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Three main issues emerge in campaigning

Student trustee, off-campus living, event programming dominate platform discussion

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

It was all about DVDs and SYRs in 2004. But 2005 is a whole new Boggle game.

In this year's student body presidential elections, the alphabet soup of key campaign issues is chock full of "BOT" and "OC," with just a dash of "U2" for flavor.

On a self-contained campus where students aren't afraid to make their needs known, some platform repetition between candidates is inevitable. If there is one, maybe two, dominant desires

or displeasures voiced by the populace, then a ticket looking to address voter concerns would wisely include these in their campaign platform.

This year, however, at least three significant issues have made their way onto the same four tickets' platforms — a situation that either gives candidates a chance to boast that "great minds think alike," or recognizes the importance of certain ideas to the University's future and the student body.

In their unabbreviated form, the key campaign promises are: the addition of a student member to the Board of

Trustees; the improvement of various aspects of off-campus life, such as town-gown relationships and student safety; and the creation of an endowment to fund more concerts and speakers — around which the promise of U2 swirls.

The fact that each ticket chose a slightly different approach to each issue places a greater burden on the voters, who must be responsibly acquainted with the subjects at hand if they hope to determine which variation is best for them.

Student Trustee

In Feb. 2000, Board of Trustees report chairman

John Obsorn and vice chair Mark Donahey received the Student Senate's resounding approval to include a section in their upcoming presentation on the benefits of adding a student representative to the BOT.

With no serious action taken for the next four years, the suggestion resurfaced last year in the Charlie Ebersol-James Leito platform. During the campaign, Ebersol said his objective was to have the student body president sit on the Board of Trustees so there would be a student voice in

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Coca-Cola challenge underway



BETH WERNET/The Observer
A student buys a drink from a Coca-Cola machine in Pangborn.

By KATIE SCARLETT O'HARA
News Writer

Coca-Cola Enterprises is sponsoring a new campus wide competition, offering \$2,000 to the dorm that consumes the most Coke products per resident.

"Our promotions in the past few years have not been much success," said Judah Wilson, campus market representative for Coca-Cola. "I think this will be successful because it benefits the whole dorm."

Wilson said Coca-Cola offered two \$500 travel packages through Anthony Travel and \$1,000 in other prizes last year to students who scratched off the winning bottle caps.

"About 20 T-shirts were picked up but no one claimed the grand prizes. No one was interested," Wilson said. "Promotions have been going on for years, but students don't seem to benefit."

In response, Wilson, Food Services and Coca-Cola met to brainstorm new ways to drive sales and promote the product. They decided to give prize money to dorms instead of individual students because of what Wilson perceives to be a strong dorm atmosphere on campus.

"Notre Dame is a community built around dorms. You're a member of a dorm and then an ND student," Wilson said. "[Two thousand dollars] is a nice little chunk of cash and dorms can decide what they want to do with it ... dorm party, DVD players, whatever they need."

In addition to the grand prize, one \$1,000, one \$500, three \$250 and four \$100 prizes will be awarded to top-placing dorms. The money for the prizes comes from Coca-Cola's prestige account with Notre Dame.

"A prestige account means [a company is] willing to not

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Teach for America popular choice

ND students drawn to teaching program

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Teach for America has issued a call to address the educational injustice in this nation, and eager young college students are responding with thousands of applications yearly. Notre Dame students are no exception — they accounted for 24 of the 2000 accepted applicants last year, and this year's October deadline saw 49 students apply compared to last year's 27.

Teach for America is a two-year postgraduate service organization that seeks to level the educational playing



BETH WERNET/The Observer
A Teach for America poster offers interested students information about the post graduate teaching opportunity.

Experience provides invaluable training

By EILEEN DUFFY
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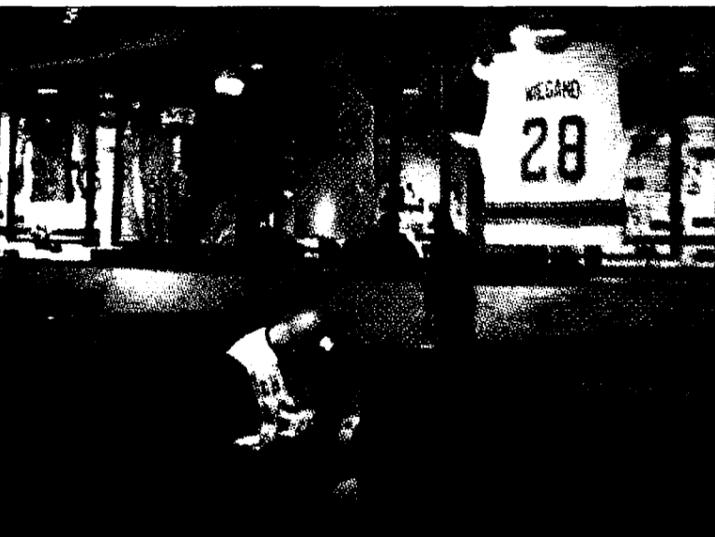
The story is a familiar one: teachers impact the lives of their students in new and fantastic ways; students, in return, educate their teachers — though not always in the academic sense of the term.

Teach for America corps members are no exception. The impact that these graduates have had on various underprivileged youth is undeniable, but in the end, the corps members can't shake the memories. Are they impacted more than their students?

Take Brad Leon, for example. Now the Teach for America

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Legends redecorated with ND memorabilia



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer
Patrons sit in Legends Tuesday. The decor and menu in the campus restaurant-bar now features Notre Dame lore.

By JOHN EVERETT
News Writer

In an effort to become a more integral part of the Notre Dame culture, Legends — the on-campus bar and restaurant — has undergone a recent image makeover, including a revamped menu and some eye-catching wall displays.

"We wanted to create more of a Notre Dame experience, and this was a good way to do it," Legends representative Keith Leek said. "We've added the Wall of History and a bunch of jerseys around the pub to make a timeline, mostly of sports, but other stuff as well. With the

menu, we came with names for items based on Notre Dame lore."

Diners can now order such items as a dessert known as "Divine Intervention" off the Desert menu, which is called "Dulcedo," from the Latin word for sweetness.

A flat-iron steak is now referred to as "Nieuwland's own," after the botanist and priest who lent his name to the science building. There is a pasta dish known as the "Luigi Bowl," in homage to Luigi Gregori, the famed Italian artist who became art director at Notre Dame in 1876 and painted the rotunda of the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Least favorite Monday

There are now officially five more days until my least favorite Monday of the year.

The day after the Super Bowl, which this year falls on Feb. 7, 2005. It is rapidly approaching, and there is nothing I can do about it.

It's like moving in your short stack, on the button with kings only to see the big blind flip over aces. It would be easy to complain, but instead you are better off smiling, shrugging your shoulders, and accepting your fate — even if you are a 4 to 1 dog.

Bobby Griffin

Sports Writer

In a sense, the day after the Super Bowl is a lot like the result of this given scenario.

I am a huge football fan, bigger than most, and my close friends can attest to this. Not only do I watch my hometown team, the New York Giants, with extreme intensity, but I also pay close attention to every other game on the schedule for some perverse reason.

I spend the majority of the regular season on my futon, Subway in front of me, and discarded "soda" cans around the room that, despite my convictions, will not find their way to the garbage.

I rarely miss a game.

The NFL becomes my life from September through early February.

The playoffs roll around in early January, and they usually provide a few of the best games of the season. This year was no exception, although the Steelers did not hold up their end of the bargain against New England.

Yet, when it comes to the Super Bowl, rarely do you get a game satisfying enough that it provides the appropriate culmination to the regular season. Since I've been watching football, I have seen a few good ones, including last year's classic between the Pats and the Panthers.

But that's just it: like a poker tournament, when you pick up a big hand and move all-in, and then realize you are 19 percent to win the hand, the Super Bowl hardly ever measures up to its anticipation.

However, you do get lucky some of the time — or else there would be no sense in hoping.

Hopefully next Monday morning, after a historic Super Bowl XXXIV, I will have the same feeling as I would from flopping the king and winning the pot despite the odds.

If not, I will be left with a lonely walk back to my room after the aces held up, bare of everything except anticipation of what is to come in the future.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Feb. 1 issue of The Observer said Saint Mary's spokesman Melanie McDonald would not comment on whether or not the alleged suspect in an incident of alleged assault in Le Mans Hall Jan. 30 is a Notre Dame student. McDonald confirmed he is not a Notre Dame student. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ISSUE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE STUDENT GOVERNMENT WORK ON?



Peter Sarpong
junior Sorin

"Meal plans — I'm not in favor of flex 10 because it will reduce the variety of the dining hall."



Jenna Linder
senior off-campus

"Meal plans. We get ripped off."



Alex Garcia
senior off-campus

"Meal plans — just give us a final answer and let it be done."



Lizett Martinez
senior McGlenn

"The bathrooms in LaFortune. If the Dome's are number one in the country, why can't they renovate LaFun's?"



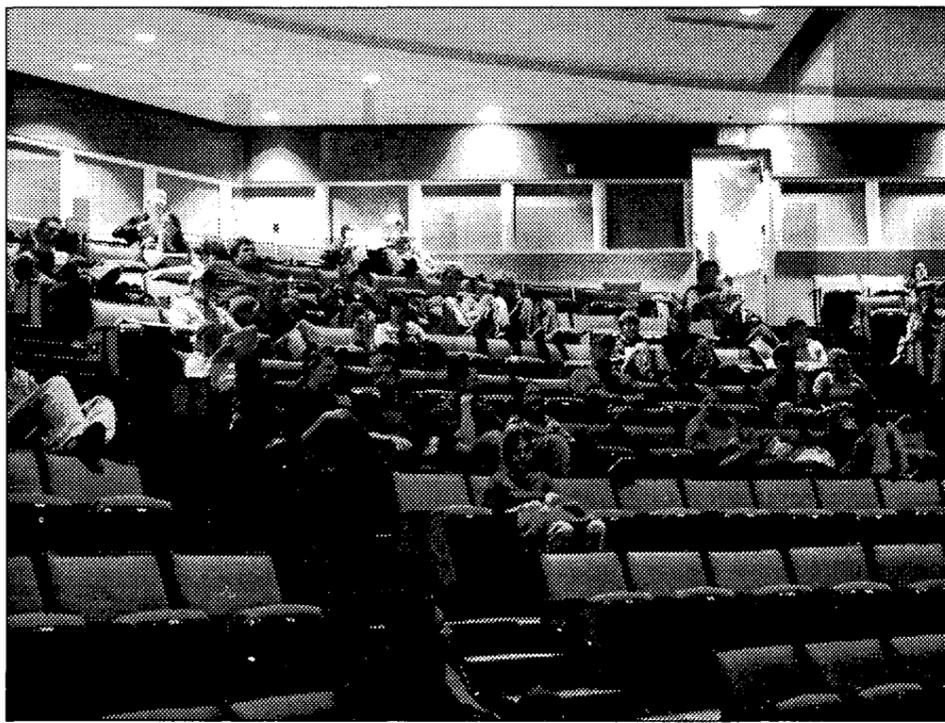
Tori Blainey
senior off-campus

"Senior lounge on campus, like in the O.C."



Jacob Benedict
sophomore Fisher

"Notre Dame could use some bigger names on campus for student programming — speakers, musicians, and comedians."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students from George Lopez's "Terrorism, Peace, and Other Inconsistencies" class gathered Tuesday night to watch the film "Battle of Algiers," which U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld showed to all field commanders to understand the insurgency in Iraq.

OFFBEAT

Mistake with button calls for evacuation of Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn. — Despite what residents may have seen on television, the state of Connecticut was not ordered evacuated Tuesday.

State emergency management officials believe someone pressed the wrong button, and instead of running a test of the emergency alert system, midday television viewers and radio listeners were told that the state was being evacuated.

"There is absolutely no evacuation or state emergency," said Kerry

Flaherty, of the Office of Emergency Management. "It was an erroneous message."

The department was investigating how the alert was sent. Officials said it is manually released to broadcasters.

The error prompted Gov. M. Jodi Rell to issue a statement reassuring residents.

Man again sent to prison for junk in yard

SANFORD, Fla. — A man who defied officials for more than 13 years by refusing to remove airplane parts and other junk

from his yard was sentenced to three years in prison.

Alan Wayne Davis, 49, had been placed on house arrest in September after serving nearly a year in prison for illegal dumping and creating and maintaining a public nuisance.

On Monday, a judge sentenced Davis to three years in prison for violations of his house arrest, including failing to return home from work on time and keeping part of a World War II fighter plane in his yard.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will take on Boston College today from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Joyce Center Arena.

The University will offer blood pressure and body fat screenings conducted by ProHealth, LLC. for faculty and staff today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the old Security Building.

Theology professor Todd Whitmore will speak about "Catholic Social Teaching and Interreligious Dialogue" today from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by the Program in Catholic Social Teaching's series on "Comparative Religious Social Ethics."

Ruth Mazo Karras, from the University of Minnesota, will give a lecture on "Clerical Chastity and Medieval Masculinities" Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in 715 Hesburgh Library. The talk is sponsored by the Medieval Institute.

Allison Truitt of Cornell University will give a lecture entitled "Dollars are for Keeping: Economic Reforms and the Limits to State" on Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the department of anthropology.

The film "Maria Full of Grace" will be shown on Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

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College choir to perform in L.A.

Saint Mary's women's choir to sing for first time at National Convention

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

For the first time in College history, the Saint Mary's women's choir will perform alongside the top choirs in the nation this week at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Los Angeles, Calif.

Under the guidance of Nancy Menk, conductor and music department chair at Saint Mary's College, the choir will stay in Los Angeles Feb. 2-6 and perform three times, including at the new Walt Disney Concert Hall.

While the choir has enjoyed many prestigious performances during the years, including national tours, state conventions and concerts at Carnegie Hall in 1999 and 2001, this week's Convention tops the list for both faculty and students.

"This is truly the first time the College has gone to the American Choral Directors Association National Convention," said junior and

three-year choir member Kathryn Karr. "It is by far a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"It is a lot of fun to get to such a refined level," said Menk. "We don't often get to sing for thousands of people who really know what we do."

The choir submitted three unidentified recordings to the Association in order to be considered for the Convention. Chosen solely on talent, the 42-member choir will be one of the honored few in the women's group.

"I think we have a good program, with lots of balance," said Menk. "I wanted music we knew very well in order to give the best performance we could."

Far from the small, intimate performances of the choir, the Convention will reveal them to more than 1,000 conductors, professors, Association members and singers.

Anticipation continued to build as the choir finished up its final rehearsals in preparation for today's departure. Kathleen Douglass, a senior and four-year choir member,

is looking forward to the unique experience.

"We are all so excited to go to Los Angeles and perform with the other groups," said Douglass. "We hope people not only recognize our strong music department, but also the talent that comes from this school."

Junior and three-year choir member Lauren Condon feels these performances set the tone for the rest of the year.

"This is such a great bonding experience for the choir and it will make the rest of our performances so much better," said Condon. "It sets such a high standard for everything else we do this year."

Karr agreed. "This will be great for Saint Mary's," said Karr. "True, many people don't know what a great program we have, but additionally, we will reflect the positive image a Saint Mary's woman always presents."

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Professors participate in Vista pilot program

WebCT to be replaced by new online system

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

From physics to sociology to German, professors of various Notre Dame departments are participating in a pilot program for a new version of WebCT.

Functions of this program, called Vista WebCT, include keeping track of grades, making course announcements, providing handouts in various formats, giving quizzes and surveys, having online discussion and submitting assignments.

Vista WebCT will be replacing the old WebCT this May, said Alex Himonas, a Vista Pilot program participant. Students will not notice much change, but the upgrade to Vista will add many new features, which aid the faculty, Himonas said.

Teaching functions, like

entering grades, have been separated from design functions, like posting a PowerPoint file. Faculty can now view the same screens as students. Additional functions for group work have been integrated and a Web page editor has also been built into the system.

"Besides the new features, a major benefit is that [Vista] will connect with the University's new administrative system," Himonas said.

Some Math 108 students were unable to log into Vista for the first quiz of the semester. The Office of Information Technology was able to work out the problem and students can now log on without problems, Himonas said.

"This program had a lot of troubles at the beginning, but now it is much easier to navigate than the old one," said freshman Katie Scully, a Math 108 student.

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Applications for any of the above positions should be at least five pages and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor applications are due by Wednesday, February 2 at 5 p.m. Submit all applications to Claire Heininger in the Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Claire Heininger and Matt Lozar at 631-4542.

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the administration, even if the student member was not granted a vote.

After that election, its winners, current student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell, said they would look into continuing the push for a student trustee, but no visible progress was made on the issue during their term.

This year's candidates have prominently featured the promise to get the ball rolling on the matter in their platforms.

The Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell ticket attached a contingency to its plan for putting a student on the BOT, saying it will support the measure only if the BOT continues to allow the student government to give its tri-annual presentation to the Board's Student Affairs Committee.

"A student on the BOT is not worth losing the right of agenda," says the ticket's official Web site.

In the most detailed of the stances, the Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan ticket sets forth a specific plan for the position, allowing a student nominating committee to select three finalists from a group of Notre Dame sophomore, junior and senior applicants, and the BOT to ultimately choose the representative. The student would then serve a three-year term on the Board, with voting privileges only in their second and third years. The plan also stip-

ulates that the "Young Trustee cannot hold a presidential position of any component of student government nor be employed by the University" during his term, according to the ticket's Web site.

Though not directly included in its list of long-term goals, the Mark Healy-Bob Costa ticket integrates the idea of a student Trustee into its platform by making it a priority in the first 30 days of its term to send a letter to the BOT supporting the creation of such a position.

Citing the University's biggest problem as a lack of communication between the administration and the student body, the James

Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni ticket promises to advocate the addition of a student to the Board's Student Affairs Committee — a body whose policy decisions directly affect the student population.

While the Will Marra-Pete Harig and Alec White-Erik Powers tickets did not include the proposal as part of their written platform, both tickets commented on the issue during their interviews with The Observer Editorial Board.

Marra and Harig said the idea was unreasonable, and outside of student government power to implement.

White and Powers said that they shouldn't just put a student on the BOT — they should get him a desk, chair and carpeting as well.

Off-campus issues

Issues of off-campus security and student relations with the South Bend community were a key element of the past year's developments, from the fall meetings between University

officials and members of the South Bend city government to the Istvan, Bell and Baron October BOT report.

Because of Baron's ties to the current administration, the Baron-Shappell ticket plans on implementing an "OC Safety Seminar" and "OC Security Alert" for those students living off-campus, as well as creating a Student Senate Committee on Community Relations.

