Guidant Corp. for more than \$24 billion. Guidant shares rose more than 5 percent by midday.

The New York Times in Tuesday's editions quoted unidentified executives close to the talks as saying the two companies were trying to conclude a merger within a week, but that discussions were delicate and a deal could still fall apart.

There has been speculation for months that the two were discussing a merger. Company spokesmen declined on Tuesday to comment on the report.

"I think it's fair to say the two parties have been at the table two or three times this year," said stock analyst Dhulsini De Zoysa of SG Cowen & Co.

Indianapolis-based Guidant struck a deal in February to help Market and produce the Cypher drug-eluting stent made by J&J subsidiary Cordis Corp. The companies also agreed at that time to drop patent challenges each filed against the other.

J&J's products also include Band-Aids, Tylenol pain reliever and the anemia treatment Procrit.

Colgate plans to cut 4,400 jobs

Consumer products giant Colgate-Palmolive aims for employment reductions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colgate-Palmolive Co., the consumer products giant behind brands like Ajax detergent and Irish Spring soap, plans to cut its worldwide work force by about 12 percent, or about 4,400 jobs, and close one-third of its factories as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting its sales and profits. Its stock climbed nearly 8 percent.

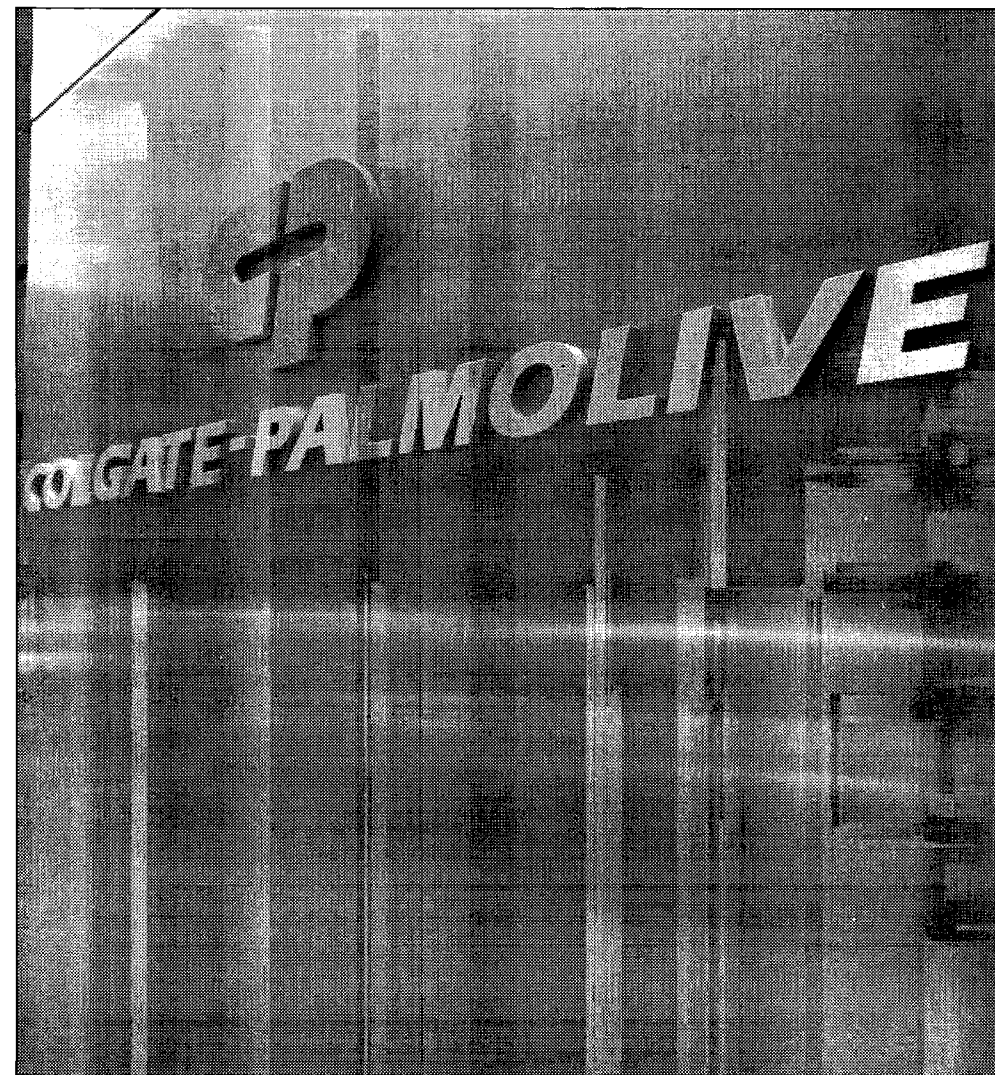
The moves announced Tuesday come as the consumer products industry has been grappling with higher costs in raw materials, gas and packaging, all of which have put more pressure on profits.

Colgate-Palmolive also faces increasing competition from larger rival Procter & Gamble Co. which has taken big bites of the market with an increased focus on skin-care and beauty products as well as pet care products.

In September, Colgate-Palmolive issued a rare warning that its profits would fall short of expectations as it faces tougher competition and increased expenses as it headed into the last quarter of the year.

New York-based Colgate said Tuesday it would reduce its global work force from its current level of 37,000 and close a third of its 78 factories worldwide during the course of the four-year restructuring effort. The savings from those closures would be invested in sales and marketing initiatives.

During a conference call with investors, chairman and CEO Reuben Mark said that the job cuts would come mostly from manufacturing, and said that factories — both general plants and special purpose plants — are being closed worldwide. He added that notifica-



Consumer products giant Colgate-Palmolive Co. announced job cuts on Tuesday as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting sales and profits.

tions were being issued Tuesday, but didn't identify the facilities.

The news sent Colgate's stock up \$3.64 to \$49.93 in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Burt Flickinger III, managing partner at Strategic Resource Group, a New York-based industry consulting group, said the new plan is a "strong initiative but it is too little, too late."

"Colgate has been milking its worldwide brands for far too long, for both its sales and marketing," he added. "As Colgate's brands have been under-marketed, it is much easier for retailers' private label and other rival brands to undercut

Colgate."

Colgate said Tuesday that the plan would result in charges against earnings of between \$550 million and \$650 million after taxes over the four years, but would generate savings in the range of \$250 million to \$300 million annually by the fourth year of the program.

In 2005, the charges are expected to amount to \$200 million while the savings should amount to \$45 million.

Colgate hopes to improve its financial performance by reducing the number of manufacturing centers with which it does business and managing globally all purchasing from office supplies to

media outlets for advertising.

It plans to accelerate marketing innovations and new products especially in markets that it feels have high potential such as Eastern Europe, Russia, China and parts of Latin America and Asia.

In the conference call, Mark noted that the restructuring focuses on the "de-emphasis on the production end of the business, and an added emphasis on-the-ground distribution, sales and promotion efforts."

Mark added that the plan involves a "substitution of people who meet today's needs better unfortunately than other people."

Auto manufacturers sue California

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Automobile manufacturers sued Tuesday to block California regulators from adopting the world's toughest vehicle-emissions standards, arguing in a lawsuit that the standards are the federal government's responsibility.

"Federal law is designed to ensure a consistent fuel economy program across the country," Fred Webber, president and chief executive of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said in announcing the lawsuit, which had been expected since the regulations were adopted in September to reduce greenhouse gases.

The complaint was filed in federal court in Fresno, where previous simi-

lar challenges have been filed against the state's clean-air efforts, the most stringent in the nation.

State air regulators did not immediately respond to telephone messages seeking comment.

The regulations are scheduled to be phased in beginning in 2009. The California Air Resources Board estimates they would cut exhaust emissions in cars and light trucks by 25 percent and in larger trucks and SUVs by 18 percent.

They would require automakers to use better air conditioners, more efficient transmissions and smaller engines.

The lawsuit contends that only the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has the authority to set

fuel economy standards.

State regulators sidestepped the issue by regulating carbon dioxide emissions, not fuel economy. But the alliance argues that "carbon dioxide and fuel economy are synonymous," noting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency uses carbon dioxide emissions to gauge the vehicles' fuel efficiency.

The alliance said complying with the California standards would increase the cost of a new vehicle by an average of \$3,000. It also said the regulations would reduce consumer choices because manufacturers would likely dump vehicles with higher emissions, such as full-size pickups with large engines. Air regulators estimated the cost at about \$1,000 per vehicle.

EGYPT

Preliminary Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement reached

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt reported Tuesday reaching an understanding with Israel, the Palestinians, the United States and Europe for a comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that would include a truce and a peace conference in the American capital next summer.

The report by Egypt's state-run news agency, MENA, came amid increased optimism over the peace process after the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last month and the prospect of Palestinian elections in January.

Egypt, the first Arab country to make peace with Israel, has taken an active role in mediating between the two sides, and there have been signs of increasingly warm ties between Israel and Egypt.

MENA said Egypt's plan, which was discussed with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and other officials, included the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Gaza and a plan for Egyptian border troops to be responsible for security of the Egyptian-Palestinian border and the Palestinian side of the border with Israel.

MENA said a dialogue among Palestinian factions on a cease-fire agreement would begin in March in Cairo. The report said Egypt would seek an international peace conference in Washington next July to discuss

the plans, and predicted continued improvement in Israeli-Egyptian relations.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, welcomed a possible truce.

"If the Palestinians come up with a truce, that is to say they

cease and desist from acts of terror, then we shall refrain from acting against them, except in the case of persons posing an immediate danger," he said.

Palestinian officials were not immediately available for comment. Egyptian officials had no

comment, but reports on MENA usually reflect government opinion and news.

Asked about the MENA statement, State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters in Washington, "I've seen the reports but I don't have anything to corroborate

them."

Just as Egypt was talking of a new truce, however, Hamas militants broke three weeks of relative calm in Gaza, setting off a bomb that killed a soldier and triggering Israeli retaliation that killed four Palestinian gunmen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



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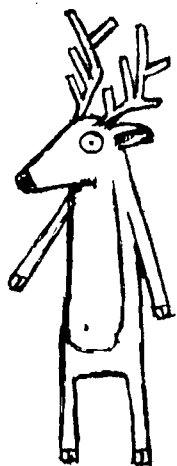
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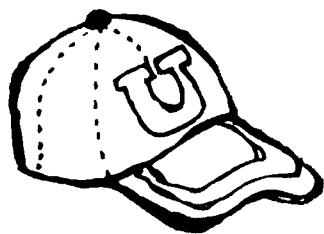
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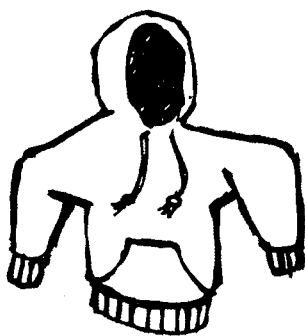


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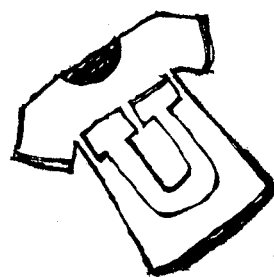
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UKRAINE

Stalemate hit in election rematch

Associated Press

KIEV — Lawmakers fought over and failed to pass legal reforms aimed at ensuring a fair rematch of Ukraine's fraudulent presidential runoff, accusing each other Tuesday of acting in bad faith as several thousand orange-clad protesters besieged parliament and chanted, "Parasites! Parasites!"

The demonstrators, supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, have grown impatient over lack of progress in approving the electoral amend-

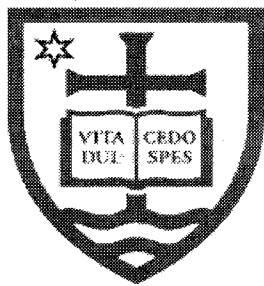
ments sought for the Dec. 26 repeat vote.

