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College Readership pilot begins



Senior Liz Doyle looks at a Chicago Tribune in South Dining Hall. The Tribune is made available through College Readership.

Three publications offered on campus free of charge

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Student Government launched a free, one-month trial of the College Readership program Tuesday. The New York Times, USA Today and the Chicago Tribune will be made available to students each day in 14 locations on campus, including DeBartolo Hall, LaFortune Student

Center, Coleman-Morse Center, O'Shaughnessy Hall, Mendoza College of Business, the Library, both dining halls and certain residence halls.

The program will be monitored during the next month, and surveys will be taken following the completion of the program on March 4. A running total of how many papers are picked up each day will be kept, said Carroll senator Chris Harris, who was instrumental in developing the program.

"We are testing the popularity of each paper through sur-

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Queer Film Festival premieres

Award-winning films by gay and lesbian artists to be shown

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The second annual Notre Dame Queer Film Festival, which begins today and runs through Saturday, will screen several award-winning films by gay and lesbian artists and host two panels with acclaimed writers and directors.

Unlike the inaugural festival held last spring, which raised eyebrows and sparked campus-wide debate, this year's festival has faced little opposition.

"We think that a film festival is a good medium to bring the entire community together. This type of festival — not just for gay and lesbian people to enjoy, but for students, alumni and members of the community — is a way to bring in award-winning filmmakers, directors, and writers," said Notre Dame graduate Liam Dacey, director of operations and co-founder of the festival as a senior film major last year. "And it's a good way to create tolerance and acceptance of all kinds of people at Notre Dame."

Last year's festival spawned many angry letters, both to The Observer and to the festival committee itself. Thus far, this year's festival has not been protested, Dacey said.

"I think that because we've done everything in such a posi-

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SENATE

Group discusses newspaper program, V-Day

Members decide on changes to Executive Programming Board

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate covered issues ranging from V-Day proclamations to constitutional amendments at Wednesday's meeting so productive that it elicited a closing round of applause from the senators themselves.

Tracie Sexton of the USA Today took to the podium to give an update on the College Readership Program's progress so far and to answer any of the senators' questions.

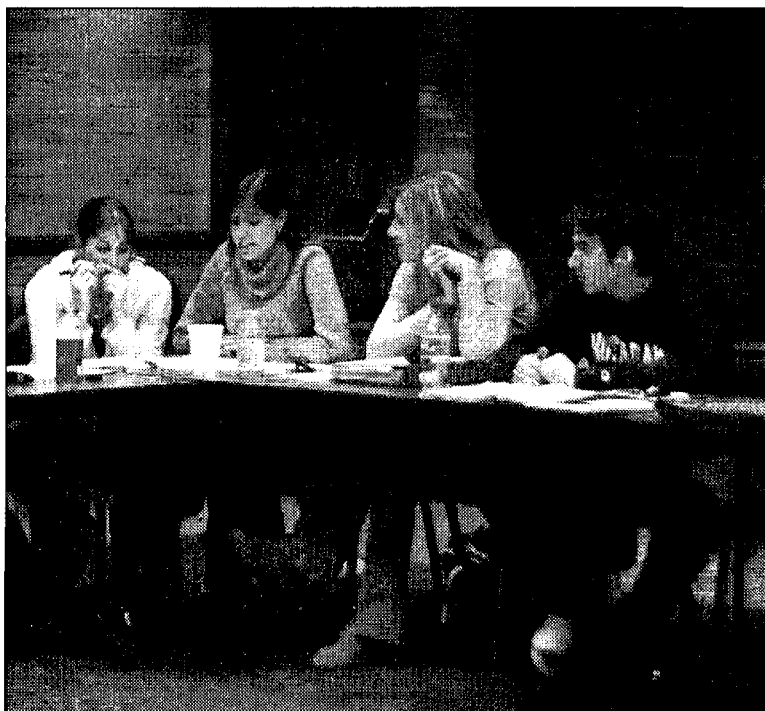
Sexton reported the free copies of USA Today, Chicago Tribune and The New York Times placed in different locations across campus

"won't stay in the bins."

Because of the high student response, Sexton said they are already increasing the number of newspapers distributed, as the current 1,200 are gone by early afternoon. The free four-week trial of the program, organized through the committee on Academic Affairs, will be used to gauge not only the College Readership Program's popularity, but also the possible size of the budget if Notre Dame were to accept the full service.

A proclamation declaring Notre Dame a "rape-free zone" and welcoming V-Day — a movement to stop violence against women — to campus was next introduced by committee on Gender Relations chair Lizzi Shappell, who yielded the floor to V-Day student organ-

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Senators Emmie Callund, Jordan Bongiovanni, Lizzi Shappell and Steve Cartwright discussed amendments at Wednesday's meeting.

FACULTY SENATE

Hatch reflects on progress made during provost tenure

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

University Provost Nathan Hatch, recently named president of Wake Forest University, reflected on his tenure at Notre Dame at Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting, while student affairs committee members reported little progress on the formation of a committee to oversee creation of a new student course evaluation mechanism.

In his presentation, Hatch outlined progress on six major academic goals he set when appointed provost in 1996, including improvements to graduate study, academic programs and centers and increased funding for engineering and the sciences.

Though these developments represent-

ed major steps forward for Notre Dame, Hatch said he strove throughout his tenure to maintain a balance between academic quality and teaching excellence.

"I think we're committed to great research and great teaching and not seeing them as unrelated," Hatch said.

In particular, Hatch cited the strengthening of specialized programs such as Irish studies and Latino studies and academic centers like the Kanob Center.

He also discussed large increases in undergraduate financial aid and its ability to bring top students to Notre Dame as a major achievement.

"That has tremendously helped our diversity — it's tremendously helped our quality," Hatch said.

The University has also made signifi-

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Faculty Senate members listen intently Wednesday as Nathan Hatch gives a presentation about his work as provost, including increasing undergraduate financial aid.

INSIDE COLUMN

Attend queer film festival

Today is a truly special day, as it is the beginning of the Second Annual Notre Dame Queer Film Festival. For those of you who have not heard about the event, it was conceived of last year by a friend of mine, and then made a reality through a collaboration of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and several academic departments. Last year's festival turned out to be a great success, bringing in gay alumni and the directors of the movies from all across the country, as well as drawing audience members from as far away as Chicago.

After such a success last year, we figured we would have an easier time this year. However, the opposite has proven to be true. This year we have had to deal with posters being torn down by unknown people across campus. And, even more disturbing, despite having several academic departments and the counseling center as sponsors, the Student Activities Office deemed this year's posters "unacceptable" and refused to allow posting or advertising in any area. Anyone who has seen the posters which feature a drawing of a lady's face along with the schedule of events will likely be just as puzzled as we were by this decision — especially because we were not given any reasons and were asked to leave the Student Activities Office when we tried to press the issue.

To me, this type of experience is a very troubling one not only because it brings into question the inclusiveness of this campus, but also because it hampers our ability to allow students to find out about a truly wonderful academic event. The festival was not intended to be a Gay Pride event or to push some sort of liberal social agenda, but rather designed with a large amount of time, discussion and faculty input to be a very educational experience. This year's guests and panelists include renowned experts on GLB issues such as marriage and the history of the GLB rights movement as well as a Tony award-winning playwright. These are not the kinds of people that you get a chance to meet or hear speak every day.

With such an opportunity available to this campus, I would highly encourage everyone to try to make it to at least one of the events over the three-day festival. This will not only send a message of solidarity to the gay and lesbian members of our campus community but also condemn the actions of those have been trying to undermine this event. And hopefully you will also learn something in the process.

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, it was mistakenly reported in Wednesday's edition of The Observer that tickets were sold out for The Pasquerilla East Musical Company's musical "Grand Hotel." Tickets are available at the LaFortune box office.

The show will be performed tonight through Saturday at Washington Hall. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF UGG BOOTS?



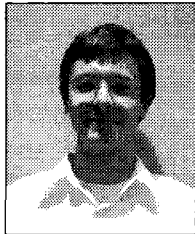
Patrick Knapp
sophomore
Zahm

"They're great for the bun run."



Dan Rivas
sophomore
Stanford

"Good for those South Bend winters."



Brian Hart
senior
Keenan

"They're perfect."



Annie Pugel
sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"They're fuggly."



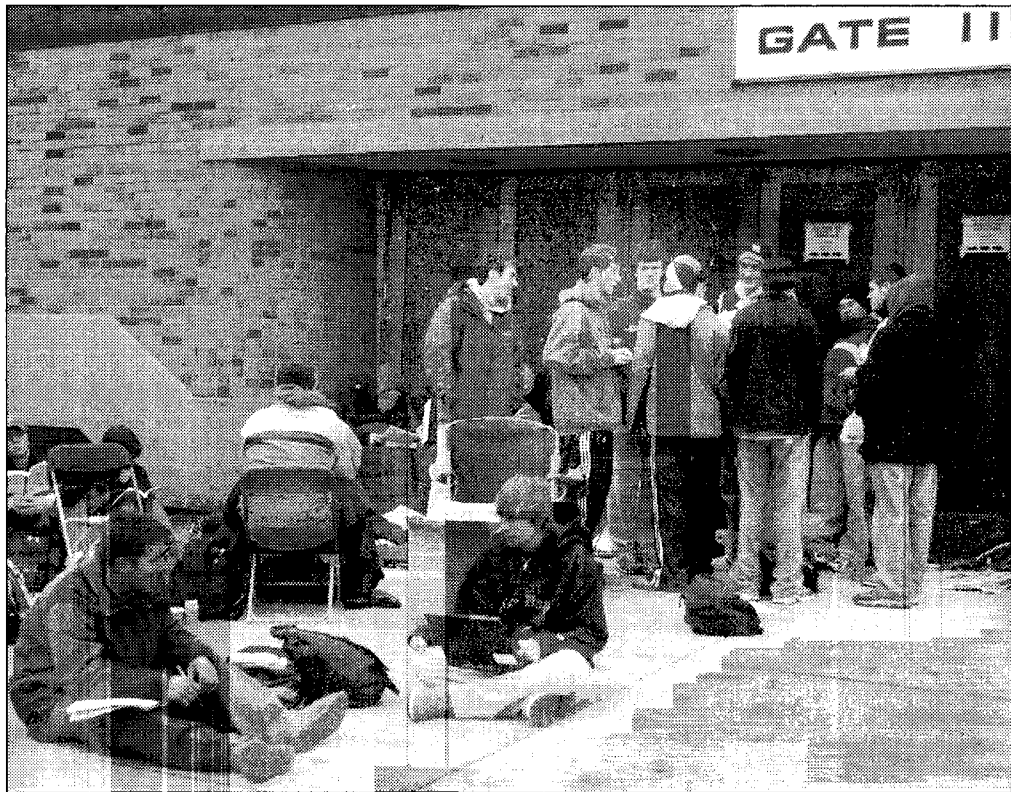
Alice Holohan
junior
Holy Cross Hall

"They're freakin' ugly — especially with skirts."



Jeffrey Stephens
sophomore
Keenan

"Is it me or do them Uggs make girl's feet look like sheepskin rugs?"



Sophomores Mike Ferkovic and P.J. Hoffman, bottom left, wait outside Gate 11 of the Joyce Center Tuesday before the Notre Dame men's basketball game. They and other students arrived nearly eight hours early for the game, which the Irish won 68-65.

OFFBEAT

Police say man signaled turns during chase

KALISPELL, Mont. — Deputies were taken aback during a chase involving a suspected burglar. He signaled his upcoming turns, Flathead County Sheriff's Sgt. Ernie Freebury said Tuesday.

Deputies were going to a residence Monday night to arrest a man on a probation violation and investigate some burglaries, Freebury said. A vehicle raced out of the driveway, nearly knocking down the deputies, and then struck a patrol car parked nearby to intercept him, he said.

Freebury said the chase never exceeded 70 mph, and the driver even signaled his turns.

Oliver Pearson, 28, was arrested and charged with probation violation, assaulting a police officer, eluding and having no insurance or driver's license.

American Airlines getting rid of pillows

FORT WORTH, Texas — Perhaps this will soften the blow of American Airlines removing its pillows from most domestic flights next week: The blankets will still be there.

The Fort Worth-based carrier said Wednesday that pillows will be removed from most flights beginning next Tuesday in a cost-cutting move expected to save another \$370,000.

"Almost all of our domestic aircraft have adjustable headrests, and we'll still provision blankets for lumbar support, which is what the pillows were used for by customers a lot of times," American spokesman Tim Wagner said Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame will present its second annual **Queer Film Festival** through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding "Speed Dating" Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 at Legends.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Othello" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royale on Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alaianza and WVPE 88.1 FM.

Leocadie Mukaneza, a survivor of war-torn Rwanda, will be speaking on **Marian Apparitions and the Conflict in Rwanda** on Sunday at 7 p.m. in 116 DeBartolo Hall. Mukaneza has spoken with the visionaries, whose apparitions have the support of the local bishop. The talk is sponsored by Children of Mary.

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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ND faculty members awarded fellowships

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

Three University of Notre Dame faculty members received National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) research fellowships for 2005, bringing Notre Dame's number of NEH fellowships in the past six years up to 20 — more than any other university in the nation.

Susan Youens, professor of music, received the fellowship for her research project "Heinrich Heine and Song." Ian Kuijt, an associate professor of anthropology, received a grant for his project "Early Village Social Organization and Food Production." Alyssa Gillespie, assistant professor of German and Russian languages and literature, received the award for her research titled "Dangerous Verses: Crime and Conscience in the Worlds of Alexander Pushkin."

"I am thrilled to receive my fourth NEH fellowship," said Youens, who will be travelling to England and Germany in the summer to complete the research both for her current book project on musical settings of poetry by Heinrich Heine and the next book she is planning, entitled "Schubert's Unknown Poets."

"The National Endowment for the Humanities enables scholars in many fields to have time free from other professorial duties in order to complete their large-scale projects, and scholars everywhere, myself included, are enormously grateful to them," Youens said.

Notre Dame ranks among the nation's top six major research universities in the number of Arts and Letters faculty who have received other fellowships, including NEH fellowships, for work in the humanities, arts and social sciences

during the past five years.

"Notre Dame has been hiring the top scholars in the country for the past 15 to 20 years, and this is the primary reason the faculty here is tops in the nation for receiving grants," said Ken Garcia, associate director of the Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts.

"We think [having three winners] this year is great. With 20 winners in the past six years, we're averaging about 3.2 NEH fellowships per year, and we're very pleased to have that," said Garcia, whose office assists faculty in applying for external grants by offering grant information, seminars, application assistance and proposal critiques.

Youens is also not surprised that Notre Dame outpaces other universities in fellowships grants.

"I think my colleagues here are quite extraordinary," Youens said. "For grant organizations to recognize that fact seems only natu-

ral."

Created in 1965, NEH is an independent federal agency whose goal is to promote excellence in humanities by providing grants for projects in four general areas — preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research and public programs.

The grants, which include a \$40,000 stipend, are typically awarded to cultural institutions such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television and radio stations as well as to individual scholars.

Proposals are evaluated by a panel of experts outside of NEH and are then submitted to the National Council on the Humanities. The council then makes recommendations to the NEH chairman, who has the final authority over which proposals receive the grant.

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SMC to launch health campaign

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

Saint Mary's Counseling and Career Development Center (CCDC) will be challenging unhealthy body image expectations and encouraging fitness and health through the three-week "Get Real! Celebrate S.H.A.P.E." campaign. The campus community will be encouraged to focus on true health — particularly strength, confidence and nutritional wellbeing — from Feb. 1 to March 4.

"Women's S.H.A.P.E. refers to who we are on the inside," CCDC counselor Kris Pendley said. "Who we are is not the bodies we are housed in, but our spiritual gifts, our heart and passions, our abilities, our personality and our experiences."

While Saint Mary's participation in "Get Real" is inspired by the "Awareness Week" established in 1987 by the National Eating Disorders Association, CCDC director Mary DePauw said the Center's body image sector is actively involved in promoting awareness about eating issues.

"We have done eating disorders education for at least 25 years," DePauw said.

The increased visibility of body image issues during "Get Real" reminds students that information, a listening ear and help are readily available — both now and throughout the school year.

"We have a number of students come in and talk about their struggles," DePauw said.

DePauw said consultation and discussion is her favorite part of the program.

"Our larger culture tends to be unrealistic about women's body shapes and styles. It's easy to lose perspective on what's healthy and what's not," DePauw said. "I always appreciate the opportunity to talk one-on-one with students with any kind of concerns."

To ensure visibility, residence hall directors were encouraged to promote "Get Real" with dorm resident advisors.

"It's a good way for students to get the information right in their homes," said Nicole Clery, Holy Cross hall director. "Many RA's are taking a 'love your body, healthy-living' approach."

"Get Real's" informational pervasiveness intends to surround students with factual information and positive messages about body image and health, reaching them in everyday environments, like the dining hall, gym and resi-

dences.

"The 'Get Real' material is aimed at sharing the facts about eating disorders as a means to educate the public," Pendley said. "We want students to have real and accurate information about what is normal for women because we generally do not see normal women in advertising."

Supporters of the program hope Saint Mary's students will take to heart the message of "Get Real."

"When people meet us, they are impressed by our intellect, our compassion, our ability to love and to be loved — not by the size of our jeans," Pendley said.

Information about "Get Real" will be spread by e-mail to all College students and posted on signs in Angela Athletic Facility and in residence hall bathrooms' "Stall News."

CCDC plans to show the movies "Slim Hopes" and "Perfect Illusions" in Le Mans Hall, endorse "Mirrorless Mondays," pass out food fact sheets in the Noble Family Dining Hall, hold an informal health chat at Dalloways and provide free and confidential food and body image screenings March 3-4.

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Professor lectures on Judaism

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Professor Elliot Bartky of the Program in Liberal Studies presented a lecture on the "Social Ethics of Judaism" at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Wednesday. This was the second in the five-part "Comparative Religious Social Traditions" series, sponsored by the Program in Catholic Social Teaching and co-sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Studies.

Bartky began his lecture by explaining there are no true Jewish social ethics, as the central idea of the religion is the Torah.

"If we wish to speak of the social ethics of Judaism, we must

presume that social ethics is a concept that transcends every religion," he said. "Social ethics are not a Jewish idea."

Discussing the possibility that Jews may develop a set of social ethics, Bartky cited the interaction between Reform and Conservative rabbis and the efforts by Orthodox Jews to create dialogue with members of other religions.

"Jews are increasingly ready to contribute to interreligious dialogue on social ethics, but they must develop their own system of social ethics before they can add something to the discussion," said Bartky.

Bartky discussed the basis of Western thought in the philosophy of the Greeks and in Jerusalem.

"Ethics is a prelude to political science. The question of the

greatest human happiness cannot be divorced from the question of the greatest regime," Bartky said.

Judaism and Greek philosophy both converge in their value of the political. They are essentially political in a way that Christianity is not, Bartky said. Judaism believes the law to be a product of revelation, while Greek philosophy considers the law to originate in human reason.