The Brede-Ramanan ticket is focusing on increasing representation for off-campus students — an issue that arose last year when the election was decided by a Senate vote based on dorm breakdowns, during which the objection was raised that the 1,000-plus off-campus students had the same amount of representation as the approximately 100 students in Carroll. Brede and Ramanan want to add a second off-campus senator and president as representatives of specific housing regions.

Healy-Costa's two-part "WE ARE Campaign" encourages improved community relations through a monthly volunteer effort called "Campus-Community Clean-UP" and a push at the beginning of the fall semester to increase student patronage at local businesses and other venues.

Though no specific representation plan is detailed, the Healy-Costa Web site promises that "Mark and Bob will fight for the rights and lifestyle of off-campus students."

The Leito-Bongiovanni ticket also calls for off-campus security alerts, promising to work through the Campus Life Council to make sure the sys-

tem is running by the fall.

Again, the Marra-Harig and White-Powers tickets did not include the proposal as part of their written platform, but both commented on the issue during their interviews with The Observer Editorial Board.

Marra and Harig promised to continue the current administration's SafeBus idea.

White and Powers said their solution to off-campus problems was to "tell the neighbors to come over and have a beer."

Concert/speaker endowment

A headlining issue that is, at its core, about students wanting headliners to play on campus, the push for a concert and speaker endowment is the source of the most variety among candidate solutions.

The original plan — discussed and proposed by former student body president Jeremy Lao in last year's February and April BOT reports — called for a \$1 million student programming endowment to be integrated into the University's 10-year strategic plan. The endowment would generate about \$50,000 a year to be used to fund big-ticket concerts and speakers normally too pricy for organizations' budgets.

The endowment was also a component to the Ebersol-Leito platform in 2004.

The Baron-Shappell ticket hopes to expand on the initial \$100,000 allotment with donations, and in the meantime would increase the Student Union Board concert budget and reach out to neighboring schools like Purdue and Northwestern to coordinate tours.

In what they call a more "sensible" approach, Brede and Ramanan suggest limiting to use for speakers, reasoning that \$50,000 is not likely to cover the costs for a big-ticket concert, but can attract high quality speakers.

Healy and Costa recognize the importance of securing an endowment for the future, but want to act immediately to get big-name bands to campus. Costa, who gained national recognition for getting John Mayer to play for free at his high school's prom, promises to use his connections to work toward securing artists like Maroon 5, Outkast, Pearl Jam, the Dave Matthews Band and U2 for shows on campus.

The Leito-Bongiovanni ticket — also invoking the specter of U2 in their platform description — provides no specifics on their plan for the endowment, but criticize the current administration for failing to make progress on the effort and promise to make it a top priority if elected.

This issue was not included in the written platforms of the Marra-Harig and White-Powers, and their positions come from interviews with The Observer Editorial Board.

Marra and Harig said they are "all for the idea" of the endowment, and promised to pursue it to the best of their ability.

White and Powers also supported the endowment, and said that extra money will help events like An Tostal improve.

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Ensuring a Welcoming Environment for All at ND

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Annan urges Darfur action

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday urged swift action to stop the killing in Sudan's Darfur region, but the Security Council was divided about sending the case to the International Criminal Court or setting up an entirely new tribunal to handle the case.

Annan's call for the council to consider imposing sanctions on Darfur came a day after a U.N.-appointed panel concluded Sudan's government and allied militias had likely committed crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur, but not genocide as the United States claims.

Annan, along with several council diplomats, stressed that the debate over whether genocide had occurred in Sudan was far less important than taking action to stop the killings, torture, rape and other atrocities in Darfur that were outlined in the commission's report.

South Korea requires hair cuts

SEOUL, South Korea — The order to shaggy-haired North Korean men couldn't be clearer: Get a trim like Kim.

The reclusive communist country is waging a hair war, telling its male population to lose the long locks, cut the coiffures and mow the mane to conform to "socialist style" no longer than two inches.

Even hair-challenged, authoritarian leader Kim Jong Il has trimmed his famous pompadour. One exception, however: Comradely comb-overs are OK for older men.

NATIONAL NEWS

Abu Ghraib guard pleads guilty

FORT HOOD, Texas — A former Abu Ghraib guard pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery and two other charges in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal as part of a deal with prosecutors on the eve of his trial.

Sgt. Javal Davis, 27, also pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and making a false official statement to Army investigators after photographs of naked and abused prisoners became public last spring. Davis, from Roselle, N.J., will not be tried on two other charges he had faced: conspiracy and maltreating detainees.

Defense attorney Paul Bergin told The Associated Press last week that Davis was working on a deal with prosecutors that would cap his possible sentence at 18 months.

Medicare set to cover Viagra

WASHINGTON — Sexual performance drugs such as Viagra will be covered in Medicare's new prescription drug program, a lifestyle rather than lifesaving benefit that conservatives and watchdog groups say the government shouldn't provide.

Like those for maladies such as high blood pressure and heart disease, prescriptions for Viagra and similar drugs in its class will be tightly controlled. The new prescription coverage begins Jan. 1 and is expected to cost more than \$500 billion over the next decade.

"The law says if it's an FDA-approved drug and it is medically necessary, it has to be covered," said Gary Karr, spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which administers the health insurance program for older Americans.

LOCAL NEWS

Circus elephant kills man

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An elephant being loaded onto a truck trampled a circus animal trainer to death at Memorial Coliseum, police said.

Three handlers were loading the elephant Monday as crews packed up from this weekend's Shrine Circus, officials said. Two of the workers left the semitrailer and Pierre Spenle, 40, of Texas, stayed behind to lock the trailer door.

Pope John Paul II hospitalized

Severe flu symptoms force Holy Father to seek medical aid Tuesday night

Associated Press

ROME — Pope John Paul II was hospitalized urgently on Tuesday after he suffered inflammation of the throat and had difficulty breathing, the Vatican said.

In a post-midnight statement, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said it was decided to urgently hospitalize the 84-year-old pope at 10:50 p.m. after he suffered complications from the flu.

"The flu which the Holy Father was suffering for three days this evening became complicated by an acute laryngeal tracheitis and larynx spasm crisis," the statement said Tuesday. "For this reason urgent admission to Gemelli Polyclinic, which occurred at 10:50 p.m. today was decided."

Tracheitis, an inflammation of the trachea, requires hospitalization and usually a breathing tube to keep the airway clear. The spasms are likely a complication from the respiratory illness he's had.

It's possible his Parkinson's disease has made his condition more serious and his breathing more labored.

A Vatican official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the pontiff, who has had the flu since Sunday, had apparently suffered a "breathing crisis."

Earlier, a close member of the pope's staff, American Archbishop James Harvey, said the pope had congestion and a slight fever during the day.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said the pope would be held overnight for observation but there was no indication he was gravely ill.

Cars with Vatican license plates were speeding toward Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital where the pope had been taken, according to an AP corre-



Pope John Paul II, shown at a prayer service at the Vatican on Sunday, was hospitalized Tuesday after complaining of assorted severe symptoms from the flu.

spondent at the scene.

It was the same Rome Catholic teaching hospital he was taken to when he was shot in the abdomen in 1981 and at which he has undergone several operations.

The frail pontiff has Parkinson's disease, which makes his speech difficult, as well as chronic hip and knee problems.

He was last seen in public on Sunday, when he made his regular noontime appearance at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square and released a dove in a sign of peace. He appeared remarkably lively, but his words were barely audible.

Until the pope had been taken to the hospital, the

Vatican had been issuing reassuring news about his condition, up to Tuesday's late night news cast on Vatican radio.

First word of his transfer to the hospital Tuesday night came from Italian news media.

The Vatican announced earlier Tuesday that it had canceled the pope's engagements for the next few days.

The canceled appointments included John Paul's weekly public audience Wednesday. Besides the traditional morning gathering with the faithful, he had been scheduled to preside at a candle-blessing service in St. Peter's Basilica that evening.

The flu has been sweep-

ing through Italy since December. The Rome region, which is shivering through a cold spell that has dropped temperatures below freezing at night, has been among those hit the hardest.

About 40 percent of the flu cases have been children, with the elderly making up only a small fraction of cases after an aggressive campaign of flu vaccinations for older people, health officials said.

It was not known whether the pontiff had a flu shot.

Vatican Radio asked Navarro-Valls earlier Tuesday if the pope felt the good wishes of people worldwide who are concerned about his health.

Iraqi citizens deprived of vote

Interim president reports a shortage of ballots in many Sunni Arab areas

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president said Tuesday that tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote in the country's historic weekend election because some polling places including those in Sunni Arab areas ran out of ballots.

As clerks pounded vote-count tallies into computers to compile final

results, President Ghazi al-Yawer also said chaos and a power vacuum in Iraq mean U.S. forces need to stay for now, even though a new government will be formed after the results are known.

If true, the allegation that many voters were turned away could further alienate minority Sunnis, who already are complaining they have been left out of the political process.

"Tens of thousands were unable to cast their votes because of the lack of ballots in Basra, Baghdad and Najaf," al-Yawer, himself a Sunni Arab, said at a news conference. Najaf is a mostly Shiite city

but Basra and Baghdad have substantial Sunni populations.

Elections officials acknowledged that irregularities kept people away including in the volatile northern and heavily Sunni city of Mosul and they called the fact unfortunate. Security worries in Sunni areas were partly to blame for the fact that some polls did not open and ballots were too few, they said.

"The elections took place under difficult conditions and this undoubtedly deprived a number of citizens in a number of areas from voting," said Abdul-Hussein al-Hendawi, who heads the Iraqi electoral commission.

Teach

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recruitment director for Notre Dame, Leon graduated from Occidental College in 2000 and was assigned to teach in the greater New Orleans area through Teach for America. At the beginning of his first year, he found out that his eighth graders would have to face the high-stakes Louisiana Education Assessment Program test in March. If they didn't pass the test, they wouldn't graduate.

Leon also soon discovered that only 30 percent of his students were reading at their grade level; some were only at a second or third grade level. He immediately sprang into action, getting all the parents on board and implementing a tutoring program for one hour before and one hour after school.

The week-long test was "nerve-racking" for Leon, who said he'd formed strong relationships with his students and would hate to see them not pass. When the test results arrived in May, the principal offered Leon the choice of good news or bad news.

"The bad news was that only 30 percent of the fourth graders had passed [their LEAP tests]," said Leon. "The good news was, 98 percent of my students had passed."

Leon said what followed has impacted the rest of his life.

"It was one of the greatest joys of my life to pull these students into the hallway and tell them they'd passed the test; there were a lot of hugs and tears," he recalled. "It was so amazing to see that I had helped create something so special and make a real difference. This is why I'm doing recruitment here. ... I believe Notre Dame students can make a difference, too."

Joe Lordi, class of 2003, believed he could make a difference, especially after becoming aware of educational injustice during his time at Notre Dame.

"My awareness of the problem began in South Bend. I'd totally taken education for granted [growing up] in New Hampshire," Lordi said. "I began volunteering as a tutor off-campus. ... I eventually noticed that each and every kid was struggling. I couldn't believe this was going on just four blocks down the road from one of the greatest academic institutions in the country."

Lucy Patrinella, a 2004 graduate currently serving as a corps member in Houston, said she believes that Teach for America provides Notre Dame students with a unique postgraduate experience.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Notre Dame students to see a different side of America," she said.

Patrinella also said she recognizes the overall difference that Teach for America was making in the world — and she likes being a part of it.

"To be a part of a national collective impact addressing educational inequity," she said, "and to be one of [at least] 3,000 corps members working to make a difference is really powerful."

Still, for Teach for America corps members, the job is not without its challenges. Lordi in particular admitted that he struggled a bit during his first year.

"Last year wasn't as excellent as I would have liked," he said. "It's a

big wake-up call, coming from this bubble. You play so many roles for these kids ... you're their doctor, lawyer, father, and first and foremost, you're their teacher. That was the hardest part for me."

Patrinella agreed, but she pointed out that such struggles have their benefits.

"This is by far the most challenging and incredibly gratifying experience of my life," she said. "Still, I learn so much every day."

Students who choose to participate in the Alliance for Catholic Education rather than Teach for America have had similar experiences, like Katie Mitchell, class of 2004, who is teaching high school chemistry in Los Angeles.

"It is much more difficult than I ever thought it could be," she said, "but the students are great and make each day exciting and challenging."

One major distinguishing factor between Teach for America and ACE is ACE's requirement that its teachers live in a community together.

"We believe this is a huge support for the teachers," said John Staud, administrative director for ACE. "They teach at different schools, but they can come home and share their war stories."

Students involved in ACE recognize this living situation as one of the most important features of the program.

"Moving to a new city with new people and into unknown teaching territory, I find community to be a great asset in ACE," said Francisco Ramirez, class of 2004. "Coming home and being able to share my successes, frustrations and failures with people who care and are living the same experiences is invaluable and very comforting."

Both programs stress the importance of preparation. Teach for America corps members have an intensive five-week training session the summer before they begin; ACE students have already dedicated a summer towards

earning their master's degree.

"I had no idea I would be so prepared to enter a classroom," 2004 graduate Mike Macaluso, who is currently serving in the ACE, "and teach and keep control of 30 kids for 50 minutes."

Nearly three out of four principals (74 percent) said that Teach for America teachers are more effective than other beginning teachers, according to Teach for America's Web site.

Ongoing support is also a concern of both the programs. As mentioned previously, ACE groups its teachers into communities; Teach for America, rather, "clusters" its corps members, according to Leon, with 88 percent teaching in schools with other corps members. In addition, Teach for America organizes monthly meetings of Learning Teams, groups of corps members teaching similar subjects and ages, to discuss better teaching techniques. ACE participants noted the availability of their professors throughout the year, as well.

Whether in public or Catholic schools, Teach for America and ACE participants are certainly making a difference.

"I chose Teach for America because it captured the things I'd been feeling," said Lordi. "It's our generation's civil rights struggle, trying to level the educational playing field."

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field between by uniting motivated college graduates with low-income public schools in urban and rural communities. Since its inception in 1990, the program has expanded from 500 corps members in six placement sites to more than 3,000 corps members in 22 sites in 2004.

Several factors contributed to the program's growth. In 2000, to celebrate its 10-year anniversary, the program launched an aggressive five-year campaign strategy. In 2001, Laura Bush recognized Teach for America as one of five organizations she would actively support. After Sept. 11, the program saw its application numbers rise from 4,000 annually to about 15,000.

There are also more internal reasons why the explosion occurred, said Brad Leon, Teach for America recruitment director for Notre Dame.

"Recently, Teach for America put much more money and resources into recruitment," he said. "They went from 11 to 12 recruitment directors to close to 25. They are also sending back more alumni ... people are very excited to go back and talk about their experiences."

While the program is growing in general, the growth at Notre Dame is "outpacing that of the entire country's," Leon said. He thinks he knows why, too.

"I can speculate why [Notre Dame students' acceptance rates have been so high]. Notre Dame students are so well-rounded, academically and in the community," Leon

said. "Even Harvard and Yale have lower acceptance rates."

The national acceptance rate last year was 12 percent; Notre Dame's was nearly 25 percent.

John Staud, administrative director for the Alliance for Catholic Education, agreed with Leon — Notre Dame students do have a lot of potential to pass along.

"Clearly, they are thoroughly impressed with Notre Dame students, as are we. We just knew that 10 years ago, before they existed," Staud said. "We both prize the notion that if you take talented, highly-motivated students, they'll make great teachers."

While he declined to reveal any application numbers, Staud did say the ACE program's numbers "have been going up consistently." They accepted 88 to the program last year.

The financial and post-service opportunities that Teach for America offers pose different draws than those offered by ACE.

While ACE teachers earn a Master's degree in education and receive about an \$11,000 yearly stipend, Teach for America corps members receive full teachers' salaries through their school districts, to use however they please. Without the degree, corps members are hired using state-approved alternative certification programs, which generally means demonstrating proficiency in the grades

or subject matter they will be teaching.

Leon stressed the flexibility of the program along with the opportunities it provides for further studies — at various prestigious law schools, medical schools, business schools and government or public policy schools.

"One of the draws is that we take all academic majors; no one specific focus comes more than another," said Leon. "Plus, we have a lot of really fantastic relationships with postgraduate programs ... they value the experience our corps members have."

Teach for America has also established a relationship with Americorps, a national service network that offers a two-year deferral on student loans. The service gives all corps members an award of \$9,450 that can be used to repay student loans or finance further educational pursuits.

Arianna Watkins, a senior who has signed with the Teach For

America program for next year, said that the two-year service opportunity was an "ideal commitment," both in terms of the focus, and the opportunities it provides.

"Public schools are a lot worse off than Catholic schools; I feel I'll be doing the work where the most is needed," she said. "Plus, you can go to graduate school if you choose, and we're being paid, which is comforting, as a college graduate."

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SBC expects to cut 13,000 jobs

Merger with AT&T leads communications giant to discuss major layoffs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — SBC Communications Inc. said Tuesday it expects to eliminate about 13,000 jobs after its \$16 billion acquisition of AT&T Corp. closes, but the telephone company stressed that many of those positions can be cut through attrition rather than layoffs.

The projection came during an occasionally heated meeting with investors a day after SBC announced plans to acquire AT&T, its former corporate parent, in a deal that would create one of the world's biggest telecommunications companies on numerous fronts.

The cuts would come in addition to existing plans at the two companies to eliminate at least 12,000 jobs before the merger is finalized at least a year from now. Combined, the 25,000 expected cuts represent about 12 percent of the current work force at the two companies.

SBC executives also offered a more optimistic projection of how long the deal might take to gain approval from federal, state and foreign regulators, saying the merger should be completed by "early" 2006. On Monday, the target closing date was put closer to mid-2006.

Overall, work force reductions will generate nearly 60 percent of the cost savings that the merger is expected to generate, SBC executives said in the presentation. Other savings will come from combining budgets for capital expenditures and marketing, combining facilities to reduce real estate and utility costs, and improved purchasing power.

Those savings are expected to accelerate from between \$200 million and \$600 million in 2006, depending on when the deal closes, to between \$1.1 billion and \$1.6 bil-



A merger with SBC led AT&T chairman and CEO David W. Dorman to discuss the merger's effects, including massive job loss, on Tuesday.

lion in 2007. Annual savings could exceed \$2.4 billion in 2009, the executives said.