Yushchenko supporters say the changes will close loopholes for fraud that marred the Nov. 21 runoff and prompted the Supreme Court to cancel the victory of Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

But a loose coalition of communists, socialists and pro-government factions in parliament agreed to pass the electoral changes only together with constitutional changes, which would turn some presidential powers over to parliament.

Yushchenko has balked at the changes, saying that allies of outgoing President Leonid Kuchma want to weaken his authority should he win.

In Sofia, Bulgaria, Secretary of State Colin Powell rejected Russian charges of Western political manipulation in Ukraine's electoral process. Powell addressed the 55-nation Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe after hearing Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov suggest the West was interested in a power grab in Ukraine.



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SAUDI ARABIA

Americans targeted by gunmen in attack

Associated Press

JIDDAH — The militants stormed into the compound's inner courtyard, firing their guns from behind trees, bursting into offices and shouting: "Where are the Americans? Where are the Americans?"

Lying in hospital beds, wounded U.S. consulate workers provided new details Tuesday about an attack that killed nine, injured at least 10 and showed America's continued vulnerability to terrorist groups capable of conducting sophisticated surveillance, on even the most heavily guarded sites.

The militants "clearly understood how cars entered the compound, and they were conducting surveillance," U.S. Ambassador James C. Oberwetter said Tuesday.

He contended security measures had largely worked because the attackers' car could not get past the consulate gate, forcing them to enter the grounds on foot. The attackers also never made it to the main consulate buildings, where most Americans worked.

Still, as Oberwetter offered condolences to the families of five slain consulate workers, he said, "the events of yesterday show the need for improvement. We will examine what additional steps need to be taken."

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli warned that there could be more attacks in Saudi Arabia.

"Our operating assumption is that there are still terrorist elements active in the kingdom, targeting U.S. citizens and facilities, as well as other commercial and civilian establishments," Ereli said. "Therefore, maximum alert-

ness and caution and prudence is called for."

To bolster diplomatic security, Defense Department officials said a Marine Corps anti-terror team would go to Jiddah. Typically, there are 50 Marines in such teams, trained in providing security and conducting raids in urban areas.

Saudi officials, meanwhile, said four of the assailants were Saudis and one remained unidentified.

None of the three identified by name — Fayed bin Awad al-Juhaini, Eid bin Dakhil Allah al-Juhaini and Hassan bin Hamid al-Hazimi —

"Each one of the terrorists took a group of us, and they started shooting at the guards."

**Salah Abdel Qawi
Alyafiee
attack victim**

appears on the kingdom's list of 26 most-wanted militants. Saudi officials did not say whether the al-Juhainis were related, or provide details about them. Four of the five attackers died.

The five slain consulate employees were from Yemen, Sudan, the Philippines, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The director of King Fahd Hospital said a total of 10 wounded were brought there, and eight remained Tuesday. Two American staff members were slightly wounded, but the circumstances remained unclear.

One of the wounded consulate employees, Salah Abdel Qawi Alyafiee of Yemen, said the militants first stormed into the consulate courtyard, then held people as human shields as Saudi forces rushed in and engaged the attackers in a fierce gunbattle.

"Each one of the terrorists took a group of us, and they started shooting at the [Saudi] guards," he said. "And thanks to God, the Saudis did not shoot at random. They aimed at the terrorists."

Alyafiee, who works as a dispatcher at the consulate, said he knelt down as the firing began, and then was shot.

"I don't know whose bullet hit me," he said. "I was on the floor and my face was to the floor."

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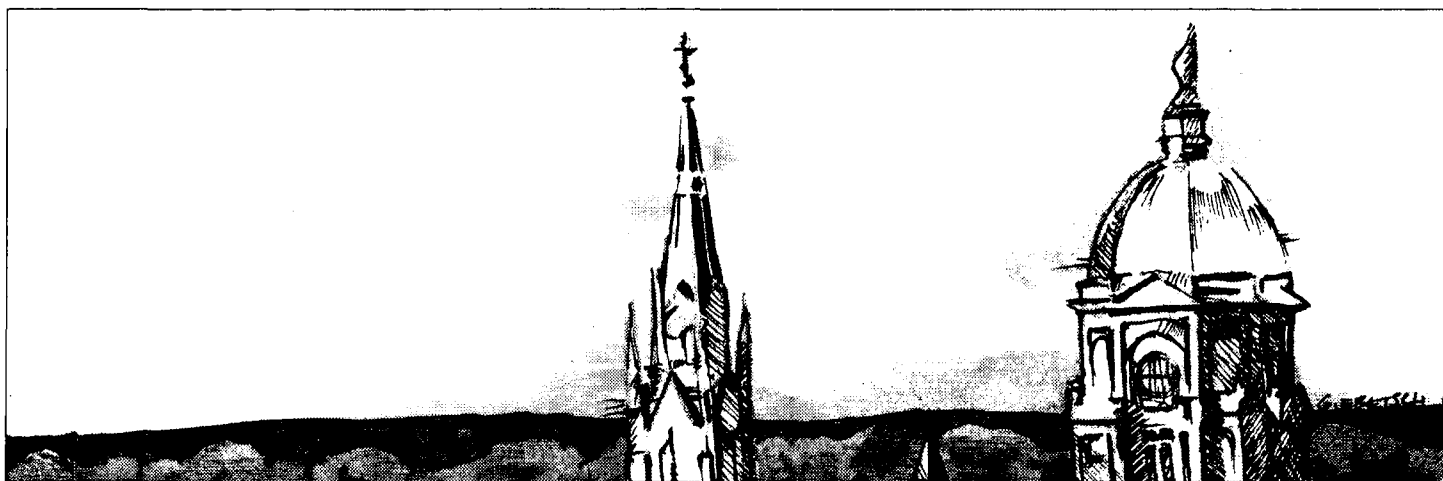
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Race matters at Notre Dame



The greatest trick the Devil ever played was convincing the world he doesn't exist. In contemporary America, there has been a dominant politico-cultural push over the last two decades towards a post-race "color-blind" conception of society. While such a vision tickles the conscience, it fails to account for the very real racial divides and injustices that still exist throughout America as well as here under the Dome. On Nov. 30, the University fired Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham, leaving the black community stunned, disillusioned and angry. This sudden move not only called the priorities of the university into question, but highlighted racial divides that persist at Notre Dame. In this complex watershed moment for our University, it is crucial that we stop running from the reality that race matters.

The decision to fire Willingham, the first time ever that the University fired a coach before his initial contract expired, was made under a cloud of secrecy. Meetings were held on Monday night and on Tuesday morning, involving only seven men. Yet, it appears that the win-or-die mentality of a few Board of Trustees leaders was the driving force for the decision.

This win-or-die attitude is problematic for a University that prides itself on values, but even more problematic is that University officials failed to understand the racial implications of such an action. Before and after the decision, no one contacted or communicated with the black community of Notre Dame, especially certain black administrators. It is irresponsible and wrong that University officials failed to use more sensitivity regarding a decision that may not have been racially-motivated, but is certainly racially-impacting.

The response of black students has been outrage and disillusionment. Terri Baxter, president of Voices of

Faith Gospel Choir, told me, "African-American students feel completely disillusioned because coach Willingham was a rare symbol that African-Americans do matter here." Kamaria Porter, a fellow columnist and campus activist, said, "Ty was a face that black students could see to feel not totally out of the community. To see a whole stadium gesturing in reverence of an African-American man at the end of the third quarter, given the history, was a source of pride for so many of us." Willingham was a leader, a role model and a source of inspiration for black students that feel displaced at this University.

Thus, the swift and insensitive departure of Willingham sends many signals to the black community. Many believe the recruitment of black students will suffer immensely. Jelani McEwen-Torrence, one of the founding leaders of Sustained Dialogue, said, "The Willingham firing shows that the University is not committed to making Notre Dame more diverse."

Speaking with many black students, I found such disappointment and indignation to be the overwhelming consensus. Whether or not this is actually the case, perception is all that matters. And this changing perception will have significant ramifications for the future of our University.

Really understanding the impact of this moment requires understanding of the black experience at Notre Dame. Many black students feel they do not belong here, that they have no place within the Notre Dame narrative. Many have faced racial slurs, insulting remarks from rectors and feelings of alienation. Baxter told me, "Black people at Notre Dame are tired of being invisible." Another student told me, "Every day, I regret coming here. I don't want anyone else to go through this." At Notre Dame and throughout

America, many whites deceive themselves to believe 50 years of desegregation and 18 years of affirmative action can erase a 500-year history of the slavery, violence and segregation.

The racial landscape of Notre Dame needs to change, especially in this

grave moment. Last year, students launched Sustained Dialogue, a group committed to breaking down stereotypes and promoting constructive dialogue. McEwen-Torrence, one of the founders, said, "It's not that students here are racist. It's that people are unwilling to go out of their comfort zone and step on anyone's toes." Pushing ourselves to go outside our comfort zones to see the experience of

another is a key step, but one has to wonder if dialogue is enough.

The black community is organizing itself for action in the wake of the recent events, and we can only hope that they will act loudly before we head home for winter break. Rhea Boyd said to me, "When I first heard, I was shocked, disappointed and confused. Now that the shock has worn off, I am passionate for change." Boyd believes the black community must act in this moment. I agree. Yet, even further, the whole of the Notre Dame community must act in this moment to speak for values and justice as opposed to profits and pride.

To simply perceive the situation in narrow terms of football prestige is to miss the broader ripple effects. The past week's events have highlighted the long road we still have to march before our university fully commits itself to values of equality and justice. We find hope, though, from the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

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A Call to Action

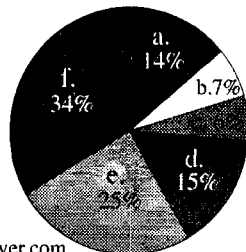
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OBSERVER POLL

How many finals do you have?

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3
- e. 4
- f. 5 or more



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain
author

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Domestic terrorism is a method of control

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the national political dialogue and the social world we live in has been transformed by real and imagined threats of terrorism. Billions of dollars are being spent internationally in the "War on Terror" and domestically in the Department of Homeland Security. Fighting terrorism has become the new American priority.

But what kind of terrorism are we fighting?

Terrorism is the use of violence, targeted or random, to cause disruption or destruction and to send a message. This violence is intended to instill fear and cause behavioral and societal changes. Current policies are designed to fight one type of terrorism, yet there are citizens of this country who are terrorized every day who experience continual and pervasive threats to their physical and mental health and well-being but are given few tools to fight it.

Violence against women in this country is domestic terrorism. Incest, child sexual abuse, rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and violence against domestic partners are all overwhelmingly crimes committed by males against females with devastating results on the lives of individuals and society overall.

Most of us, men and women, do not need to hear the statistics because many of us have experienced this violence firsthand or through someone we love.

So where is the "War on Domestic Abuse?" Where is the "War on Rape?"

The public obsession with international terror-what many Americans imagine as attacks that will come from young men from countries we really do not know much about is unproductive and overshadows domestic problems. The vast majority of Americans can do little to prevent terrorist attacks and the public has little control over intelligence and military operations. We should be discussing what we do have control over-the domestic terrorism that occurs in our homes, our schools and our streets every second of every day.

Women, solely because of the body they have been born into, are subjected to a constant, elevated level of danger. In the United States, "every hour 78 woman are raped. That's 1,872 per day, 13,000 a week, 52,000 a month, 629,000 a year," according to the National Center and Crime Victims research and Treatment Center. Over a lifetime one in four women will be the victim of sexual violence.

Abuse within marital and romantic relationships is also pervasive. The leading cause of injury for women in America is intimate partner violence.

Thirty percent of women report having been physically abused by a boyfriend or husband at some point in their lives. While men are most likely to be killed by strangers, women are more often killed by a partner or ex-partner.

Some may say international terrorism has greater catastrophic potential, but while the effects of continual violence are not spectacular, they add up to more damage, monetarily and socially. The long-lasting impacts on girls and women's functioning as a result of violence cannot be ignored. Women face economic hardships due to missed work and lost wages, doctor and emergency room bills or counseling costs. They also spend substantial time and emotional and physical energy trying to heal and move on with their lives.