"Within classical Jewish texts, there are laws that can be loosely labeled social ethics. The rabbis teach us of the covenant that God made with Noah, in which the colors of the rainbow are a symbol for the seven fundamental Jewish laws," Bartky said. "These are universal principles which can be understood by any person with the reason that God gave them."

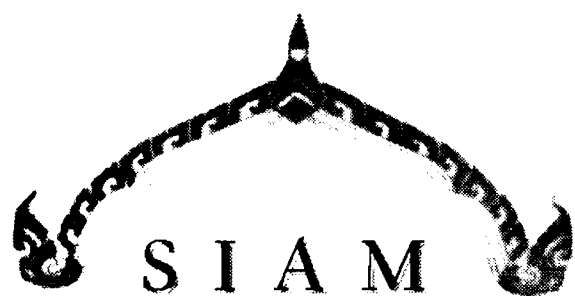
The Jewish emphasis on laws is the basis of their moral system, Bartky said. Jews have 613 commandments they should follow. Though these are explicit commandments to be followed strictly, they are always lived with reason and respect for the prevailing Jewish values, such as the value for life, Bartky said.

"The purpose of Jewish law is to make them a holy people. The Jews see themselves as the chosen people, but their purpose is to redeem the world. The law's intent is to make them holy so that this redemption can happen," said Bartky.

Bartky advised the audience to take their own individual beliefs seriously, regardless of their religious or atheistic origins. He also noted that there is room for dialogue between the faiths in the public and political arena, he said.

"Even though the Jews do not have an explicit set of social ethics, it is important to remember that historically speaking, there is no possibility of social ethics without Judaism, because social ethics arose from religion," Bartky said.

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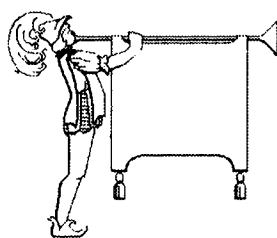
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Announcing the Year 2005 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2005 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved
- 5) the names of two references.

Application Deadline: Monday, February 21st, 2005
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship
Program in Italian Studies
343 O'Shaughnessy Hall
University of Notre Dame

Festival

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tive way, we haven't had any protests," Dacey said. "We don't expect any this year either, I think it's just credit to the way we've gone about it."

The festival has been well received by both students and faculty.

"I've only heard positive things, and some of my professors have encouraged us to go, to experience diverse things," said senior Erin Phillips.

"I don't really understand the point of the festival other than that it is a themed series that explores a poorly-understood and highly-discriminated portion of our population," said senior Joanna Cornwell. "I don't understand why such a series would be so controversial. It appears they are just showing films."

While homosexuality remains a touchy subject on campus, Dacey feels Notre Dame has

become more accommodating for alternative lifestyles in recent years.

"It's just little things on campus that make you think we still have a long way to go," Dacey said. "But I think a lot of positive things have been done to make campus more accepting."

The organizers also have high hopes for future festivals.

"I think it will get better and better every year. This year, we have a better line-up in terms of films and speakers — we have a Tony-award winner, which isn't something you see every day at Notre Dame," Dacey said. "My hope is to keep [the festival] going, to lay a foundation for an annual event, and it's a good way to bring in big names from the film world. They're coming basically for free because they believe in what we're doing, so if we do it the right way, it'll just get better and better."

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Senate

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izer Kaitlyn Redfield.

"[The proclamation] is obviously a symbolic measure, because we don't expect Notre Dame to become a rape-free zone just with this," Redfield said. "But as students, we need to take a stand on the issue of violence against women."

The proclamation was unanimously passed.

The committee on Oversight then brought two constitutional amendments to the table regarding the make-up of the Executive Policy Board and the Executive Programming Board.

The first amendment was the addition of the student body president as a member of the Executive Policy Board, suggested by current student body president Adam Istvan.

"It just makes sense for the student body president to be there at these meetings," Istvan said. "It's a natural adjustment to the constitution."

The second made several changes to the Executive Programming Board, including the removal of the Student Union Board manager and one of the two Hall President's Council co-chairs and the reduction of Board meetings to once every other week.

"The director of programming from SUB is already on [the Board], so right now having the manager there too is

superfluous," Dave Baron, chief executive assistant and chair of the Executive Programming Board, said. "Having the second in command for SUB on there fits with the fact that it is composed mainly of vice presidents from the various councils."

Baron added the Board recommended the amendment unanimously.

Both amendments passed without opposition.

A resolution regarding the presidential Anti-Sweatshop Task Force was introduced by the Committee on University Affairs.

Currently, the student body president sits on the Task Force, along with a collection of administrators, counsel and the University president. The resolution proposes the student body president nominate a student to fill their position on the board for the duration of their term.

"We recognize that the student body president already has many duties to fulfill, and that it makes more sense for someone more knowledgeable on the topic of human rights to attend the meetings," Katie Boyle, committee on University Affairs chair, said.

Again, the resolution was passed unanimously and will now be pursued through the University administration.

As the last item of business, Brendan McHugh of the Committee on Residence Life spoke about his research into a file-sharing program called Ruckus Network.

An alternative to Napster, Ruckus would provide Notre

Dame students with a legal alternative to pirating music for a cost of \$6 per month. Ruckus offers not only music, but a group of 50 movies per month on a rotating basis and can be customized to allow lectures taped on campus to be downloaded.

"If we had had this last year when Desmond Tutu was on campus, his speech could have been videotaped and put on the Web site," McHugh said. "A wider range of people would be able to see campus speakers."

The drawbacks to the program, besides its monthly cost, include the fee charged for every song downloaded from Ruckus and burned onto a CD or transferred to an iPod and the 1,000-student user minimum for the service to be installed.

In other Senate news:

♦ Judicial Council President Brin Anderson told senators to remind their constituents that voting in the runoff election for student body president — between the Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell and James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni tickets — will take place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

2005-2006 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The Center for Applied Mathematics (CAM) is pleased to announce the annual Graduate Student Fellowship competition for the 2005-2006 academic year. Each fellowship provides a nine-month stipend and some travel funds for professional travel to technical meetings. Recipients will be designated as Graduate Fellows of the Center for Applied Mathematics.

The Center's aim is to enhance interdisciplinary use and teaching of applied mathematics. Established in August of 1987, CAM fosters University-wide interaction and collaboration and provides support for students and faculty researchers applying mathematics in a variety of disciplines spanning engineering, physical and social sciences and business. CAM provides graduate student fellowships, as well as support for workshops, seminar series and faculty visitors in interdisciplinary research areas.

The Center strongly encourages graduate interdisciplinary research in applied mathematics, particularly in areas where mathematics is used to address application needs in engineering, science and business. The goal of these fellowships is to financially support a small number of highly qualified graduate students. Priority will be given to those applicants with demonstrated interdisciplinary interest in applied mathematics.

To apply for these fellowships for the academic year 2005-2006, a student must submit a proposal to the Center by February 25, 2005. The proposal must describe clearly and concisely in no more than 2 pages the student's research topic, its relevance to applied mathematics and its contribution to the present state-of-the-art in a particular discipline. The proposal should also contain the following: (i) A biographical sketch of the applicant and academic transcripts. (ii) A letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor. (iii) Any supporting documents such as additional letters of recommendation, graduate record examination, present and previous awards, etc. Current or former fellows may also apply for a fellowship. However, student fellowships for more than two years will not be granted. The proposals will be evaluated by a panel of faculty members associated with the Center. Final selection will be made by the Center's Executive Committee and will be announced in early April. The usual Graduate School rules regarding fellowships do apply.

Please submit proposals by Friday, February 25, 2005 to:

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Floods ravage Venezuela killing 13

LA GUAIRA, Venezuela — Helicopters rescued stranded Venezuelans Wednesday after flood waters struck the mountainous central coast, triggering landslides, destroying homes and washing out roads. Officials said at least 13 people were killed and thousands of others were forced from their homes.

The government declared a state of emergency in the capital of Caracas and six nearby states as torrential rains caused widespread flooding Tuesday and Wednesday.

Swollen rivers ran across roads along the Caribbean coast, stranding thousands in the same area where flooding and mudslides five years ago killed thousands.

Israel to lift West Bank restrictions

JERUSALEM — Israel has agreed to lift travel restrictions in parts of the West Bank in coming weeks, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday, in what would be the strongest signal yet to Palestinians that a cease-fire with Israel is beginning to pay off.

Israel also said it would allow some Palestinian workers to enter Israel from Gaza and the West Bank to work.

Abbas made the announcement after returning to the West Bank from a Mideast summit in Egypt, where he and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared an end to four years of bloodshed. Freedom of travel would greatly improve the lives of Palestinians, as the roadblocks have decimated their economy.

Abbas said Israel had assured him that travel bans would soon be eased and several major checkpoints will be removed as part of its military withdrawal from five Palestinian towns in the coming weeks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Scandals plague Chicago mayor

CHICAGO — Mayor Richard Daley has faced down his share of scandals in 15 years running City Hall. But a stream of recent indictments and nonstop news reports of corruption have the mayor on the defensive like never before.

Although Daley himself has not been accused of any wrongdoing, he has taken several steps in the past week to insulate himself.

He announced Tuesday that he was overhauling a scandal-plagued trucking program. He brought in two former federal prosecutors to root out corruption in a program that sets contracts aside for women and minority-owned businesses. And he has barred companies with city contracts from donating to his campaign.

Parents object to kids' radio tags

SUTTER, Calif. — The only grade school in this rural town is requiring students to wear radio frequency identification badges that can track their every move. Some parents are outraged, fearing it will rob their children of privacy.

The badges introduced at Brittan Elementary School on Jan. 18 rely on the same radio frequency and scanner technology that companies use to track livestock and product inventory.

While similar devices are being tested at several schools in Japan so parents can know when their children arrive and leave, Brittan appears to be the first U.S. school district to embrace such a monitoring system.

LOCAL NEWS

Siblings charged with murder

INDIANAPOLIS — A brother and sister were charged Wednesday with murder for allegedly killing their mother and grandparents, burying their bodies in a basement and heading off to Las Vegas with the victims' cash.

The siblings were charged with three counts each of murder and conspiracy to commit murder and two counts of robbery. Authorities removed the dismembered bodies of their mother and grandmother and the intact body of their grandfather from under concrete in the basement of the grandparents' home.

Iraq election without results

Recount necessary to eliminate discrepancies caused by ballot fraud and tampering

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections. Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of other ballots were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Postelection violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country's grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing one and wounding four. And in the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday, the end of the Iraqi work week. On Wednesday, however, election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

"We don't know when this will finish," he said. "This will lead to a little postponement in announcing the results."

No partial tallies have been released since Monday in the contests for the 275-member National Assembly, 18 provincial councils and a regional parliament for the Kurdish self-governing region in the north.

The most recent figures showed a coalition of Kurdish parties in second place behind a Shiite-dominated ticket endorsed by Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali



Demonstrators from the Christian Democratic Assyrian Movement protest voting irregularities outside the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq Sunday. They said tampering prevented tens of thousands from voting in last weekend's landmark elections.

al-Sistani. The ticket of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was a distant third.

Allegations of voting irregularities, especially around the tense northern city of Mosul, have complicated the count. Some leading Sunni Arab and Christian politicians alleged that thousands of their supporters were denied the right to vote.

Election officials blamed the problems in the Mosul area on security, which prevented fewer than a third of the planned 330 polling centers from opening. Gunmen seized some ballot boxes, officials said.

The commission would not say how many ballots had been declared invalid

and whether they had come from the Mosul area, which has a mostly Sunni Arab population. Many Sunnis are believed to have stayed home on election day, either because they feared insurgent reprisals or opposed a ballot as long as U.S. and other foreign troops were on Iraqi soil.

Commission official Adel al-Lami said the ballots in 40 boxes and 250 bags would not be counted because they appeared to have been stuffed inside them or, in some cases, improperly folded. Some of the boxes were not those approved by the commission, and others were improperly sealed, he said.

Before the election, commission officials estimated

each box should contain about 500 ballots. It was unclear whether the bags contained roughly the same number of ballots.

Meanwhile, a Western legal expert said investigative judges were nearly ready to hand over lengthy dossiers of affidavits, witness statements and other documents to a five-judge panel that would run the trials for former members of Saddam Hussein's regime.

The expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would not say which of Saddam's 11 lieutenants were likely to face the Iraqi Special Tribunal first, and it was unclear when the dictator himself would stand trial.

Bush asks for \$400 million for allies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is asking Congress to set up a \$400 million fund to reward nations that have taken political and economic risks to join U.S.-led coalitions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The White House announced the fund, dubbed the "solidarity initiative," after Bush's meeting Wednesday with Aleksander Kwasniewski, the president of Poland, a nation that is to receive one-fourth of the money.

The \$400 million request is part of the \$80 billion supplemental

war funding request Bush will send to Congress next week.

"Poland has been a fantastic ally because the president and the people of Poland love freedom," Bush said during his Oval Office meeting with Kwasniewski, a staunch ally in the Iraq war. "I know the people of your country must have been thrilled when the millions of people went to the polls" in Iraq.

Poland has taken command of a multinational security force in central Iraq that currently includes about 6,000 troops — among them more than 2,400

Polish soldiers. Kwasniewski told reporters outside the White House that a reduction this month will leave Poland with 1,700 troops in Iraq, but he said the 700 other troops would remain ready in Poland to be immediately deployed to Iraq if needed.

Administration officials declined to say which other nations would benefit from the fund, partly designed to reward allies and coax them to stay in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. Spain, Singapore, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines, Norway and Honduras have left the coalition.

Readership

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veys and keeping track of how each paper sells over the four-week pilot period," Harris said. "Now we are merely gauging interest."

Student government will be monitoring usage in coordination with USA Today.

"Unused papers will be collected by USA Today for recycling, and the daily usage data will allow us to create a full-time program that best suits Notre Dame," said Vijay Ramanan, chairman of the Academic Affairs committee.

The idea to bring College Readership, a national program currently offered at more than 300 college and university campuses, was initially discussed last year by student body president Jeremy Lao. At the time, however, funding for a full-time program was not available, so the idea was put aside until this past fall, Ramanan said.

Though the program has only been going on for two days, student response has been positive.

"They all seem to be popular, based on the face that the bins in the dining halls and other locations have emptied before midday," Ramanan said. "But, this is one of the purposes of doing a pilot program — to find out what students would most like to have access to, and it certainly doesn't have to be limited to the three papers currently available."

Though no funding source has been decided yet, if the program is adopted, the newspapers available will remain free.

"We have still compiled a number of different proposals

for funding," Ramanan said. "I'd estimate that we could offer a great program here for around \$40,000."

The cost of College Readership varies depending on the size of the school and number of papers delivered. For example, Duke University has a \$20,000 program funded by the student affairs department, Cornell University has a \$65,000 program paid for by its student government and the University of Iowa has a \$280,000 budget accumulated through a student fee of \$5 per semester, Ramanan said.

Funding for the Notre Dame program is still unknown largely because an accurate budget will be determined following the pilot program.

"Identifying funding for the program is ultimately a decision that rests with the current and future student body president and vice president," Ramanan said. "Still, with what we can do before the end of our terms, Chris [Harris] and I look forward to ensuring that this worthwhile program becomes a permanent fixture of student life here."

Student government is supportive of the program, and many members believe that College Readership will have a positive effect on students.

"On an individual level, easy access to esteemed newspapers establishes a habit of remaining well-informed throughout life," Ramanan said. "Further, exposure to detailed coverage of national and international news heightens students' understanding of events occurring beyond our campus. As a result, students become more engaged in the classroom and more mature intellectually, spiritually and emotionally."

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Faculty

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cant progress toward integrating academics and Notre Dame's Catholic character, according to Hatch.

"I do think, better than any university in this country, Notre Dame has been a center for Catholic intellectual engagement," he said.

Hatch will depart Notre Dame on July 1 for the Wake Forest presidency.

In the student affairs subcommittee, chair Jay Brandenberger said little progress had been made on the senate's December resolution authorizing the formation of a student and faculty committee to oversee creation of a

new student course review process.

"We've not gotten much response," he said.

To date, only one faculty member, engineering professor Al Miller, has stepped forward to join the committee. Brandenberger said he would continue searching for two additional faculty members, not necessarily from the senate, to join the committee. Until this occurs, work on the course review proposal will remain stalled.

First proposed by associate provost Dennis Jacobs, the initiative calls for the University to create a new procedure, separate from teacher course evaluations, for students to assess classes and professors and provide that information to other students.

In other Faculty Senate news:

♦ John Robinson, academic affairs committee chair, announced the creation of a "trilateral committee" consisting of representatives from the Faculty Senate, Provost Advisory Committee and the Academic Council to oversee changes to the evaluation of teaching in tenure and promotion decisions.

The impetus for such reforms came from a report presented to the senate by Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs in November. The senate passed a resolution calling for the committee in November.

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Cunningham retires from CSC

Special to the Observer

Each fall, around about the time the Notre Dame band reassembles to take its first lap around campus, Sue Cunningham began to get a parade of her own.

Students who had spent their summers engaged in the Center for Social Concerns' Summer Service Project (SSP) landed at Cunningham's office door to recount the trials of a summer spent trying to make the world a better place.

As she had for 19 years, Cunningham, the program's director, listened intently, compared the stories to similar trials in years gone by, offered guidance on writing papers about the students' adventures and chortled at just about everything else.

Cunningham retired in December, having grown SSP from about 50 students in 1985 to almost 200 in 2004. Of 3,100 students who have been through the program, Cunningham worked with 2,833 of them.

Although she didn't start the SSP, her name is synonymous with the program, having forged its academic component. She spearheaded the effort to ensure that students receive three credits for their SSP project and that the experience has a meaningful academic element.

And while she can't take credit for starting the service programs at alumni clubs around the country, her ebullience and indefatigable promotion has played a significant role in nurturing SSP as a major initiative in at least 115 alumni clubs.

"I cannot begin to explain the

profound impact Sue has had on the center," said Rev. Bill Lies, C.S.C., executive director of the Center for Social Concerns. "Through her dedication and passion, she has helped us to deepen our commitment to service and learning, not only on campus, but throughout the country."

The Summer Service Project was started in 1980 as an "experiential learning program" meant to encourage Notre Dame students to assist those in need while learning about the Catholic Church's response to social problems. The learning would come as students developed a deeper, more nuanced understanding of social problem through service to such organizations as the Boys & Girls Club, Catholic Charities agencies or local homeless shelters.

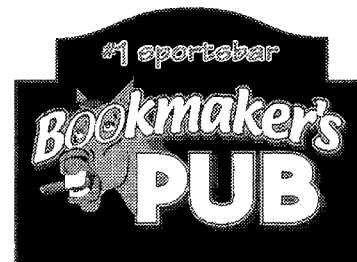
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NASDAQ	2,052.55	-34.13
NYSE	7,161.99	-45.46
S&P 500	1,191.99	-10.31
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,473.35	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,990.40	-5.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-3.34	-0.61	17.63
NASDAQ 100TR SER 1 (QQQQ)	-1.67	-0.63	37.11
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.65	-0.17	26.07
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.47	-0.11	23.30
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IN BRIEF

Wal-Mart will close Canadian store

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday it will close a Canadian store whose workers are on the verge of becoming the first ever to win a union contract from the world's biggest retailer.