The meeting included some pointed questions from analysts and money managers who asked whether AT&T had shopped itself to anyone but SBC and whether it sold itself too cheaply despite the company's rapidly deteriorating business.

There also were some audible groans when the question-and-answer session was halted after about half an hour despite assurances early on by Edward E. Whitacre Jr., SBC chairman and chief executive, that the purpose of the meeting was to

answer the attendees' questions.

Instead, the gathering was dominated by an hourlong presentation which offered many new details on the jobs cuts and other aspects of the merger, but also repeated large swaths of the material covered in conference calls on Monday after the deal was announced.

Some of the criticism of AT&T pointed to SBC's assertions on Monday that the deal's cost savings meant the takeover would pay for itself and that even an AT&T in decline possessed a unique set of assets.

AT&T Chairman and CEO David Dorman rejected suggestions AT&T had

failed to seek the best possible payoff for shareholders.

"We haven't been hiding under a bushel basket," said Dorman, 51, who also was adamant in saying he had received no formal or informal promise that he's take over the top job at the merged company when Edward E. Whitacre Jr., 63, eventually retires as SBC chairman and chief executive.

"In terms of people who could possibly do this transaction, there's only three," Dorman said referring to SBC and its Bell rivals, Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp. "We know who they are and they know who we are."

IN BRIEF

Coors set to merge with Molson

GOLDEN, Colo. — Adolph Coors Co. shareholders overwhelmingly approved a merger with Canada's Molson Inc. on Tuesday, one of the last steps in a \$3.4 billion deal that will combine two family-run breweries hoping to keep up with the race for new international markets.

The deal won support from 92 percent of Coors stockholders, the company said. It was approved last week by Molson shareholders.

"This is a momentous time for our company," Coors board chairman Peter Coors said. "Coors and Molson were both founded by bold pioneers in their own time and our family looks at this merger as a pioneering step in its own right."

A hearing in Quebec Superior Court is scheduled for Wednesday for final approval. The deal is expected to close Feb. 9.

The new Molson Coors Brewing Co. will have 15 breweries and nearly 15,000 employees making brands such as Molson Canadian, Coors Light, Carling, Keystone, Aspen Edge, Zima, Rickard's and Kaiser.

Red Lobster aims for new image

ORLANDO, Fla. — All-you-can-eat dinners have been a staple at Red Lobster restaurants, but as the casual dining chain tries to lift its sagging sales, customers are going to see a little more portion control.

Parent company Darden Restaurants Inc., is giving Red Lobster a diet of sharper advertising, a more moderately priced menu and less reliance on those famed all-you-can-eat promotions.

Restoring Red Lobster's health has been paramount to Darden's fortunes since the seafood chain started slumping in September 2003. With 680 locations, Red Lobster accounts for around half the \$5 billion in annual sales at Darden, the nation's largest casual dining restaurant company.

Improvement at Red Lobster, combined with continuing strong momentum from its Olive Garden Italian restaurants and the steady expansion of its Smokey Bones barbecue chain, is key to further boosting Darden's stock, which has traded from a 52-week low of \$19.30 in August to its current high in the \$29 range.

CEO Scrushy implicated in fraud

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Fired HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy actively orchestrated and participated in a scheme to overstate earnings at the rehabilitation giant, a former finance chief testified Tuesday as prosecutors got to the heart of their multi-billion dollar fraud case against Scrushy.

Bill Owens, who served as HealthSouth Corp.'s chief financial officer and secretly recorded talks with Scrushy for the FBI in 2003, painted his one-time boss as a micromanager who oversaw everything from major acquisitions to who parked where at headquarters.

"Basically, he was responsible for everything," said Owens.

Owens said after Scrushy "directed" him to overstate earnings, it was his job to figure out how to alter financial statements and accounts. Owens, an accountant, went through a long list of executives he said helped with the scheme.

Owens said it was "very important" to Scrushy that HealthSouth meet Wall Street earnings estimates. Scrushy told him and another former CFO, Aaron Beam, to "fix the numbers" once a shortfall occurred in 1996, Owens said.

After adding millions in false revenues to the books, Owens said he took the new, bogus numbers to Scrushy

and explained what had been done.

"His primary question to me was could I get this past the auditors," Owens said. Scrushy later pressured him and Beam to continue the fraud as HealthSouth's real numbers sagged, Owens said.

Prosecutors allege Scrushy directed a fraud that led to the overstatement of HealthSouth earnings by some \$2.7 billion and enriched himself. They accuse him of using bonuses, profits from stock sales and his salary to finance a lavish lifestyle of mansions, luxury cars, boats, jewels and art.

Scrushy, 52, is named in a 58-count indictment charging him with conspiracy, fraud, money laundering, obstruction of justice and perjury.

Coke

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focus on profit because the account is more valuable," said Wilson.

Wilson also said Coca-Cola enters these accounts because they want to be associated with quality.

"We are good at academics, sports, everything. We are Notre Dame," he said.

Wilson said the hall presidents greeted the six-week competition with excitement when he presented at Hall President's Council. Though he has not seen any tallies yet, Wilson has his picks for the winner.

"I would think Keough would win because the past president of Coca-Cola was Don Keough and he is currently on the board of directors."

Keough Hall president Ricky Nieto is urging residents to win, but does not feel any pressure because of the dorm's namesake.

"It is just a fun competition. We are pushing it hard ... in emails, at hall council meetings, after mass. This cash prize is large," he said. "Outside of HPC's [Hall President's Council] occasional competition, there really aren't ways to earn that much."

According to Wilson, Vending Services keeps track of how many bottles of Coke products are sold from each dorm vending machine. Coke products include Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Dasani, Barq's Root Beer, Sprite and others.

Beverages bought from vending machines that are not in dorms will not be counted toward the totals. Each Tuesday, until the promotion ends on March 5, Wilson will present the standings at HPC. Whichever dorm sells the most per resident wins.

"This works because small dorms can compete with the Dillons and Alumnis," said Wilson. "But, unfortunately, if students buy in another dorm, that dorm will get [credit]."

Dean Winter, vending operations manager, said he would guess the amount of Coke bought in dorms compared to those bought at other campus locations is "50-50, but dorms [may] be on the lesser end because of big sellers like DeBartolo, the library and the Joyce Center."

"We don't envision millions of bottles sold," he said. "I don't think [the increase in sales] will be staggering. [This competition] is for fun."

Out of the 204 beverage vending machines on campus, 32 Coke brand machines are spread between the 27 residence halls.

Each dorm has at least one Coke vending machine in their dorm, with Alumni, Dillon, Sorin, Zahm and Keough each having two. Because of Don Keough's ties to Coca-Cola Enterprises, it is the only beverage vending option in that hall.

"It is a courtesy thing. You don't want to insult," said Winter. "He also said this may put Keough at an advantage but "you never know. It depends on how many people choose to participate."

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Legends

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main building along with the 12 works depicting the life of Columbus on the corridor inside. Those patrons wishing to order a hamburger are invited to "Build one for the Gipper."

The selections range from the obvious: "Room Picks" in reference to combo platters where the customer has some choice, to the not-so-obvious: a "Zahm Special" is a dish of sautéed-shrimp with chipotle peppers.

Other entrées provide a history lesson for those not acquainted with the more

obscure folk tales associated with the University. There is the "King of Campus," a 16-ounce steak in honor of the student who campaigned for the fictitious title and managed to win the election for student-body president. There is another steak whose namesake is one Father Bill "BHB" Lang, who was in 1922 named the fourth-strongest man in the world.

"We first introduced the new menu in mid-November and we've gotten a lot of positive feedback from it. A lot of people are excited about it," Leek said.

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Teenage girl killed outside restaurant

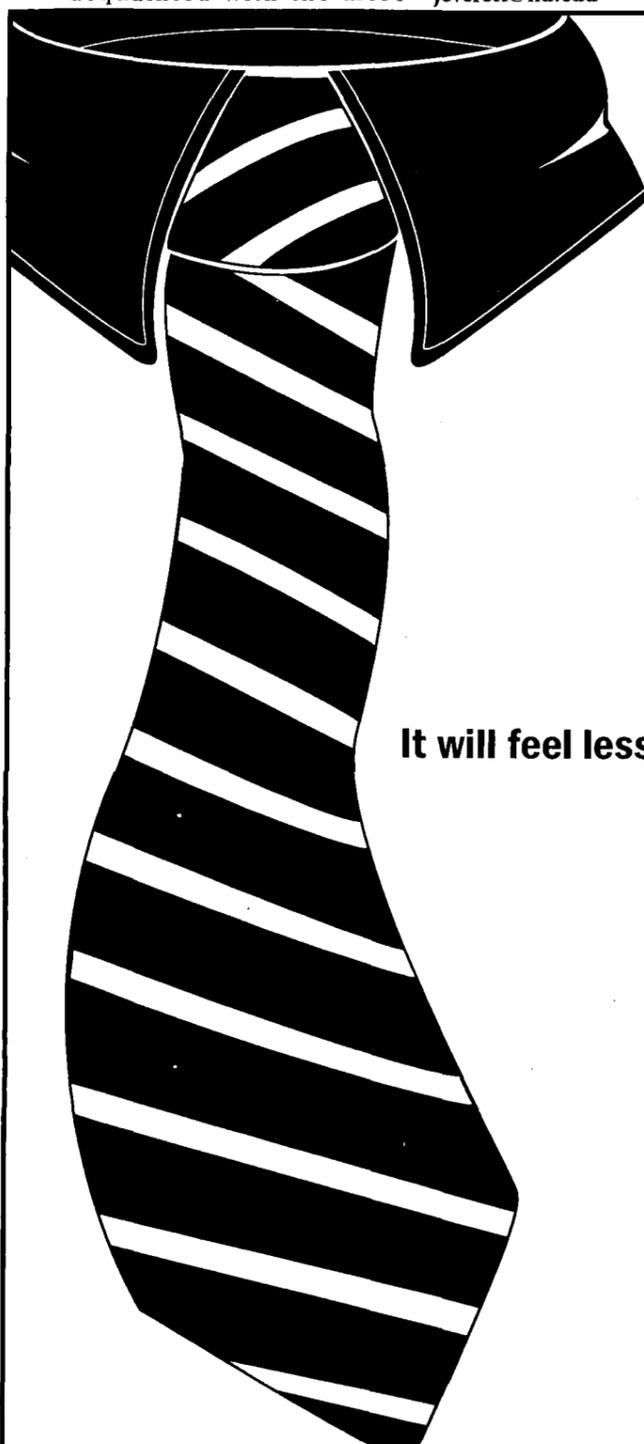
Associated Press

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. — What started as a fight between two 16-year-old girls in a car outside a fast food restaurant ended with two teens beating and strangling one of the girls, then burning and dismembering her body with the help of another friend, investigators testified in court Tuesday.

All three teenagers arrested in the Jan. 21 death of

Adrienne Reynolds were 16 or 17 years old.

Two — Sarah Kolb, 16, and Corey Charles Gregory, 17 — pleaded not guilty Tuesday to first-degree murder and concealment of a homicide in Reynolds' death. The third, a 16-year-old boy, is in juvenile custody, and Rock Island County State's Attorney Jeff Terronez said he was considering charging him as an adult as well.



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Health secretary tells states to fix Medicaid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new health secretary accused some states on Tuesday of mismanaging their Medicaid programs and cheating the federal government and taxpayers of as much as \$40 billion over a decade.

"We need to have a very uncomfortable but, frankly, necessary conversation with our funding partners, the states," said Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. "State officials have resorted to what I would refer to as a variety of loopholes and in some cases accounting gimmicks that shift the cost that they claim to pay to the taxpayers of other states."

He said that if the federal government doesn't persuade states to close those loopholes, they will shift as much as \$40 billion in what officials describe as a shell game in which the federal government repays states for supposedly spent money.

The tough talk previewed Bush's budget proposal, due next Monday, in which he has said he will look to control popular benefit programs to save money. Programs like Medicaid are among the biggest and fastest-growing parts of the budget but are also widely popular and difficult for politicians to cut.

Leavitt, like Bush a former governor, tried to strike a balance between frankness and empathy

in the run-up to the money fight over the health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

"I sympathize with the state officials who face these pressures. I know why they act this way," Leavitt, a former governor of Utah, told the World Health Congress. "This isn't about blame; it's a simple statement that it has to stop."

In a gesture of fairness, Leavitt personally called dozens of governors in recent days to give them a heads-up about what was coming, according to officials at IHS and the National Governors Association who asked not to be named.

The governors, meeting in Arkansas, thanked Leavitt for the warning.

Back in Washington, Leavitt tore into the states by bluntly listing some of what he called "the seven harmful habits of highly desperate states."

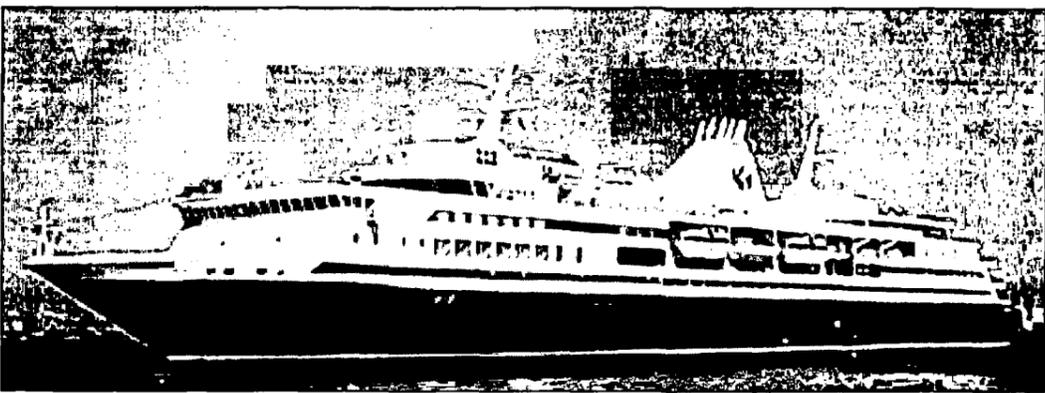
On double-dipping: "States overpay providers, get the overpayment returned to them and spend the same dollars a second time. It's a shell game that makes no one healthier."

On inflating overhead costs: "States are shifting costs to the federal treasury for 'administration.' This accounting gimmick encourages wasteful spending and bloated bureaucracy."

Medicaid, expected to cost the federal government about \$190 billion this year, is paid for jointly by Washington and the states.

Rough seas torment students

'Semester at Sea' ship encounters engine trouble in the Pacific Ocean



The "Semester at Sea" research ship, seen in April 2004, was temporarily disabled in the Pacific Ocean when it lost power in three of its four engines on Wednesday, with 990 people on board.

Associated Press

HONOLULU — There was nothing to hold onto.

Lauren Osgood watched as waves and flecks of sea spray licked at the glass on the door. Computers, library books and furniture crashed to the floor and were flung against the walls as the ship leaned like a massive metronome from port to starboard and back again.

"We were right by the exit doors on either side, and so you could like see the waves on the doors, which freaked me out," said Osgood, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who was enrolled in the Semester at Sea program, which used the research ship Explorer as a floating classroom.

"That's kind of when I began

to panic because you could see the water and realize that you were tipping that much," she said.

The Explorer limped into Honolulu Harbor on Monday for repairs and inspections after passengers endured more than a week's worth of rough seas.

The ship's seesawing motion made sleeping difficult, so many of the nearly 700 students were awake when a wave shattered the glass on the ship's bridge and three of the four engines shut down early last Wednesday.

The incident occurred about 650 miles south of Adak, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands and about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage.

Students said rough seas had plagued the ship since they left Vancouver on Jan. 18 with 990

people aboard, including about 700 students enrolled in a University of Pittsburgh program designed to give students a global perspective. Tuition for the program is about \$20,000 for the semester, which includes living expenses on the ship and some trips ashore.

The crew distributed plastic bags for nauseous passengers and students sat on the floor during classes because the furniture was not secured to the floor and would topple with the ship's movement.

"We were so used to it after a while. You'd just be talking to someone and when you felt the boat move, you'd just instantly grab for something," said Becca Leonard, 21, a junior at the University of Southern California.

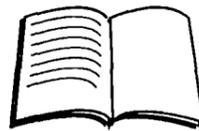
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Volunteer Opportunities

Homework and Mentoring

Kyle, a 15 year old with learning disabilities, is looking for a male student to be his mentor. He needs assistance with homework and writing, and companionship. If interested, contact Marissa at LOGAN Center at marissar@logancenter.org.

Mentoring

A 23-year-old girl with Spina Bifida is looking for a female student with whom to spend time. If you are interested in mentoring her please contact Marissa at LOGAN Center at marissar@logancenter.org.

Salsa Aerobics

The Latina women of "Comadres" are very interested in starting a "low-impact aerobics" or "move to Salsa music" type group. They need a volunteer who would be willing to lead the group for one hour per week in the early evening. If interested contact Marcia Good at mgood1@nd.edu.

Babysitting

La Casa de Amistad holds a meeting for mothers called "Comadres" the third Thursday of every month. Volunteers are needed to take care of about 5-10 children from 4:30-6:30pm. Please contact Marcia Good at mgood1@nd.edu.

Lunch Fast to Support Tsunami Relief

To support tsunami disaster relief efforts, Notre Dame students can sign up to participate in the Wednesday Lunch Fast. Once you register, ND Food Services will make a donation based on the cost of your Wednesday lunch for the remainder of spring semester. Register at <https://www3.nd.edu/~socconcn/about/tsunamiform.shtml>

"Catholic Social Teaching and Interreligious Dialogue"

Featuring Todd Whitmore, Department of Theology. This is part of the Spring Lecture Series on "Comparative Religious Social Ethics."

When: Wednesday, February 2, at 7 p.m.

Where: Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium.

"The Role of Religious NGOs in Peacebuilding"

Etienne De Jonghe, International Secretary, Pax Christi International.

When: Monday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hammes Student Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center.

"The Social Ethics of Judaism"

Featuring Elliot Bartky, Program of Liberal Studies.

When: Wednesday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

Where: Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium

Re-Imagining God and Mission

Stephen Bevans, S.V.D., Professor of Mission and Culture at the Catholic Theological Union, will speak as part of The Holy Cross Mission Lecture at Notre Dame.

When: Sunday, February 13 at 7:15 p.m.

Where: Moreau Seminary Auditorium, Discussion and Reception to follow

ACCION Business Internship

An ACCION information session will be held Monday, February 7, 6-7 pm in 121 Mendoza College of Business. ACCION provides loans and business training to persons who would like to start their own business but have no credit history.