An individual woman can be devastated or troubled for years by a single attack and women in abusive relationships have their lives controlled for decades. Domestic violence also has long-term effects on children. Violence against women in this country is a form of terrorism because it serves as a method of control, "all forms of violence [against women] can be defined as issues of power and control where one person or a group takes power and control over another individual or group" according to Worcester & Whatley.

Popular wisdom tells women that the best way to avoid violence is to restrict their own behavior — do not walk alone or drink or dress provocatively and so on. This advice is convenient because it serves to maintain the status quo and requires no action from anyone but the people likely to be victimized.

Those in power choose to place an overwhelming focus on the outside enemy of international terrorism rather than on than on domestic terrorism because making internal changes might threaten their own positions and because women's voices are still unequally represented in high-level policy making.

The media chooses to focus on the catastrophes — rather than quiet, everyday suffering because its impacts are subtler, less obvious and harder to sell. We need to challenge the illogical hypocrisy of spending billions fighting elusive, unknown enemies while refusing to confront the violence occurring in our own homes and personal lives. The worldwide campaign, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, began Nov. 25 and will run through Dec. 10. Dozens of local and student organizations are taking part in it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending the Shirt protest

As one of the women who participated in the silent protest against the Saint Mary's Pride Week shirt, I would like to clearly state why I and others whom I know find this year's Pride Week shirt to be a poor representation of our student body.

I find this year's Pride Week shirt to represent an underlying sexism in the Saint Mary's community. The woman depicted appears to be more likely to attend a finishing school than a challenging academic institution. The image was originally used for a Vermont ad. For this reason, the woman is purposely meant to appear available as a sexual object. Her facial expression, bare neck, and tilted head are an example of a common insinuation of sexual availability often seen in representations of women in Western art. For these reasons, I do not feel that the figure on the shirt is a positive representation of women — particularly considering the stereotype that exists in the Notre Dame / Saint Mary's community of Saint Mary's women being sluts (for instance, the shuttle being called "the sluttle").

I believe the shirt is racist. There is only one woman — a white woman — representing all of the Saint Mary's student body. This is not an accurate representation; there are women of various races attending Saint Mary's. To clarify, neither myself nor anyone else I know who has been offended by the shirt is insisting that there should be an absence of people altogether on Saint Mary's shirts. We are suggesting, for instance, that more than one woman should be portrayed, and that these women should be of more than one racial background. We're not protesting the American flag, animals and French crosses, despite what Cheryl Barker implied in her Nov. 22 Observer letter entitled, "Remember and respect Saint Mary's history."

Thirdly, the shirt is a repre-

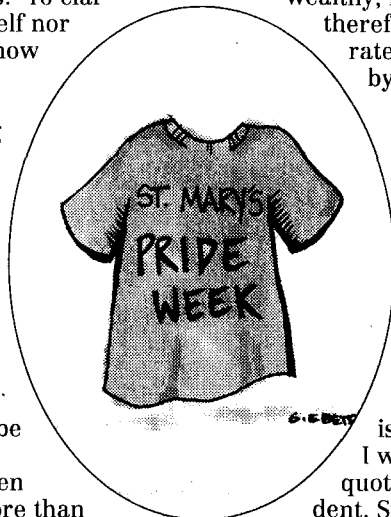
sentation of classism. The woman portrayed is wearing clothing that would have distinctly placed her in a high economic class in her time period. Not all of the women attending Saint Mary's College are wealthy; not all of us, therefore, feel accurately represented by this image.

I am not personally attacking anyone. I am stating that everyone in this community (myself included) could afford to think more about women's and diversity issues. In closing,

I would like to quote a fellow student, Sinnamon Wolfe:

"In 60 years, are the Coors Light Twins going to be seen as a fitting image to represent this college?" Think about it.

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Spare the accolades

My name is Carlos Gutierrez and I am currently a senior finance and political science double major. I am from Mexico City. Recently, students and professors alike have congratulated me for the nomination of Carlos Gutierrez (ex-CEO of Kellogg), by the administration of President George W. Bush, for the position of Secretary of Commerce. Indeed, the overwhelming accolades received from the Notre Dame community have been incredibly supportive and have allowed me to become an instant celebrity among my peers. However, I cannot with good conscience continue reaping the benefits of this nomination; therefore, I have to make some clarifications:

1. The man nominated to the cabinet is not the same as the Carlos Gutierrez writing this letter.
 2. I have never worked for the Kellogg Corporation or have sold cereal from the back of van in Mexico City in 1976.
 3. I do not have a moustache.
 4. I am not from Cuba.
 5. And most importantly: I have yet to find a job.
- I am so sorry to disappoint and inform the 27 people that have e-mailed me so far about this event, including the three people I do not know.

Thank you Notre Dame.

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Facebook: craze or crazy?

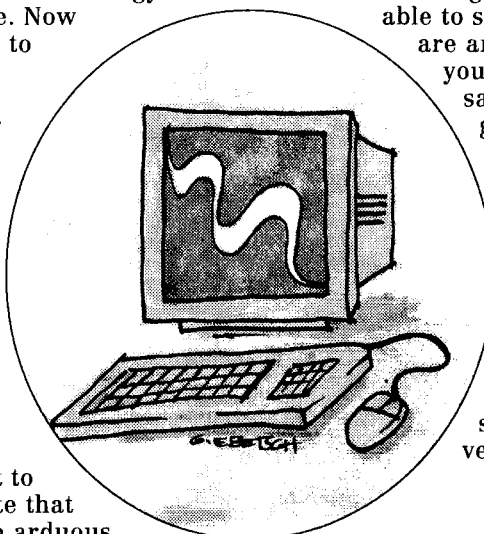
Okay, so maybe my roommate who refuses to join facebook has a point. Technology has ruined the basics of life. Now AIM serves as the best way to ask someone out, have the "talk," break up with your hot lover, apologize to your ex- hot lover or stalk your next one.

It has gotten even worse with the advent of facebook. I mean, is there really a polite way to reject a "friend?" And what if you haven't spoken to this so-called "friend" since high school? That's four years of not being friends and suddenly they're listed up there next to your weekly dining hall date that has guided you through the arduous changes of stir fry and cereal selection since freshmen year. My solution: let's rank

friends on facebook. This way there will be no harsh feelings because now you will be able to select who your real friends are and who are the friends that you just say hi to because they said hi first. This is also a good idea in case you have a level-four friend who talked behind your back or hooked up with your ex and you would like to move them down to level one.

On second thought, maybe we should just forget the facebook, forget AIM and have adult conversations in person, or at the very least over the phone.

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European rock groups visi

*Franz Ferdinand, The Hives and Snow Patrol keep audience
featuring recent names with new hit singl*

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

As throngs of alt-rock fans filed into Chicago's Aragon Ballroom Sunday night, tension and anticipation filled the spacious venue. Three of today's hottest rising bands, Snow Patrol, The Hives and Franz Ferdinand, took the stage and gave the audience its fill of thrashing guitar riffs and stage kicks. It was the final day of a three day concert spree featuring nine bands produced by Chicago's alternative rock radio station Q101.

Snow Patrol, a mid-tempo rock group from Belfast, took the stage promptly at 6 p.m. As a still widely unknown U.K. group, the crowd was slow to warm to its quiet vocals and raw pop anthems that are also displayed on its third album "Final Straw" (Universal 2004). At times, this quintet sounded symphonic with its intrinsically layered productions such as "Run," but could switch tempos and create intimate portraits of love with "Wow" and "Chocolate." Their most well known song, "Spitting Games" garnered the largest crowd response of the set.

Front man Gary Lightbody did not let this apathetic response dampen his energy level. He jumped around onstage for the vast majority of Snow Patrol's half hour set, always teetering on the brink of crashing to the floor. Despite some vocal problems, he was able to deliver each song clearly and with emotion. At times he even made quirky hand movements as though he was attempting to force power into his guitar. Bassist Mark McClelland added to the band's energy level as well by singing along with the few members in the crowd who knew their lyrics.

Overall Snow Patrol's songs are somewhat underdeveloped, always leaving one wanting something more. However, the band's lyrics are noteworthy, as it dwells on common themes using more subtle lines that evoke raw emotions. Popularity and musical talent aside, these five musicians displayed a love of their music unfound in many current artists.

The energy spark of Snow Patrol only grew into a raging inferno as the next band claimed the stage. The Hives, a quintet from Sweden, are widely known for their highly energetic live performances and arrogant proclamations such as "Hello Chicago, we are The Hives and we are your new favorite band" and "America loves The Hives." With names such as Howlin' Pelle Almqvist, Dr. Matt Destruction and Chris Dangerous, one must expect such



Photo courtesy of www.yetmore.com

Originally from Glasgow, Franz Ferdinand, composed of four members, is best known for its recent hit "Take On Me." The band's set was noticeably tame compared to that of The Hives in Chicago.

antics from this talented and fun band.

With his dapper black shirt and white suit, lead singer Almqvist strutted, jumped and kicked around onstage like the lost twin of Mick Jagger, all while screeching lyrics about everything from politics to death to girls. The aggressive and bombastic guitar playing of Nicholas Arson, along with his chaotic eyebrow movements and darting stares, added not only intensity but also spontaneity to the set. The showmanship exhibited by The Hives

exceeds that of every band presently together.

"Main Offender," with its high octave endnote, proved to be a set highlight. So did the band's newer singles from their third album, "Tyrannosaurus Hives" (2004) such as "Walk, Idiot Walk," "Two Timing Touch and Broken Bones" and "Noteworthy."

The lighting fit the show, chaotic and flashing with crisp white accents that helped highlight the

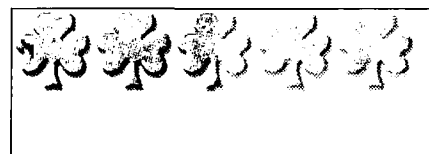


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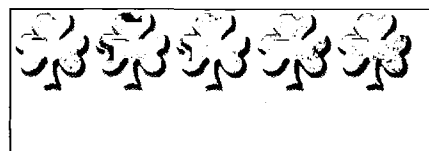
The five members of The Hives, from Fagersta, Sweden, pleasantly surprised the audience with the quality of their set, full of great songs and a ton of energy.

Live from Chicago...

Snow Patrol



The Hives



Franz Ferdinand



Snow Patrol, a four member band, played pedal rock and US alt-

Chicago

rocking in a concert

bleached white blazers. Along with its plastic, pageant queen waves, these outfits projected the band to a state of rock royalty not many recent bands have been able to successfully capture.

Taking a cue from the Hives most recognizable single "Hate to Say I Told You So" (Veni Vidi Vicious 2000), many left thinking that indeed the hype is true. The Hives are the best live band, possibly ever, and should become "everyone's new favorite band."

After witnessing a Hive's set, it is difficult to appreciate the lower energy and more complex lyrics of a band such as Franz Ferdinand. The majority of the young audience wisely decided to wait for Franz's set, but seemed to lose momentum as the predictable set progressed. If Snow Patrol were the appetizer of the mini-festival, The Hives the complete full course, Franz Ferdinand would be the sweet dessert you don't know if you have enough room for.

This foursome from Glasgow, Scotland has been pegged as a future force of contemporary rock, but have yet to prove their talents aside from a debut album. Their single "Take Me Out," in rotation for months around the country, had the largest crowd response. Yet, the three unreleased songs that were also performed squashed any momentum picked up from this widely known single.

There was an unspoken tension among group members onstage, probably attributed to a full touring schedule of radio Christmas shows and the recent release of bassist Bob Hardy from hospital where he was treated for a severe stomach ailment. The band appeared somewhat uncomfortable onstage, and rarely moved aside from slight dance moves and an occasional thumbs-up sign from lead Alex Kapranos.