Wal-Mart said it was shuttering the store in Jonquiere, Quebec, in response to unreasonable demands from union negotiators, that would make it impossible for the store to sustain its business. The United Food & Commercial Workers Canada last week asked Quebec labor officials to appoint a mediator, saying that negotiations had reached an impasse.

"We were hoping it wouldn't come to this," said Andrew Pelletier, a spokesman for Wal-Mart Canada. "Despite nine days of meetings over three months, we've been unable to reach an agreement with the union that in our view will allow the store to operate efficiently and profitably."

Pelletier said the store will close in May. The retailer had first discussed closing the Jonquiere store last October, saying that the store was losing money.

Superjumbo A380 just too big

SEATTLE — It's one thing to build a really, really big airplane. But, it turns out, it's quite another to find a place for it to land.

U.S. airports from Seattle to Atlanta say accommodating Airbus SAS's new superjumbo A380 in anything other than an emergency would require major construction. Runways would need widening and terminals would need upgrades to load and unload the double-decker plane easily.

Even with those improvements, airports might need to curtail other airport traffic to let the big jet lumber through the airfield. And some officials worry the weight of the A380 would collapse tunnels and buckle overpasses.

What's more, some airport officials say they just aren't seeing the demand for the A380 that would warrant such cost and inconvenience.

"Let's do a cost/benefit analysis: Are you really going to spend millions of dollars (when) you might have two of them a day fly in?" said aviation analyst Mike Boyd.

HP CEO and chairman ousted

After almost six years, board members force Carly Fiorina to leave company

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Carly Fiorina's nearly six-year reign at Hewlett-Packard Co. ended abruptly Wednesday as board members forced her out, disappointed by her inability to transform a plodding technology giant dominated by printer sales into a more nimble innovator.

HP's stock, which has gone nowhere for two years and is down two-thirds from its peak in 2000, rose almost 7 percent after earlier soaring almost 11 percent on the news of her ouster.

Board members said they fired the chief executive — perhaps corporate America's most influential woman — because Fiorina failed to slash costs and boost revenue as quickly as directors had hoped.

"While I regret the board and I have differences about how to execute HP's strategy, I respect their decision," said Fiorina, 50, who is expected to collect a severance package worth \$21.1 million.

Fiorina is best known for orchestrating the 2002 acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. — a \$24.2 billion stock deal that required her and Compaq boss Michael Capellas to spend months wooing reluctant executives and shareholders.

The fiercest resistance came from HP director Walter Hewlett, son of an HP co-founder. Hewlett argued that the deal would dilute printing profits while the company absorbed Compaq's low-margin PC business. Employees also soured on the deal, which led to the elimination of thousands of employees per quarter for more than a year.

Many analysts and shareholders remain skeptical that the biggest acquisition in the computer industry was worthwhile. Some business experts expect Fiorina's ouster to



Chief executive and chairman of Hewlett Packard HP Carly Fiorina stepped down in a surprising move Wednesday.

precipitate a broad restructuring and management shake up, possibly undoing many of the changes she spearheaded.

"She brought about a major acquisition, that, from the objective of those of us who look at corporate restructuring, had absolutely no merit," said Dr. James Owers, professor of finance at the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University and an expert on corporate reorganization. "Combining HP with Compaq appeared to be more an ego trip, not a business deal. Many of us are still saying, 'Where's the rationale here?'"

HP directors appointed chief financial officer

Robert P. Wayman as interim chief executive. They also named director Patricia C. Dunn non-executive chairman.

Dunn, a board member since 1998, said Wednesday that directors had been discussing the change for "quite some time" based on consultations with lawyers, venture capitalists and academics.

HP's board discussed shifting day-to-day responsibilities from Fiorina to other executives in mid-January, and it's been reviewing her performance for months, Dunn said.

Directors said Fiorina, whose salary and bonus for 2003 totaled \$3.5 million, failed to evenly boost profits across all divisions,

ranging from printers and computer servers to technology consulting contracts with Fortune 500 companies. Dunn said Fiorina's firing in no way reflected a change in direction of the board's general roadmap for the company.

"Looking forward, we think the job is very reliant on hands-on execution, and we thought a new set of capabilities was called for," Dunn said.

HP shares rose \$1.36, or 6.8 percent, to \$21.50 a share in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Earlier in the day they soared as high as \$22.26, which still is only a fraction of the 2000 split-adjusted high of almost \$70 a share.

High Valentine's Day sales expected

Associated Press

The war of the roses is on.

An expected surge in Valentine's Day flower purchases this year is proving to be a boon for both South America growers and major shipping companies.

Atlanta-based UPS Inc. and Memphis, Tenn.-based FedEx Corp. are bringing in extra workers and planes to handle all the flower shipments from Colombia and Ecuador, where the bulk of the roses sold in the United States are grown.

And demand is predicted to be high with roughly 175 million roses produced for Monday's holiday, according to the Society of American Florists.

FedEx this week expects to carry 900,000 shipments of Valentine's Day gifts, including flowers, teddy bears and chocolates. UPS said it expects to move in excess of 20 million flowers alone.

"While our total volume is roughly the same as last year, our peak day — Monday — is going to be 30 percent higher than last year," said Jack Muhs, FedEx's vice president of global network planning.

FedEx doesn't deliver on Sundays, so that means more shipments of flowers this year will be made on Monday. Last year, the holiday fell on a Saturday.

"Most of the husbands or sweethearts want to get the product there on Valentine's Day," he added. "This year,

with the holiday falling on a Monday, we're focusing a lot of attention on the weekend."

To handle the extra volume, FedEx is adding more than 100 refrigerated trucks and more than 50 flights this week. Spokeswoman Lourdes Pena said about 40 corporate employees have volunteered to help at the company's Miami distribution hub.

At UPS, the company said that during the run-up to Valentine's Day, it doubles its number of flights out of South America to handle the flower shipments. Retailers place their orders with growers in Ecuador, who then work with export cargo agents to get shippers like UPS to bring the flowers into the United States.

INDONESIA

Strong quake sets off panic

Associated Press

BANDA ACEH — A strong earthquake struck Indonesia's tsunami-ravaged Aceh province Wednesday, shaking buildings as terrified residents fled for higher ground in cars and on foot while police shouted "Tsunami! Tsunami!"

Entire families jumped aboard nearby scooters and passing vehicles and sped off, snarling traffic on the main two-lane thoroughfare. Some headed to mosques, whose sturdy foundations and upper floors offered protection from the killer waves in the Dec. 26 disaster. Women screamed and sobbed.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The 6.2-magnitude tremor struck about 8:30 p.m. and was centered beneath the Indian Ocean floor, about 65 miles southwest of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh, the Banda Aceh Geophysics Center said.

The U.S. Geological Survey registered slightly different readings, estimating the quake's magnitude at 5.7 and its epicenter about 50 miles southwest of Banda Aceh. A magnitude-6 quake can cause widespread damage if it is centered in a densely populated area.

The shaking lasted less than five seconds and was felt across a wide swath of Aceh, on the northern tip of Sumatra island. Even before the tremors subsided, police officers and soldiers began shouting "Tsunami! Tsunami!" causing mayhem for about a half hour.

Panicked residents evacuated buildings and raced in cars and on foot for the highest ground, a hill on the outskirts of the city.

At one mosque, where dozens of frightened residents had gathered, officials urged calm.

"Do not panic. God willing, nothing serious has happened," a voice said over the loudspeaker.

Aftershocks have hit the region frequently since the December earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 9.0, and the following tsunami that killed more than 160,000 people in 11 Indian Ocean nations. Most of the victims were in Aceh province, closest to the epicenter.

Also Wednesday, a powerful earthquake rocked the Pacific seabed near Vanuatu island, but there were no immediate reports of damage. A Pacific warning network issued a bulletin saying the 6.7-magnitude quake did not generate a tsunami.

Although Vanuatu is on the same tectonic plate as Sumatra, the tremor was not connected with the Dec. 26 quake, seismologists said.

On Sri Lanka, Tamil Tiger rebels canceled a key meeting with international donors — a move threatening reconstruction efforts.

Bush seeks support for Social Security plan

GOP lawmakers look to president to garner public backing for proposed changes in system

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate legislation to overhaul Social Security depends on President Bush's ability to mobilize public support, an influential Republican committee chairman said Wednesday.

"I don't think we can move until there is opinion coming in here from Americans that we can't only be concerned about Grandma, we have to be concerned about grandkids," said Sen. Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Iowa Republican made his comments as the White House and GOP leadership sought to reassure skittish Republican lawmakers about the president's plan and Democrats continued an

attack-a-day strategy.

Bush called last week for an ambitious overhaul of Social Security, legislation he said was needed to maintain the system for future generations.

For workers under 55, Bush favors voluntary personal accounts financed by payroll taxes, and wants to reduce the Social Security benefits they have been promised for retirement. The system would remain unchanged for older Americans.

House GOP leaders screened a brief White House-produced video for members of the rank-and-file during the day that showed Bush campaigning for his plan in five states. Aides said the intent was to demonstrate the president's commitment to the effort despite its political risks.

Bush met at the White House on Tuesday with a small number of GOP lawmakers, many of whom have expressed reservations about his plans to change the politically sensitive program.

One of those in attendance, Rep. Katherine Harris, R-Fla., quoted the president as saying he recognized the political difficulty involved in tackling such legislation. "He said this is hard... But he said it's not as hard as sending young men and women off to war," she said.

Bush's proposal to use payroll taxes for personal accounts, and his recommendation to cut promised benefits for future retirees as a cost-saving device have emerged as particularly troublesome for Republicans, some of whom

fear they may pay a price at the polls in 2006.

Already, there are alternatives.

Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he intends to introduce legislation Thursday that calls for personal accounts that differ significantly from Bush's proposal.

Under Shaw's plan, the government would give money to workers to invest in a personal account: up to 4 percent of pay, up to \$1,000 per year.

At retirement, individuals would have a choice: collect an income based on the amount accumulated in their personal account; or receive the traditional benefit as promised under Social Security and give the money they invested privately to the government.

Concern spreads over drug given to troops

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — As a volunteer firefighter, Georg-Andreas Pogany had seen disfigured bodies pulled from wrecked cars. But something very different happened when the Army interrogator saw the mangled remains of an Iraqi soldier.

He became panicked, disoriented and that night reached for both his loaded pistol and rifle as he thought he saw the enemy bursting into his room. Pogany asked his superiors for help; the Army packed him home to face charges of cowardice — the first such case since Vietnam.

None of it made sense to Pogany until he learned more about the white pills the Army gave him each week to pre-

vent malaria.

The drug's manufacturer warned of rare but severe side effects including paranoia and hallucinations. It became his defense: The pills made him snap. The Army dropped all charges, a spokesman later saying that Pogany "may have a medical problem that requires care and treatment."

Pogany is among the current or former troops sent to Iraq who claim that Lariam, the commercial name for the anti-malarial drug mefloquine, provoked disturbing and dangerous behavior. The families of some troops blame the drug for the suicides of their loved ones. Though the evidence is largely anecdotal, their stories have raised alarm in Congress, and the Pentagon has stopped giving out a pill it

probably never needed to give troops in Iraq in the first place.

"What are we doing giving drugs that cause hallucinations, confusion, psychotic behavior to people that carry weapons and hold secret clearances?" asked Pogany, 33, who is now seeking a medical discharge. "It doesn't pass the common-sense test."

The U.S. military, which developed the drug after the Vietnam War, won't say how many soldiers have complained about Lariam and won't detail how widely the drug was used in Iraq.

The Pentagon maintains that Lariam is safe and effective, though officials have expressed some concern and the military tells its pilots not to take Lariam.

In written guidance on the drug last year, the military urged commanders to send for a medical evaluation anyone who showed behavioral changes after taking the drug, "especially ... if they carry a weapon" — a description of nearly all U.S. troops in Iraq.

"Delay could put the service member or your unit at risk," the guide said.

Lariam is among the drugs recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for treatment and prevention of malaria, which kills about 1 million people worldwide each year. The drug's New Jersey-based manufacturer, Roche

Pharmaceuticals, points out that more than 30 million people worldwide have used Lariam over 20 years.

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LEGENDS OF NOTRE DAME

Cosby lawyer denies fondling allegations

Comedian accused of alleged sexual assault

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bill Cosby, under investigation for possible sexual misconduct, denied claims by a second woman that he drugged and fondled her. The second accusation dates to 30 years ago, and a prosecutor suggested Wednesday such an old claim likely wouldn't be relevant in the current case.

The 67-year-old comedian's lawyer also blasted the Philadelphia Daily News for printing the accusations by Tamara Green, who was described by the newspaper Tuesday as a model-turned-lawyer who worked for Cosby in California at the time of the alleged encounter.

The report was published as prosecutors mulled whether to file charges against Cosby in the complaint by a former Temple University employee. A decision by Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. could come this week.

Green, 57, told the newspaper that Cosby gave her two pills at a restaurant after she felt ill. She said he then drove her home and tried to undress and kiss her.

Green, who allowed her name to be used, said she came forward this week because her experience closely matched one alleged by the former Temple employee who went to police last month to report that Cosby had given her pills and fondled her at his suburban Philadelphia mansion a year ago.

According to the State Bar of California, Green entered a program for lawyers with substance abuse or mental health problems in October. The bar had lodged disciplinary charges against her in March, alleging 12 counts of misconduct involving three clients, spokeswoman Kathleen Beitiks said.

Among the allegations were failure to pay client funds

promptly, failure to perform with competence, failure to maintain client funds in a trust account, and failure to refund unearned fees.

Green did not return telephone messages left Wednesday at a Ventura, Calif., number believed to be her home.

First Assistant District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman declined Wednesday to comment on whether the investigation would include Green's complaint. But she said such decades-old allegations can only be used in a very limited number of cases.

"Generally, an accusation from over 30 years ago is not going to be considered admissible in court or relevant to an investigation," Ferman said.

Cosby's attorney, Walter M. Phillips Jr., said Green's allegations were "absolutely false."

"Mr. Cosby does not know the name Tamara Green or Tamara Lucier (her maiden name) and the incident she describes did not happen," Phillips said. "It is irresponsible of the Daily News to publish an uncorroborated story of an incident that is alleged to have happened thirty years ago."

Daily News city editor Kurt Heine said the newspaper stood by its story.

The former Temple employee, who now lives in her native Ontario, Canada, went to Canadian authorities Jan. 13, contending that Cosby gave her some medication that made her feel dizzy, then fondled her at his Cheltenham Township home after a dinner out with friends. She said she later awoke to find her bra undone and her clothes in disarray.

Cosby denies her allegations.

She said she considered Cosby, a Temple alumnus and booster who frequently attends campus events, a friend and mentor.

THE VATICAN

Pope absent on Ash Wednesday

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Ailing Pope John Paul II missed out on the Ash Wednesday prayers that ushered in the solemn and sacred Lenten season — a wistful first in his 26-year papacy.

Though the Vatican says the 84-year-old pope's health continues to improve since he was rushed to the hospital Feb. 1 with breathing spasms and the flu, doctors have persuaded him to prolong his stay to be on the safe side. His eighth night in the hospital passed calmly, the ANSA news agency said early Wednesday.

In services later at St. Peter's Basilica, American Cardinal James Stafford presided in the name of John Paul — an unavoidable but no doubt reluctant substitution for a pope deeply stirred by the traditional period of penitence, sacrifice and reflection that culminates with Easter.

The Vatican did not say whether the pope planned anything special in his room at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital to mark Ash Wednesday, a holiday he hasn't missed with public prayers since he became pope in 1978.

Officials say the pontiff has been holding Mass regularly for the doctors and nurses treating him at the clinic. John Paul is expected to remain there at least until Thursday, when the Holy See issues its next medical update.

Ash Wednesday traditionally kicks off a few weeks of spiritual reflection for the pope ahead of the taxing Holy Week services, which culminate with

Easter on March 27.

With the pope in such frail health, it remained unclear whether he would be able to preside over the traditional March 25 Good Friday prayer service at the Colosseum reenacting Christ's Passion. He has long since stopped walking in the Colosseum procession while carrying a cross; in recent years, the faithful have carried the cross and made the symbolic Stations of the Cross walk while the pope observed and read a homily.

The pope's long struggle with Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments have many Roman Catholics questioning how long he can continue to serve. The Vatican's No. 2 official, Cardinal

Angelo Sodano, caused a stir this week by publicly suggesting for the first time that the Vatican may be discussing the sensitive issue.

Popes may resign but cannot be forced to do so, and John Paul repeatedly has said he has no intention of abdicating. The last time a pope willingly resigned was in the 13th century.

"It is bad taste to talk about it, and it's even worse because the starting point of this debate is the pope's flu," a leading Italian cardinal, Giovanni Battista Re, told the newspaper La Repubblica on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the prefect of a Vatican tribunal said the pope would still be able to run the church even if he reached the point where he couldn't speak.

"It is sufficient that one's will be expressed, and be expressed in a clear way," the official, Cardinal Mario Francesco Pompedda, told the newspaper La Stampa. "It can be expressed very well through writing, and in any case can be expressed also with clear and significant gestures."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in Rome to meet with Italy's foreign minister and Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, "expressed best wishes for a swift recovery of His Holiness" in the name of U.S. President George W.

Bush and the American people, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters.

Sodano relayed to Rice "the greetings of the Holy Father, asking that she relay them to President Bush as well," he said.

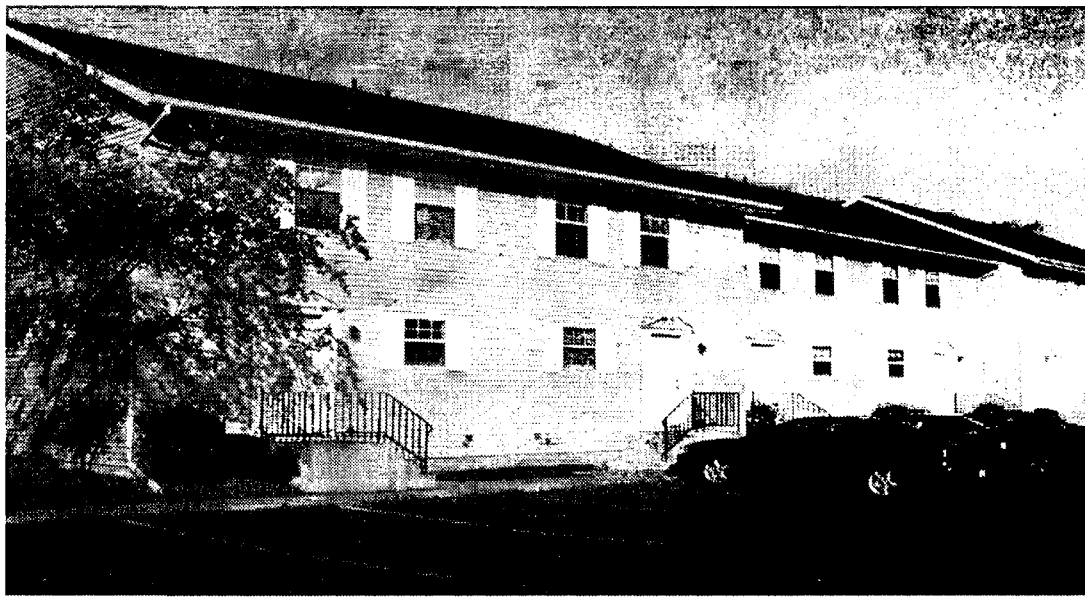
The Rev. Miroslav Droszdek, a Polish priest, said he visited John Paul briefly in his room Tuesday, although the pope did not speak.