This internship is open to junior and senior business students. Interns receive a \$3,000 scholarship plus a living stipend. The program is built into a course which gives 2 business credits and 1 theology credit. Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns for the 10-week ACCION internships in 7 major U.S. cities. Applications are due February 20.

Deadline for Summer Service Project Internship is Feb. 22

The SSPI is an eight-week service-learning experience at roughly 200 agencies and organizations throughout the United States. Students are provided the opportunity to witness underserved populations first hand by working for, and with, the clients and staff at each site. Students receive:

- \$2000 tuition scholarship
- Valuable alumni contacts
- 3 Credits Theology, with possible cross-lists.

Contact Andrea Smith Shappell (Shappell.1@nd.edu) for more information.

Award and Mini-Grants Now Available

The Center for Social Concerns is offering an award and three mini-grants to support community-based research in the South Bend community. The \$5,000 Rodney F. Ganey Award recognizes a Notre Dame faculty member who has carried out a research project or agenda that benefits the local community.

The \$5,000 Ganey mini-grants support joint faculty-student-community research partnerships that address social challenges articulated by community organizations. For more information, contact MaryBeckman (mbeckman@nd.edu).

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Where is hope?

Where is hope in a world where one out of three women globally will be victimized, raped or battered in their lifetime? Where is hope in a nation where scores of people work full time — even two or three jobs — and still can not afford basic life necessities? Where is hope in world where people suffer from genocide, war and political strife, while others do nothing to stop these injustices? We are all residents of the ruins; a world where despair and fear reigns, profit and individual merit motivates and hope is scarce.

I always wonder why more students do not participate in social justice activities. It is always the same core of people, routinely replaced through the years, who work to carry the banner of justice here. Indeed, our case is not extraordinary. Throughout the human community, we find a minority of voices of dissent, hope and change. What differentiates actors from bystanders?

I am inclined to say the reason people do not participate in movements for change or justice relates less to their moral consciousness and more to their lack of belief in their power. It is not that peoples' hearts are cold or care nothing for the plight of others. Any human in relationships with others has the ability to relate with another's suffering and empathize.

This begs the question, "What are we waiting for?" Some may be waiting for the time when these issues have a close meaning for us. For instance, one may not feel invested in a movement until their personal interests are threatened. Others it seems are looking for the next charismatic leader with enough confidence and passion to inspire them and make success believable.

The first resistance to act embraces a skewed sense of community which separates certain people into groups — some worthy of concern and others not. The later position follows the wider social pattern of shirking responsibility

for our own power. Power, not in the sense of authority, prestige or dominance, but in the fact that everything we do creates an effect — in favor of change or the status quo. Power, the ability to act, choose and influence life, is the essence of our existence. Ultimately, the feeling of powerlessness and despair in the face of the ruins hinders action.

I find insight in the afterward of Jim Wallis' newest book, "God's Politics." He reflects on a saying of a co-organizer in response to laments of missing leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. to head the charge. She would insist, "We are the one's we've been waiting for." We — in this moment, in this place — are the ones necessary to create the change we long to see in the world. As Nelson Mandela stated at his inauguration, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us ... Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine ..."

As we prepare for action, we need to form our understanding of the issues and the values that motivate our action. The principles, whether they are based religiously or secularly, are the foundations. For instance, in Catholic Social Teaching, one finds the principles of human dignity (everyone must be respected and treated like an expression of the divine), participation (everyone must be free to partake in the institutions of their community) and stew-

ardship. We must be caretakers of creation and use our gifts for the common good — as guiding values for our lives. These teachings help inform our conscience on what kind of world we need to work for and which movements correspond to that effort. Thus, initiatives for living wages for workers, a moratorium on the death penalty and the protection of natural resources from all polluters would be a few in line with such principles.

The first revelation is our ability to act. The second is to realize our power is most effectively used in community with others. Indeed, change throughout history has not come from single actors, but mass communities demanding rights and justice.

As we form a community of unique people working for a better world, we model for ourselves and the world our goal. As we mend our disagreements, integrate each voice and build relationships that foster understanding and respect, we remake ourselves. In that victory, we become closer to our goal to remake the world. While despair may continually creep in and frustration with the world may depress us, that community — oriented around the power of principles — will keep us strong and committed. We find the hope through the communal struggle.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Naturalized Americans treated as second class

The U-Wire column titled "U.S. President Should Stay American" that appeared on Jan. 31, fails to make a serious argument in favor of keeping the status quo and limiting the highest office to U.S. born Americans. Mr. Gardner begins his column by asking: "Should a foreigner be allowed to run for president?" He misses the point, or is perhaps asking the wrong question. Once a permanent resident becomes an American citizen, U.S. law (to the best of my knowledge) no longer treats him or her as a foreigner except in matters of national security (intelligence) and serving in the highest office of the land. Yet, Henry Kissinger, who acted as Secretary of State and National Security Advisor, was born a German. Madeleine Albright, another Secretary of State, was born a Czech. Although it should be considered, perhaps the national security argument isn't rock solid.

As for Mr. Gardner's comment on foreign-born Americans not being willing to fight and die for their chosen country,

maybe he should think of the many "foreigners" who have died in Gulf War I and II (and other wars) as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. I believe they bled red, white and blue defending U.S. interests. In some instances they even died for our country without having received U.S. citizenship.

Finally, I think we should admire those who choose to become Americans instead of thinking those who were born here are somehow worth more. I understand matters of national identity and even national security are complicated, but the question stands: when will naturalized Americans no longer be treated as second class citizens?

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Feb. 1

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I believe in my right to be wrong,
and still more in my right to be right."

Owen Lattimore
author

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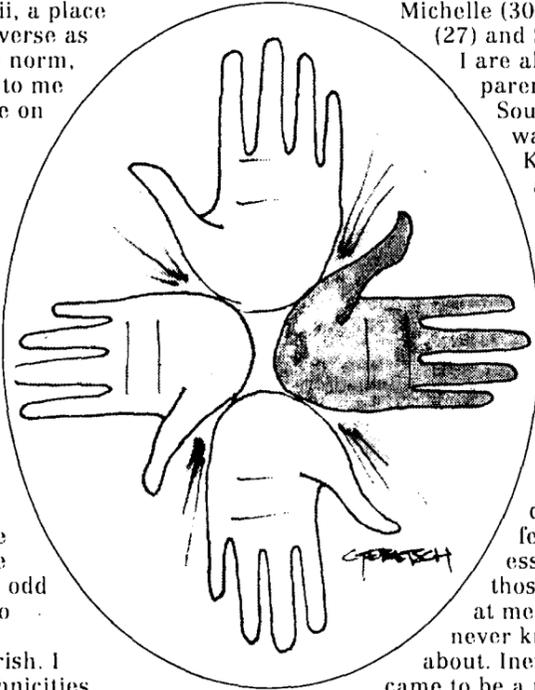
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take a closer look at diversity

Talking about diversity is second nature for me. Yes, I am a white, Catholic American (though I don't really consider myself Catholic any longer), but my life experiences and upbringing have left with an innate sense of how important diversity is. I was born and raised in Hawaii, a place about as cosmopolitan and diverse as they come. Tolerance was the norm, and it always seemed absurd to me that people could discriminate on the basis of ethnicity. Sure, there were jokes about the habits of different ethnic groups; indeed, as a white person, or "haole," I was often on the receiving end of such comments. But no one took it to heart. We learned how to laugh at ourselves, realized that such generalizations were ridiculous, and shared in a collective identity that bridged our differences.

The fact that so many people in Hawaii are hapa, or mixed-race, also played a role in forming my outlook on race relations. To me, it was never odd to see interracial couples or to have friends who were Hawaiian/Japanese/Chinese/Irish. I myself have eight different ethnicities, albeit all white (Irish, Polish, Swedish, Bohemian, German, Belgian, Croatian and English — a veritable European mutt), and many of my friends could best even that. In high school, I was certainly an ethnic minority in the classroom. My high school graduating class was probably about 90 percent Asian, or "hapa." That being said, I never felt uncomfortable because of this. Again, there were



always jokes from my friends (furthered by the fact that I can't tan; I burn, peel and am whiter than I was before), but they never had malicious intent.

Diversity has also been ever-present in my family situation. I have three siblings — one sister, Michelle (30), and two brothers, Patrick (27) and Sean (23). Michelle, Sean and I are all biological children of my parents, but Pat was adopted from South Korea as a baby. My father was in the Peace Corps in Korea, has many friends there and speaks fluent Korean. In addition, my family lived in Seoul for two years before I was born. So when my parents decided to adopt, they began looking for options in Korea. Sometimes people ask me if it's odd to have a brother of another race. To be honest, I never really think of it in those terms.

Pat is my brother; that's all there is to it. When I introduce people to Pat, I never feel like an explanation is necessary. When I'm alone with those people again and they look at me with perplexed expressions, I never know what they're confused about. Inevitably they ask me how Pat came to be a part of the family, and then I understand and explain.

I remember several instances where either I was talking with my mom or she was talking to a group of people and she would mention her "three pregnancies." This always threw me off, because I naturally assumed that with three siblings and myself, she'd have been pregnant four times. After a moment, I'd realize my mistake. I always felt good

about naturally assuming things that way.

Notre Dame has been quite an adjustment in terms of diversity. I've never seen so many white people in my life. This does not mean, however, that Notre Dame is not a somewhat diverse place. Are there a lot of rich, white, conservative, Catholic kids who have enjoyed similar life experiences? Sure. But they're not necessarily the majority. And even among this group, one can find diversity if one looks for it. I think the greatest problems we have here at Notre Dame are a lack of dialogue and interaction between people of different backgrounds and detrimental preconceptions on all sides of the issues of diversity. One of my principal frustrations is that I often feel prejudged because of my race. People look at me and see "just another white kid." First of all, not all white people can be lumped into one homogeneous group. And second of all, I do know what it is like to go through life as an ethnic minority, though I certainly didn't suffer from discrimination the way so many other ethnic minorities do. Open-mindedness is essential to our learning and getting to know one another.

I'd be lying if I said I was "colorblind." On the contrary, growing up in Hawaii taught me to see color as beautiful. It's an important part of who we are, but it also shouldn't be the single word that comes to mind when we describe ourselves.

Notre Dame must make a more conscious effort to foster and increase all types of diversity on campus — racial, international, religious, political, sexual, etc. In the meantime, however, let's make the most of what we have. It's Diversity Awareness Week. So look around at your friends, find differences and talk about them. If you've got nothing to talk about, then you've finally found the problem.

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Rethink comparison



It is not always easy being Jewish at a school where it seems like practically everybody is, in some sense, Catholic. Imagine being in a 200-person auditorium when the teacher asks everyone to raise their hand if they are not Catholic. Imagine the shock when you find that yours is the only hand up. It is for this reason that I am not going to stay silent and feel the need to respond to Dan Allen's Jan. 31 response, "Play Doesn't Protect Women." It is one thing to voice your displeasure about the "Vagina Monologues," but to compare it to Nazi Germany is inappropriate and uncalled for.

First off, I am not going to sit here and claim to be the most faithful Jew, for I do not speak much Hebrew, and I will be the first to laugh at a Jewish joke. But I find it very difficult to sit around and let Allen trivialize an event that killed thousands of my ancestors. There are many events of mass murder that can be compared to the tragic events of the Holocaust, but you chose to compare it to a play. I recognize it is a controversial play, but once again I stress that it is a play.

You claim that you are helping to protect our Catholic mission here at Notre Dame by voicing your displeasure over this play, yet you choose to compare it to the Holocaust in which the Jewish religion was nearly wiped out. This was an event where Jews saw their friends and families murdered simply because they were Jewish. So here is my advice, if you want to be entertained or want to be a part of "The Vagina Monologues," — be my guest, for it is your right. As for you, Allen, I suggest you take some time out of your life to read "The Diary of Anne Frank," take a trip to the Holocaust Museum and rethink what you wrote.

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Clarifying our mission

We, Christina and Anamaria, the organizers of the Maria Goretti Project, would like to apologize to you for conveying that the idea for the lecture series was solely to bring awareness about violence against women. While that was one main goal of the project, we thought it was important to do this in the context of other issues surrounding womanhood.

In order to discuss violence against women, we believe, we must first discuss what is being threatened by that violence — the inherent dignity of women. This was the purpose of the first night of the series and the first lecture on the second night. We are sorry that your impression of these two lectures was that Nicole Garnett and Teresa Collett were glorifying stay-at-home mothering. This was not our impression of either of their talks at all.

Instead, it seemed to us that both were discussing their dual vocations as mother and law professor (neither of these women are stay-at-home moms, though stay-at-home mothering was discussed). We believe that this fit in to the week as a whole because both talks discussed the dignity of women. Collett addressed this in a more theological way, and Garnett did so in a more personal-experience manner. Violence against women was still given top priority and the most time overall (the second lecture on Tuesday, all of Wednesday and all of Thursday).

We would like to clarify why we chose Maria Goretti. She is a saint partly because

she suffered a painful death instead of consenting to her neighbor's sexual advances.

This is noble, and does not suggest that the blame for the rape would have been put on Goretti had she been raped, nor does her exclamation, "No! It is a sin!" suggest that.

Her exclamation suggests instead that, in that context, the sex act would have been a sin. She would have been one of the sinners, yes, if she had consented to the act, but not if she had been raped. This refusal is only part of the reason that she is a saint, and not the main reason we chose to name the project after her. After she was attacked and mortally wounded, she was able, only by grace, to forgive her attacker and even prayed for him as she was dying.

This commitment to God's love in the midst of a painful and untimely death is, in our minds, both admirable and inspiring. The healing Maria was able to find through God's love and forgiveness is what we hope for those who have also been victims of violence; this is what we wanted to convey to the women and men who attended the Maria Goretti Project



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"Mr. and M ND and SMC alums John and Pamela V

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If "The Incredibles" felt like a down-to-earth, family film of epic proportions, it should come as no surprise that two of the key contributors to the Pixar film share many similarities that are echoed in the film's tight-knit family.

John Walker, a graduate of Notre Dame, and Pamela Walker, a graduate of Saint Mary's, met while working on summer theatre productions here at Notre Dame. After working in various theatre productions in Chicago and New York and moving to Los Angeles, they found a home at Pixar, one of the most prestigious animation studios in the world. John is the producer of "The Incredibles," while Pamela, a native of South Bend, teaches at Pixar University, the studio's educational arm.

If we could start off with a few Notre Dame and Saint Mary's questions, what dorms did you both live in?

J: I lived in Grace [Hall].
P: I was at Saint Mary's in Le Mans Hall.

What were your fondest memories at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, respectively?

J: One of the best times for me, and maybe for Pam too, was that we used to do summer theatre. We'd stay at Notre Dame during the summer and do four or five plays. The company was a summer stock company so we hung out together, ate together and worked together. It was a great experience.

P: Ditto

How have your educations at the two institutions prepared you for the industry and your respective professions?

J: We both were pretty active in the theatre department. Although I was an English major, so I didn't actually major in that. But I had something to do with all of the plays. I didn't always get cast in them but I would work somehow on them as much as I could. It got me, at least, thinking about doing it professionally and it got me over the hump of realizing that people could make their livings working in the arts. That didn't seem possible when I got to Notre Dame.

P: It was great in summer theatre because we got to work cooperatively with other people who were students, [such as] specializing in costumes. Or if we took stage management or scene — there were certain require-

ments for me as a theatre major that I had to take — that really helped me fully understand not only cast member and crew and their functions. And all that helps the scene flow well and he's more of a producer now than an actor, but we both produced at one point or another. It's nice to have an appreciation and a knowledge about what everybody does and we got to do that in the theatre department, which I thought was invaluable.

and since that's where our love and creativity started, that's where we [decided to] trade vows. We've enjoyed going back over the years when we were working in Chicago because the head of the department, Dr. Bane, invited us back to listen in and critique the URTA auditions every year. So we got to go back and see the new facilities, [such as] Washington Hall and the black box theatre upstairs, and then have dinner with him at Morris Inn. That was



Pamela Walker attended Saint Mary's College and majored in theatre. She has worked as an actress most of her life and now teaches at the Pixar University.

I read that you were married at Notre Dame, which is almost a true Domer's dream. What was that experience like?

P: Yes, we did. We got married at the church on campus. When we first started our professional roles, my first role was an equity debut in sign language in "Children of a Lesser God." [John] proposed in this beautiful theatre in the northern woods of Wisconsin on a lake in front of 500 customers on stage — in sign language. So we had a wonderful engagement and we decided to go back down to the campus where we enjoyed so many wonderful times in the theatre together, you know, riding our bikes from one campus to the other. We did a lot of bicycling back and forth between the two campuses

special.

Now, I'd like to move on to your lives since leaving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. For John, what led you to become a producer in Hollywood? And for Pam, your job at Pixar University?

J: I had worked in the theatre once we had gotten out of Notre Dame. Pam went to acting school in New York and I went to an acting school in San Francisco — the ACT, the American Conservatory Theater. And after we had finished a couple of years in those plays, I had a job working in a summer stock theatre as an actor and Pam and I went there together. We worked as actors together for a while. I had always wanted to be a producer, like an

actor/manager from the 19th century. I wanted to sort of single-handedly revive that genre. So what I tried to do was produce and act and I did that for a while in the theatre. But after a while, I got more interested in producing and managing than I did in acting. So gradually, the acting sort of fell away. I ran theatres in Chicago and Pam and I produced together, did some work in Chicago and little bit in New York. I've been running a theatre called Victory Gardens up in Chicago and Pam was appearing in a play there. She came home one night and said that an agent from Los Angeles had seen her work and if she came out to Los Angeles, he'd take her as a client. So she said, "Guess what, honey, I'm going to L.A." [Laughs] I said, "Wait a minute! You go to L.A., we've got these two kids and we have a job here." But she said, "We need to go to L.A." So she went to Los Angeles and signed with this agent and I thought, "Well, she'll go out there for a few months and then come home" and I'd call her and ask when she'd be coming home. But she wasn't coming home so we had to move out there. I started looking for work in Los Angeles and spent about a year going back and forth and I would go out and interview at different places. It turned out that a lot of ex-Chicago theatre managers and producers ended up at Walt Disney, which was a surprise to me, seeing all these people that I knew. They knew my work and I passed my resume around and I ended up getting a job at Warner Bros., working on an animated film as an associate producer for "The Iron Giant." Then I did another film called "Osmosis Jones" as an associate producer and then the director of "The Iron Giant" [Brad Bird] got a gig at Pixar, directing "The Incredibles" and he brought me with him. I moved from Warner Bros. to Pixar and produced "The Incredibles." That took about four years. I've been working on that since 2000. That's the Cliff Notes version.