Overall its songs were fun to dance along to, a self-proclaimed goal of the group, but overall Franz Ferdinand lacked surprises and energy at times. The best song of its set, "This Fire," was the last to be played in a three-song encore, allowing the audience to get one last burst of energy out before the drive home.

The concert would have been more consistent if Franz Ferdinand played the second slot, helping to build up even more energy in the crowd for The Hives. All three bands added a different flavor of rock for the crowd to sample, leaving one to believe that these three bands may just become your new favorite bands.

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group from Belfast, presented its unique mix of distorted British indie pop during the Chicago concert.

A chat with Father Hesburgh

New video offers private thoughts of the University President Emeritus

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

On Monday evening the Alumni Association of Notre Dame released what it hopes will be a different look into the life of University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh. Members of the Alumni Association, the Notre Dame community and the South Bend community were invited to watch the first screening of "A Man For All Generations," a 30-minute video created from a series of interviews with Hesburgh. The former president spoke briefly following the screening.

The film offers Hesburgh's views on the questions real people might ask about if they had 30 minutes to talk with the Holy Cross priest about his life. Hesburgh discusses happiness, marriage, love, loss and other problems relevant to people of all ages and in all places.

Over the years the world has become familiar with the eventful life of Hesburgh through numerous documentaries, books and articles; and the attention to Hesburgh's accomplishments is well deserved. Even on paper Hesburgh's list of accomplishments is a tribute to his courage, faith and abilities. Hesburgh has done a great deal for many causes and organizations, especially in the area of human rights. It is nearly impossible to imagine Notre Dame without the former president. Hesburgh's focus has not only been limited to issues concerning the University. He has held 15 Presidential appointments and served four Popes in a variety of roles.

With the new "A Man For All Generations" NewGroup Media, the production company for the film, was aiming for something different from a traditional documentary. The film is shot in various locations around the Notre Dame campus including the Grotto, the Basilica, Hesburgh's office and the porch of Sorin College. Shots from past moments in Hesburgh's life are also interspersed throughout the interviews. "These were nice intimate locations for him," said producer Christopher Salvador. "We didn't want another documentary."

The film tells very little about the facts of Hesburgh's life and focuses instead on his attitudes towards faith and relationships. The segments build a portrait of the belief that allowed Hesburgh to accomplish all the things he did.

On the attitude of Hesburgh throughout the interview, Sister Judy Zielinski, a Franciscan nun who conducted the interviews for the video, said, "He was very genuine and frank with us ... He was most comfort-



Photo courtesy of www.alumni.nd.edu

Father Theodore Hesburgh offers a heartfelt and honest account of some personal opinions in "A Man For All Generations."

able with free associating."

The idea for a different kind of video came up during the filming of another documentary on Hesburgh's life. "[Sister Judy] was listening to him talk, and she said, 'He's such a jewel, I wish we could talk to him about life.'" At the time, the idea seemed especially pertinent since it arose not long after the death of former Executive Vice President Father Edmund Joyce. "His friend Father Joyce had died about six months ago," Zielinski said. "It emphasized the fact that Father Ted is 87, and while he's still in good health, we wanted to record him on a personal level."

Hesburgh discusses faith very seriously in the video, but mentioned it in his comments following the screening with more humor. "Anyone working or living at Notre Dame is going to have a special life," Hesburgh said. "The best thing to do is wake up every morning and thank God we're here instead of Kokomo or somewhere else."

"A Man For All Generations" will be available for purchase in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The video is priced at \$19.95 on DVD and \$24.95 on VHS.

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Father Theodore Hesburgh jogs, at the age of 84, in the Salt Lake City Olympic Torch Procession promoting world peace.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Cowboys upend Orange at Jimmy V Classic

Oklahoma State wins while Lucas scores only five

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two top-five teams known for their different styles of defense were even for 34 minutes.

Then Oklahoma State took over and the fifth-ranked Cowboys beat No. 4 Syracuse 74-60 in the Jimmy V Classic.

"That second half we probably played as well as we can play," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said. "That first half, I told them they played like they had never been coached. That first half was one of the worst halves I've seen in a long, long time."

Stephen Graham scored 16 points, including two three-point plays in the final 4 1/2 minutes, for Oklahoma State (6-0), which was able to pull away from a 45-all tie with 6:32 to play as the Orange (7-1) couldn't hit from the field or the free throw line.

"That was a tremendous, physical defensive battle," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We played defensively as well as we can tonight."

No. 11 Pittsburgh beat Memphis 70-51 in the other game of the doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

John Lucas hit a 3-pointer — his first field goal of the game — to break that last tie and start a 17-4 run that included

Graham's two big plays.

Ivan McFarlin scored with 2:20 to go to cap the run and give Oklahoma State a 62-49 lead.

"We call ourselves the road warriors and this was a great win on the road," Graham said.

No. 11 Pittsburgh 70, Memphis 51

Carl Krauser and his New York teammates won another "home" game.

Krauser, one of seven New York City area players on Pittsburgh's roster, scored all but two of his 17 points at the free throw line in a victory over Memphis in the Jimmy V Classic.

The Panthers (6-0), who have held all their opponents this season to less than 60 points, improved their record at Madison Square Garden since 2002 to 12-3.

"I am overwhelmed every time I step on that court," said Krauser, who is from the Bronx. "This is the court all the greats have played on and I get to play on it in front of my family and friends. I am lucky to play in the Big East. The Garden is very special."

Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon knows how important the junior is to the Panthers.

"He's not a senior but he does provide senior leadership and that carries over to our guys," Dixon said.

Chris Taft — another New York native — had 13 points and 10 rebounds for

Pittsburgh, which opened the game with a 12-2 run and had its first 20-point lead at 30-10 with 9:04 left in the first half.

No. 14 Texas 86, North Texas 57

Brad Buckman didn't block every shot North Texas put up. It just seemed that way.

Buckman scored 18 points and blocked seven shots — one short of the Texas single-game record — in leading the Longhorns to a victory over North Texas.

"I've got long arms," Buckman said. "I've got to use them for something."

Buckman picked up three blocks in the first three minutes and swatted shots all game long against a Mean Green team that started the game 1-of-15 from the floor and put up seven airballs in the first half.

"That's terrible. I don't care who you're playing or where you're playing," said Leonard Hopkins, who led North Texas with 13 points.

No. 17 Iowa 76, N. Iowa 73

All Greg Brunner needed was a little nudge from coach Steve Alford at halftime.

Brunner responded in the second half, scoring 12 points in a 3:22 span to help Iowa build what seemed to be a commanding 13-point lead.

Brunner finished with 23 points, but the Hawkeyes sputtered down the stretch. They struggled to beat Northern Iowa, which lost despite 25 points from Ben Jacobson.

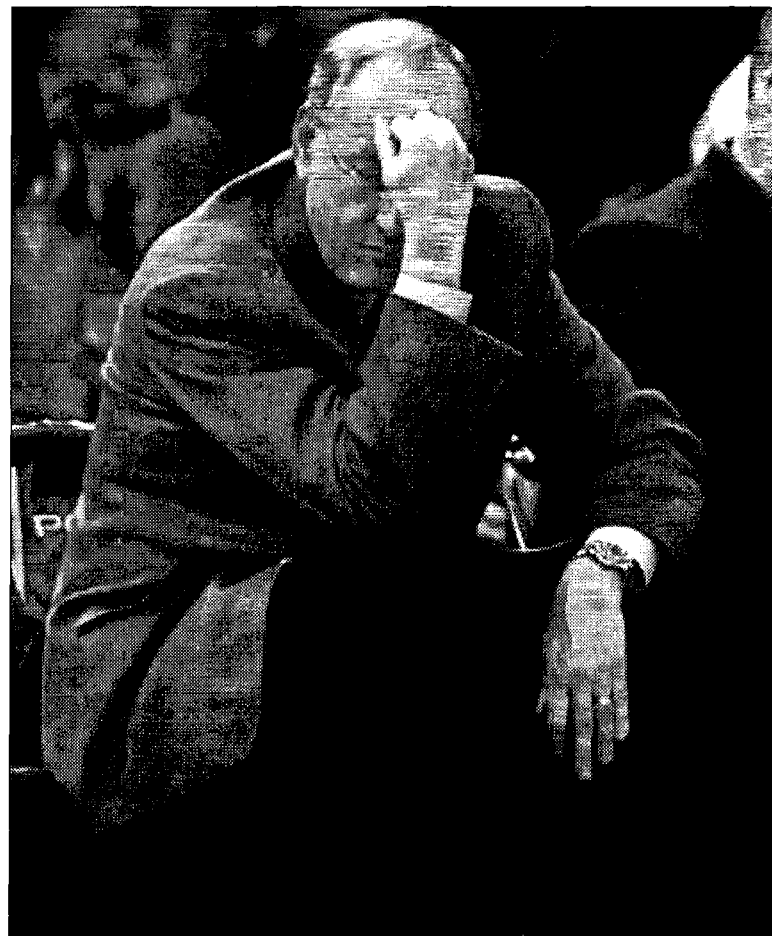
"Coach got into me because I was playing horrible defense and I think that kind of motivated me," said Brunner, who also had four rebounds and two assists. "I just think the whole team atmosphere picked up and we played really well together. I wanted to win this one bad."

No. 18 Alabama 72, Alabama State 54

Alabama came out running, putting up 3-pointers and scoring quickly, as usual.

Then, the Crimson Tide (7-1) started feeling the effects of a triple-overtime game and an unproductive bench in a victory over Alabama State.

"We got out there and ran early," Alabama coach Mark



Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim cannot watch in the second half of a 74-60 loss to Oklahoma State Wednesday night.

Gottfried said. "We got open baskets in our transition game. I really felt like we ran out of gas. We didn't have that burst of energy at any point in the second half where we were ready to get out and run."

The Tide did have Kennedy Winston and Chuck Davis to keep the game in control. Winston scored 21 points and had seven rebounds and five assists, making 4-of-6 3-pointers. Davis had 18 points and nine rebounds but Alabama's bench didn't score a point in limited minutes.

No. 24 Wisconsin 65, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55

After Wisconsin scored the game's first 12 points coach Bo Ryan got what he really expected — a tough time against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"These kind of games — every possession is a battle," Ryan said after Wisconsin beat Wisconsin-Green Bay 65-55, extending the longest home winning streak in NCAA Division 1 to 32 games. "It

means something."

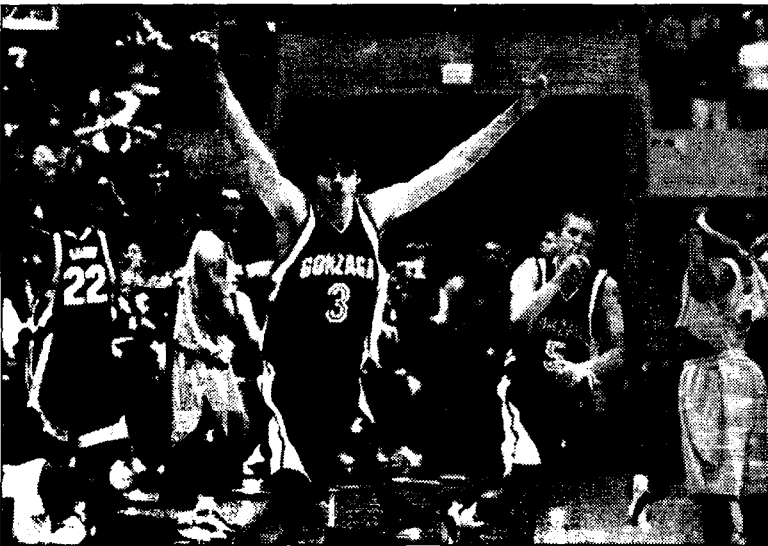
Mike Wilkinson scored 18 points as the Badgers (5-1) began a three-game stretch against their in-state rivals with a victory. Wisconsin plays at Marquette on Saturday and hosts Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Dec. 15.

No. 25 Gonzaga 54, Washington St. 52

Gonzaga was held 29 points below its season average, threw the ball away more than usual and shot just 41 percent from the field.