"Outside of the spoken word there is the language of the heart and the language of faith," Droszdek said. "It is enough ... in this way we understand each other."

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What's your sign?

There is something seriously wrong with America's fortune cookies.

A bold claim to be sure, but one backed by solid investigative reporting. For the past week, with barely a thought for my own personal safety or the Pulitzer Prize, I have been eating nothing but Chinese food. The last three fortune cookies I received contained the following messages: "You are known for being quick in action and decisions," "You love challenge" and "You are going on well with your business." Even passing over the issue of their dubious accuracy, it should be apparent that none of these are fortunes.

Fortune cookies may have gotten out of the prediction business, but other forms of futurology are flourishing. According to a recent Harris poll, 31 percent of Americans believe in astrology.

I am generally inclined to treat such polls with a large measure of skepticism, and I certainly doubt that 31 percent of a sample group answering "Yes" to the question "Do you believe in astrology?" is indicative that the belief plays a major role in their lives.

But clearly, there are a lot of people who do take astrology seriously, with the best evidence for this being the commercial magnitude of the astrological enterprise.

I have no reason to doubt my friends' sincerity when they say they read the horoscopes in The Observer purely for their entertainment value, but I do doubt anyone would pay \$1.99 per minute to call an astrological hotline if their motives were solely ironic. There are many such hotlines.

The popularity of astrology is sometimes seen as part of the New Age movement. While this is true in a sense, astrology is the least new element of the New Age. The belief that the stars predict or even decide our fate is as old as civilization itself. To the best of our knowledge, astrology started in Babylonia, and the

practice quickly spread around the ancient world. When Kepler called astrology the foolish daughter of astronomy, he was right about the "foolish" part, but his genealogy was upside down.

Some say astrology and other superstitions are a remnant of a pre-scientific age that will soon be discarded. The most famous expression of the view was provided by the great biblical scholar Rudolf Bultmann, who said it is impossible to use electric light and at the same time believe in the New Testament world of spirits and miracles.

The general public never got the memo. Most people find it's not only possible to use electric light and believe in spirits and miracles, it's easy.

One explanation may be provided by Clarke's third law (named after Arthur C. Clarke), which states that "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

So why should we be surprised if using microwaves doesn't prevent us from believing in magic, when for most of us microwaves might as well be magic. Similarly, when Stephen Hawking writes for the general public about quarks and leptons, it would make very little difference if he called them pixies and elves. And as for the New Testament, most modern people find it easier to accept the spirits and miracles than the prohibition on adultery.

Another facet of the New Age is the widespread interest in the occult. A lot of parents find this sinister. Personally, I think the problem with the modern occult is that it's not sinister enough.

As any classicist will tell you, the occult is meant to be hidden and secretive. Witches, for example, are supposed to gather at midnight to perform unspeakable rituals. But according to the typographically challenged newWitch magazine (a publication dedicated to "Witches, Wiccans, Neo-Pagans and other earth-based, ethnic, pre-Christian, shamanic and magical practitioners") this is all a big misunderstanding.

The pages of newWitch do indeed con-

tain spells and incantations, but none of them claim to involve powers any greater than those regularly attributed to perfumes in glossy advertisements.

The rest is numbered lists and astrological sex tips, which only goes to confirm my theory that given enough time, any magazine for a female readership will turn into Cosmopolitan (a parallel rule holds true with men's magazines and Maxim).

Having said that, newWitch does have more interesting letters to the editor than you'll find in Cosmo. My favorite began, "I am an Odinist, incarcerated in Michigan Department of Corrections."

Other forms of neo-paganism are even more anemic. On the Internet, I came across a school of modern paganism called "Inclusionality," which sounds like the sort of religion that a government committee might come up with.

Surveying these new spiritualities, they share a discernable thinness. For the most part they invoke the laudable but vague values of tolerance, respect and openness. Where they differ from traditional religions is that they rarely make any actual demands of their adherents.

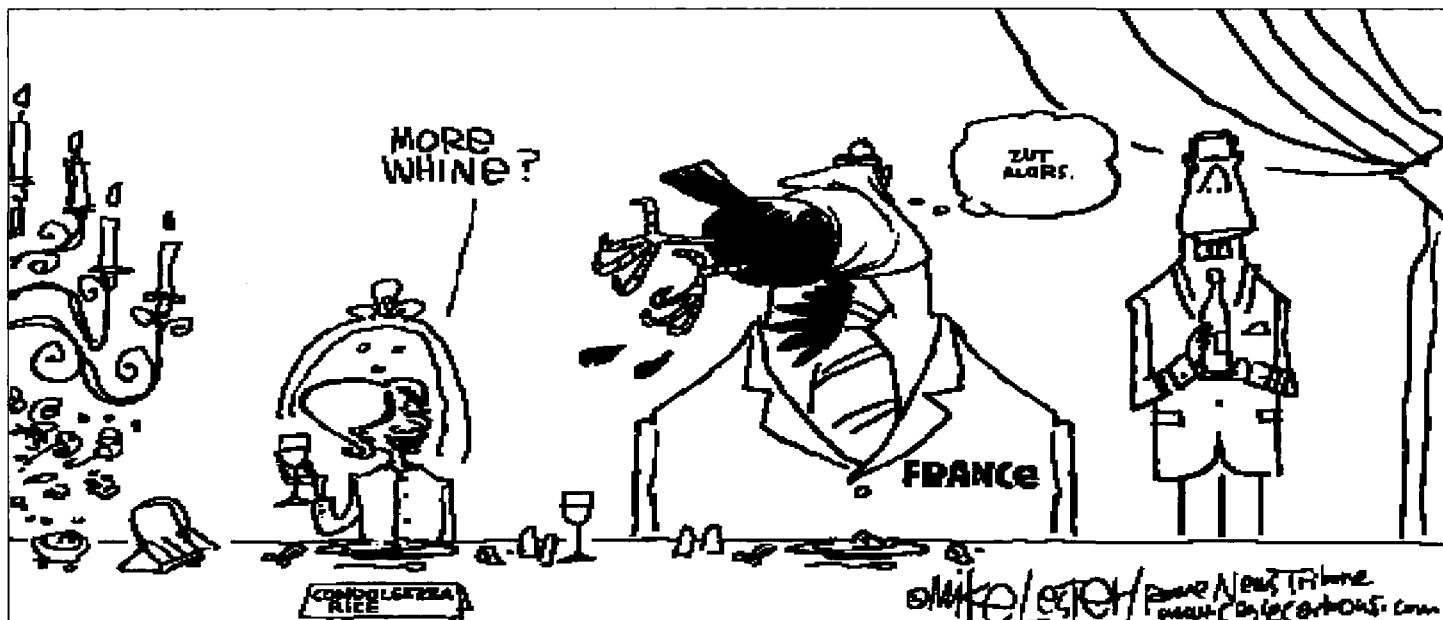
David Brooks has said that in their spiritual lives, America's social elite have typically been "trying to build a house of obligation on a foundation of choice." Brooks is a gifted social observer, but here I think his aphorism has gotten the better of him. It would be more accurate to say modern spirituality is largely a question of building a house of choice on a foundation of choice.

Modern spirituality is not religion with the superstition removed, as some presumed. The superstition is still there. It's everything else that is missing.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh
novelist

And the greatest is love ...

For over 20 years, my most faithful Valentine has been my grandmother. On February 14 every year for as long as I can remember, a card would arrive at my house containing a \$5 bill, a box of Whitman's Samplers and a note saying Grandma and Grandpa were very proud of me.

Bob Masters

I Fall on the Floor and I Laughing

Starting from the time of my infancy when I was clumsily stumbling around in diapers and continuing on to these more sophisticated college days in which I clumsily stumble around in dress shoes, my Grandma never missed a Valentine's Day.

Grandmothers have a built-in tendency to lavish care, cash and candy on their grandkids. Just as the nightingale sings and the Chicago Cubs miss the playoffs, it's the natural order of things. Your grandmother is probably thinking of you right now, possibly even putting a letter in the mail with a pink and red heart stamp on it, just like my Grandma is doing.

As I think about it, this is the main reason I've never understood the bitterness and hostility that Valentine's Day inspires in some people.

Now don't get me wrong — since I entered my "dating days" post-sophomore year of high school, I've spent

almost every Valentine's night without a special someone. In fact, I'm not sure if I can even refer to them as "dating days" since they lacked a significantly important aspect — dates.

Thus, I, too, understand that it's no fun to be reminded of romance, Cupid and all that schmaltzy stuff when you're spending the 14th alone. But the negative responses to Valentine's Day are simply too much for me.

My personal pet peeve is the idea of "Anti-Valentine's Day," a concept I have heard much of since I arrived at Notre Dame. As far as I understand, this retaliatory "celebration" typically involves a gathering of single people who, if female, watch a Hugh Grant film, have a good cry and talk about how much boys stink. If the gathering is of single men, it's essentially the same thing only with Bruce Willis movies, a good puke and talk about Anna Kournikova.

To my mind, however, the most insidious element of the Anti-Valentine's concept is the suggestion that Valentine's Day is purely contrived — a Hallmark Holiday, part of some sort of massive conspiracy designed to make money for the bloated roses-and-candy-industrial complex.

It's not. It's the Feast of St. Valentine.

The Catholic Encyclopedia speaks of recordings found in martyr books that list three Valentines, all of whom were

martyred for their faith. The St. Valentine we think of on the 14th seems to be a fusion of several stories.

My personal favorite tale of Valentine is this: during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, the Roman Empire needed soldiers. Claudius, fearing that the comforts of family life would dissuade his men from combat, cancelled all marriages and forbade further engagements.

St. Valentine, a Christian and priest in the Empire, defied Claudius' orders and secretly married young couples. For this, he was beheaded on the 14th of February. Thus, the legend reminds us, St. Valentine made the ultimate sacrifice in affirmation of a simple idea: that love cannot and will not be defeated — not by edict, not by fear, not by the sinister doings of evil men, not even by threat of death.

What is the lesson in all of this for our much too cheaply given sentimental time?

We are guilty of reducing Valentine's Day to dates, cards and couples, neglecting to recall the story of the man that this day is set aside to honor.

We concern ourselves on this day solely with statuses — single, couple, dating, broken-up — as if our plans for the evening had anything to do with the celebration of the Saint. We speak of love as something to be written on a card and bought from a stationery

store. Some of us would be happy to ignore love altogether, especially on this feast day.

I have arrived at the conclusion, however, that the closest model of the true spirit of Valentine's Day comes back to Grandma.

In his essay "Of Love," Sir Francis Bacon speaks of an inclination in the hearts of men "toward love of others."

If this capacity to love wasn't directed to just one person — say, toward a significant other on Valentine's Day — then, Bacon suggested, it could manifest itself as an even greater love of all people.

The proclivity to love could flow out of us in a broad stroke extended to everyone equally, as a small echo of the way God loves. When your grandmother sends you that card, when your elementary school teacher makes you bring in enough New Kids on the Block Valentines to give to one to everyone, it is in the spirit of this type of universal love. Preserving that spirit, as St. Valentine demonstrated, is worth the ultimate sacrifice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Boston College: not a 'backup college'

Congratulations to the Irish for an impressive victory over Boston College in men's hoops on Tuesday night. This letter is in regards to "Abstain from storming the court," written by Bill Coffey in Tuesday's edition of The Observer.

Coffey's disrespectful article regarding Boston College damages Notre Dame in much the same fashion that it undermines his own presumptuous judgments concerning Boston College. Coffey's article exemplifies why much of the non-Domer world considers Notre Dame to be arrogant and insular.

Coffey implores circular reasoning in almost every anti-Eagle diatribe.

First of all, Notre Dame has lost more than four games against Boston College, including the heart-breaking game at the end of the 1993 season in which Notre Dame was on a seemingly smooth road to a national championship. Certainly, Bob Davie and Tyrone Willingham, two of Notre Dame's "worst coaches," cannot be blamed for that loss. Second, Boston College has been a loyal member of the Big East conference since its founding, consistently choosing well-developed rivalries and deep conference play above all else. When the opportunity came for the Eagles to move on to the ACC, they weighed their options and made a wise and balanced decision to join what they considered to be an academically and athletically progressive conference. If Coffey disdains Boston College so much, why write bitterly towards Boston College's exit from the conference?

By what measure is Boston College basketball overrated? They were the first team in Big East history to ever start a season on a 20-0 run. In beating the Eagles, the Irish turned themselves into legitimate tournament contenders and accomplished something that many other Big East teams had failed to do against Boston College — get a win. Fourth, Coffey fails to establish any grounds to support his theory that Boston College wishes to be like Notre Dame. Coffey's metaphor insists that when one team beats another football team in consecutive games, the winning team desires to be "desperately" like the team they defeated. Using this reasoning, we could effectively conclude that Notre Dame wishes to be like Navy but not like national champion USC. Coffey also ignores the reality that there is honor in battling to beat the most storied football program in the history of college football, and a certain amount of pride in actually doing it. As such, Boston College should not feel apologetic for its victories over the Irish. Nor should the players on those Irish teams feel disappointed by the losses. Upsets happen all the time in college sports.

By insisting repeatedly that Boston College is not a rival of Notre Dame, Coffey seems to put forth the de facto argument that Boston College is a rival of Notre Dame. (Case in point: Contrary to Coffey's advice, the fans at Tuesday's game reacted to the Notre Dame victory by storming the court. Would they have done the same had the Irish defeated an unranked or otherwise irrelevant team?) Further, there is a difference between rival and archrival. For example, Michigan has several rivals, but Ohio State is the archrival. You can be the former without being the latter. Any Boston College fan will insist that Boston College's biggest athletic rival is Boston University, an archrivalry that is played out on ice, not on grass.

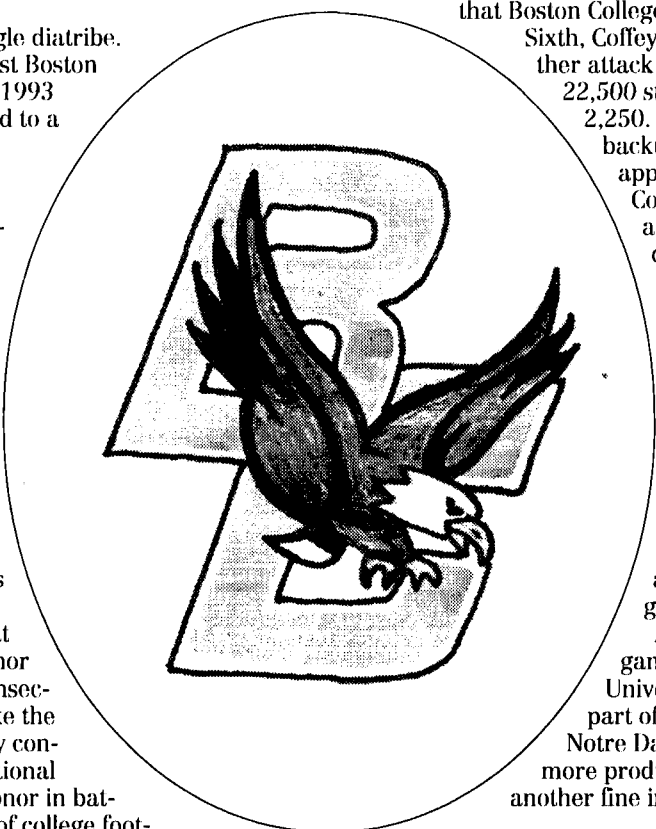
But Boston College also maintains healthy rivalries outside of the Notre Dame spec-

trum, like the University of Connecticut and Providence College in basketball. Sadly these will be left behind as Boston College switches conferences, but such is the nature of NCAA sports. New rivalries will be formed, others will fade. Any sense of rivalry gleaned by Boston College students with respect to Notre Dame may arise from the fact that the two schools share Catholic roots, inspire similar alumni loyalty and field roughly the same number of students. While Coffey seems infatuated with Boston College, rest assured that Boston College fans do not reciprocate such attention.

Sixth, Coffey's label of Boston College as "Backup College" and his further attack on Boston College's academics are unfounded. Last year 22,500 students applied to Boston College for an entering class of 2,250. Were all 22,500 applicants choosing Boston College as a backup to Notre Dame? Do all Notre Dame applicants choose to apply to Notre Dame as a backup to Northwestern? As Boston College undergraduates, we met very few students who applied to Notre Dame, fewer who applied to Notre Dame and didn't get in and yet even fewer who were even mildly unhappy with their experience at Boston College after four years. In addition to being trite, smug and juvenile, the "Backup College" label is itself inherently contradictory. Not every Boston College student grows up dreaming of the Golden Dome.

Lastly, Coffey's article contains one other fatal flaw — a lack of respect for his audience. Many of The Observer's readers have relatives and friends who either attend or have attended Boston College. Indeed, a profound mutual respect has long existed between the institutions. Notre Dame Law School, the Mendoza College of Business, amongst others, all boast a good number of Boston College graduates, the authors of this letter included.

As Notre Dame students, we attend all Notre Dame football games to cheer for the Blue and Gold, we participate fully in University life and we continue to be awed and humbled to be part of this wonderful community. And we are convinced that as Notre Dame students, we can profess our loyalty to this school in more productive ways than by belittling and degrading, without merit, another fine institution.



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ALBUM REVIEWS

Relient K lacks maturity to achieve greatness

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Relient K is one of the better known Christian bands in the current music scene. While its newest album, "MMHMM" has not yet reached the recognition of its last album, "Two Lefts Don't Make a Right, But Three Do" which debuted at No. 38 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart, it seems that it may be on its way to the same success. While "MMHMM" is a solid punk rock album from Relient K, it is not its best album and perhaps overreaches for artistic merit at points in the album.

Relient K released its first album in 1999 and since then has released two other solid albums making "MMHMM" its fourth studio released album. While the fan base of Relient K continues to grow, especially in the Christian market, the development of the band as musi-

cians seems to have grown as well. "MMHMM" is composed of a pure punk rock with some twists throughout the album.