John, your work with director Brad Bird has produced two classic animated children's films, "The Iron Giant" and "The Incredibles." How did you meet Bird and begin working with him?

J: It was a job I got at Warner Bros. I just interviewed for a job on "The Iron Giant" and the producer, Allison Abbate, and the director, Brad, hired me to be the associate producer, which is sort of like the line producer. It was a job interview.

"The Iron Giant" isn't as well known as "The Incredibles" but it was a critical success and has become an underground favorite for animation fans. What do you remember most about the film, working as the associate producer?

J: We didn't have any time to make it animated. We made in about two years, which is really quick for an animated film. It was a lot of pressure and it was a big disappointment because we had worked so hard and thought it was really a wonderful film. It was really well-received criti-

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right movement, not to sound too L.A. or anything.

John, what experiences did you gain from working on "The Incredibles" that you'll cherish while producing the film?

J: It was the first time I had the producer job on a big movie. It took a long time and there were hundreds and hundreds of people working on it. I think that one of the most fulfilling, interesting and most fun parts was when we went to Los Angeles to score the film. We had a 105-piece orchestra around the MGM sound stage, where they did all those fabulous musicals in the 1940s. And there was our movie pretty much done and there was an unbelievably gifted orchestra and conductor and composer doing the score for our movie. And I thought that was really exciting and wonderful. I loved the score from "The Incredibles" and for [composer] Michael Giacchino, it was his first feature score. I think that that was a really great experience — just seeing the movie come together because it's a very slow process in animation and you don't see much of what the movie's going to be until right near the end. And these shots would finish up and they would just look spectacular, much, much better than what we had ever hoped and thought we could do. To see them look so good was a really fun experience.

On a more off-beat note, who were your favorite characters in "The Incredibles," picking from the large cast of colorful individuals?

P: I think Dash is my favorite and I think I have some of his energy. [Laughs]

J: I liked Violet. I have two daughters and I liked how she came into her own as a young woman in the movie. And I've seen that happen with my two daughters as well, so she's my favorite.

P: And just for your information, the DVD [of "The Incredibles"] is going to have a little short on it about the baby, Jack-Jack. And it's just hysterical.

On the subject of the "Incredibles" DVD, scheduled to be released on March 15, John, you were a contributor to the director/producer commentary track, along with Brad Bird. How was that experience?

J: Well, it was bizarre. You sit there after working for four and a half years and you're completely exhausted. And you're watching the movie and looking at each other, going "what do you remember about this?" And all you remember is that it was hard, hard, hard and we had to talk about that. It was a really surreal experience watching the movie and talking about it with Brad. We had a couple of beers before we started — it might've helped! [Laughs] But there's a lot of great stuff on [the DVD].

Pam, Pixar has been associated with a very high value for their films, as both critically acclaimed and very profitable films. How did

working at Pixar influence you and where your career goes from here?

P: Well, I'm thrilled that they've been so hospitable. I just kind of feel like I'm putting in the universe my own goals as an actor that you don't always get to say when you do other people's scripts. Even when I do other people's scripts, I'm working for like minds. Every character I play kind of gets under my skin and becomes a part of who I am. This Georgia O'Keeffe vehicle that I've had

on what your future projects might be?

J: I'm not sure what it's going to be. Brad and I are talking about doing another film together. He's got a lot of ideas so we're sort of waiting for him to land on one and then check with Pixar if they'd like to do it.

I'm sure a lot of people have already asked about a possible sequel for "The Incredibles," which would make a terrific film if done well.



Photo courtesy of John Walker

John Walker, a producer of "The Incredibles," graduated from Notre Dame as an English major. He currently works at Pixar Studios.

in my back pocket for all these years seems like something I've been wanting to say. And so I think the definitive about O'Keeffe has not been done and I've got that goal set in my mind, to try to make that happen. Things are unfolding as they should, whether it's with Pixar or with somebody else. We're getting introduced to people that we haven't been able to meet before, which is very exciting. And I feel that for [John] and I, with the foundation of our relationship at Notre Dame was through our work and that feels right to me, that direction. I don't want to split my focus so much that the relationship falls apart, as easily happens in this business. So you have to balance everything properly and Pixar has been a great place to be as a foundation. John, could you shed some light

J: That's the trick — doing it well and coming up with a good idea. We haven't done that yet. A couple things have to happen first. One would be to have a great idea and the second would be to reassemble the creative team.

What skills have allowed you both to succeed in your professions and in such a difficult industry?

J: I feel like I'm about as skilled as the next person. I think that you just have to keep persevering. There's lots and lots of competition in the movie business and the theatre business and arts in general. It's not something that usually comes easily or quickly. If you hang in there long enough, most of the other people quit. [Laughs] So I think persever-

ance is probably the best thing you can do.

P: Perseverance, that's a good one. There's a fair amount of rejection, of course, so you just have to build your own philosophy. And I know I find balance through working out and meditation and I've written in journals and I've got volumes and volumes of journals. I feel like actors are really misunderstood. So you just have to kind of brace yourself against the slings and arrows of a difficult business. But if you feel like there's something you have to communicate, in the stage or whatever creative outlet you find, you have to just do it. Theatre has been my creative outlet. Sometimes I think if I were a painter, it would be easier. [Laughs] Some other way that I could communicate, but it's what I do.

Finally, what do you both feel have been the most satisfying accomplishments over the course of your careers?

P: Well, one of the highlights for me was certainly my professional debut with [John] in "Sign Language" and the proposal and all the stuff I told you about. But we also produced a two-person play called Seemarks that did really well and got some awards and it was a real highlight.

J: We produced a show off-Broadway together and that was a big accomplishment, something that I've always been really proud of. Sitting in the audience when "The Incredibles" premiered and when we had a big party at Pixar for about 1,800 people — that was a really great night. And Pam and I went around the world with the director and his wife, promoting the film. That was amazing to see our characters and our movie everywhere we went, from London to Tokyo to Sydney.

P: That's quite an accomplishment because these last three or four months have been non-stop. First, going around the world. As a student, I went to Rome through the Saint Mary's program and I talked about taking [John] there in 25 years. So if we never get to go again, last November we made it to Venice and Rome in quite style because we were driven around and getting private tours, hanging out with Peter Jackson in New Zealand. It was an amazing trip for five weeks and then we've got all these award shows. So today is actually the first day of normalcy since last October so it feels like quite an accomplishment to survive it all. But we're kind of tired. [Laughs]

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Illinois defends No. 1 ranking, takes care of Spartans

BC remains undefeated; Clemson upsets Terps; Iowa St. gets Big XII victory

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Dee Brown backpedaled with his right arm held high and wrist cocked after making a 3-pointer.

It was a sight No. 1 Illinois forced Michigan State to get used to.

Luther Head scored 22 points, Brown had 18 and the Fighting Illini made 13 3-pointers to remain undefeated with an 81-68 victory over the 12th-ranked Spartans on Tuesday night.

Illinois (22-0, 8-0 Big Ten) was expected to face a tough test against Michigan State (14-4, 5-2) in an arena known to be raucous. But several Illini calmly made 3-pointers and when they were not making shots from beyond the arc, they scored on low-post moves and mid-range jumpers in their finely tuned half-court offense.

On the other end of the court, the Illini wouldn't let Michigan State get much done because they seemed to have their bodies, arms or hands in every passing lane.

Deron Williams had 14 points and five assists for Illinois and

James Augustine added 11 points.

Alan Anderson scored 14 points for the Spartans, who lost their 12th straight game against a ranked opponents, dating to the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

Michigan State's Paul Davis and Shannon Brown each scored 12 points while Maurice Ager and reserve Kelvin Torbert both had 10.

Illinois led by 17 points midway through the second half and were ahead 73-58 with 6:37 to go before the Spartans rallied to avoid an absolute rout.

They pulled within seven twice, but the second time, Brown ended their comeback hopes with a three-point play on a driving layup that left him crumpled up against the basket support with 1:56 left.

In the opening minutes, the game matched its billing with four ties and four lead changes.

Brown's layup with 13:59 left capped a 10-0 run and put Illinois ahead for good.

The Illini led by as many as 11 in the first half and were ahead 41-33 at halftime. Five players combined to go 9-of-17 on 3-pointers.

After Michigan State pulled within three early in the second half, Illinois quieted the crowd with another 10-0 run, the last eight points coming on Head's two 3-pointers and dunk.

Boston College 62, West Virginia 50

Craig Smith overpowered a collapsing defense to score 23 points and No. 5 Boston College beat West Virginia to remain one of Division I's two unbeaten teams.

The burly forward was scoreless while the Mountaineers built an 18-9 lead with 9:21 left in the first half. Then he scored 17 of the Eagles' next 24 points, giving them the lead for good, 33-32, with a layup with 16:04 remaining.

Boston College (19-0, 8-0 Big East) matched its school record 19-game winning streak set in 1968-69. It already has its highest ranking and best start ever. Only top-ranked Illinois (22-0), which beat No. 12 Michigan State 81-68 on Tuesday night, has a better record.

The Mountaineers (12-7, 2-6) have lost six of seven, including a 20-point loss at home to BC on Jan. 16. They were led by Mike Gansey and Tyrone Sally with 10 points each.

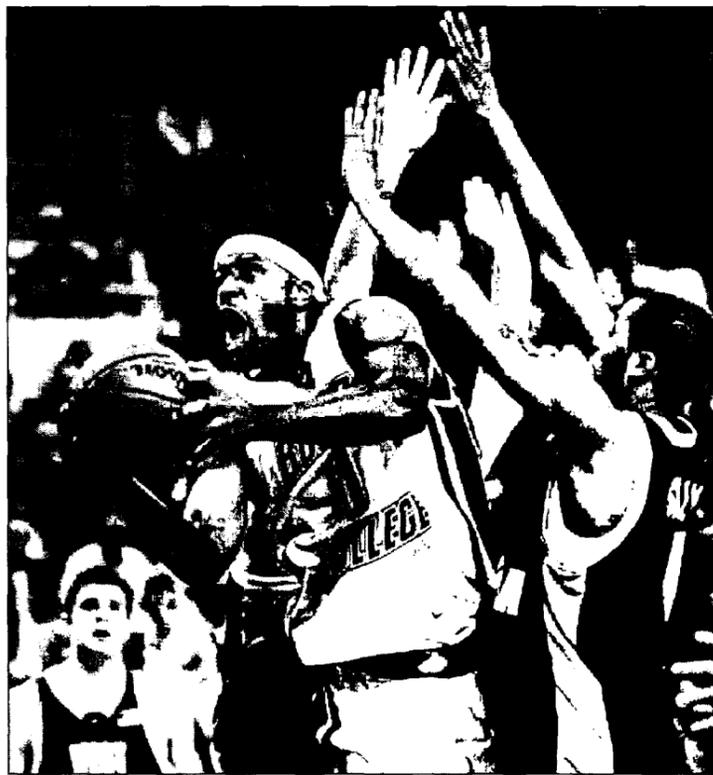
For the first time since February 2001, the Eagles played before their third consecutive capacity crowd at home. But that didn't help at the start as they forced up outside shots while West Virginia surrounded the 250-pound Smith near the basket.

The Eagles missed their first six shots and scored only on three 3-pointers in their first 12 shots. But Smith got going and so did BC's defense, which held West Virginia scoreless on its last seven shots of the half.

Trailing 23-15, Smith scored five straight points, sparking a 10-0 run that gave the Eagles a 25-23 halftime lead. West Virginia went ahead 28-25 on Gansey's 3-pointer and Johannes Herber's basket on a goaltending call.

Then Smith took control, scoring the Eagles' next eight points and giving them a 33-32 lead. They never trailed again despite their lowest-scoring game of the season. Their previous low was a 63-60 overtime win over Holy Cross on Dec. 9.

Smith began his run with a three-point play and followed with a dunk, a free throw and a driving layup. Once his teammates found a way to feed him the ball inside, even four defenders who surrounded him



Boston College's Craig Smith, left, drives through West Virginia defenders including Tyrone Sally, right, during BC's 62-50 win.

on one play couldn't stop him.

West Virginia did cut the lead to 42-38 on Gansey's two free throws with 8:27 remaining, but the Eagles went on a 12-3 run that made it 54-41 with 3:10 to go. Jared Dudley, who scored 15 points, and Jermaine Watson, who had 13, each had four points in the run.

If the Eagles win their next game on Saturday night at Seton Hall, they'll become the first Big East team to start a season at 20-0.

Clemson 88, Maryland 73

Sharrod Ford tied his career high with 25 points and Clemson snapped a 13-game losing streak against No. 22 Maryland with its victory over the Terrapins.

The Tigers (11-10, 2-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) hadn't beaten the Terps since a 78-65 overtime win at Littlejohn Coliseum on Dec. 4, 1997. And this figured to end like the others with Maryland back in the Top 25 after victories over Duke and Georgia Tech last week.

But the Terrapins (13-6, 4-4) started the game cold and stayed that way.

They fell behind 13-2 and, after briefly moving in front 23-22 midway through the opening half, missed their final 13 shots of the half to fall behind 45-29.

Ford and the Tigers, who had lost five straight and seven of eight, made sure Maryland

wouldn't recover.

Ford scored nine points during the Tigers' run to close the first half, then made four straight inside baskets as Clemson pushed the lead to 62-42.

Iowa St. 77, Baylor 51

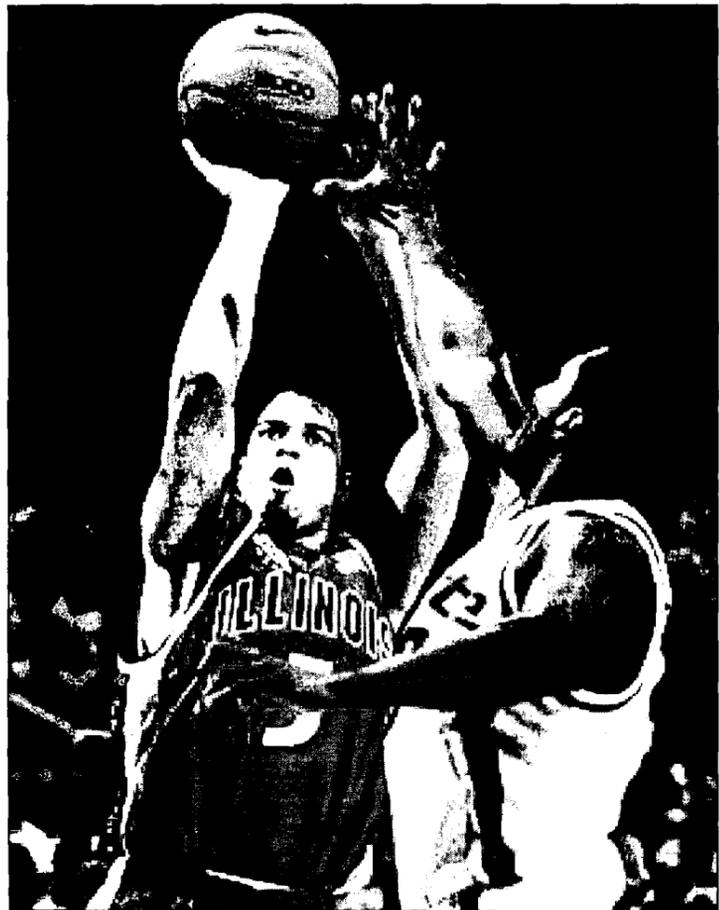
Freshman Rahshon Clark scored 15 of his season-high 19 points during a 19-0 game-turning run in the first half, leading Iowa State to a victory over Baylor.

Curtis Stinson added 15 points and Tasheed Carr 11 for the Cyclones (10-8, 2-5 Big 12), who followed up their upset of No. 14 Oklahoma with an impressive performance. After a slow start, they ran with impunity, shot 52.5 percent, forced 23 turnovers and even made five 3-pointers.

With a two-game winning streak, Iowa State has consecutive victories for the first time since finishing December with four straight wins.

Baylor (9-9, 1-6), which has only six scholarship players, has lost four straight and five of its last six after a promising start under second-year coach Scott Drew. Patrick Fields led Baylor with 16 points and was his team's only player in double figures.

Aaron Bruce, coming off a 27-point outing against Texas A&M, scored only nine on 3-for-7 shooting. The 6-foot-3 freshman had been averaging 17.2.



Illinois' Deron Williams shoots a 3-pointer against Michigan State's Kelvin Torbert in the Illini's 81-68 win over the Spartans.

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Berra sues TBS for 'Sex and the City' advertisements

Legendary catcher claims TV station illegally used his name and tarnished his image in raunchy subway posters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hall of Famer Yogi Berra has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against TBS, claiming the cable television network sullied his name by using it in a racy advertisement for its "Sex & the City" reruns.

Berra's papers, filed in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, say the Turner Broadcasting System Inc. ad, which has appeared on buses and in subways, caused "severe damage to his reputation" with its reference to Kim Cattrall's sexually promiscuous character, Samantha.

"[Yogi Berra] is a married man and has children and grandchildren. ... [He] continues to maintain a moral lifestyle."

Lewis Smoley
Yogi Berra's lawyer

made in connection with Berra "engenders a moral taint that has damaged his otherwise spotless reputation," say his court papers, filed last week and posted on thesmoking-gun.com Web site.