But the No. 25 Bulldogs still held on for a win over Washington State in a game that wasn't decided until the Cougars missed three shots in the closing seconds.

Ronny Turiaf scored 17 points and Adam Morrison added 12 as Gonzaga (6-1) survived Washington State coach Dick Bennett's trademark withering defense for its third straight win since losing to No. 1 Illinois in late November.



Gonzaga's Adam Morrison raises his arms in celebration after the Bulldogs defeated Washington State, 54-52 in Pullman,

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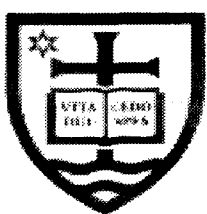
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NFL

Chiefs coach looks forward to Sunday

*Cunningham returns
as coordinator to face
former team*

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gunther Cunningham is proof that time, and a healthy lack of ego, can heal any pain.

Cunningham first came to coach in Tennessee bitter and upset over being fired as head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs. He returns on Monday night to coach against the Titans as defensive coordinator of the Chiefs, and he said Tuesday it will be especially emotional for him.

"I tell you, it took me 10 hours to say goodbye to the support people in that facility when I went back. You just can't imagine, when you get to be my age and you feel like your whole life has fallen apart professionally, and you meet people like I met down there," he said.

"And that starts with the head coach."

Cunningham credits Titans coach Jeff Fisher with resurrecting his career by hiring him as linebackers coach in 2001 shortly after the Chiefs fired him after a 16-16 record in two seasons. Cunningham learned of his firing on the Internet.

He came to Nashville, a short drive from where his mother lived, and took over a veteran group of linebackers. The Titans switched gears in 2002 and went younger with Keith Bulluck and Peter Sirmon.

"He had a real way of forming a special bond with each person and kind of figuring out what each person's personality was and pulling you aside at the right time," Sirmon said.

Cunningham said being on Fisher's staff revived his love of the sport.

"I walked into the room every day or into the office and it was camaraderie, it was respect and it was people feeling about the game like I feel about it," he said. "That is when I decided I could do anything."

Even going back to Kansas City. He wanted the chance to prove that he could succeed, so he took over the same job he held between 1995 and 1998, even though he also had been talking about a similar position with the New York Jets and Atlanta Falcons.

Cunningham hasn't had much success yet with a defense where the personnel didn't change from last year despite finishing 29th. He joked that the worst thing in Kansas City has been the room where coaches eat at night.

"Every once in a while I go in there, and there are all these former head coaches' pictures up there and I am between Marty (Schottenheimer) and Dick Vermeil. And I keep thinking I am dead every time I see it. You are not supposed to come back and see that picture on the wall," he said.

"That is the only time I think about it, but it has been great."

The linebacking corps the Titans (4-8) put on the field against Kansas City (4-8) won't feature the starters Cunningham coached last season. Sirmon is out after tearing his left ACL in July, and middle linebacker Rocky Calmus tore his left hamstring last week, putting him out for the rest of the season.

Only Bulluck remains healthy. He took a moment on Thanksgiving to call Cunningham and thank him for helping him reach the Pro Bowl last season.



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OLYMPICS

IOC begins Jones dope investigation

Marion Jones faces charges of using banned drugs

Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who could eventually be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" in a broadcast aired Friday that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones inject herself with human growth hormone.

"The allegations made by Mr. Conte are extremely serious and the IOC is fully committed to bringing to light any elements that will help the truth prevail," the IOC said in a statement.

Jones won three gold medals (100 meters, 200 and 1,600 relay) and two bronze (long jump and 400 relay) in Sydney. She repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte for defamation.

Attorney Rich Nichols reiterated that Jones has consistently denied use of performance-enhancing drugs, passed a lie detector test and has maintained the same physical appearance.

"Victor Conte is someone who is under federal indictment, facing serious prison time and has a record of issuing a host of contradictory, inconsistent statements," Nichols said in a statement. "Victor Conte's allegations are not true and the truth will be revealed for the world to see as the legal process moves forward."

The U.S. Olympic Committee did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones should be stripped of her medals if Conte is telling the truth. Any decision on the medals would be made by the IOC executive board.

Rogge advocates a "zero tolerance" policy on doping.

"I hope the truth will emerge," he said last week. "We want the truth. We want to know what happened and the more we know, the better."

Under the IOC charter,

Olympic decisions can be challenged within three years of the games' closing ceremony. The Sydney Olympics ended more than four years ago, on Oct. 1, 2000.

But Thomas Bach, the German lawyer and IOC member who heads the three-member investigative panel, said the three-year rule shouldn't apply in this case.

"I don't think it plays a role," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Pound said there was no actual decision taken in Sydney and the allegations are only coming out now.

Jones, who did not win any medals at the Athens Olympics, has been under investigation for months by the U.S. Anti-

Doping Agency, but has not been charged. USADA has said it will take Conte's allegations into account.

Conte, head of the BALCO lab, said he worked with Jones from August 2000 to September 2001. He said he

designed a doping regimen for her that included the previously undetectable steroid THIG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone and insulin.

Bach said his first move will be to request a transcript of the ABC program.

"First of all we have to check carefully whether the allegations concern the time of the Olympics, and then we have to

determine who is concerned," he said.

Bach said the investigation could cover athletes other than Jones mentioned in the program. The panel will ask for athletes' statements and could ask them to appear at a hearing,

although "we are not in a position to force anybody to appear," he said.

Bach said he doesn't expect to finish the probe before the next IOC board meeting, which takes place Feb. 10-11 in Turin, Italy.

Under Rogge, who succeeded Juan Antonio Samaranch in 2001, the IOC has taken a much tougher stance on doping. The IOC sanctioned a record 24 athletes for doping offenses during the Athens Olympics in August.

The IOC has also been investigating the 1999 doping case involving American sprinter Jerome Young. He tested positive for a steroid in 1999 but was cleared by a U.S. appeals panel and won a gold medal in Sydney as part of the 1,600 relay team.

The IOC could strip the entire team — including five-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson — of the gold medals. The IOC is waiting for the Court of Arbitration for Sport to rule on an appeal by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"The IOC is fully committed to bringing to light any elements that will help the truth prevail."

International Olympic Committee

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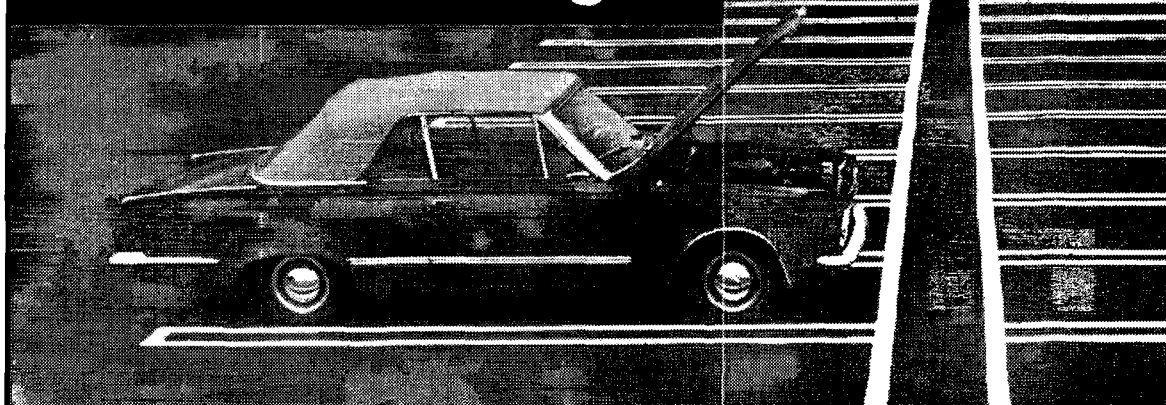
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NFL

Surging Bills have sudden postseason hopes

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Pat Williams is a big man with a big heart and appetite. So imagine his dilemma when the Buffalo Bills were back to their bumbling selves at the start of this season.

Most every time the defensive tackle went out, he couldn't escape the critics and questions about what was wrong with his team.

"You weren't hearing anything good from nobody," Williams recalled. "I heard it all the time, 'What's going on here?' or 'What's going on with Drew [Bledsoe]?'"

It got so bad Williams considered not going out for dinner anymore.

Fortunately for the 317-pound Williams, it never led to such drastic measures. To the relief of Williams — and restaurant owners who stood losing a bulk of their business — he can now eat out in peace.

Williams is hungry and so are the Bills, who have gained a sudden appetite for the playoffs. They've overcome an 0-4 start to win six of their last eight, a run that's put Buffalo back in contention with four games remaining.

Buffalo's chances remain slim. At 6-6, the Bills are tied with Cincinnati and Jacksonville and sit a win behind Denver and Baltimore in the race for the AFC's sixth and final berth. It's

no help that the Ravens and Jaguars hold the tiebreaker for having defeated the Bills this season.

History's against Buffalo, too. Only one team, the San Diego Chargers in 1992, has overcome an 0-4 start to make the playoffs.

Arithmetic aside, after three miserable seasons under Gregg Williams in which the Bills went a combined 17-31, there's a sense of hope suddenly emerging under rookie coach Mike Mularkey.

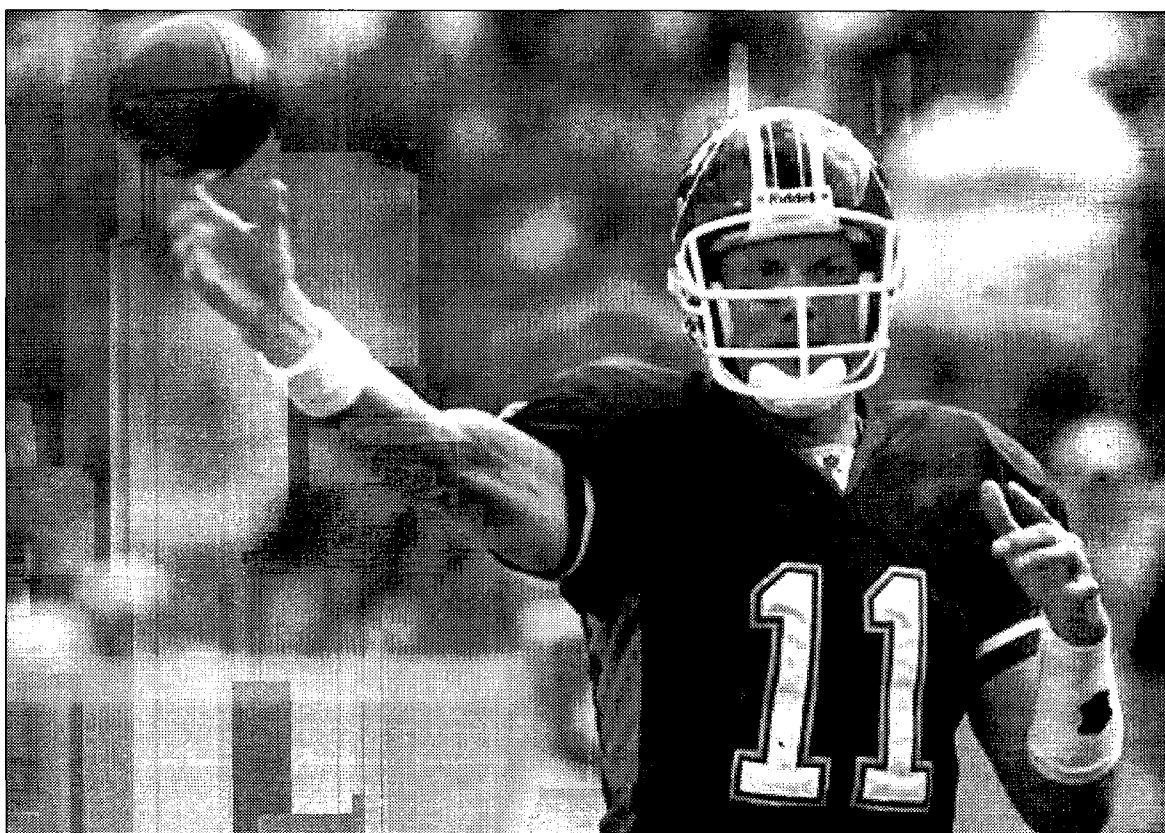
Faulted last season for lacking mental toughness, a knock that led to Gregg Williams' dismissal, the Bills are displaying a new-found tenacity. And they've found an offense ever since Willis McGahee became the starting running back in October.