Generally the album is mostly upbeat, but it is punctuated with a few memorable slower songs. These slow songs, however, definitely make up a small percentage of the album. This is not a problem since the faster songs on "MMHMM" are, for the most part, great. Relient K incorporates a good deal of different styles into its traditional punk rock form, and it is a mix that works well. Songs that begin sounding like a standard punk rock song will end in a moving piano solo that in a bizarre way really works well within the music of the song. This particular example is drawn from one of the slower songs on the album, "Let It All Out," which is also one of the best songs on the album both musically and lyrically.

Most of the remaining great songs on



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Many of the songs on "MMHMM" have strong Christian themes, but Relient K does not let these themes become overbearing.

the album are fast punk-rock songs with a lot of energy behind them. One of the most original ideas lyrically on the album is in, "My Girls Ex-Boyfriend" in which the lead singer Matt Thiessen thanks the ex-boyfriend that walked away from his current girlfriend, thus leaving her available for him. Thiessen hits the point at the end of the song when he sings, "When she and I settle down you can bet / That he is going to have to settle for less / He's someone I would hate to be / I got the girl, and he's left with just the memory."

There are some interesting ideas lyrically portrayed in many of the songs on "MMHMM." "More than Useless," one of the best melodies on the album and "This Week the Trend" both cover the problem of finding what each person is meant to do with their life. Many of the

songs have strong Christian themes, but the Christian level of Relient K is not overbearing on "MMHMM." It does not take over the album, but the presence is strong through Christian messages on the album. The music is by far the most noticeable aspect.

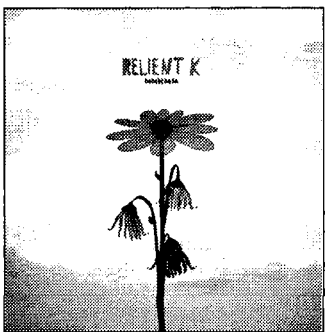
There are many terrific songs like, "Who I Am Hates Who I've Been," "The One I'm Waiting For" and "I So Hate Consequences" which compose the meat of "MMHMM." Overall, what "MMHMM" really shows is Relient K being a band that continues to improve musically and lyrically. "MMHMM" is a solid album, but some maturing needs to be done to really make Relient K a band that can produce a truly terrific album.

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M83 creates glistening midnight anthems

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

The night wounds. Those hours soaked in moonlight are a time of danger, of hearts broken and stolen and of countless improprieties. The night too sees its share of the better parts of the human experience, as a storied catalyst for love and exhilaration — in short, it is the ideal stage for the emotional highs and lows the daytime cannot possibly hope to contain. Graciously, music can.

Under the moniker M83, French electronic artist Anthony Gonzalez has composed a scintillating symphony to the night hours, and bestowed upon it the most appropriate and gorgeous title of "Before the Dawn Heals Us."

Gonzalez begins his opus with "Moonchild," which opens with a child reciting a poem and soon blossoms into a heavenly alternating-key chorus that sets the perfect tone for M83's nocturnal descent. "Don't Save Us from the Flames" then explodes with celestial guitars and pulsating keyboards. These disappear into a hush so that Gonzalez can deliver a lyrical sketch of an automobile accident, and erupt once again to punctuate the epic melodrama.

M83 raises the emotional ante even more a few tracks later with an untitled number denoted simply by an asterisk that contains all the fiery intensity of a sunburst. One cannot help but marvel the cosmic energy in these songs comes from one little man

and his keyboards. Listening to the waves of electronics and crescendos, one has the sensation of soaring high above the night-lit metropolis depicted on the album's exquisite cover.

Interspersed with the characteristically dynamic songs are slow-burning interludes and more ethereal material, including the piano-centered ballad "Safe," perhaps the record's most conventional song, which ends by dissolving into the pop-fizzle of distant fireworks (a marvelous aural spectacle for the listener with headphones).

M83 made a splash with the critically-acclaimed "Dead Cities, Red Seas & Lost Ghosts," released domestically in 2004, which drew considerable accolades and even more "My Bloody Valentine" comparisons. While maintaining the cinematic grandeur of that landmark, M83 has also diversified his sound with "Before the Dawn" and emerged with a fuller record that carries the listener through richer cadences.

However, Not all of M83's sonic experiments prove fruitful. The hokily-named "Car Chase Terror," for instance, is marred by a rather inane spoken-word dialogue that carries throughout the song. Interesting during perhaps the initial listen, this almost mawkish exchange between a mortified mother and child (seemingly voiced by the same person) fleeing some unspecified demonic pursuer grows increasingly grating with each successive spin.



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Aside from a few missteps, M83's "Before the Dawn" provides an enriching listening experience.

Also cringe-worthy is "Can't Stop," in which Gonzalez apparently enlists Alvin and the Chipmunks to chant the line "Can't stop / I can't stop, now" ad nauseam. These two duds aside, the rest of "Before the Dawn" shines more than enough to make for an infinitely enriching listening experience. Indeed, the dawn can wait.

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Bright Eyes sparkles on 'Digital Ash'

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In February 2004, Bright Eyes' front man Conor Oberst finished recording a 10-song album entitled "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning," a collection of folkie indie-pop he had written about his change in lifestyle since Oberst had moved to New York from the Midwest. However, before this album would see the light of day, Oberst decided he was not finished in the studio. He returned to Omaha, Neb. to record a second record — this one an experimental electronic album. He emerged three months later with a quirky masterpiece "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn" released simultaneously two weeks ago with "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning."

The album begins, like all other Bright Eyes albums, with an opening sequence. This one is atmospheric, subtle and

abstract, as if indicating the album is a departure from Bright Eyes' traditional sound. It is interesting to hear once in awhile, but for most listens the album begins on track two.

For being an electronic album, the songs themselves feel organic, natural and familiar — it is not the type of music that comes to mind when the word "electronic" is used. The simple instrumentation puts Oberst's melodies at the forefront. The lyrics are incredibly personal and immediately relatable. He recounts simple, special memories from his past like "hooded sweatshirt walks" or "spreading out the blankets on the beach," making each event feel monumental. His tone is nostalgic, perhaps even sorrowful, accepting that time has passed and life changes during that time.

Aside from these personal lyrics, two other themes dominate the remainder of the album — death and logic. The bamboo-

tinged "Arc of Time" explores the circle of life and death and our inability to escape from it. Many of the other songs point out human hypocrisy and subtly touch on politics.

In terms of the texture of the album, "Digital Ash" is extremely well produced. The songs feel lush, warm and full of energy. Many of the songs, like the beautiful "Gold Mine Guttled," sound as if they are gliding by on a cloud of smoke. Bright Eyes' past albums have been full of songs recorded (intentionally) at terrible audio quality, and the breezy soundscapes of this album are proof that Oberst has matured.

"Digital Ash" has its share of masterpieces. "Take it Easy [Love Nothing]," co-produced by Jimmy Tamborello (The Postal Service), is the most irresistible song released this year. Oberst tells an inside-out love story, and the beat carrying the song mimics the storyline, giving as much emotion as Oberst's voice. Immediately following this is a simple thoughtful song called "Hit The Switch," full of intense personal lyrics that ironically seem the most relatable. Oberst's quivering voice gives chilling messages in this song — messages about getting older, times changing and about the necessity to accept what life gives. Debating again on the nature of life and death — Oberst comes to a sudden conclusion, "Night rolls around and it just starts making sense / ... / there is no right way or wrong way / you just have to live. / So I do what I do and at least I exist." His voice will send shivers down your spine.

To listeners familiar with Bright Eyes' previous albums, the experimental "Digital Ash" might seem like a more natural continuum as compared to his other new



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"Digital Ash" is an experimental electronic album in contrast to the folkie indie pop of "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning."

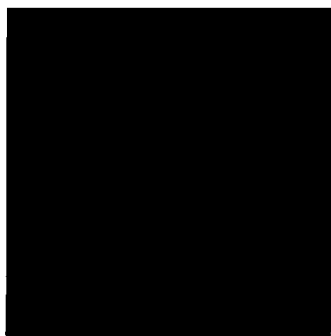
album, as Bright Eyes' albums have been progressive consistently in music style. Where "I'm Wide Awake It's Morning" is a mature album aiming for greatness and critical acclaim, "Digital Ash" is warm, heartfelt and personal. The album retains some of the excesses typical of Oberst's songs — strange noises, some dark, depressing songs and a word or two sung out of tune.

However, there are more hits than misses on this record, and it is these inconsistencies — these ups and downs — that have become a trademark of Oberst's writing style. This is what makes the album so

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Digital Ash in a Digital Urn Bright Eyes

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The Wiggles scorches on live album

By MICHELE JEFFERS and MATTHEW SOLARSKI
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Ludwig Wittgenstein once remarked all great things come in fours. There are four Beatles, four seasons, four "Lethal Weapon" movies, four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and now from the very bosoms of the muses, we mere mortals are graced with the musical genius of four very special Wiggles.

With a career spanning more than 13 years, The Wiggles continues to impress audiences around the world with its unrivaled ability to touch the human spirit through ecstatic song and dance. The group's cheery countenances and smart mock turtle-necks belie the utter tenacity driving its artistic vision. Like its predecessors and fellow Australians, INXS, The Wiggles' Murray Cook, Jeff Fatt, Anthony Field and Greg Page prove to be an unstoppable combination on

stage. Recorded during a concert in Sydney, "Live Hot Potatoes!" reveals clear evidence these musical iconoclasts will create nothing short of a musical revolution.

In the tradition of Italian opera, The Wiggles kick off its epic with a heart-stopping overture, setting the energetic pace of the show without revealing too much of the mayhem that is to follow. The foursome wastes no time getting the party started, launching immediately into the chart-topping crowd-pleaser "Toot, Toot, Chugga, Chugga, Big Red Car."

Catastrophe seems to plague the show when the Sandman afflicts one of the band members mid-performance. Jeff, the band's purple-shirted keyboardist and token narcoleptic, routinely nods off at the most inopportune moments — graciously the crowd is ever willing to awaken him on cue.

Rumors have long pinpointed Jeff as The Wiggles' unofficial bad boy. One wonders to what extent art imitates Jeff's personal life as



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The Wiggles, with NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, is a successful Australian children's band that has won several Australian music awards during its career.

The Wiggle coily sings, "Oh lead me to the floor and hear me yell for more / Because I'm a hoop dee dooin' kinda guy." One thing for certain, however, is Jeff never lets rumors or cloudy days turn his smile upside down. We could all benefit by adapting Jeff's positive philosophy, "I hear a polka and my troubles they're through / Hoop dee hoo."

Hi-jinx and misdemeanors aside, The Wiggles appears in top form on "Potatoes," steamrolling through a 20-song set that renders the arena-sized crowd rapturous throughout. The rawness of the combo's wiggling artistry is effectively conveyed, avoiding the pitfalls of recording in an overly superficial music industry that so often obscures the purity of a good wiggle.

The Wiggles' notoriety has skyrocketed in recent years due to a wildly popular television program and a series of dance crazes attributed to the foursome. The most recent of these, "The Monkey Dance," appears in a thrilling rendition on "Live Hot Potatoes." The group eagerly seeks out all opportunities to branch out beyond the musical domain.

The Wiggles even sells nutritious Wiggle snacks on its Web site. The song "Fruit Salad" proves to be anything but filler. It proves the band's commitment in helping fans achieve healthy life styles so that their minds and bodies can keep on wiggling.

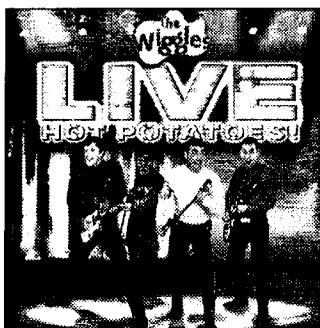
Simply put, "Live Hot Potatoes!" is a phenomenal album. The breadth of its talent is matched only by the lead singer's tenacious stance on the album cover. The Wiggles are a beacon of inspiration, a lighthouse for those canoes lost in the murky sea of Post-Modernism. Its music transcends genre, time and space, inviting the id, ego and superego to all come outside and play in harmony. This album is one hot potato you will not want to pass up. But perhaps it is best to let the words of the band speak for itself, "No matter where you are around the world, The Wiggles' music will find a place in your home."

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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 7 Duke knocks off No. 2 UNC at Cameron

Redick, Nelson lead Blue Devils to 71-70 triumph in rivalry

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke slowed the pace and made North Carolina play a halfcourt game. Under those circumstances, nobody plays better defense than the Blue Devils.

J.J. Redick scored 18 points, freshman DeMarcus Nelson added 16 and No. 7 Duke forced 23 turnovers to hold off the second-ranked Tar Heels 71-70 Wednesday night.

North Carolina squandered a chance to win in the final seconds, never getting a shot off after inboundng with 18 seconds left. David Noel dribbled the ball out of bounds just as the buzzer sounded and the Cameron Crazies raced onto the court, celebrating the Blue Devils' 15th victory in the past 18 games in this Tobacco Road rivalry.

Daniel Ewing finished with 15 points and helped the Blue Devils (18-2, 8-2) move into a first-place tie with North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wake

Forest trails both by one-half game.

Duke finished 21-of-22 from the free throw line and made 10 3-pointers. All but one of the Blue Devils' baskets in the second half were 3s — only a layup by Nelson with about 10 minutes left came from inside the arc.

Sean May had 23 points and 18 rebounds for the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2), who couldn't overcome their shoddy ball control. Point guard Raymond Felton had eight turnovers and May added five, and the top assist team in Division I finished with only 10, 11 below its average.

Felton scored 13 points and freshman Marvin Williams had 12 for North Carolina.

But Nelson was the better first-year player in this one. He came up big when it counted, swishing two 3-pointers in a span of about 90 seconds in the second half to help Duke take a 49-42 lead. Williams helped the Tar Heels rally, powering over Shavlik Randolph for a layup that turned into a three-point play to tie it at 53 midway through the second half.

Ewing connected on consecutive 3s, Nelson added four free

throws and Redick had another 3-pointer to give the Blue Devils a nine-point lead. Still, North Carolina didn't give up.

Felton scored six quick points to offset two more free throws for Nelson, and May knocked down two at the line to bring the Tar Heels within three. Randolph increased the lead to five with Duke's final points — again coming on free throws — and it was 71-66 with less than 2 minutes left.

May worked inside to tip in a miss by Rashad McCants, and Williams stuffed a layup by Nelson to set up McCants' layup that cut the margin to one point. Redick then was forced to launch a shot from about 28 feet with the shot clock winding down, and the Tar Heels took possession with the game on the line.

Felton passed up an open shot to look down low for Williams or May, and he finally passed to Noel. But with time running out, Noel couldn't get off a shot.

Memphis 85, No. 9 Louisville 68

Freshman point guard Darius Washington scored 25 points and Memphis coach John Calipari earned his 300th victory in the Tigers' win over No. 9 Louisville.

Rodney Carney added 24 points and Anthony Rice had 15 — all in the second half — for the Tigers (14-10, 7-3 Conference USA), who snapped the Cardinals' nine-game winning streak and handed Louisville its worst home loss in four seasons under coach Rick Pitino.

Taquan Dean and Ellis Myles each scored 17 points for Louisville (20-4, 8-2), which was outrebounded 41-30 and shot a season-low 33 percent (19-of-58).

The Cardinals rank second in the nation in field goal percentage defense, but it was the Tigers' defense that took control early. It triggered a 16-5 opening run by holding the Cardinals without a point for more than 9 minutes.

Louisville, averaging 85 points per game, missed seven straight shots and committed five turnovers during the drought. At the end of one sloppy possession, Myles threw up just the ninth 3-point attempt of his career, missing it badly.

No. 3 Kansas 74, Kansas State 65

Wayne Simien, J.R. Giddens

and Keith Langford combined for 65 points and No. 3 Kansas kept its winning streak at Kansas State alive.

A sellout crowd — the first at Bramlage Coliseum since Kansas was here in 2003 — carried anti-Kansas signs and put up a roar through most of the game. Someone even managed to throw a live chicken under the Kansas bench shortly before tipoff.

But the Jayhawks (19-1, 9-0 Big 12) never trailed and withstood a late rally to post their 29th straight victory over the Wildcats. Even more improbable is Kansas' 22-game winning streak on Kansas State's home floor, a streak that began in 1984.

The Wildcats (13-7, 3-6) uncorked a 14-2 run that included Fred Peete's 3-pointer followed by five straight points by Jeremiah Massey. Cartier Martin's jumper brought the crowd to its feet and sliced the lead to 58-54 with 4:21 to go.

But then Simien made a free throw and Langford broke Kansas State's zone defense by driving the lane for a layup at the shot-clock buzzer.

No. 17 Alabama 72, Tennessee 54

Alabama was embarrassed on the boards at Florida over the weekend. The Tide didn't let it happen a second time.

Kennedy Winston scored 18 points and No. 17 Alabama outrebounded Tennessee by 24 in a victory.

Alabama dominated the Volunteers with a 43-19 rebounding margin in recovering from its last game, a 31-point loss at Florida on Saturday. The Gators outrebounded the Tide 46-23 and snapped Alabama's six-game winning streak.

"We were destroyed on the boards in Gainesville," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "It sort of got away from us at Florida and we did a poor job, but we got it corrected by tonight's game."

No. 20 Wisconsin 72, Iowa 69

Steve Alford wanted answers for the free throw disparity. Bo Ryan made no apologies for it.

No. 20 Wisconsin held off Iowa thanks to a 27-7 advantage at the free throw line.

Alford said he was stumped by his team taking only 14 free throws compared to Wisconsin's

35, even though his team sent the Badgers to the line 10 times with five intentional fouls over the final 90 seconds.

"That's a very difficult stat to overcome," Alford said. "We've really got to work hard and try to figure out why we foul so much and nobody else does."

Alford was particularly miffed that guard Jeff Horner didn't go to the line once despite playing all 40 minutes, whereas Wisconsin's Kammron Taylor was 9-for-10 from the stripe.

"I can't imagine a kid that plays 40 minutes as hard as he does, and he never goes to the free throw line. That still blows me away," Alford said.

No. 13 Michigan State 83, Ohio State 69

Chris Hill, who has been mired in a shooting slump for over a month, went 8-for-10 from the field and scored 26 points to lead No. 13 Michigan State to a victory over Ohio State.

Hill was 6-for-7 from 3-point range and made all four of his free throws in the highest scoring game this season for the Spartans (16-4, 7-2 Big Ten).