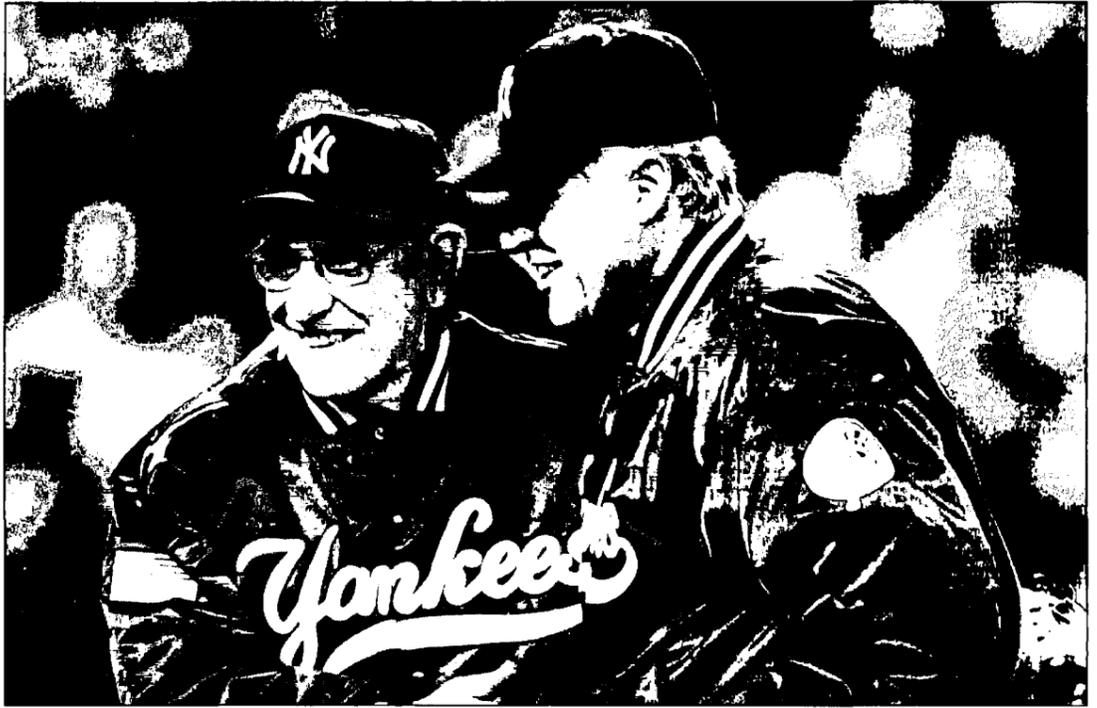
The 79-year-old Berra "is a married man and has children and grandchildren," his court papers say.

"He is a deeply religious man who has maintained and continues to maintain a moral lifestyle and has a spotless reputation for integrity, decency and moral character."

Berra's lawyer, Lewis Smoley, said he was told TBS stopped running the ad last August.

Nevertheless, he said, he wants the court to order the superstation to never run the ad again.

The Berra suit seeks \$5 million on each of two causes of action: commercial use of his name without permission and unjust enrichment by use of his name without permission.



Yogi Berra, left, and Bucky Dent leave the field after Dent threw and Berra caught the ceremonial first pitch before Game 7 of the American League Championship Series on Oct. 20.

A spokeswoman for TBS, based in Atlanta, said Tuesday: "We do not comment on litigation."

Berra, a catcher for the New York Yankees from 1946-63 who lives in Montclair, N.J., is one of baseball's most beloved

and quotable characters. He also managed the Yankees and the New York Mets to pennants.

NFL

Smith denies TV report

Running back says he is not ready to retire

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Emmitt Smith denied a report Tuesday that he will retire later this week.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified "confidants" of the star running back, reported that Smith will retire Thursday in Jacksonville, site of this year's Super Bowl. Smith spent the last two seasons with Arizona after 13 years with Dallas.

Smith, 35, denied the report in comments to The Dallas Morning News.

"Did you see my year last year? Do you think I'm ready to retire?" Smith said in a report on the newspaper's Web site Tuesday.

Smith rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He has 18,355 yards overall and 164 TDs. He was the league's most valuable player in 1993.

He said on Monday night that he wanted to retire as a member of the Cowboys, the team with which he won three Super Bowls.

Neither the Cardinals nor Cowboys had any announcements planned regarding Smith.

Asked about Smith possibly retiring, former teammate Troy Aikman said: "I hate to speculate on it. At some point it will end, maybe this year or the next. Emmitt's had a terrific career. I'm sure the last two years have been difficult for Emmitt in Arizona."

"One thing in this game, when you play on a team that has been together for as long as we were

in Dallas, and then you lose guys, it takes a toll."

Smith was lauded by several players in this year's Super Bowl as a role model, a man who conducted himself the right way on and off the field.

"It would be a great loss for the league," New England running back Corey Dillon said. "I'm going to miss him. I looked up to him, watching him win Super Bowls."

Added Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson: "He's such a low-key, classy individual."

And what he's been able to achieve hasn't been given just due. He's such an ambassador of the game."

"Did you see my year last year? Do you think I'm ready to retire?"

Emmitt Smith
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MLB

Sosa set to become Oriole after physical

Cubs trade former All-Star to Baltimore for Jerry Hairston, Jr. and 2 prospects

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Sammy Sosa could don a Baltimore Orioles' cap for the first time as soon as Wednesday, after he completes his physical and his trade from the Chicago Cubs is approved by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

The Orioles on Tuesday set up a time for the slugger's physical and were making tentative plans for a Wednesday news conference, even though the commissioner's office was awaiting final paperwork before forwarding the trade to Selig.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers for Sosa, whose up-and-down ride with the Cubs is nearing a conclusion. The Cubs would pay \$12 million of Sosa's \$17 million salary this year.

The swap cannot be completed without Selig's blessing because more than \$1 million will change hands, but no problems are anticipated. Selig has been appraised of the negotiations, and the remaining paperwork is expected to be submitted Wednesday.

Still missing is Sosa's waiver of his no-trade rights as a 10-year veteran with at least five years on the same team, and formal agreement to the restructuring of his contract by the league and union.

Sosa's contract with Chicago contains a provision that calls for the team's \$18 million option for 2006 to become

guaranteed if he is traded and for a \$19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a \$4.5 million buyout. As part of the trade, Sosa will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

In addition, Chicago is responsible for a \$3.5 million severance payment that must be made within 30 days of the deal. Baltimore becomes responsible for the 2006 option, which carries a \$4.5 million buyout.

The deal also is contingent upon Sosa passing the physical, which will be administered Wednesday by the Orioles team physician, Dr. Charles Silberstein.

Finalization of the trade can't happen soon enough for the Cubs, who are ready to sign free-agent outfielder Jeromy Burnitz to a one-year contract with a mutual option for 2006. That deal wouldn't be finalized until the Sosa trade is completed.

The Cubs initiated the swap with the Orioles in an effort to unload the 36-year-old Sosa, who was once a hero in Chicago. But his popularity and numbers dwindled over the past two years, and the Cubs found him to be expendable after a season in which he hit .253 and struck out 133 times.

Yet his 35 homers were more than any Oriole hit in 2004, and his new teammates expect his bat to experience a revival this season.

"I'm looking for him to have a



Former Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa gives a thumbs-up to fans at Wrigley Field during the 2004 season. Sosa will become an Oriole today, pending a successful physical.

monster year," said Jay Gibbons, whom Sosa will replace in right field. "We needed a right-handed power hitter, and here's a guy who hit 35 despite missing time with a bad back. I'd say that makes the middle of the lineup pretty dangerous."

The addition of Sosa means Gibbons will move from right field back at first base, where he played as a minor leaguer.

"That's OK with me," Gibbons said. "If it helps us win, then this works to our benefit. This is my fifth year here, and it's time to start winning."

Sosa will certainly add punch to the lineup, but will he be a

positive addition to the clubhouse? He was suspended for corking his bat in 2003, and last season he left early during the Cubs' final game and critical of manager Dusty Baker for dropping him to sixth in the batting order.

"Yeah, some things happened last year, but I'm sure there was a lot of stuff behind the scenes that we don't know about," Orioles outfielder Larry Bigbie said. "I think he will fit right in. Take away the last two years and give him a fresh start, and I bet everything will be fine."

Bigbie has spent much of the offseason in Indiana, about 20 minutes outside Chicago. He

knows what Cub fans think of Sosa, and he expects that opinion might change by July.

"They're happy to have him out of Chicago, and I'm happy to have him in Baltimore. I think he'll be a great addition to the team and to the city," Bigbie said. "I might end up calling all those Cubs fans around the All-Star break and see how many want him back. Maybe all he needs is a clean slate."

Sosa has a history of answering challenges with big numbers, and Camden Yards might be the perfect spot for his new start. One of the cozier ballparks in the majors, it's tailor-made for home-run hitters.

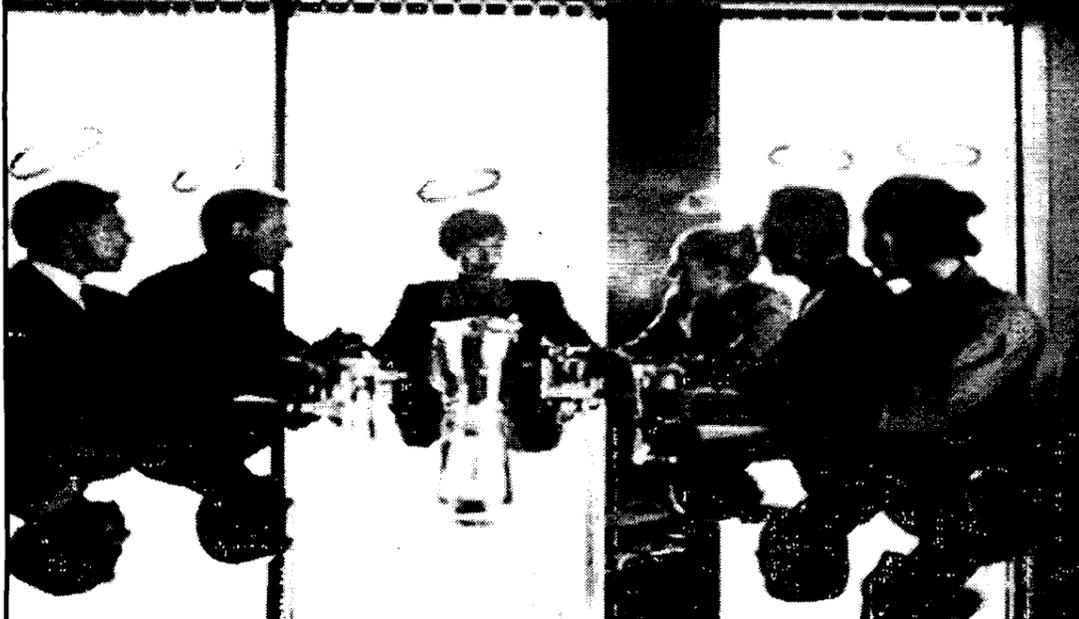
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EXTREME SPORTS

Crashes just a part of popularity of X Games

Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — When Brian Deegan flew off his motorcycle and went crashing to the ice 40 feet below at last year's Winter X Games, ESPN showed it on what seemed like a continuous loop.

Sure, there was some news value — Deegan broke both wrists and his leg — but crashes are a big part of Winter X's appeal and ESPN doesn't hesitate playing them up.

"You look on television and it's like Fear Factor, people eating [stuff] all over," snowboarder Tara Dakides said. "People are drawn to things that have severe consequences and injuries. There's definitely a factor of injury and carnage in all aspects of the Winter X games."

That's for sure.

With motorcycles backflipping over 90-foot gaps, snowmobiles flying off jumps, and skiers and snowboarders contorting themselves up to 20 feet in the air, there are going to be spills and most will be spectacular.

Like NASCAR fans who watch for the crashes or hockey fans who are there for the fights, a certain segment of the Winter X crowd is there for the wipeouts.

And it's not just the fans. Some athletes get caught up in the car wreck mentality.

"You don't really wish it upon anyone to crash, but sometimes it's nice to see a big crash because it's fun," snowmobiler Blair Morgan said. "Definitely you'll get all that, exciting racing to the finish and someone cartwheeling down the track. Everything's tied in together."

Of course, ESPN doesn't set up the courses to ensure injury. The cable network, which created the X Games a decade ago and still organizes every last detail, walks a fine line between making the courses challenging while keeping the competitors relatively safe.

"I think if the athletes told us something was dangerous, we wouldn't do it," X Games founder Ron Semiao said. "It's never been anything where we've pushed athletes to do something that they were against doing or unsure of doing."

While this year's event has been relatively tame — snowboarder Chris Klug's broken collarbone in practice Friday has been about the worst of it — there have been plenty of spills that have been shown over and over on replays.

NBA

James returns, but Cavaliers fall to Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — LeBron James' return wasn't enough to help the Cleveland Cavaliers.

James had 28 points, seven assists and five rebounds in his first game after missing two with a sprained left ankle, but the Cavaliers lost to the Orlando Magic 105-102 on Tuesday night.

Orlando was led by Steve Francis' 30 points and season high-tying 13 assists.

Cleveland coach Paul Silas expected that James would play, but it wasn't until game time that the Cavaliers star made the decision official.

"I'm not going to play if I'm still thinking about [the ankle]

and favoring it," said James, 10-of-20 from the field. "I feel great."

After a quiet first half, James scored 17 points and his short jumper with 44 seconds left tied it at 102.

"I'm really glad to have him back," Silas said. "He makes the game easy for us."

But James' comeback wasn't without flaws. He opened the game with an airball, missed his three 3-point tries and was 8-for-13 from the line — four misses coming in the fourth quarter.

"We gave ourselves every chance in the world to win, but we just couldn't get over the hump," James said.

Still, Cleveland appeared to

have sent the game into overtime when Jeff McInnis rattled home a buzzer-beating 3-pointer. But after a brief huddle the officials waved off the shot, with replays clearly showing the ball in McInnis' hands as the clock ran out.

"I was like, 'I hope it doesn't go,'" said Orlando's Grant Hill, who scored 21. "I was so tired. I need to rest up."

Nets 107, Bulls 97

Not since he was John Stockton's understudy more than five years ago had Jacques Vaughn played shooting guard.

Yet there Vaughn was Tuesday night, filling a hole for the injury-depleted New Jersey Nets and doing the job well as he tied his career high with 23 points in a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

"He was a man possessed tonight," said teammate Vince Carter, who was fired up himself in contributing 31 points, six assists and five rebounds to New Jersey's season-high fourth

consecutive victory.

Vaughn shot 8-for-12 from the field and 7-for-7 from the foul line, providing the Nets with a much-needed third offensive option behind Carter and Jason Kidd.

"I can make shots. Percentage-wise, I've been a good shooter throughout my career. The knock probably is I don't shoot enough," said Vaughn, a seven-year veteran.

Vaughn took the spot in the starting five formerly occupied by Rodney Buford, who sprained his ankle in New Jersey's previous game. The Nets used their 14th different starting lineup of the season.

Vaughn could not recall the last time he scored 23 points (Dec. 9, 2003), and he didn't seem particularly impressed by his accomplishment.

"You see I don't have a stat sheet in my hand, and I wouldn't have known if you hadn't told me," he said. "[Carter] and J-Kidd set my whole table

tonight, they put the silverware out there, my napkin, everything."

Kidd contributed 26 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists, narrowly missing his 62nd career triple-double, and Nenad Krstic had 12 points and seven rebounds for a Nets team that won its final three games on a five-game Western road trip and returned home with a boost in confidence.

After opening the season 2-11 while waiting for Kidd to return from knee surgery, the Nets have injected themselves into the race for first place in the Atlantic Division.

"We're an offensive juggernaut, and we throw a little defense out there every once in a while," Kidd said.

Pistons 105, Wizards 96

Chauncey Billups made the steal, hit the layup, drew the foul and converted the three-point play. Less than a minute later, he hit a double-clutch, 25-foot 3-pointer at the shot clock buzzer.

Suddenly, a one-point lead was seven late in the fourth quarter. Billups broke open a tight game, scoring 11 of his 28 in the final 5:10 Tuesday night as the Detroit Pistons beat the Washington Wizards.

"In the end, Chauncey Billups is one of the best big-game shooters in the league," Washington's Antawn Jamison said.

Tayshaun Prince added 25 points, Richard Hamilton scored 23, and Rasheed Wallace had 18 points and 12 rebounds as the Pistons won their fourth straight and beat the Wizards for the eighth straight time on the road.

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NFL

Crennel stays quiet about Cleveland job

Patriots' defensive coordinator says he's not yet a Brown

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Just about everyone at the Super Bowl acknowledges that Romeo Crennel will be the Cleveland Browns' next head coach. Everyone except Crennel.

The New England defensive coordinator spoke about the Browns job at media day Tuesday, never admitting he's headed to Cleveland after Sunday's game with the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I don't have the job; I am employed with the New England Patriots," he said. "The rules in the NFL say that is tampering; no one can talk to me as long as I work for the Patriots. And I work for the Patriots."

"After this game, if Cleveland decides to offer me a job, then I'll talk about that job."

The Browns reportedly are ready to do just that. They were allowed to interview him in early January when the Patriots had a bye before their first playoff game.

Crennel, 57, spent one year with the Browns as Chris Palmer's defensive coordinator in 2000, when the defense had 42 sacks, improving by 17 over 1999. Then he was interviewed for the head coaching job after Palmer was fired. But Crennel believes that was

a courtesy because Cleveland already had decided to hire Butch Davis.

Davis quit with five games remaining this season. Crennel emerged as the top candidate to replace him after the interviewing process. Also interviewed were Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress; Browns interim coach and offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie; and Steelers offensive line coach Russ Grimm.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who already is losing offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame, won't confirm he also will be without Crennel after the Super Bowl.

But Crennel's players expect him to leave.

"We're going to miss Romeo a lot," defensive tackle Keith Traylor said. "That's going to be a big void to fill. We have to rally around our teammates and the next guy."

When Crennel officially becomes the next guy in Cleveland, he'll start thinking about the Browns. For now, it's Eagles, Eagles, Eagles.

"My mind is concentrated on the game at hand, because if you don't concentrate on the game at hand, then you are going to end up losing," he said. "It is encouraging that there is a job still open, so that means you still have a chance."

"That's all that you tell your players: You just do the best that you can and see what happens. So, I do the best that I can and if it happens, that will be great. If it doesn't happen, I will go on."

TENNIS

Hingis loses first comeback match



Once retired Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis returns the ball to Marlene Weingartner during the first round of the Volvo Women's Open tennis tournament in Pattaya, Thailand, on Tuesday. The former No. 1-ranked Hingis was 22 when she retired in 2002 after operations on both ankles.

Associated Press

PATTAYA, Thailand — Martina Hingis' return to tennis Tuesday was spoiled when she was beaten by Germany's Marlene Weingartner 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round of the Volvo Women's Open.

Playing in a tournament for the first time since taking a two-year break after severely injuring her ankle, Hingis won the first set easily but looked far slower than she did when she was the No. 1 ranked player in the world. The five-time Grand Slam champion last competed in a WTA tournament in October 2002 at Filderstadt, Germany, where she lost to Elena Dementieva.

Hingis told reporters the match had been "a nice experience," but that she had no set plans for an extended comeback or to play other tournaments.

"I might play exhibitions," she said. "My life has been very good over the past couple of years and I feel comfortable with it."

Hingis thought she played well but said the two-year layoff had taken a toll.

"The foot is still all right now," Hingis said. "But we will see tomorrow. I'm 25 now. It's hard for me physically. I'm not 18 years old anymore."