As much credit as McGahee deserves — the Bills are 6-1 with him starting — it's Mularkey who has brought focus to a team that was better than its 6-10 record in 2003.

If Williams irritated his veterans by using air horns for wake-up calls during his first training camp, and persistently blamed the players and media for the Bills' woes, Mularkey came in with a low-key, inclusive approach.

A former Steelers player and offensive coordinator, his best attributes are his creativity and flexibility:

♦ Mularkey addressed the Bills' early-season penalty problems



Buffalo Bills quarterback Drew Bledsoe throws a pass against the Miami Dolphins during the first quarter Sunday. Bledsoe threw four touchdowns to lead Buffalo to a 42-32 victory.

by borrowing from Jets coach Herman Edwards in bringing officials to throw flags in practice.

♦ He bolstered the team's stumbling goal-line offense by bulking up his line with Pat Williams and fellow massive nose tackle Sam

Adams.

♦ And he came up with the "Cheeseburger Solution" to help end the team's road troubles. Comparing travel itineraries with other NFL coaches on the East Coast, Mularkey learned that some serve their players cheeseburgers as an extra meal when making trips to the West Coast.

It worked when the Bills ended a six-game road skid by beating Seattle 38-9 last month.

Mularkey also has shown unwavering resolve.

At a time when the Giants turned to Eli Manning and the Cowboys flirted with Drew Henson, Mularkey didn't give in to critics demanding he bench Bledsoe in favor of first-round draft pick J.P. Losman.

Bledsoe responded with three of his most effective outings of the season, a stretch in which he's thrown eight touchdown passes, one fewer than in his previous 11 games. And suddenly, it's not inconceivable Bledsoe will be back as the starter next

season.


Instead of giving up following the 0-4 start, Mularkey rallied his team with a "Why Not Us?" mantra, urging his players to ignore outsiders' attempts to tell them how bad they were.

And these aren't the same bumbling Bills, even if they're still far from the level of the team that won an unprecedented four consecutive AFC titles in the early 1990s.

It's that history current Bills will always be measured against — until they actually win a Super Bowl.

There's truth to the saying Buffalo is a drinking town with a football problem, where a passionate fan base believes it has more answers than Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy."

Had Bills president Tom Donahoe listened to half the cranks who called sports talk shows in September, he would've resigned, Marv Levy would be back as coach and McGahee would never have been drafted.



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NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	11-1	.917	330	189
NY Jets	9-3	.750	254	175
Buffalo	6-6	.500	260	224
Miami	2-10	.167	196	269

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	11-1	.917	273	184
Baltimore	7-5	.583	233	191
Cincinnati	6-6	.500	268	272
Cleveland	3-9	.250	240	308

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9-3	.750	431	263
Jacksonville	6-6	.500	198	225
Houston	5-7	.417	236	289
Tennessee	4-8	.333	231	294

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
San Diego	9-3	.750	339	238
Denver	7-5	.583	274	212
Kansas City	4-8	.333	341	326
Oakland	4-8	.333	234	328

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	11-1	.917	340	181
NY Giants	5-7	.417	209	230
Dallas	5-7	.417	236	328
Washington	4-8	.333	169	201

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Green Bay	7-5	.583	318	294
Minnesota	7-5	.583	305	286
Detroit	5-7	.417	218	269
Chicago	5-7	.417	196	235

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Atlanta	9-3	.750	232	242
Carolina	5-7	.417	249	257
Tampa Bay	5-7	.417	233	203
New Orleans	4-8	.333	253	344

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
St. Louis	6-6	.500	253	305
Seattle	6-6	.500	278	266
Arizona	4-8	.333	192	253
San Fran.	1-11	.083	198	336

Men's Central College Hockey Association Standings

team	MIAA	overall
Ohio State	9-2-1	11-4-1
Michigan	9-1-0	11-4-1
Northern Michigan	6-3-1	8-4-2
Bowling Green	5-3-2	8-4-2
Nebraska-Omaha	5-6-1	7-6-1
Alaska Fairbanks	5-5-0	6-6-0
Lake Superior	4-5-1	5-8-1
Western Michigan	4-7-1	8-7-1
Michigan State	4-6-0	7-8-1
Miami(OH)	3-6-1	7-8-1
NOTRE DAME	2-7-3	3-8-4
Ferris State	2-7-1	5-10-1

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Boise State's Quinton Jones celebrates a first quarter touchdown against San Jose State. Boise State signed head coach Dan Hawkins to a five-year extension after he coached the Broncos to an undefeated regular season.

Hawkins signs five-year \$2.6 million extension

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins signed a five-year, \$2.6 million contract extension on Tuesday that could keep him with the Broncos through the 2009 season.

"I'm very excited about what we have accomplished and even more excited about what is possible in the future," Hawkins said in a statement.

The contract will pay Hawkins a base salary of \$525,000 per year.

The deal appears to take another highly desirable coach off the market. Hawkins' name has come

up as a possible coaching candidate at places such as Washington, Mississippi and Stanford, and at Florida before Urban Meyer got the Gators job.

California coach Jeff Tedford, who had been speculated to be a target of Washington's search, also signed a five-year extension on Monday. Louisville's Bobby Petrino, whose agent contacted Ole Miss, released a statement Tuesday saying he planned to stay with the Cardinals.

Hawkins' new deal is packed with incentives.

If Boise State wins at least six games, Hawkins would receive a 5 percent raise the

following year. Eight or nine wins guarantees a 10 percent raise, while winning 10 or more games would give Hawkins a 15 percent raise.

Additionally, Hawkins will get 1/12 of his salary if Boise State finishes in the top 25, and he would get an additional \$10,000 bonus if the Broncos finish in the top 10.

The contract also allows Hawkins to receive 1/12 of his salary bonus for a conference championship and a 5 percent bonus for a bowl appearance without a conference championship.

If Hawkins stays at Boise State until 2008 he will receive a \$350,000 bonus

and if he stays until the end of the deal 2010 he gets an additional bonus of \$150,000. If Hawkins wants to leave Boise State, it will cost him or his new team \$850,000 to buy out the contract.

During Hawkins' four years with Boise State, as head coach, Boise State has won three consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships and compiled a 44-6 record, including a perfect 11-0 this year.

Since Hawkins took over at Boise State four seasons ago, the Broncos led the country in scoring twice and are second this year.

IN BRIEF

Garciparra re-signs with Cubs for \$8 million

CHICAGO — Nomar Garciaparra enjoyed his brief stay with the Chicago Cubs so much he's coming back.

The five-time All-Star shortstop agreed to a \$8 million, one-year contract with the Cubs Tuesday. The deal also includes performance bonuses for games started and plate appearances.

Garciparra hit .308 with nine homers and 41 RBIs with Boston and Chicago last season. Garciparra said at the end of the season that he'd consider coming back to the Cubs, but he wanted to test the free-agent market for the first time in his career.

Garciparra spent the first 8 1/2 years of his career with the Boston Red Sox before being traded to Chicago on July 31 as part of a four-team deal.

He played only 81 games last year because of Achilles' tendon, left wrist and groin injuries. But when he's healthy, the two-time AL batting champion still has plenty of power, hitting

.344 and driving in 28 runs from July 1 to Aug. 31.

Garciparra is a career .322 hitter with 182 home runs and 710 RBIs. He's hit .300 or better in seven seasons, and had a career-best 30-game hitting streak in 1997. He's been to the playoffs three times, and set an AL division series record in 1998 with 11 RBIs in four games.

Players authorize union to reach new steroid agreement

PHOENIX — Baseball players gave their lawyers the go-ahead Tuesday to reach an agreement with owners on tougher testing for steroids.

Commissioner Bud Selig repeatedly has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties for steroid use, stepping up the intensity following reports of grand jury testimony in a steroid investigation that includes Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield.

"We're very pleased they're coming to the table, and we hope we can achieve a program that works," said

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"What you will see is a significant reduction," union spokesman Greg Bouris said.

Spewell suspended one game for vulgarity

MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Spewell was suspended for one game by the NBA on Tuesday for yelling a sexual vulgarity at a female fan.

The Minnesota Timberwolves swingman's comment to a heckler was picked up by a courtside microphone and could be heard on broadcasts of the team's game against the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday.

It's the latest in a series of problems for the 34-year-old Spewell.

The former All-Star also demanded that the Timberwolves extend his contract or trade him, saying, "I've got my family to feed."

Spewell, who will make \$14.6 million this season in the final year of his deal, drew criticism from NBA commissioner David Stern.

NFL

Cowboys' Jones has Dallas feeling optimistic

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys can only imagine how different their season might be had Julius Jones been healthy the whole time.

"It's his fault that we lost seven games. It is," receiver Keyshawn Johnson said, smiling. "Ask him, I tell him that after every time that he scores a touchdown."

If the rookie who missed eight games keeps running like this,

the Cowboys (5-7) just might sneak into the playoffs.

Jones ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns Monday night at Seattle, scoring the last on a 17-yard draw play with 32 seconds left in a 43-39 win. That was just more than a minute after Johnson's acrobatic 34-yard catch in the back of the end zone and a recovered onside kick.

With Jones back in the lineup, the Cowboys have won consecutive games for the first time

since September and are still in playoff contention. He has 429 yards rushing and five touchdowns on 93 carries in three starts since returning from a broken shoulder blade suffered in his NFL debut in Week 2.

"The running back was pretty good, in case you didn't notice," coach Bill Parcells said. "I told the team this, that we're better off right now as a team than at any point this year. ... We've just got more balance in our attack, and we're a bit better

now."

Thanks to the rookie whose durability and toughness was being questioned by Parcells earlier this season.

Dallas, which had lost six of seven before the last two wins, still has a chance for its second straight playoff appearance under Parcells. The Cowboys are among six 5-7 teams a game behind in the standings for the NFC's second wild-card spot.

The Cowboys would have the tiebreaker against Seattle (6-6), which is tied with St. Louis for the NFC West lead. They also have wins against Chicago and Detroit, two of the other 5-7 teams, and their regular-season finale is against the New York Giants.

"Hopefully, we can get up enough energy to play the last month good," Parcells said. "I've always told my teams what you do after Thanksgiving, that's what counts."

Jones missed the season opener because of sore ribs, and then had just five carries in his debut against Cleveland before breaking his shoulder. He didn't play again until Nov. 21 at Baltimore, when he started to answer the questions Parcells had about him.

In his first start, Jones had 30 carries for 81 yards, and four days later carried 33 times for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a Thanksgiving Day win over

Chicago. Only Emmitt Smith (237 yards) and Tony Dorsett (206) have rushed for more yards in a Cowboys game than Jones did against the Seahawks.

"Once again, I proved that I can handle the load," Jones said. "I go out every game with a chip on my shoulder to prove something."

Jones had 30 of the 31 carries Monday night, the other going to Vinny Testaverde when the 41-year-old quarterback scrambled away from pressure. Eddie George didn't even get in, ending his streak of 139 straight games played.

Jones isn't only surprising other people with his performance. "I had high expectations of myself. I go out and expect myself

to perform at the best level, top level," he said. "But I am somewhat surprising myself."

And showing why Parcells was willing to trade out of the first round in the draft when he had his choice of any running back, and waited until the second round to get Jones from Notre Dame.

One of the team's primary concerns last April was to get a running back, and none had been picked when Dallas traded its No. 1 to Buffalo and moved down 21 spots. Steven Jackson, Chris Perry, Kevin Jones and Tatum Bell were all gone when the Cowboys got another turn, but Parcells had Jones targeted when he opted out of the first round.