Maurice Ager, who was bothered by an illness, scored 18 points on 6-for-7 shooting for the Spartans, while Alan Anderson added 16 points and Paul Davis had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Terence Dials was 10-for-18 from the field and had 22 points for the Buckeyes (16-8, 5-5), who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

No. 25 Texas Tech 83, Baylor 67

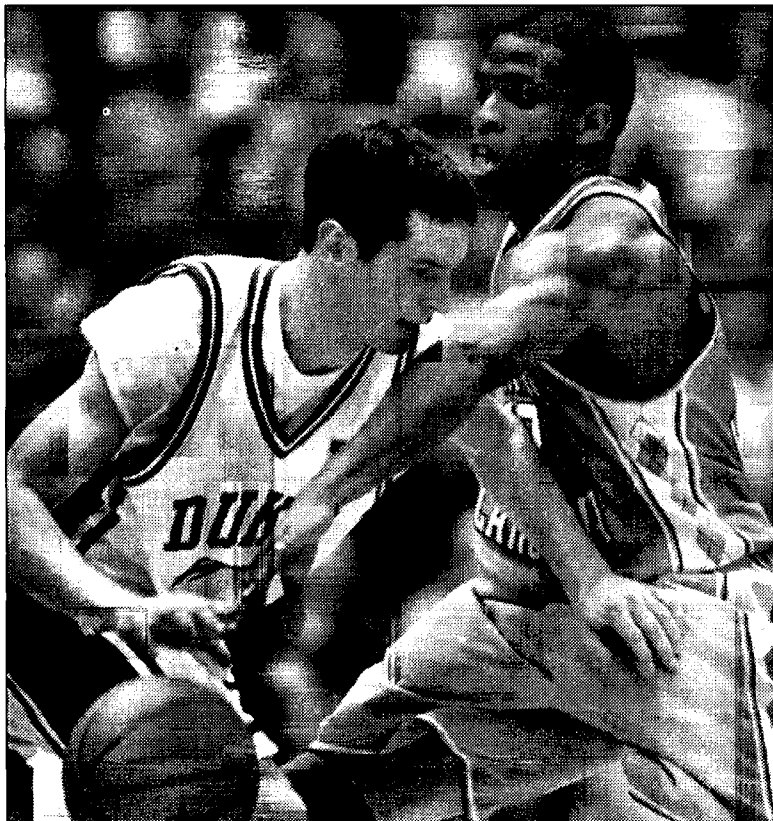
Ronald Ross scored 25 points to lift No. 25 Texas Tech past Baylor 83-67 on Wednesday night.

Ross was 8-for-10 from the field, including 4-for-5 from 3-point range, and went 5-of-6 from the free throw line.

Texas Tech (15-5, 7-2 Big 12) led most of the way but Baylor used an 8-2 run early in the second half to go up 39-38. Tech came back with a 15-0 run to virtually put the game out of reach for the Bears (9-11, 1-8).

After nearly 6 minutes without scoring, Patrick Fields of Baylor hit two free throws and a 3-pointer to whittle the deficit to 55-44.

Tech's lead dwindled to 69-60 on a free throw by Fields with 6:22 remaining.



Duke guard J.J. Redick drives against North Carolina's Rashad McCants in the No. 7 Blue Devils' 71-70 win over the No. 2 Tar Heels.

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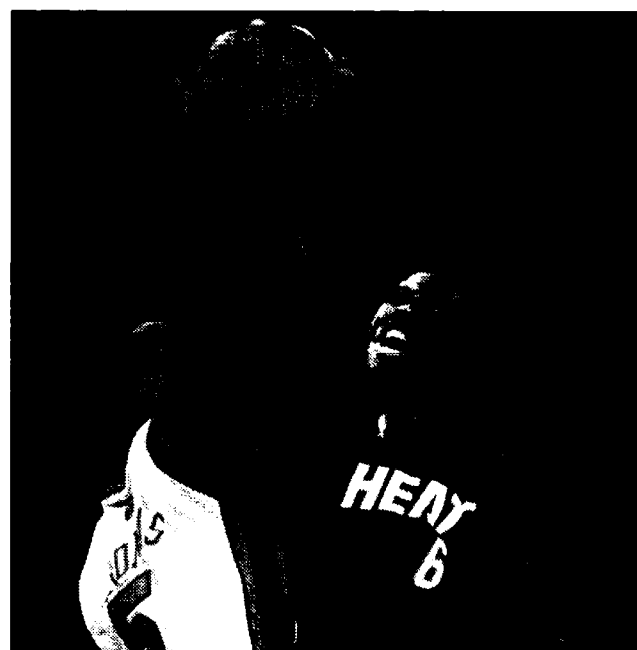
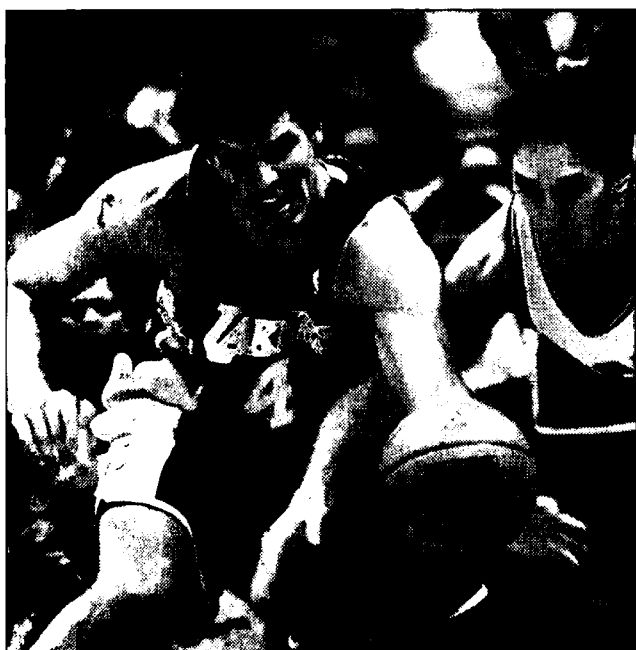
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NBA

Lakers knock off Nets despite Kidd's triple-double



Left, Lakers guard Luke Walton fights for the ball with New Jersey's Zoran Planinic in the Lakers' 104-103 overtime win. Middle, Chicago's Tyson Chandler drives to the basket against Houston's Dikembe Mutombo in the Rockets' 105-92 win. Heat guard Eddie Jones, right, goes up for the ball with New York's Tim Thomas.

Rockets defeat Bulls, Miami prevails in OT against New York

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lamar Odom had 16 points, matched a career-best with 19 rebounds and set up a go-ahead 3-pointer by Caron Butler with 1:54 to go in overtime to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 104-103 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night.

The Lakers rallied from a 10-point deficit with 4:44 to play in regulation and survived a late overtime shot by Vince Carter and Jason Kidd's second straight triple-double. Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak and ended the Nets' season-high five-game winning streak at home.

Jumaine Jones had 20 points, Butler 19, Luke Walton 17 and Chucky Atkins 14, including a long 3-pointer that tied the game at 92 with 12.1 seconds to play in regulation. The win was Los Angeles' third in nine games.

The Lakers are 6-7 since Kobe Bryant went on the injured list with a severely sprained right ankle on Jan. 15.

Carter, who had consecutive 40-point games, finished with 27 points on 9-for-23 shooting. Ten-day contract wonder Billy Thomas had a career-high 14 points, while Jabari Smith and Jason Collins added 11 points apiece.

Carter gave the Nets a 101-99 lead with 2:03 to play when he hit a jumper in the lane.

Rockets 105, Bulls 92

Tracy McGrady scored 24 points and Yao Ming added 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets to a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Houston has won a season-high five straight and four straight over the Bulls.

Chicago got within 86-77 after a basket by Ben Gordon with 7:45 remaining, but that's the closest the Bulls would get.

The Rockets went on an 11-0 run in the next two minutes to stretch the lead to 97-77, their biggest of the game.

Chicago, which entered the game averaging 44 percent from the field, shot just 37 percent. It's the first time in nine games that Houston has held an opponent to under 40 percent shooting.

Chicago got 16 points from Kirk Hinrich and Tyson Chandler added 12 points and had 20

rebounds.

A night after scoring 30 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in a win over Dallas, Luol Deng managed just seven points and three boards.

McGrady was just 7-of-17 from the field, but was 9-of-12 from the line and had nine assists.

Heat 116, Knicks 110, OT

Dwyane Wade dribbled the ball between his legs three times before darting around Stephon Marbury and making a layup, easily the prettiest play of overtime in the Miami Heat's victory over the New York Knicks.

Wade scored 30 points with six assists and six rebounds, Damon Jones scored a season-high 24 and Shaquille O'Neal had 16 points and 13 rebounds as Miami won its fourth straight.

Marbury led a fourth-quarter comeback and scored 36 points for the Knicks, who lost for the 17th time in their past 20 games.

Displaying the one quality — a refusal to quit — that team president Isiah Thomas considered praiseworthy after a 1-5 road trip, the Knicks rallied behind Marbury with a 13-2 run in the final 3:53 of regulation.

But New York never led in the overtime period, and Wade's drive around Marbury gave Miami a 105-99 lead. The Knicks never got closer than four the rest of the way.

Pacers 94, Bobcats 87

Jermaine O'Neal validated his addition to the Eastern Conference All-Star team.

One day after being selected to

play in his fourth straight All-Star game, O'Neal scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, helping the Indiana Pacers hold off a late rally in a win over the Charlotte Bobcats.

"To be invited is an honor, but it's only for a couple of days," O'Neal said. "Then I've got to get back to the real mission, that's this team. This is my team."

O'Neal, who is averaging 32.3 points in his last three games, scored 15 points in the first half on 7-of-10 shooting, leading the Pacers to a 54-36 lead.

"He's an All-Star everyday," Stephen Jackson said.

Wizards 95, Spurs 87

Antawn Jamison had a season-high 35 points and 11 rebounds, Gilbert Arenas scored 24, and the Washington Wizards took advantage of Tim Duncan's absence in a victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

Without Duncan, the Wizards' All-Stars outnumbered the Spurs' All-Stars two-to-one, and they were the difference. Arenas spurred a 16-2 run in the second quarter when it seemed the Spurs were going to blow the game open, and Jamison scored 14 points on 5-for-6 shooting in the fourth quarter to keep San Antonio from making a final run.

Celtics 94, Clippers 89

Paul Pierce and the Boston Celtics needed more than three quarters to figure out how to beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Pierce had 25 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and the Celtics used a late run to

rally past the Clippers.

"We just came out with a better sense of urgency in the fourth quarter," Pierce said. "We were tentative in the first half, but we fought back in the second."

After falling behind 79-65 early in the fourth quarter, the Celtics scored 16 straight points to take their first lead of the game on Raef LaFrentz's 3-pointer with 6:19 remaining.

"We are starting to become a pretty gutty basketball team," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

Grizzlies 98, 76ers 95

Allen Iverson emphatically defended Kyle Korver's decision to take a 3-pointer with time running out.

"We'd take that 82 games," he said. "A wide-open 3-point shot!"

Memphis would also gladly take the same option again — a miss and a nice road victory.

Dahntay Jones scored a career-high 23 points and Stromile Swift added 17 to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a 98-95 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Timberwolves 98, Nuggets 92

Eddie Griffin had 10 points, three rebounds and two blocks in the final 10 minutes of the game to spark Minnesota to a win over the Denver Nuggets, snapping the Timberwolves' six-game losing streak.

Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 24 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, but it was Griffin who injected a stagnant team with some much-needed energy to deliver the victory.

The Nuggets led 82-77 with just under 6 minutes to play after Andre Miller hit a jumper.

Bucks 110, Raptors 107

Rafer Alston was back in action for the Toronto Raptors and looking for an apology.

Michael Redd had 29 points, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a victory over the Raptors and their troubled point guard.

Alston said he wanted an apology after being benched for much of Tuesday's loss to Cleveland and that he's not sure he wants to stay with the Raptors.

Alston and coach Sam Mitchell argued after Alston was pulled from the game in the first quarter against Cleveland. Alston didn't come out of the dressing room for the second half and was seen crying as he was escorted to the team bus by security during the fourth quarter.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 7 Baylor escapes Oklahoma, winning 73-72

No. 10 Connecticut destroys Big East foe Boston College, 80-55

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Sophia Young hit a jumper from just inside the 3-point line in the final seconds to give No. 7 Baylor a 73-72 victory over Oklahoma on Wednesday night.

The Bears took possession after a driving layup by Oklahoma's Dionnah Jackson with 11.5 seconds left. Chelsea Whitaker drove to the left baseline and kicked it out to Young, whose jumper bounced in.

Oklahoma couldn't get a shot off after a timeout and long inbound pass into traffic.

Young had 21 points to lead the Bears (18-3, 8-2 Big 12). Emily Niemann added 15 points, Steffanie Blackmon 11 and Chameka Scott 10.

Jackson scored 26 of her 30 points in the second half, nearly leading Oklahoma back for a badly needed victory. Leah Rush had 12 points and Reserve Antoinette Wadsworth finished with 10 points for Oklahoma (12-9, 4-6), which has lost six games to ranked opponents.

The Sooners rallied back from a six-point halftime deficit to tie the game at 56 after back-to-back baskets by Wadsworth. But Niemann hit a 3-pointer from the right side and Young scored inside to give Baylor a 61-56 lead.

Jackson drove for a basket to bring Oklahoma back within two points, and Niemann faked another 3-pointer before stepping in for a jumper to start a 6-0 run that extended Baylor's lead to 69-61.

Jackson pushed back with a 3-pointer and two free throws to bring Oklahoma back within three. Niemann hit two free throws, but Jackson responded with two of her own before bringing the Sooners within a point with a driving layup with 51.7 seconds left.

Scott lost the ball out of bounds on the left wing to set up Oklahoma's final possession, and Jackson's driving layup rolled all the way around the rim and fell in to give the Sooners their only lead of the second half at 72-71.

No. 10 Connecticut 80, No. 22 Boston College 55

Barbara Turner had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead 10th-ranked Connecticut to an 80-55 victory Wednesday night over No. 22 Boston College.

The Huskies (16-5, 9-1 Big East) held the Eagles to a sea-

son-low 33 percent shooting and tightened their grip on the conference lead.

The Eagles (15-6, 6-4) were playing their second straight game without leading scorer Jessalyn Deveny, out for the season with a ruptured Achilles' tendon in her right leg. The senior co-captain was averaging 17.1 points.

Without her, the Eagles continue to struggle. BC was coming off a 69-52 loss at home to St. John's.

None of the BC starters finished in double figures. Reserve guard Kindyll Dorsey had three of BC's six 3-pointers and led the Eagles with 11 points.

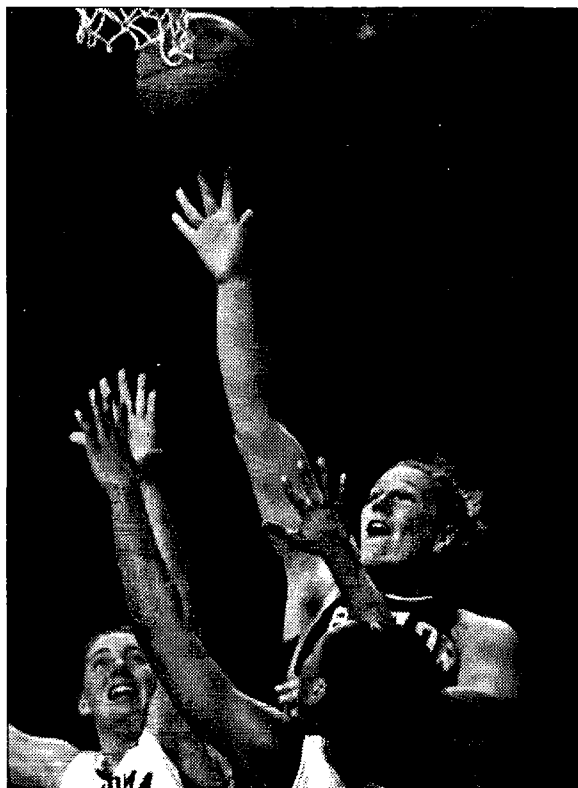
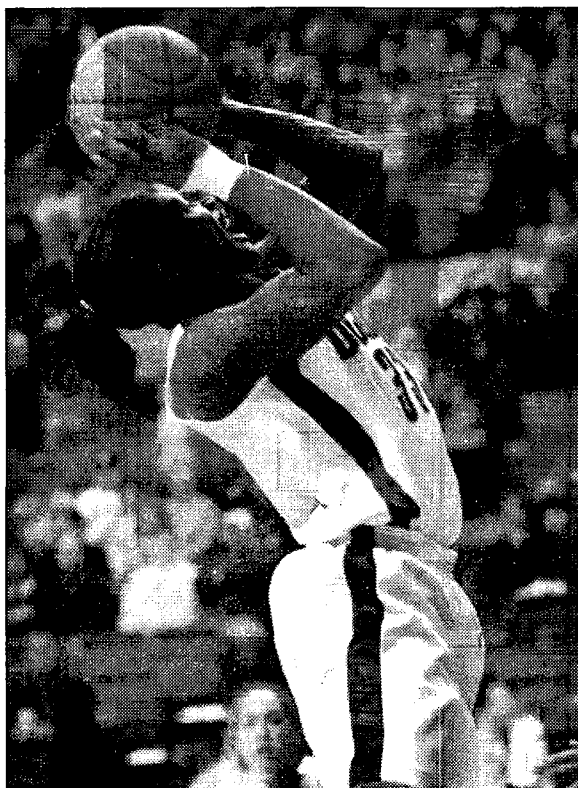
The Huskies put this game away early with stifling defense and a speedy transition game. UConn dominated inside, outscoring the Eagles 40-16 in the paint and had 22 points off 16 BC turnovers.

No. 11 Rutgers 67, Seton Hall 40

Matee Ajavon scored 13 points in a homecoming of sorts, leading No. 11 Rutgers to a victory over intrastate rival Seton Hall.

In the second half, as Rutgers put on a full-court press, Ajavon put on a show. Playing within a few blocks of her neighboring hometown of Newark, the freshman scored seven straight points in an 11-4 run surge the first five minutes, giving Rutgers a 42-27 lead.

It was the second straight victory for the Scarlet Knights (17-



Connecticut's Barbara Turner, left, shoots against Boston College Wednesday night. Right, Baylor's Emily Niemann floats a shot over two Oklahoma defenders in the Lady Bears' 73-72 win.

5, 8-2 Big East) after losing last week at Connecticut. Heta Korpivaara paced Seton Hall (13-9, 5-6) with 12 points.

Cappie Pondexter added 12 points for Rutgers.

Seton Hall got off to a strong start, taking a 7-2 lead in the first three minutes on a driving jumper by Monique Blake. Ajavon then got in gear, scoring on two consecutive penetrating shots to cut the lead to 7-6 with 15:46 left.

No. 17 Texas 83, Nebraska 53

Tiffany Jackson scored 19 points and No. 17 Texas stayed alive in the chase for the Big 12 title with a rout of Nebraska.

Jamie Carey added 18 points for the Longhorns (14-7, 7-3), who led by 19 at halftime and cruised to their fifth win in the last six games.

Kiera Hardy and Danielle Page scored 13 points apiece to lead Nebraska (14-8, 6-4).

No team has won the Big 12 with more than three losses in league history. Texas lost a total of three conference games the last two seasons.