In the first set, the Swiss star moved swiftly all over the court and used well-placed groundstrokes to break Weingartner twice for a 3-0 lead. After double faulting to drop a game, Hingis rallied against her erratic oppo-

nent to win the set in 24 minutes.

Weingartner attacked a weak serve from Hingis to break the opening game of the second set but could not hold her next game. After Hingis went ahead 2-1, the German used a series of powerful shots to take charge in the next five games.

"It's hard for me physically. I'm not 18 years old anymore."

Martina Hingis
tennis player

The difference in energy levels between the two players became obvious in the final set, when Hingis could not chase down balls and Weingartner hit winners.

Weingartner quickly strode to a 5-2 lead and set up a match point with a forehand down the line. The German celebrated her 1-hour, 19-minute win after Hingis netted a forehand.

It was Weingartner's first victory against Hingis, who easily beat her twice in 1999 and 2002.

PGA TOUR

Els doubts Woods can regain old dominance

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Ernie Els thinks golf technology and a more competitive PGA Tour means Tiger Woods won't be as dominant as he once was.

"Everybody has become better players, technology has brought everybody closer together," Els said Tuesday at the Heineken Classic, where he begins play Thursday trying for his fourth win in a row at Royal Melbourne.

"I think he's had a very good start obviously, but I can't see him being that dominant again," Els said. "The guys out there are a lot more confident, they've stepped up to their games. No one is hitting it 30 or 40 yards past everybody else."

Woods won the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Japan last November, then shot four rounds in the 60s to win his

Target World Challenge against a 16-man field to finish the year.

Ten days ago, Woods rallied from a two-shot deficit over the final six holes to win the Buick Invitational for his first PGA Tour victory in 11 months.

Vijay Singh took over the top ranking from Woods last September. Woods had been No. 1 for five years, but has gone 10 majors without winning, matching his longest winless streak in Grand Slam events.

"Technology has changed the game," Els said. "Twelve to 15 years ago, before titanium drivers and new golf balls, it was a different game."

"At the moment, he is playing better, and more confident. But other guys will be right there. I don't think he'll be that dominant again, although I might be wrong."

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NFL

Owens announces he will play in Super Bowl XXXIX

Just six weeks after surgery, wide receiver announces his return

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens strolled onto the field, claiming a podium near the 25-yard line. It would have been more appropriate to put him right in the middle of the field.

T.O. was clearly in his comfort zone Tuesday at the Super Bowl's media extravaganza — the center of attention, the star of the show, the guy making all the news.

And say this about the Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver: He didn't leave anyone in suspense. Less than a minute after the tape recorders and cameras began rolling, Owens made his pronouncement.

"I will play on Sunday," he said, relishing the moment as he gazed out at some 100 members of the media hanging on his every word.

Then, transforming the podium into a pulpit, Owens put on an hourlong performance that was part Ali, part Reverend Ike — and pure T.O.

"If you believe in miracles," he said, "just wait until Sunday."

Adorned with diamonds in each ear and a matching bracelet, Owens let the conversation flow in all sorts of directions. At times, he sounded downright humble while crediting a strong religious faith for hastening the recovery of his right knee and ankle.

"God brought me here for a reason," he said.

But those were only momentary interludes. For the most part, Owens was at his bombastic best, saying he has no intention of being a decoy and embracing the controversy that seems to follow him around like a cornerback in a man-to-man defense. From Sharpies in the socks to towel-clad actresses in the locker room, it's all good in T.O.'s world.

"I can't change who I am," he said. "I am who I am."

The New England Patriots, with victories in two of the last three Super Bowls and on the cusp of becoming a full-fledged dynasty, had to settle for a supporting role on this day.

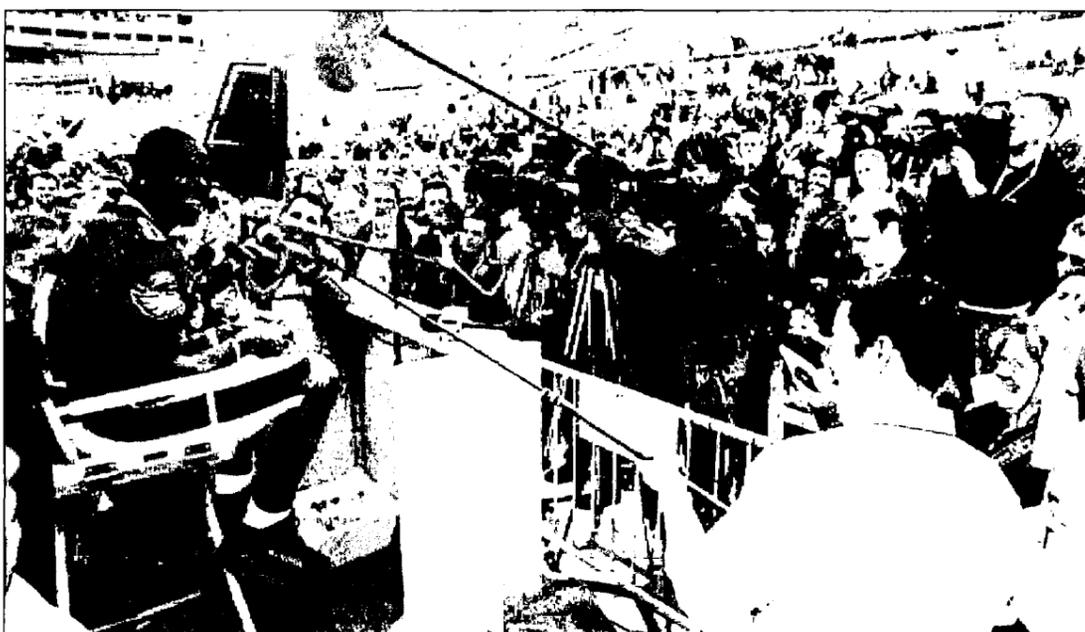
Owens was the star.

"It shows what kind of guy he is," said Troy Brown, the Patriots' receiver and nickel back. "He came to Philly because he wanted to play in this game. To see him out there running around, well, I've got to take my hat off to the guy."

Owens was in the midst of his most satisfying season when he was dragged down from behind in a Dec. 19 game against Dallas, his leg twisting grotesquely in the wrong direction.

The grim diagnosis: a severely sprained ankle, two torn ligaments, a fractured fibula. During surgery, two screws and a metal plate were needed to put it all back together. Owens' hopes of playing in the Super Bowl — the very reason he signed with Philadelphia after eight years in San Francisco — appeared to have been snatched away.

Now, just over six weeks later,



Terrell Owens fields reporters' questions on the 25-yard line of Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville Tuesday. Owens announced that he would indeed play in this Sunday's Super Bowl, just six weeks after undergoing reconstructive ankle surgery.

Owens claims that his ankle feels like nothing more than a normal sprain, the kind that players deal with every week in such a brutal sport.

"Obviously, it's a good story for the Super Bowl: Will he play or won't he?" Owens said. "Well, I'm here, I going to play and that's it."

Later Tuesday, he took part in his second straight practice, spending much of the time running in place. He got on the field for six of the Eagles' 20 offensive plays, catching one of the two passes that were thrown his way.

Both Owens and the Eagles' trainer, Rick Burkholder, pooched the risk of doing career-

threatening damage by coming back too soon — even though the doctor who performed the surgery refused to give his blessing for Owens to play in the Super Bowl.

"I'm not really concerned about the medical risks," the receiver said. "Even if I go out and re-injure myself, it can be fixed."

Owens said he won't even wear a brace. Just a light tape job should be enough to hold the ankle together.

"There are risks every day," he said. "It was a risk coming over here today on the bus. It was a risk flying to Jacksonville for this game."

Burkholder plans to use about

a half-hour of Wednesday's practice to work with Owens on stability and balance, followed by a short run. It's a delicate balancing act — working the player hard enough to see if he can play, but not hard enough to hinder a recovery process that still has a few precious days to run.

"He's like Smarty Jones," Burkholder said. "I'm riding him through the week, and we're going to get him to the gate on Sunday and hopefully turn him loose. But you have to ride him right. You can't run him into the ground Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, because he won't be worth anything Sunday."

NFL

Super Bowl security will be tight

St. Johns River complicates efforts for Jacksonville authorities

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A river runs through it — and that's a security problem for this city's first Super Bowl.

From jet skis to cruise ships, watercraft regularly ply the St. Johns River, a federal waterway that runs right alongside Alltel Stadium.

All boats must be checked and rechecked. Ships carrying visitors by the thousands are monitored around the clock. And Coast Guard divers have to search the river on a regular basis.

NFL vice president for security Milt Ahlerich called the river "a unique aspect of this Super Bowl," but he also downplayed the impact it had on the security plan Tuesday.

"We are very pleased with what we have seen here," Ahlerich said. "We have complete confidence our fans, our teams, our employees will be safe — not just at the game but at the many other events."

Although Ahlerich and Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford said the three-pronged approach to Super Bowl security — via land, air and sea — was the first of its kind, they

also said it was merely an additional part of a detailed security plan.

Jet skis are being banned on the river, largely because of the cruise ships. Only certain private boats, whose owners won permits in a lottery, are allowed on the river. And Coast Guard divers are regularly inspecting the bottom of the ships, plus keeping other boats a safe distance away.

Also, more than 50 agencies — some federal, some state and some local — combined to develop, install and carry out the security plan.

"It's like at the Pro Bowl, where you have everybody wearing different helmets but playing on the same team," Rutherford said. "We have guys wearing 53 different badges all pulling together for the same cause."

Aside from the river aspect, security for the Super Bowl will be rather routine for sports' biggest event — officials have refined the process every year since the terrorist attacks of 2001.

"We get better each time," Ahlerich said.

Security also has become increasingly seamless. Ahlerich

believes Sunday's game in the river town will continue the trend.

"We've had chances to improve every year, and we have," Ahlerich said.

But Ahlerich said the enhancements don't imply a lessened focus on security, even though the NFL and police declined to give specifics about anything more than the checkpoints fans must walk through before the game.

Ahlerich advised fans to arrive early, travel light and be patient.

They will be searched and scanned with X-ray machines before being allowed into the stadium — methods unheard of years ago, but common at big events since the 2002 Super Bowl.

Rutherford said one improvement from last year's Super Bowl in Houston is that nearly 30 more metal-detecting wands will be used to help decrease waiting lines.

The usual items like camcorders, strollers, noisemakers and umbrellas are banned. Rutherford also strongly encouraged fans to leave electronic devices, including cell phones, at home to expedite the scanning process.



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
Philadelphia	21-23	.477	-	6-4
Boston	21-24	.467	.5	5-5
New Jersey	19-26	.422	2.5	7-3
New York	18-26	.409	3.0	1-9
Toronto	18-27	.400	3.5	5-5

Central Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
Detroit	27-18	.600	-	6-4
Cleveland	26-18	.591	.5	5-5
Chicago	22-21	.512	4.0	7-3
Indiana	20-23	.465	6.0	3-7
Milwaukee	15-27	.357	10.5	3-7

Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
Miami	33-13	.717	-	6-4
Washington	26-18	.591	6.0	5-5
Orlando	25-20	.556	7.5	6-4
Charlotte	9-33	.214	22.0	1-9
Atlanta	9-34	.209	22.5	3-7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
Seattle	30-13	.698	-	5-5
Minnesota	24-20	.545	6.5	7-3
Denver	19-25	.432	11.5	5-5
Portland	17-25	.405	12.5	3-7
Utah	16-30	.348	15.5	4-6

Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
Phoenix	36-10	.783	-	5-5
Sacramento	30-13	.698	4.5	8-2
L.A. Lakers	23-19	.548	11.0	5-5
L.A.	22-23	.489	13.5	4-6
Clippers	12-32	.273	23.0	1-9

Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	GB	L 10
San Antonio	37-10	.787	-	8-2
Dallas	28-14	.667	6.5	6-4
Memphis	26-20	.565	10.5	8-2
Houston	25-21	.543	11.0	6-4
New Orleans	8-36	.182	27.5	4-6

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	overall
Boston College	8-0	19-0
Syracuse	7-1	20-2
Pittsburgh	5-2	15-3
NOTRE DAME	5-3	13-5
Georgetown	5-3	13-6
Villanova	4-3	12-4
Connecticut	4-3	12-5
Seton Hall	2-4	10-7
West Virginia	2-6	12-7
Rutgers	1-6	7-10
St. John's	1-6	7-10
Providence	0-7	9-11

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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Cincinnati at Louisville, 7 p.m., ESPN

Duke at Wake Forest, 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.,

Comcast

NBA



Los Angeles Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich protests a call during his team's game against the L.A. Clippers Wednesday. Tomjanovich missed the Lakers' game against the Charlotte Bobcats on Sunday.

Tomjanovich considers resignation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rudy Tomjanovich is considering resigning as Los Angeles Lakers coach because of health reasons, a team spokesman said Tuesday.

ESPN.com reported that Tomjanovich would step down following Tuesday night's game against Portland. Spokesman John Black said that would not be the case.

"He's considering several options and resigning is one of them. That decision has not been made," Black said. "There won't be an announcement tonight. He won't coach tonight because he's not feeling well. This has nothing to do with cancer."

The 56-year-old Tomjanovich, who won a pair of NBA championships

with the Houston Rockets, missed the Lakers' win over Charlotte on Sunday night because of what the team said was a stomach virus. He returned to the coaching ranks this season after recovering from bladder cancer.

Assistant coach Frank Hamblen, the only holdover from former coach Phil Jackson's staff, guided the team against the Bobcats and will coach them against the Trail Blazers.

Black said Tomjanovich has had a sinus infection as well as the stomach virus.

"It's health-related," Black said about Tomjanovich's absence. "He loves the team and the team loves him."

Tomjanovich did not return a phone message from The Associated Press.

After cutting ties with Jackson and

trading Shaquille O'Neal during the offseason, the Lakers have been a mediocre team this season. They were 23-19 going into Tuesday's game against the Trail Blazers.

Black said he had no idea when Tomjanovich will be back on the bench — if indeed he stays on the job.

Tomjanovich signed a five-year, \$30 million contract last summer.

"He has discussed this with the appropriate people in the organization," Black said. "When he does make a decision, it will be announced at the appropriate time."

Tomjanovich succeeded Jackson when the Lakers did not renew his contract. Jackson led the Lakers to three consecutive NBA championships.

IN BRIEF

Dominican Republic team gets bumped off flight

MAZATLAN, Mexico — The Dominican Republic and shortstop Miguel Tejada missed their Caribbean Series opener against Puerto Rico on Tuesday because the team was kicked off its flight the previous night.

The Cubao Eagles of the Dominican Republic had been scheduled to arrive in Mexico on Monday night but were asked to get off the plane before the flight took off from Santo Domingo because it was overbooked, International Airport of the Americas spokesman Ellis Perez said.

The flight had 172 seats but was overbooked by 60 seats, Perez said. When players and other passengers started arguing with crew members about who should get to fly, the pilot asked everyone to get off and flew the plane to Miami empty.

"A difficult situation presented itself in which players and other passengers were arguing with each

other and the crew," Perez said.

The team made new travel plans and was not scheduled to arrive until Tuesday night, hours after the scheduled first pitch.

Three Red Wing players join United Hockey League

FRASER, Mich. — Red Wings defensemen Chris Chelios and Derian Hatcher and forward Kris Draper signed with the Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League on Tuesday for the remainder of the season.

"I'm excited and nervous and looking forward to playing," Chelios said.

The addition of three NHL players should provide a boost for the struggling Mechanics (11-29-6), who are averaging just 1,500 in attendance per game in a building that holds 3,200.

"It's just a chance for the team to do something," Chelios said.

More than 300 NHL players are on teams in European leagues while the

lockout that threatens the entire North American season drags on. The stalemate reached its 139th day on Tuesday and already has forced the cancellation of 756 of the 1,230 regular-season games plus this year's All-Star game.

Kings' Adelman gets one-year contract extension

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Kings exercised their one-year option on coach Rick Adelman on Tuesday, keeping him under contract through next season.

Even though Adelman has taken the Kings to the playoffs every year since coming to Sacramento, owners Joe and Gavin Maloof waited to see how the team started this season before deciding whether to pick up his option for 2005-06.

A solid start despite several injuries was enough to earn Adelman another year. Sacramento (30-13) went into Tuesday night's game against Seattle in second place.

Notre Dame Starting Lineup

C	#12 Teresa Borton 6-3 Senior 8.6 PPG, 6.0 RPG	
F	#21 Jacqueline Batteast 6-2 Senior 18.1 PPG, 6.7 RPG	
F	#34 Crystal Erwin 6-1 Sophomore 6.6 PPG, 4.2 RPG	
G	#32 Breona Gray 5-7 Sophomore 6.0 PPG, 3.7 RPG	
G	#13 Megan Duffy 5-7 Junior 11.8 PPG, 5.6 APG	

Eagles

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Meanwhile, a Boston College victory gives the Eagles a boost heading into the toughest stretch of their schedule. Including tonight, Boston College faces Notre Dame and Connecticut twice and Rutgers once in its final nine games of the season.

It would also be the first time Boston College has ever defeated Notre Dame at the Joyce Center.

"They are anxious to change that trend, I'd think," McGraw said.

The Eagles have played impressive basketball through their first 18 games but are still looking for a big win. While they've beaten several good teams, they haven't grabbed a win over any top-25 teams. But Boston College doesn't have any bad losses either, with its defeats coming to Michigan State, Stanford and Rutgers.

"They're one of those really good teams that's a little bit overlooked and doesn't get the respect they deserve," McGraw said. "They're just a really solid team and they don't beat themselves."

Three Eagles average double figures in scoring, with a fourth — Clare Droesch — at 9.1 points per game. Jessica Deveny paces the team by averaging more than 18 points, five rebounds and two assists, while Kathrin Ress tallies 12 points and Brooke Queenan adds 11.7 points per game.

Notre Dame showed Sunday that the team is more

than just all-American Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast, who scored only nine points on 3-of-17 shooting while battling stomach flu symptoms, struggled throughout the Connecticut game. But Courtney LaVere, Megan Duffy and Charel Allen picked up the slack by scoring 14 points, 12 points and 11 points, respectively.

The win snapped the Huskies 112-game regular season Big East home winning streak.