"I told the team this, that we're better off right now as a team than at any point this year."

Bill Parcells
Cowboys head coach

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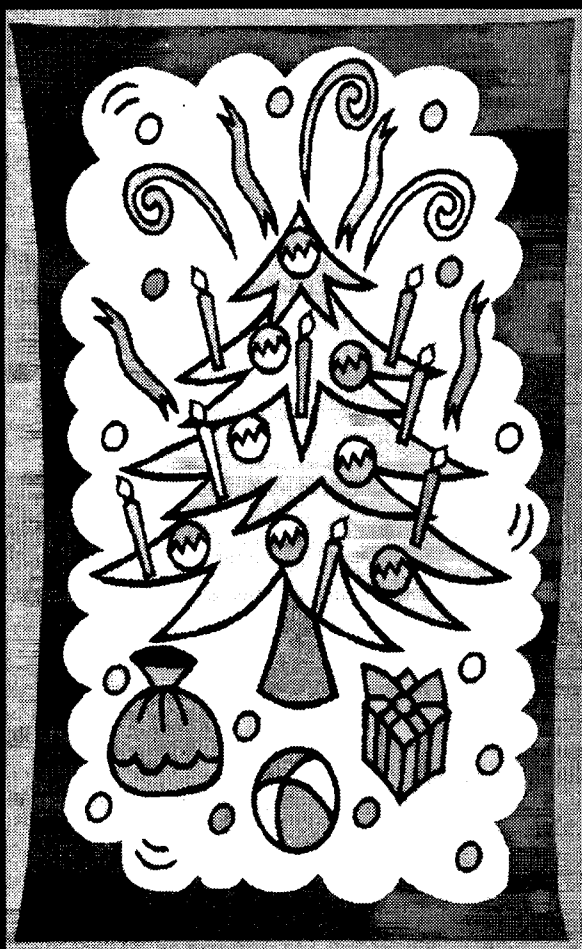
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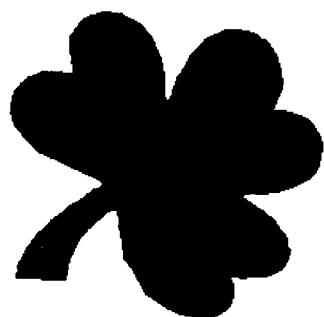
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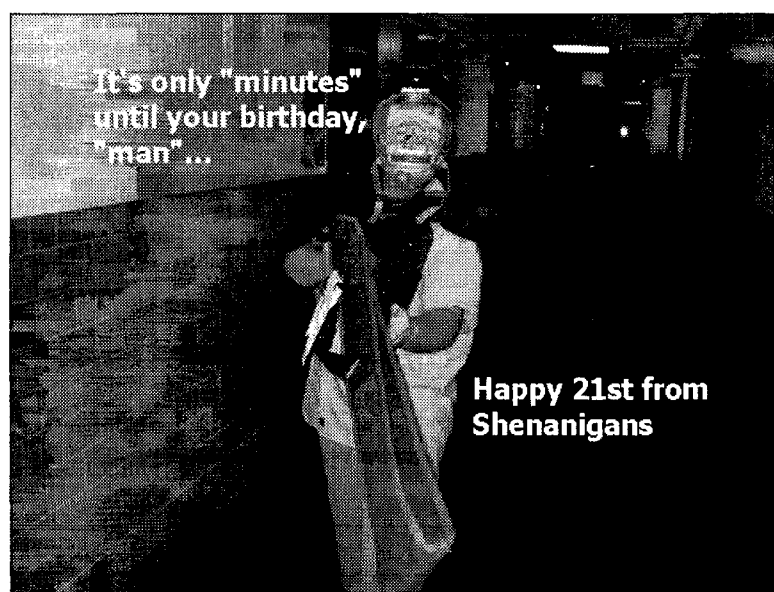
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CLUB SPORTS

Equestrians claim High Point Honors over the weekend

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's equestrian club competed in two shows this weekend at Taylor University. On Saturday, the Irish' 23 points placed them behind first place Illinois (31 points), and second place Indiana (30 points), but on Sunday, the riders claimed High Point Honors with 38 points.

In Saturday's competition, Katie Baron garnered first in open flats and second in open fences with Kelsey Ostberg

taking fourth in the same events. Molly Kopacz, fourth, and Julia Burke, sixth, also scored points in open flats.

Three Irish riders — Chelsea Brown, Marina Cardona and Andrea Oliverio — took 1st in their intermediate flats divisions. Ana Richter and Molly Schmiede finished third and fourth.

Other team highlights for the day included Mary Dorgant's third place in novice fences, a fifth for Schmiede in intermediate fences, and a 2-3-4 finish in novice flats by Brittany

Gragg, Catherine Linn, and Hayden Piscal.

Heather LaDue and Lauren Croall tied for second in advanced walk-trot-canter, with Katy Booth sixth.

This enabled Croall to qualify for regionals. Anne Trout's sixth place finish in walk-trot completed the scoring.

In Sunday's action, the Irish captured first places in five events.

Katie Baron in open flat, Andrea Oliverio in intermediate flat, Molly Schmiede in intermediate fences, Heather

LaDue in walk-trot-canter and Anne Trout in walk-trot all took blue ribbons.

Oliverio and Croall each took second, Dorgant and Marina Cardona third, Piscal, Linn, and Schmiede fourth, and Liz Bell, Ana Richter, and Laura Hale fifth place, and Julia Burke sixth in their events to complete the team scoring.

Women's Ice Hockey

A short-handed women's ice hockey club dropped two games at Ohio State this weekend, 10-3 and 9-3.

The Irish were without the

services of several key defensive players in Columbus. In each game, the Irish had more shots on goal than the Lady Buckeyes.

Julia LaPointet, Jacky Kehler and Saint Mary's Megan Mattia with an assist from Natalie Grasso each scored for the Irish in the first game.

Mattia scored twice more in Sunday's game, with an assist from Erin Walker on the first goal, and LaPointe scored unassisted for the final tally. Kara Brennan played in her debut at defense for the Irish.

Dayton

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people coming, so it's exciting."

But as usual, Duffy is most concerned with getting the win.

"But really, the most important thing is to get back on a winning track," she said. "Take [playing at home] out of it — we have to rebound from our Michigan State loss."

The Irish will face a different team than they have been used to this season, as the Flyers have big, agile post players. Against Michigan State, they faced 6-foot-4 Kellie Roehrig, who was big, and as Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after that game, "takes up so much space." McGraw said the post players Thursday will present a different look for the Irish.

"It's a little different challenge," McGraw said of the Flyers. "This is a team whose post players are good away from the basket, can beat us off the dribble, a little more versatile than what we've seen."

Leading the charge for the Flyers will be senior guard

"But, really, the most important thing is to get back on the winning track."

Megan Duffy
Irish guard

Emily Williams and junior forward Cara Wright, who is playing for the first time since transferring from Arkansas. Williams averages 14.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, while Wright adds 11.5 points and 8.3 rebounds.

Williams and Duffy are familiar foes. Williams played her high school basketball at Beavercreek High School, the rival of Duffy's high school. While there, Williams won the state championship and compiled a 99-6 record. Duffy was also coached by Williams' father in AAU basketball.

"We've known each other since we were 10," Duffy said. "She's a riot. We talk online occasionally, and she's a good kid. She's the leader of their team, so it'll be fun."

Dayton will be playing its second game with head coach Jim Jabir back on the sidelines after a 35-day medical leave due to heart problems.

The Flyers come off a 65-55 overtime win against Wright State Tuesday night. McGraw hopes that for the Irish, the time off and extra practice will make a difference.

"We had two good days this week [of practice], and it really helped us," McGraw said. "We were able to put some things in, work on some things."

Notre Dame has been led so far by Jacqueline Batteast, who averages 19.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Duffy is averaging 14.8 points and has 19 steals in eight games.

The Irish know they must get a road win to bounce back from last week's disappointing loss.

"Any game on the road can be dangerous," McGraw said. "It's important for us to have a lot of focus."

And with all the added pressure of family and friends in attendance, will Duffy be especially nervous?

"I hope I'm not nervous," she said with a smile. "I think I'm more excited. We'll see how it goes. Hopefully I won't be nervous. I'll just be excited to see everyone."

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Center Teresa Borton blocks out during Notre Dame's loss to Michigan State Thursday. Borton scored nine points in the game.

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High School Basketball

McDonald's All-American Games come to South Bend

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

About a year ago, the South Bend Regional Sports Commission started exploring the idea of bringing the McDonald's All-American Games to South Bend.

The group's hopes were to bring the event to the area a couple of years down the road.

Tuesday, it was announcing ticket sales.

Along with former NBA first-round pick and Notre Dame great LaPhonso Ellis and the

McDonald's Corporation, the commission kicked off ticket sales for the 28th annual McDonald's All-American high school games to be held at the Joyce Center on March 30, 2005.

"It is absolutely amazing how incredibly quick how things came together, South Bend Regional Sports Commission chairman Thom Villing said at Tuesday's press conference. "Little did we know the stars would converge as they did, and we were awarded the games."

Ellis was a McDonald's All-

American in 1988 before playing for four years in South Bend. Ellis currently sits in first place on the all-time Irish career blocks list, third in all-time rebounds and 13th in all-time scoring.

When selected as an All-American in 1988, Ellis said his life was shaped more by what happened the day before than on the court in Albuquerque, N. M. that weekend.

"The day before we had a special opportunity to do something different. We visited some of the children who benefit from all the proceeds from the

McDonald's All-American Game," Ellis said. "As a 34-year old husband and father of four, that charitable aspect of who I am was planted back in 1988 by the McDonald's Corporation and its charities."

Past participants in the game include Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwight Howard and Notre Dame's Chris Thomas and Courtney LaVere.

The PowerAde Jam Fest will be held on Monday, March 28 at Bethel College and was won in 2004 by Candace Parker, the

first time a female ever won that event.

Tickets for the All-American game, ranging from \$25 to \$100, are available by phone, at the Notre Dame ticket office or online. Separate tickets are needed for the JamFest and are available at the Bethel College box office and by phone.

Proceeds for the event will go directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Bend and Fort Wayne.

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NCAA Football

Zook takes over Illinois' football program

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Former Florida coach Ron Zook took over Illinois' struggling football program Tuesday, returning to his roots and promising to turn around a team that has sunk to the bottom of the Big Ten since

winning a league title in 2001.

Zook, a native of Ohio and a former assistant coach at Ohio State, said taking the job was an easy decision.

"I was raised in the Midwest. I coached in the Big Ten," he said. "It's one of the finest athletic conferences in the land."

Athletic director Ron Guenther said he wanted to find a coach with integrity, who was committed to academics and with a strong ability to recruit. He called Zook "a perfect fit."

"He's a players' coach," Guenther said. "His players picked up on the passion and

played extremely well for him."

Zook received a five-year deal, worth about \$1 million a year, according to university spokeswoman Robin Kaler.

Zook and Guenther talked last Tuesday, but Illinois could not name a new coach until a two-week waiting period to comply

with state guidelines passed. The deadline was Monday.

Florida fired Zook on Oct. 25, two days after the Gators lost at Mississippi State, satisfying a growing groundswell for his ouster that began two years earlier — after he replaced Steve Spurrier.

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among our football players." The statement represents a consensus of the group's 18-

member national board, said Danielle Boucree, the group's chairwoman and a 1991 Notre Dame graduate. Boucree said Tuesday that she and other black alumni were shocked at Willingham's firing.

"They didn't think about the

ramifications to the African-American community," Boucree said. "If they are truly dedicated to expanding ethnic diversity in the university, this action isn't in line with that."

When Willingham was hired, Boucree said, there was a

slight increase in applications from black high school students, whom she said may have felt more welcome on campus by his hiring.

"This action does quite the opposite," she said.