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Men's Swimming & Diving CSCAA Top 25

	team	points
1	Auburn	199
2	Stanford	193
3	Florida	184
4	California	176
5	Michigan	167
6	Minnesota	161
7	Texas	152
8	Arizona	142
9	USC	137
10	Virginia	124
11	Georgia	122
12	Kentucky	114
13	Indiana	105
14	Northwestern	96
15	Purdue	89
16	Texas A&M	79
17	Tennessee	57
18	Wisconsin	55
19	Hawaii	54
20	North Carolina	42
21	BYU	37
22	NOTRE DAME	35
23	Harvard	30
24	Ohio State	23
25	Alabama	8

Women's Swimming & Diving CSCAA Top 25

	team	points
1	Georgia	200
2	Auburn	192
3	Florida	184
4	Texas	176
5	Stanford	167
6	Arizona	161
7	SMU	152
8	Wisconsin	142
9	California	134
10	Texas A&M	132
11	UCLA	119
12	Maryland	113
13	Virginia	104
14	Penn State	96
15	Arizona State	86
15	North Carolina	75
17	Michigan	73
18	Indiana	65
19	Hawaii	53
20	Southern Cal	43
21	Washington	25
22	Tennessee	24
23	Minnesota	23
24	Northwestern	22
24	Purdue	22

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
Boston College	9-1	20-1
Syracuse	8-2	21-3
Connecticut	7-3	15-5
Georgetown	7-3	15-6
Pittsburgh	6-3	16-4
NOTRE DAME	6-4	14-6
Villanova	5-4	14-5
West Virginia	4-6	14-7
Seton Hall	2-7	10-10
Rutgers	2-8	8-12
St. John's	2-8	8-12
Providence	0-9	10-13

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Xavier at Cincinnati, 9 p.m., ESPN2

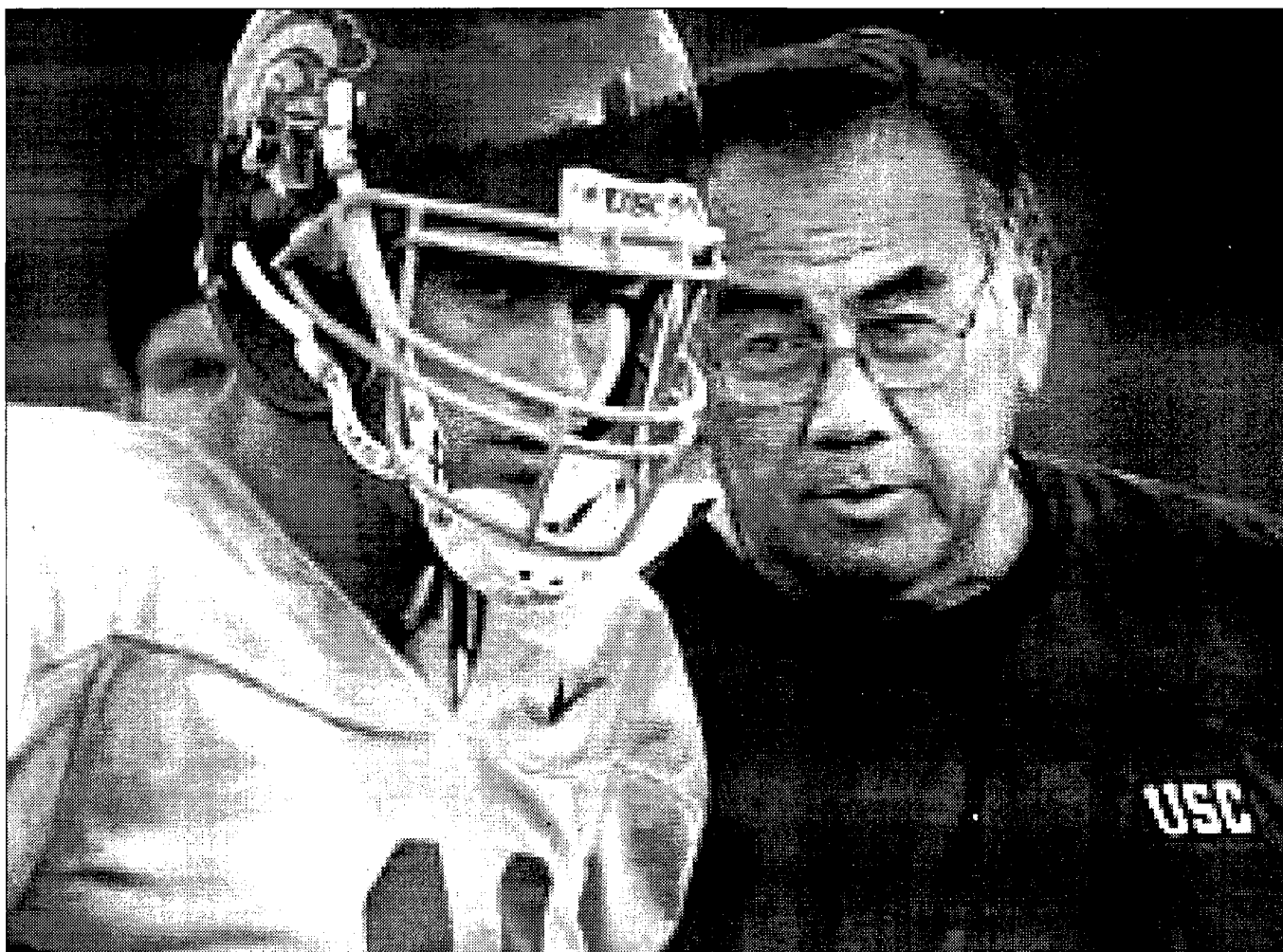
Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 11 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit, 8 p.m., TNT

Sacramento at Seattle, 10:30 p.m., TNT

NFL



The Tennessee Titans announced the hiring of Norm Chow, right, as the team's offensive coordinator Wednesday. Chow leaves USC for the NFL after helping the Trojans win consecutive national titles.

Chow leaves USC to join Titans

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans coach Jeff Fisher might have given quarterback Steve McNair another reason to return for the 2005 season.

Fisher lured Norm Chow away from Southern California, where he helped the Trojans win two straight national championships, to become Tennessee's offensive coordinator.

Fisher said Wednesday he has no doubts the 58-year-old Chow can handle NFL defenses despite spending 32 years coaching in the college ranks.

One of Chow's top priorities is "to keep a quarterback on his feet and keep him from getting knocked down," Fisher said at a news conference. "Obviously, we share similar

opinions. So that's one thing that's going to be a paramount priority of ours is to keep the pocket clean and keep Steve from getting hit."

McNair had bone grafted onto his sternum Dec. 28 after missing six starts and parts of two others last season. He has said he will wait to decide whether he should retire from the NFL after 10 seasons.

Fisher said he believes McNair will return. The quarterback met with Chow on Friday, and McNair's recovery is nearly complete.

"I believe that this decision put a little more bounce in his step than he's had," Fisher said of McNair. "He's doing very well right now, and I know he's excited about this."

Chow said the timing for this move was right. His hiring comes a week

after the Trojans signed a recruiting class ranked among the best in the nation.

"Everybody understands it's an opportunity for me and my family to get to the highest level of football, and they understand the excitement that we have," Chow said during a conference call.

Chow replaces Mike Heimerdinger, who was hired as the New York Jets' offensive coordinator last month.

This is Chow's first job in pro football after 27 seasons at BYU, a season at North Carolina State and the last four at USC. Chow had some NFL opportunities in the past, but never pursued them.

Asked about reports of friction with USC coach Pete Carroll, Chow said there was nothing to that talk.

IN BRIEF

McNabb denies reports of illness during Super Bowl

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Donovan McNabb has no apologies for his Super Bowl performance. He won't allow his teammates to make excuses, either.

The Philadelphia Eagles quarterback set everyone straight after his first practice for the Pro Bowl on Wednesday. McNabb said he wasn't ill during the fourth quarter of their loss to New England, as center Hank Fraley claimed earlier this week, and receiver Freddie Mitchell certainly didn't call any plays for him.

The Eagles' offensive struggles were caused only by the Patriots and the tension of a Super Bowl, not a phantom sickness.

"No, I wasn't sick and no, I didn't throw up," McNabb said. "If people want to use that as an excuse for why we lost, that's not the way it was, but I'll put it on my shoulders. I'll take the blame. ... When you're trying to make every play possible, you have to

dig deep. We were just trying to give it all we had."

San Francisco to host 2007 MLB All-Star game

SAN FRANCISCO — Baseball's All-Star game will return to San Francisco in 2007 for the first time in more than two decades, giving the Giants a big draw for season-ticket holders the year after Barry Bonds' contract expires.

Commissioner Bud Selig made the announcement Wednesday at Willie Mays Plaza outside the Giants' waterfront stadium. Mays, who played in a record-tying 24 All-Star games, said he was glad the city would get the opportunity to showcase SBC Park.

"I wish I had a chance to play here," he said. "I think I would have hit a little bit more home runs than Barry."

Bonds, who passed his godfather on the career home run list last season and has 703 overall, is under contract through 2006. Tickets for the All-Star game could be an incentive to help the team keep its season-tick-

et holder base of about 28,000 fans for 2007.

Women's British Open will allow transsexual golfers

LONDON — Transsexual golfers will be allowed to play in this year's women's British Open in a policy change made by the Ladies Golf Union.

The move, announced Wednesday, comes 11 months after Danish-born Mianne Bagger became the first male-born golfer to play in a professional women's tournament.

The LGU, which governs amateur golf in Britain and also runs the women's British Open, followed a similar move made last year by the Ladies European Tour, the governing body of professional women's golf in Europe.

Bagger, who had a sex-change operation in 1995, is playing this season on the Ladies European Tour and expected to enter the women's British Open. The tournament is open to amateurs and professionals.

NHL

Bettman sets weekend deadline to save season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With just a little bit of hedging, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman all but issued a drop-dead date for saving what's left of the season: this weekend.

The lockout reached its 147th day Wednesday. If a deal is reached, Bettman said, there would be a 28-game regular season and the playoff structure would be preserved.

"It is clear to me that if we're not working on a written document by this weekend, I don't see how we can play any semblance of a season," Bettman said.

Hours earlier, the players' association rejected what was described as a compromise proposal during a secret meeting in Toronto, NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said.

The sides agreed to keep negotiating through Thursday, with a salary cap still the main issue. A union spokesman did not immediately return phone calls.

"Obviously we will listen to everything the union has to say, but we've given all we can give and gone as far as we can go," Bettman said.

"This has just been a very difficult, frustrating process and we're sorry. But we have to go through it," he said.

The lockout has wiped out 813 of the 1,230 regular-season games, as well as this weekend's scheduled All-Star game.

The NHL offered on Wednesday to go with the players' association proposal from Dec. 9 that featured a luxury-tax system and an immediate 24

percent rollback on all existing contracts.

If it was determined after an unspecified period of time that the deal wasn't working, the agreement would be converted to the league's Feb. 2 proposal that contained a salary cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million — including benefits.

Also included in that six-year offer — which could be reopened by the union after four years — was a profit-sharing plan that would allow the players' association to evenly split revenues over a negotiated level with the league.

"The union's response was that this was not a framework that they were interested in going forward with," Bettman said.

It was believed that there had been no contact between the sides since last Friday when talks broke off after three straight days of meetings.

The bulk of the negotiations since mid-December were conducted mostly by Daly and players' association senior director Ted Saskin.

Bettman and players' association executive director Bob Goodenow were invited by the union back to the table last week for two days of talks after the union rejected the league's previous proposal.

The NHL has been intent on making a deal that provides a link between league revenues and player costs. The players' association has steadfastly refused to accept a salary cap as a solution to the stalemate.

GOLF

Pebble Beach a lot different

National Pro-Am to have a new look for this season

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Tim Herron walked back to the sixth tee Wednesday morning at Pebble Beach and took in a spectacular view of the 513-yard hole, which stretches out toward the Pacific Ocean, rising along the rugged cliffs on the right side of the fairway.

Something didn't look right.

"Wow," Herron said. "Look at those cliffs."

Then it dawned on him. He never could see the cliffs so clearly because of a large cypress tree. But that tree is no longer there, wiped out by holiday storms. It should make the par 5 play easier, because any tee shot that strayed too far to the right was blocked by the tree. Players either had to go over or around it.

"You can see the whole cliff now, and it's pretty cool," Herron said. "But it changes everything, especially on the second shot. That tree played with your head."

The Pebble Beach National Pro-Am will have a slightly different look when it gets under way Thursday.

Rain that deluged California six weeks ago also washed out a small section of the 18th fairway about 280 yards from the tee, making the landing area a little tighter. Plus, the two cypress trees replaced in the middle of the fairway were planted about 20 yards farther out than they were.

"I hit a drive where I used to,



AP
Actor George Lopez, pro Peter Jacobsen and former NFL star Emmitt Smith look on at the celebrity challenge Wednesday.

and it was 15 yards from the water — not 25," Jim Furyk said.

But there are some things about Pebble Beach that rarely change.

One of them is the weather, and that's the good news. A tournament that developed a reputation for "Crosby weather" — cold, rain, wind, rain, fog, rain — looks as if it will be basking in sunshine for the fifth straight year.

And the field is eclectic as ever.

Because the three courses have room for 180 pro-am teams, the pros range from defending champion Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson to players like Steve Stricker, Garrett Willis and Tom Scherrer, whose only status on the PGA Tour is having won a tournament once upon a time.

Amateurs range from Hollywood stars (Bill Murray,

Kevin Costner) to comedians (George Lopez) to athletes (Patriots coach Bill Belichick, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice) to CEOs from Fortune 500 companies.

Another Pebble tradition over the last two decades is the type of name on the crystal trophy. Only three of the last 21 winners of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am have not won a major.

No other regular PGA Tour event has such a major list of winners over the last two decades. The next best is The Players Championship — the fifth major — with 16 of the last 21 champions having also won majors.

So many major winners at Pebble is no fluke.

"It's going to be a slow process of putting yourself in position and never really shooting yourself out of the tournament," said Mark O'Meara,

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NBA

Olajuwon's charities gave money to terrorist groups

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A mosque established and funded by basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than \$80,000 to charities the government later determined to be fronts for the terror groups al-Qaida and Hamas, according to financial records obtained by The Associated Press.

Olajuwon told the AP he had not known of any links to terrorism when the donations were made, prior to the government's crackdown on the groups, and would not have given the money if he had known.

"There is no way you can go back in time," Olajuwon said in a telephone interview from Jordan, where he is studying Arabic. "After the fact, now they have the list of organizations that are banned by the government."

A Treasury Department spokeswoman, Molly Millerwise, declined to discuss Olajuwon's contributions but said, "In many cases donors are being unwittingly misled by the charities."

Federal law enforcement officials said they were not investigating Olajuwon, a 7-foot center born in Nigeria who played 17 seasons for the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association before retiring in 2002.

Olajuwon, 42, who became a U.S. citizen in 1993, was known as "The Dream" and won the NBA's Most Valuable Player award in 1994, when he led the Rockets to the first of back-to-back championships.

The Olajuwon-founded Islamic Da'Wah Center in Houston gave more than \$60,000 in 2000 and \$20,000 in 2002 to the Islamic African Relief Agency, the center's tax records show.

The government shut down the relief agency in October, saying it gave money and other support to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

But the agency and its possible ties to terrorism had been in news stories years earlier, before Olajuwon's contributions:

♦ The U.S. Agency for International Development cut off two government grants to the Islamic African Relief Agency in 1999, saying funding the group "would not be in the national interest of the United States."

♦ A former fund-raiser for the relief agency, Ziyad Khaleel, was named in a federal trial in 2001 as the man who bought a satellite telephone that bin Laden used to plan the 1998 bombings

of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

♦ Numerous news organizations reported shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks that the relief agency was among more than two dozen Islamic charities under scrutiny for possible terrorist ties.

Olajuwon also participated in a 1999 celebrity bowling tournament for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, which the U.S. government shut down in 2001, accusing it of sending money to Hamas. The Islamic Da'Wah Center gave more than \$2,000 to the Texas-based Holy Land Foundation in 2000, according to its tax returns.

At the time, Olajuwon was vice president of the mosque — which was named after him — and provided more than three-quarters of its money. Olajuwon heads the separate foundation that now controls the Islamic Da'Wah Center.

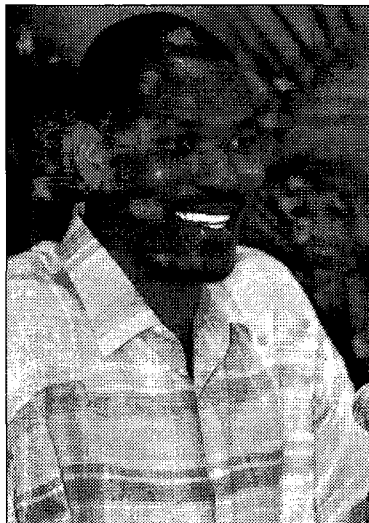
All the donations came before the government designated the Holy Land Foundation and the Islamic African Relief Agency as terrorist fronts. Vipul Worah, an accountant for Olajuwon's charities, said U.S. authorities have never asked about the contributions.

Olajuwon, who is married with four daughters, became a Muslim during his professional career and was known for playing in key games while observing dawn-to-dusk fasting during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Tax returns for Olajuwon's Islamic Da'Wah Center show it gave the Islamic African Relief Agency \$61,250 in 2000 and \$20,000 in 2002.

Those donations accounted for 2.2 percent of the \$2.8 million the Islamic African Relief Agency received during 2000 and 1.4 percent of the \$1.4 million it raised in 2002, records show.

Olajuwon said the donations came after fund-raisers from the Islamic African Relief Agency visited Houston. He said the group told him donations would



AP
Former NBA star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than \$80,000 to charities that were later determined to be fronts for terror groups.

help the needy in Africa.

"They came and approached us and everything was legitimate. I had no knowledge of their activity," Olajuwon said.

The Treasury Department alleged in October that several top officials of the group's branches overseas are al-Qaida members or associates and the group gave bin Laden hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1999.

The federal government says the Sudan-based Islamic African Relief Agency's U.S. branch is IARA-USA, based in Columbia, Mo. That group has challenged the terrorist designation in court, saying it is separate from the Sudanese group.

Shereef Akeel, a lawyer for IARA-USA, acknowledged the U.S. group and the Sudanese group "may be in a partnership together" and some people with links to IARA-USA have terrorist associations.

"Just because someone traveled in the same circles, just because one employee was at the same conference as someone who supported terrorism, doesn't mean the organization sponsors or condones acts of terrorism," Akeel said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Committee suggests video replays for '05

NCAA group says replay should be expanded next season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An NCAA committee on Wednesday recommended that permission to use a video replay system be expanded to all schools and conferences for the 2005 football season.

The recommendation by the Football Rules Committee will be considered by an oversight panel Feb. 24 and, if approved, will be put in place for the regular season this fall.