The Irish used a suffocating 2-3 zone defense and harassed the inexperienced Connecticut guards throughout the contest. But McGraw considers the Eagles' guards, including Deveny, better players than their Huskies counterparts. The Irish must also stop Boston College's lethal outside shooting. The Eagles shoot better than 50 percent from beyond the arc in Big

"[Boston College is] one of those really good teams that's a little bit overlooked and doesn't get the respect they deserve."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

East play. "They have really good guards," McGraw said. "They're smart. They have a great assist-to-turnover ratio. Deveny's really good, and we've got to contain the three-point line. We didn't do a good job with that against Connecticut so we've got to do a good job [against Boston College]."

The Irish should be well-rested for the game. McGraw gave the team the day off Monday, which helped players recuperate after the Connecticut trip. Batteast, who practiced Tuesday, used the time to shake off the stomach flu and will start Wednesday.

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Boston College Starting Lineup

F	#11 Kathrin Ress 6-4 Sophomore 12.0 PPG, 4.8 RPG	
F	#2 Brooke Queenan 6-2 Junior 11.7 PPG, 5.3 RPG	
G/F	#15 Clare Droesch 5-11 Senior 9.1 PPG, 5.9 RPG	
G	#00 Jessalyn Deveny 5-9 Senior 18.1 PPG, 5.5 RPG	
G	#3 Sarah Marshall 5-7 Sophomore 4.7 PPG, 5.2 APG	



Women's Standings

Boston College	6-1	
Rutgers	6-1	
Connecticut	6-1	
NOTRE DAME	6-2	
Villanova	4-3	
Seton Hall	4-5	
West Virginia	3-5	
Pittsburgh	3-5	
Sacuse	3-5	
Georgetown	2-6	
Providence	0-7	

Women's Polls as of Jan. 31, 2005

Coaches Poll	1. LSU 2. Stanford 3. Ohio State 4. Duke 5. North Carolina 6. Tennessee 7. NOTRE DAME 8. Baylor 9. Rutgers 10. Connecticut 11. Michigan State 12. Minnesota 13. Boston College 14. Texas Tech 15. Texas 16. Kansas State 17. Iowa State 18. DePaul 19. Florida State 20. Georgia 21. Vanderbilt 22. Maryland 23. Penn State 24. Purdue 25. Temple	AP Poll	1. LSU 2. Ohio State 3. Duke 4. Stanford 5. Tennessee 6. NOTRE DAME 7. Rutgers 8. Baylor 9. North Carolina 10. Michigan State 11. Connecticut 12. Texas Tech 13. Texas 14. Minnesota 15. Kansas State 16. Boston College 17. DePaul 18. Georgia 19. Iowa State 20. Maryland 21. Vanderbilt 22. Temple 23. Penn State 24. Florida State 25. N.C. State
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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	McGraw recently picked up her 400th win in her 18th year at Notre Dame. She also has won a national championship. The Irish coach is experienced and successful. McGraw has a staff that is proven and dedicated.	This team wins with its defense. When the Irish play good defense, they win. When they don't, they struggle. This year's team has more offensive weapons, but the mainstay is still defense.	Erwin has stepped up in her sophomore season and LaVere and Borton are also playing well. LaVere is back from December knee surgery and is finally at full strength. They have struggled to rebound at times, but have been solid overall.	The All-American Batteast is a star, and Duffy is the Big East's most fundamentally sound point guard. Batteast can be unstoppable at times, and Duffy is dependable with the ball most of the time. Gray gives the Irish a defensive spark.	Notre Dame is deeper than ever. Gaines and Allen are two freshmen that contribute. Allen has been outstanding, and she plays even better against top teams. LaVere, if she comes off the bench, is a huge plus for the Irish.	The Irish just beat Connecticut in Storrs, breaking the Huskies' 112-game regular season home Big East winning streak. Their momentum is high, and with a win, they could move up to second in the conference standings.
BOSTON COLLEGE	Inglese is in her 12th season with the Eagles and has a career record of 213-132 at Boston College. She has coached the Eagles to back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances in 2003 and 2004.	The Eagles have flown under the radar in the Big East all season long. However, they are a good 3-point shooting team, hitting 45.8 percent from the arc and 52.6 percent in Big East play.	Ress killed the Irish last year with 14 points on 5-for-5 shooting, and has only gotten better since her freshman year. Queenan has stepped up in a starting role and is averaging in double figures as well. The Eagles rebound well as a team.	This is the strength of Boston College. Deveny, a 3-point sharpshooter, is the heart and soul of the Eagles. The senior is the leader of this team. She is joined in the backcourt by Droesch, who shoots just as well from beyond the arc.	The Eagles have eight players averaging double-digit minutes per contest. Parham is a big contributor off the bench, as she provides athleticism and scoring. Marshall gives the Eagles solid minutes and is the team's leading rebounder.	Boston College was hot all preseason. They went on an 11-game winning streak before starting Big East conference play. There, the Eagles lost to Rutgers, their first and only Big East loss.
ANALYSIS	McGraw doesn't just have the experience, she has the successes, as well. She is a proven coach in the Big East as well in the NCAA. Inglese has done a lot at Boston College, but McGraw gets the edge.	Notre Dame has struggled to defend the 3-point line at times this season, giving up seven to St. John's and nine to Connecticut despite a matchup zone. Boston College gets the edge in this one.	Notre Dame has size and depth. The 6-foot-4 Ress will be a challenge without a doubt, but Borton, LaVere and Erwin should be up to the challenge. The Irish haven't rebounded well of late, but LaVere has played extremely well.	Boston College's guards are tough, but Notre Dame's are equally so. It's a slight edge, but it goes to the Irish because Deveny has been hurt lately, and because of the All-American play of Batteast.	If LaVere comes off the bench, Notre Dame gets the nod easily. If not, it's a slight edge, mainly because of Allen, who has been outstanding. The Eagles are deep, but the Irish are deep and talented.	Notre Dame is on a high after Sunday's win at Connecticut. They have had just two days since then, so a letdown doesn't seem likely. Boston College has never won at the Joyce Center, and the Irish love playing at home.

Dalby

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championship tournament. "It's just great experience for him," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "Playing in the international stage with and against some of the top players in the world — that's just a great learning experience."

Dalby agreed. "It was a really good opportunity for me, being exposed to it," he said. "It was good for me to get experience doing that."

Dalby also captained the national Under-18 squad before coming to play for the Irish. This winter, his teammates included professional players like Freddy Adu and other collegiate players. They lived together for a month, training with two-a-day practices and then competing as a team.

"A lot of the pro guys and [college players] had played together at other times so it wasn't too unfamiliar," Dalby said. "Everyone had to get to know each other better on the field and off the field to make things work."

The Poway, Calif. native played all 90 minutes in the first two matches and came off the bench in the third as a defensive central midfielder.

In addition to the experience gained against the world's top competitors, playing for the national team was a time to enjoy the sport Dalby has grown to love.

"As far as the whole tournament went, the second game

we played — which is the game that sealed our qualifying—is definitely the thing I remember the most," he said.

As a coach, Clark considers Dalby a top-notch player.

"The big thing that Greg brings is that he's a very dependable in everything he does," said Clark. "That's both on and off the field — he's the sort of lad that anything he does, he gives it 100 percent."

But it isn't just Dalby's dedication that sets him apart.

"He's got a great ability to make the game look easy," Clark said. "I always say that's the true trademark of any great player, that they make their job easy. Good players aren't turning and twisting and dribbling ... he seems to find easy avenues. He connects with his teammates. He just makes the game look easy."

Clark knows that the experience with international play will be important for Dalby's development as a player, who was named a second-team all-Big East selection after the 2004 season.

"You can't give someone that experience without being involved in it, and he's very, very fortunate to be involved in it," Clark said.

Dalby credited the coaching staff at Notre Dame with his development between playing with the national Under-18 and Under-20 teams.

"Before I came to Notre Dame, I was a central defender," he said. "For the last year and a half I've been playing defensive midfield and learning a lot from the coaches how to play that position."

Dalby said his time with the

Irish soccer program led to positive experiences with the national team.

"I've been successful on this team and I hope I've contributed to my teams experience in qualifying," he said. "I came a more mature player coming into this than I ever was on the Under-18 team."

Clark attributes that not just to Notre Dame's influence on Dalby's soccer but the greater lifestyle of being a student-athlete.

"That's part of being an athlete at this school," he said. "I think the team should be competing and playing at the highest level and we should also be attending to our academics, [and] Greg is a great example of a great student athlete who's very organized — the ideal student-athlete."

Next fall, the Irish will return a number of top players, but they also will lose three of the nation's top defenders to Major League Soccer (MLS). With only Ryan Miller returning to anchor the defense, much of the burden of maintaining the traditionally stingy Irish defense will fall to Dalby.

However, after competing at the international level, the sophomore is ready for anything in the future, from a national title run with the Irish to a try at playing professionally.

"It was really good, getting the opportunity to get exposed to [international play] and challenge myself — to see where I stand at that level," he said.

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ors for standout keeper Chris Sawyer and Hermann Trophy semifinals awards for Jack Stewart and Kevin Goldthwaite. The three players were chosen in the first two rounds of this year's MLS draft.

This didn't surprise Clark, however.

"I think if we're going to be a top program, if we're going to continue to be a top program, we should have players that will be getting drafted and will be getting involved in the national team," Clark said. "Hopefully that's going to be an ongoing companion to our program, that we're going to have people involved in the MLS and on the national teams."

This team fell short of every NCAA team's ultimate goal — a national title. They were eclipsed by the success of a women's program, which deserved every

accolade it received in their own standout year.

But that takes nothing away from the impressive accomplishments of this team. Notre Dame soccer is here, and no end-of-the-season letdown is going to get in its way.

Earlier this year, Stewart said that he and his fellow captains wanted to put Notre Dame soccer "on the map." Today is signing day for the program, and replacing Stewart and his classmates will be crucial to future successes for Clark and the players who cycle through his system.

However, any player who is watching where Clark's players go — notably the international stage and the professional arena — knows that this is a place where he can find success.

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some confidence."

The Belles know they cannot rely solely on a poor performance by Calvin to be successful, though. Saint Mary's must shut down 6-foot sophomore Lisa Winkle to keep Calvin's scoring low.

Winkle is a double-threat for the Knights. She enters the game leading the league in field-goal percentage at 63 per-

cent and is second in the MIAA in scoring, averaging 17.2 points per game. Winkle leads the conference in rebounds, as well.

The Belles will also have to keep a close eye on Knight guard Kristen McDonald, who is third in the MIAA in scoring.

Bellina believes that the best way to counter the double-threat the Knights pose is to "stay fresh" for running up and down the court with Calvin.

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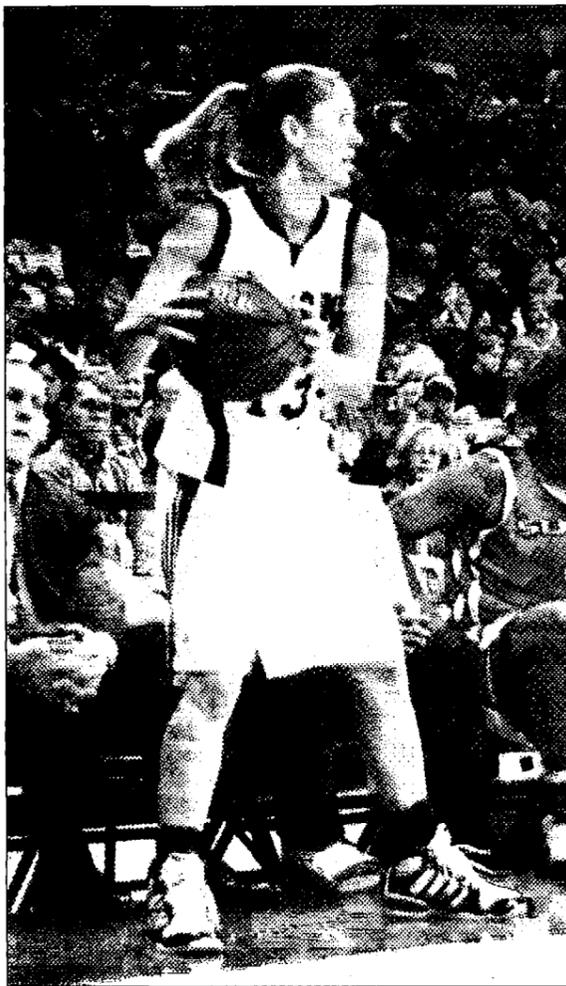



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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Crucial conference test



Irish must beat Eagles to keep Big East regular season title hopes alive

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

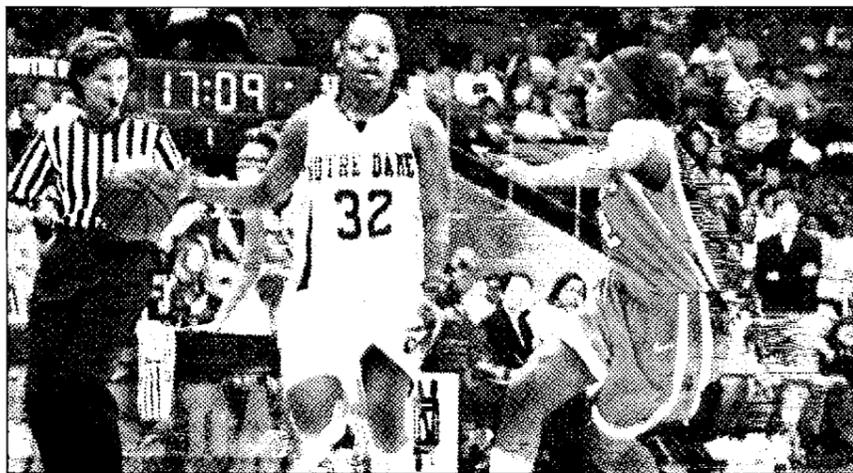
In terms of earning the Big East regular season title, Wednesday's matchup between Notre Dame and Boston College isn't a must-win for the Irish, but it sure would help.

The No. 6 Irish (18-3, 6-2) host the No. 16 Eagles (15-3, 6-1) at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center in a game that carries huge implications for both teams.

"The next game is the most important game on our schedule," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We can't afford any more losses if we want to win the conference."

Notre Dame, fresh off a 65-59 victory against Connecticut in Storrs on Sunday, has three teams ahead of it in the conference standings in the Huskies, Rutgers and Boston College. A victory tonight gives the Irish the edge over the Eagles, at least for now. Notre Dame plays Boston College and Rutgers on the road again this season but does not face Connecticut. The Irish and Huskies split a pair of games already.

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Left, Irish guard Megan Duffy makes an inbounds pass. Breona Gray looks past a St. John's defender in a Jan. 26 Irish win.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles face Knights in road test

By KEN FOWLER
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Coming off a 73-59 loss to Albion one week ago, the Belles (9-10, 4-6 MIAA) look to rebound and return to .500 tonight against Calvin College (14-4, 8-3) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Beating the Knights will be a tall order for Saint Mary's, as Calvin averages a plus-10 scoring margin.

But the Belles may be facing the Knights at the perfect time. Calvin has stumbled recently, losing two of its last three games to conference opponents.

On Saturday, the Knights fell to Tri-State, 99-89. Although Saint Mary's has lost its last six contests against Calvin, the Knights' loss to Tri-State is giving the Belles hope.

"I think you look at this season, and you don't have to look at past seasons," Belles head coach Suzanne Bellina said. "Tri-State beat them the other night, and we beat Tri-State last week. That's really giving [us]

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MEN'S SOCCER

The 'other' football team rises to prominence

Dalby plays in world championships

Players' successes reflect on program

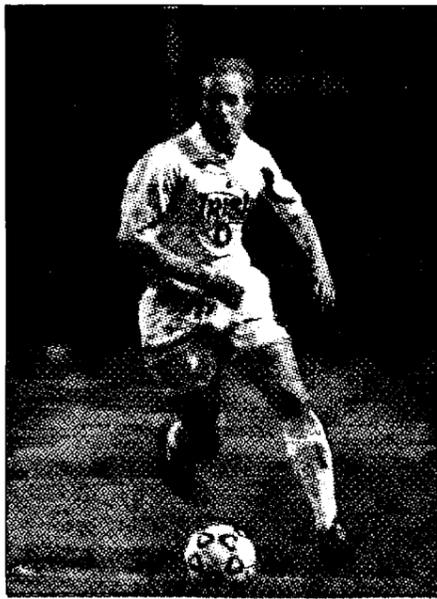
By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Athletes dream of putting on the jersey with the letters "U," "S" and "A" emblazoned across the front. At that elite level, competition is only a dream for most players.

But for soccer standout Greg Dalby, that dream became reality as a member of the U.S. Under-20 national squad, who recently qualified for the world championship this summer.

"It was just a great honor to represent our country in a world competition [and] world qualifying," Dalby said. "I had a lot of fun doing it."

The United States will compete in the FIFA World Youth Championship this summer after going 3-0 in qualifying competition this winter. The team defeated Trinidad and Tobago, Panama and Costa Rica to clinch a berth in the



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish defender Greg Dalby dribbles downfield in a game last season.

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Rudy. Rockne. Reputation. It's a simple fact — Notre Dame is a football school. The University has been built on a foundation of faith and football, and other sports take a backseat to the flagship program.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Tradition is another hallmark of Notre Dame.

But there's another sort of football game taking place on crisp fall days — and this is a program that's finally getting the national recognition it deserves as it produces some of the nation's top individual players.

The men's soccer program spent the fall winning games the blue-collar way — gritty, tough, rolling up their sleeves and getting to work. They entered the NCAA Tournament as the fifth-seeded team and posted the nation's lowest goals-against average.

For the past four years, since Bobby Clark has taken the Irish helm, the soc-

cer team has cut a swath through difficult season schedules. This postseason has proved that fact, as three winter graduates were selected early in the MLS draft and sophomore midfielder Greg Dalby was crucial to the success of the Under-20 U.S. team as they qualified for the FIFA World Championships this summer.

The caliber of players produced by Clark's system has proved to be among the nation's best. And although Notre Dame will probably never be thought of as a soccer school, the Irish are making themselves known as a formidable foe to every program they face.

"I definitely think that if you were to name off the top 10 soccer programs, we'd definitely be top 10 — maybe even in the top 5," said Dalby.

Despite a disappointing upset loss to Ohio State early in NCAA's, the Irish finished the season garnering a number of accolades — notably, All-American hon-

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Hingis loses first match

Martina Hingis fell to Marlene Weingartner at the Volvo Women's Open.

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James returns, but Cavs fall

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Smith denies he will retire

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Former New York Yankee Yogi Berra is suing TBS over usage of his name.

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