Black Alumni of Notre Dame raises money for scholarships and helps the university recruit and mentor minority students.

Boucree said some members of the group wanted to give up their positions in protest and no longer help recruit students, but they changed their minds.

Boucree said the group is willing to help the university repair the damage caused by the firing. And she said if a similar situation arises, she

hopes the university consults people of color and thinks about the impact on the black community.

About 40 black students met with some Notre Dame administrators Sunday to discuss Willingham's firing and how they felt betrayed by the university's action, a student who attended told the South Bend Tribune.

Increasing diversity has been a major goal for the Notre Dame administration.

Black enrollment at the university has been gradually increasing in recent years. This semester, black students account for 3.7 percent of Notre Dame's undergraduate student body.

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Indiana

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"Coming off a loss like we had, there's no time to feel sorry for ourselves," Irish guard Chris Quinn said. "We've got to bounce back and be ready to play [tonight]."

After the 2003-04 season, which saw the Irish drop a number of tough losses on national television and to ranked teams, they know how to deal with the kind of defeat they had Saturday in Ann Arbor.

That's why Irish co-captain Jordan Cornette isn't concerned about a hangover from the Michigan loss.

"With these guys, I'm never really worried about bouncing back," Cornette said. "We've had our share of tough losses since I've been here, and we know how to bounce back. These guys are excited for another challenge."

In their first road game of the season, the Irish got off to a disappointing start, going down 27-16 with three minutes, 36 seconds remaining in the first half.

That start was surprising considering the veterans in the starting lineup that should have known how to play well on the road in a tough environment like Crisler Arena.

"It's just one of those mental things. It's not an X or O thing. It's the whole starting lineup being ready to perform right after tip-off," Irish sen-

ior Dennis Latimore said. "I don't feel like the whole starting five was ready to go, composed and poised to go out there the first five to ten minutes of the game."

"We have to accept responsibility and hold ourselves accountable."

Assembly Hall will be an even tougher place to play than Crisler as this is obviously a big in-state rivalry.

Going down double digits early in the first half is not the recipe for success tonight against the Hoosiers.

The Irish feel they've learned what they need to do to prevent that from happening again.

"The main thing for us is staying focused and paying attention to detail, especially in game situations, and there's going to be a lot of those coming up," Cornette said. "It's going to be loud. It's going to be tough to hear and tough to communicate. You have to deal with those intangibles and handle them if you want to be a great team."

If the Irish are in the position late in the game tonight as they were Saturday against the Wolverines, then Brey will be satisfied — especially given the past history of Notre Dame at Indiana.

"I'd love to be in those game situations in Bloomington [tonight] and see if we can make the correct decisions down the stretch," he said.

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forward Emily Creachbaum, who enters the game red hot.

She has scored in double-digits in each of the last two games and five out of the last six. Creachbaum also leads the team in rebounds per game.

However, some Belles are in need of a turnaround against Anderson.

Junior Bridget Boyce will look to rebound from a tough performance against Olivet on Saturday. Her six-point effort was a season-low for Boyce, and she will need to approach her 16.8-point average for the Belles to have an effective offensive performance.

This is the only meeting of the teams this year, and they

did not play last year.

The Belles' schedule in the next three weeks includes Tri-State University at home Saturday, The Saint Xavier Tournament from Dec. 27 -29, hosting Calvin College on Jan. 6 and at Hope on Jan. 8.

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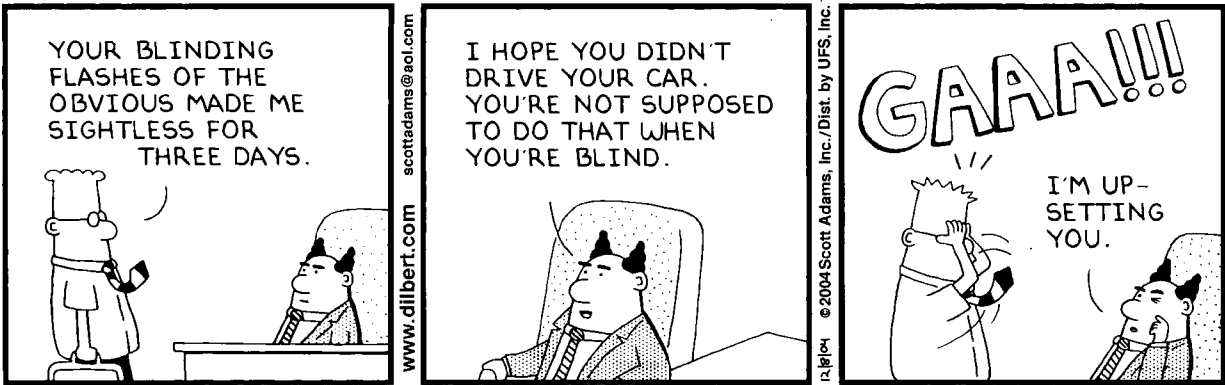
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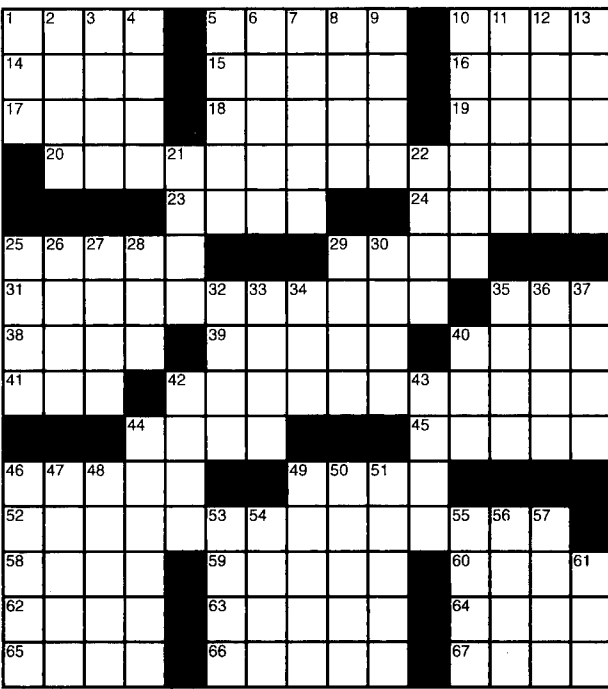
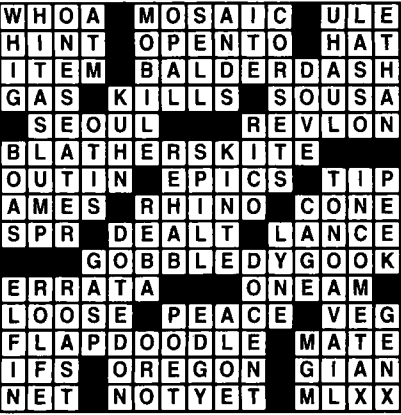
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

In-state showdown

Irish look for first victory in Bloomington since 1973

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Irish head coach Mike Brey isn't hiding the obvious from his team concerning the Notre Dame-Indiana series.

"They've had our number for a long time," Brey said. "I know we haven't won down there since 1973, and I kind of explained that to our guys that the series has been very one-sided, that their program has been the marquis program over time."

"It would be a good win for our program, obviously for this team to, to beat them on their floor."

The Irish play the Hoosiers tonight in Bloomington with history not exactly on their side. Indiana has won eight in a row in this series, 13 of the past 14 overall and the last 13 at Assembly Hall.

All of those negative factors going against the Irish leave them no time to stay down about their second-half collapse at Michigan Saturday.

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Irish guard Chris Thomas attempts to drive past Michigan's Dion Harris in Notre Dame's 61-60 loss to Michigan Saturday. Thomas finished the contest with two points, 10 assists and eight rebounds.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

FOOTBALL

Black ND alumni speak out

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND. — Some black Notre Dame alumni say the recent firing of football coach Tyrone Willingham will hamper the school's efforts to recruit and retain black students and teachers.

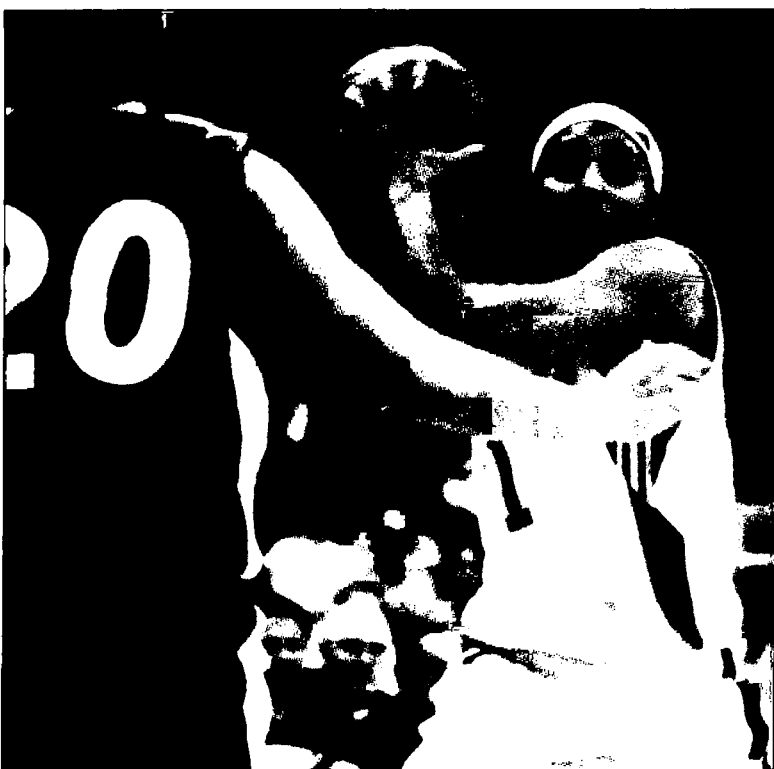
Black Alumni of Notre Dame, a group representing about 2,000 Notre Dame graduates, has issued a statement of support for Willingham and is mailing letters to all of Notre Dame's trustees expressing their concern over his firing last week.

"The decision made by the Administration is both premature and unprecedented," the statement said. "It disregards (Willingham's) outstanding first season, off-field success and increased integrity and academic strides

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish set to challenge Flyers



Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to pass the ball in Notre's Dame 82-73 overtime loss to Michigan State Thursday.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After a disappointing loss at home last week against No. 12 Michigan State, Notre Dame (7-1) is back in action Thursday night. The Irish, who dropped from No. 3 to No. 5 after the loss, saw their 25-game home winning streak snapped Thursday in the 82-73 overtime loss.

So now they hit the road to face unranked Dayton (4-3) at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday's game will be a homecoming of sorts for Irish point guard Megan Duffy. Duffy attended Chaminade-Julienne High School, just 10 minutes from the university.

"I'm excited," Duffy said after Tuesday's practice. "It's a good opportunity to play in front of family and friends before I get out of Notre Dame and I have

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles ready to battle Anderson Thursday

By KEN FOWLER
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After losing consecutive double-digit leads in the past week, the Belles look to rebound Thursday night against a non-conference opponent in Anderson University.

However, the Belles won't be the only ones with chips on their shoulders in the contest.

Although Saint Mary's comes into the game on the heels of two tough losses, the Ravens come in on a worse skid — Anderson will enter the Angela Athletic Center with a six-game losing streak to start the season.

For the struggling Ravens, guards Heather Terflinger and Emily Bailey each average over 10 points a contest

and create the majority of offensive opportunities for the team.

Terflinger is also shooting a team-high 60-percent from long distance.

To counter this, Saint Mary's must bring its top defense, especially the pressure that has forced over 60 steals in just seven games.

The Belles have been quite effective to this end.

In fact, after her two steals in the Saturday loss to Olivet, Katie Boyce became the fourth Belle to break double-digit steals on the season.

In the key, Stacie Jennings has grabbed just under eight rebounds a game, including three per night on the offensive board.

Battling Jennings on the inside will be Saint Mary's

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