"The response to video replay nationally and in the Big Ten was overwhelmingly positive," said Chuck Broyles, the coach at Pittsburg State and chairman of the rules committee. "When we have the ability to correct a poten-

tially game-changing error, and we have the technology to do so, we feel this improves the fairness of the game and directly improves the student-athlete experience."

He said many conferences have asked permission to try the replay system for the 2005 season.

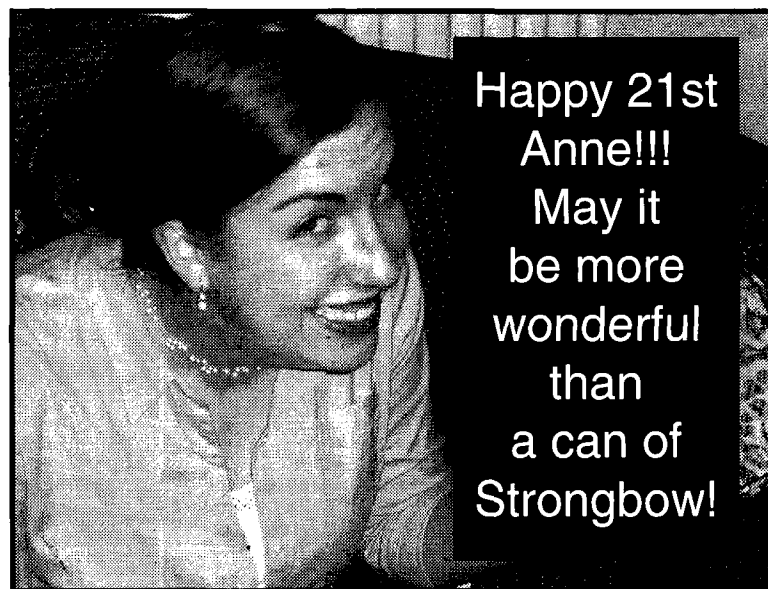
The Big Ten in December said replay was used in 28 of 57 conference games last season. Of the 43 calls questioned, 21 were overturned. Games where replay was used averaged three minutes longer than games without replay.

Under Wednesday's recommendation, any conference that wants to use video replay must confirm its plans with the rules committee by June 1.

"The preparation, training and educational effort needed to properly administer a system of review requires a commitment from a conference to make it run successfully," Broyles said.

"The response to video replay nationally and in the Big Ten was overwhelmingly positive."

Chuck Broyles
chairman of rules committee



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was a different story. A 3-pointer by Bulldogs freshman forward Katie Psuate cut the Belles' lead to three. Belles senior forward Emily Creachbaum answered on the other end, and it looked like the teams would be locked in a competitive game.

Then the Bulldogs scored the next 19 points.

The Belles went 12 possessions and almost 10 minutes without scoring at all. A free throw by senior center Maureen Bush with a little more than nine minutes left ended the drought, and the second Belles field goal of the half came via a layup by freshman guard Alison Kessler with 8:22 left in the game.

The Belles shot only 26 percent from the field in the second

half. Creachbaum, in particular, struggled all game, making only three shots in 18 attempts.

Meanwhile, Adrian was putting on a 3-point shooting clinic. Jessie Borowiak, Amanda Rainsburger, Fallon Steele, Rita Carter and Psuate all connected from long range as the Bulldogs shot 9-18 for the game from behind the arc.

Belles head coach Suzanne Bellina said Tuesday night that stopping Rainsburger would be a major part of Saint Mary's defensive plan.

"We have to focus on Rainsburger, their great player inside," Bellina said in a pre-practice interview.

Bulldogs coach Kathy Morris crossed up the Belles, however, and left Rainsburger on the bench to start the game. When the 5-foot-9 senior finally entered the

game, the Belles seemed to have forgotten their game plan. Rainsburger ripped through Saint Mary's for 12 points in 28

minutes.

Rainsburger was not the only super-sub for the Bulldogs Wednesday night. Adrian had five players in double figures, including non-starters Psuate, who had 15 points to go with her 17 rebounds, and Steele, who hit four three-pointers en route to her 12 points.

Sophomore forward Justine Mullen came off the bench and scored nine points, well above her season average of 2.9 and tied for the team lead.

ADRIAN 71, SAINT MARY'S 56 at the MERILLAT CENTER

SAINT MARY'S (9-13, 4-9)

Boyce, K. 0-0 1-2 1, Lipke 4-7 0-0 8, Kessler 3-7 2-2 8, Mullen 2-8 5-6 9, Boyce, B. 4-10 0-0 9, Bush 2-6 1-2 4, Creachbaum 3-18 3-4 9, Mangan 2-3 0-0 4, Baum 1-1 0-0 2.

ADRIAN (8-13, 4-9)

Borowiak 6-11 0-1 13, Helldobler 4-8 4-4 12, Roose 0-3 2-2 2, McCall 1-5 0-0 2, Psuate 4-13 6-6 15, Steele 4-6 0-0 12, Rainsburger 4-6 2-2 12, Carter 1-1 0-0 3.

	1st	2nd	Total
SAINT MARY'S	32	25	56
Adrian	26	45	71

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 2-7 (Boyce, B. 1-3, Kessler 1-3, Mullen 0-1,), Adrian 9-18 (Borowiak 1-3, McCall 0-3, Psuate 1-1, Steele 4-6, Rainsburger 2-3, Carter 1-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 30 (Boyce, B. 6), Adrian 37 (Psuate 17). Assists: Saint Mary's 13 (Boyce, K. 5), Adrian 12 (Helldobler 6). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 16, Adrian 12.

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NBA

Jordan searching for opportunities



Michael Jordan shakes hands after a press conference for his high school basketball tournament, "The Jordan Classic."

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan is willing to wait for the right situation before becoming an NBA owner.

In the meantime, Jordan said Wednesday, he is spending time with his family and promoting various interests, including his high school All-

Star game and the release of the 20th edition of Air Jordans.

"I still have that desire [to purchase a team]. But I'm being patient and waiting for the right scenario," Jordan said at a news conference announcing his Jordan Classic prep game in April will move from Washington, D.C. to Madison Square Garden. "When the right situation comes up, it will happen. I'm very patient."

"I enjoy being home. I enjoy being with my kids and doing a lot of the things that I haven't had a chance to do. Basketball is still my passion, and I look forward to getting back into it."

Jordan, looking trim in a black pinstripe suit and silver tie, has had several runs at becoming an owner. He had talks with Charlotte Bobcats majority owner Bob Johnson about a role with the expansion team, and was in serious discussions with Sen. Herb Kohl to purchase control of the Milwaukee Bucks.

There also was a report last summer that Jordan was interested in buying the Miami Heat, before team owner Micky Arison said the franchise was not for sale.

It seems inevitable Jordan someday will have his own team. Even NBA commissioner David Stern said last year, "I would predict that in the next few years Michael Jordan will be an owner of an NBA team."

Jordan said the right situation would be "something I like ... financially it fits, economically it's worthwhile. That's important for anybody who wants to make a business decision."

He didn't rule out an expansion team, if one is approved in the future.

Jordan was asked about second-year NBA stars LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, who both will be in the All-Star game later this month. When asked about comparisons being made between Jordan and James, Jordan said, "He's doing fine on his own."

He also said he was not in favor of the route James took to the NBA — leaving high school straight for the pros. "That's not what I would do," Jordan said.

"But they have their own minds to make up."

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Irish

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defense in the second half, limiting the Friars to just 21 points on 6-for-24 shooting (25 percent). Notre Dame also outscored Providence 42-10 in the paint.

Notre Dame got a spark from freshman Tulyah Gaines, who came off the bench to score nine points on 3-for-4 shooting. She added two rebounds, two assists and two steals in 18 minutes of play.

"I thought Tulyah came in and gave us some good minutes off the bench," McGraw said.

Meanwhile, forward Courtney LaVere started for the first time since her December knee surgery and had 10 points on 5-for-9 shooting to go along with four rebounds and three steals in 23 minutes of play. Teresa Borton added 10 points and four rebounds as well for the Irish.

Bateast finished with a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds. She was 10-for-13 from the free throw line.

For the game, the Irish shot 50 percent from the field, scoring 45 second-half points. However, McGraw was not

pleased with her team's effort. "We weren't focused at all tonight, and we definitely took them lightly," McGraw said.

The Irish are back in action Saturday afternoon when they face Georgetown at the Joyce Center for another Big East contest.

NOTRE DAME 75, PROVIDENCE 57 at ALUMNI HALL

NOTRE DAME (21-3, 9-2)

Borton 5-8 0-2 10, Duffy 3-6 0-0 8, Bateast 6-15 10-13 23, Gray 4-5 0-2 8, LaVere 5-9 0-0 10, Gaines 3-4 3-4 9, Allen 3-7 0-0 6, D'Amico 0-0 1-2 1, Erwin 0-4 0-0 0.

PROVIDENCE (1-20, 0-10)

Furstenburg 3-9 3-3 9, Shields 0-2 0-0 0, Gard 1-4 0-0 2, Snyder 6-17 2-2 18, Howard 2-2 0-0 4, Baugh 4-9 2-2 11, Brown 3-4 0-0 7, Serebryanskaya 0-3 6-8 6.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	30	45	75
Providence	36	21	57

3-point goals: Notre Dame 3-8 (Duffy 2-4, Bateast 1-4), Providence 6-16 (Snyder 4-8, Brown 1-1, Baugh 1-2, Gard 0-3, Furstenburg 0-1, Shields 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 38 (Bateast 10), Providence 24 (Snyder 7). Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Duffy 5), Providence 11 (Gard 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 11, Providence 16.

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Irish freshman Charel Allen talks to assistant coach Coquese Washington, left, as assistant coach Jonathon Tsipis looks on.

Holland

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for the Belles this season in the individual medley and will likely be an essential factor in a strong start for Saint Mary's, who fell to two conference opponents — Albion and Calvin Colleges — in its last meet. Following the individual medley, sophomore Nicole Korte, who has had a successful first season swimming with the Belles, can be counted on for a strong performance in the 50-yard freestyle. Korte has been fairly consistent for the team in achieving high finishes in the sprint events throughout the season.

Competition will continue into Friday and Saturday, with a total of 20 women's events taking place during the meet.

Friday will begin with the 200-yard medley relay and

move into such events as the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke. The last race on Friday will be the 800-yard freestyle relay. The last day of the meet will open up with the event's longest race, the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Most recently, freshman Lisa Balog has been swimming the long-distance events for the Belles, with a time of 20 minutes, 5.83 in the 1,650-yard freestyle when the team competed in the Maroon Invitational in November.

The 200-yard breaststroke will also take place on Saturday, and the competition will conclude with the 400-yard freestyle relay. Preliminaries begin daily at 10 a.m. and finals begin at 6 p.m.

As of now, undefeated Calvin College sits at the top of the MIAA standings. Hope, Kalamazoo, Olivet and Albion are all ahead of the Belles. Saint Mary's is at sixth place in

the conference, with Alma College coming in at seventh.

The conference season has provided a combination of ups and downs for the Belles, but overall the program has made significant strides since last season. Saint Mary's posted its first conference victory in over a year on Jan. 15 when it defeated Alma College by a score of 51-49.

Although the competition against Kalamazoo College appeared to be a significant defeat on paper, the Belles captured five first-place finishes against one of the strongest programs in the conference.

Although the meet will not likely change Saint Mary's position in the conference standings, the Belles are in position to achieve high individual and team finishes in several of the events.

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Diedrick

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and the Biletnikoff Award winner under Diedrick, and quarterback Todd Husak was first-team all-Pac-10.

Diedrick could not match that success with the Irish, but the statistical production of a few of his position players — in addition to past experience — encouraged the Stampede's staff.

"I'm extremely pleased to have Bill join our staff, as he has a remarkable resume holding some great positions," Calgary offensive coordinator Steve Buratto said in Wednesday's press release. "I've tracked his coaching since his days with the

Eskimos, and we are very fortunate to have him join the Stampede organization."

Diedrick will coach the two offensive positions that performed best in an inconsistent final season with Notre Dame.

In 2004, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn threw for 2,586 yards and 17 touchdowns. Freshman running back Darius Walker played in 11 games, rushing for 786 yards.

In 2003, Diedrick was one of the coaches responsible for developing Quinn as a freshman. Quinn set freshman school records for passing yards, touchdowns, completions and attempts that season.

Diedrick has coached at four Division-I schools — Notre Dame, Stanford (1998-2001), Washington (1994-97)

and Washington State (1989-90) — in his 34-year career. He has also been the offensive coordinator at Division-II schools Montana State (1984-85) and Idaho (1986-88), as well as a high school head coach and a graduate assistant at Hawaii.

Diedrick has coached NFL quarterbacks Drew Bledsoe and John Friesz and top college football quarterbacks Damon and Brock Huard and Marques Tuiasosopo.

He graduated from Eastern Washington in 1970 with bachelor's degrees in physical therapy and physical education. He earned a master's degree in education from Hawaii in 1971.

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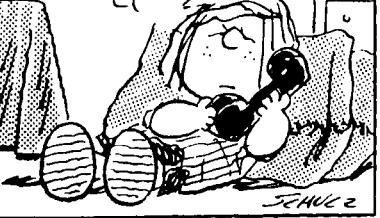
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20 Title grp. in an ABC drama

21 Some Balkans

22 Popular seafood chain

26 1950's-60's TV star

28 Cockeyed

29 "The Odd Couple" role

31 Reggae relative

32 Pick

35 Luau doings

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37 Popular rock/rap/funk group

42 Deep sleep

43 Action star Steven

44 Gambling site: Abbr.

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55 Draft holder

56 Player of one of the Corleones

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58 Discount coast-to-coast plane ticket

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65 Good name for a DNA expert

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Puzzle by Kyle Mahowald

36 Joe of "Apollo 13"

38 Like "Lawrence of Arabia"

39 "Yikes!"

40 Talk crazily

41 Go downhill

44 "And I'm the queen of England"

45 Popular game import from Russia

46 Robin feature

48 Puts down

51 Stirs up

53 Drink from a dish

54 A wee hour

56 Trifling amount, in a phrase

58 Teamwork disrupter

59 Pro vote

60 Secretive org.

61 Business loss

62 Geologic period

63 Article that may go with berets

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get ready to ride the storm. You won't know which way is up, but you will do just fine. Don't set your goals out of reach, but don't give up and set them too low. Balance will be the key to your success.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay in the background and you'll stay out of trouble. Saying too much can lead to a loss of friendship. Stop talking about what you are going to do and take action. It's what you accomplish that will count. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be the one who gets everyone going today. Your genuine enthusiasm coupled with your smart ideas and inventive solutions will lead to popularity and a chance meeting with someone special.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everyone will understand what you are trying to do. Investment or a pending settlement is looking favorable. Luck is in your corner, and good things are coming your way. A change may not be welcome, but it will be beneficial. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): How you treat others will determine how well your day will turn out. It will be vital that you are willing to help out wherever you can. Friendships will form that can influence your future. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Strong beliefs will lead to success. Work-related events will allow you to make a strategic move into the spotlight where you can impress everyone with your ability to take care of matters professionally. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get angry about the little things when you have so much going for you. This can be a wonderful day filled with romance, adventure and advancement. If you can dream it, you can make it so. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Change may be required, but you don't have to be dramatic about it. Keep your plans to yourself, and you'll avoid opposition. You need to formulate what will serve you best before taking action. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make a big splash if you present your ideas. Travel the information highway and you will discover everything you need to know. Self-improvement, romance and luck are all highlighted today. ****

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Winning ugly

Irish trail last-place Providence by six at half, storm back to give Friars 10 straight losses

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Providence wasn't supposed to compete with No. 6 Notre Dame. The Friars scored just six points in the first half against No. 10 Connecticut Feb. 5, and won just one game all year.

But the Irish took them lightly Wednesday night, and as a result found themselves losing at halftime before pulling away for a 75-57 win at Alumni Hall.

"We played the worst defensive half of the year in the first half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Give credit to their offense."

McGraw, who just two days ago was praising the play of late of her team, was not pleased with the Irish effort Wednesday night. Notre Dame gave up 36 points in the first half with the Friars shooting 50 percent from the field. Shauna Snyder led the way for

Providence with 16 of her 18 points in the first half, helping the Friars to a 36-30 halftime lead.

"Snyder was playing out of her mind," McGraw said. "She shot the ball real well, and she got a lot of open looks too."

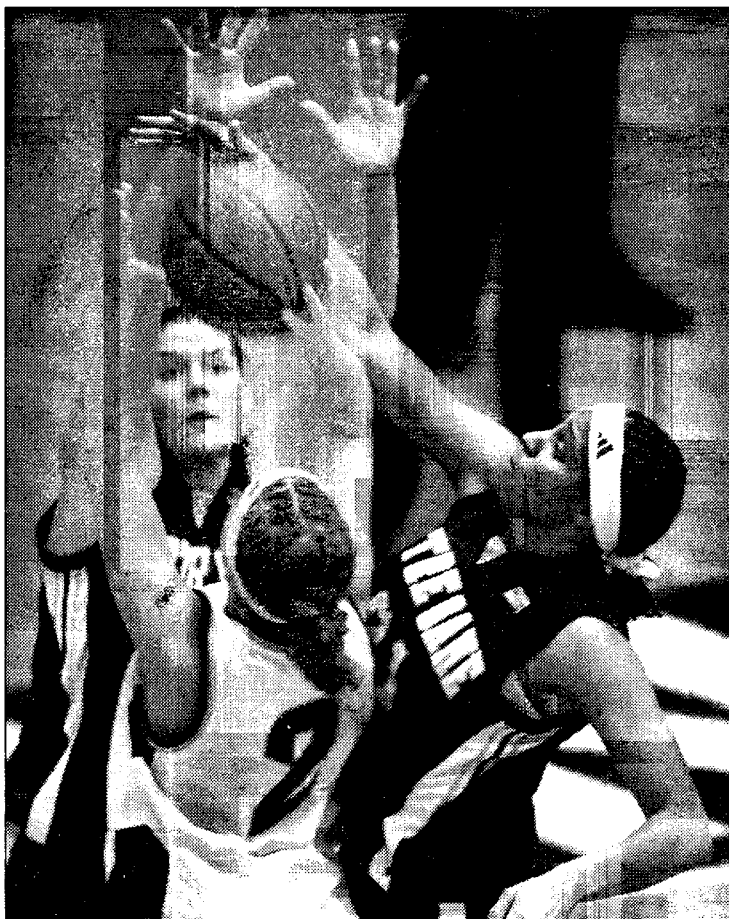
Providence (1-20, 0-10 Big East) lost its 10th game in a row after the Irish (21-3, 9-2) pulled away in the second half with a 21-3 run. During the run, Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast scored seven points to give the Irish a 67-49 lead with 5:50 to play, sealing the Irish victory.

Snyder finished 6-for-17 from the field, including 4-for-8 from beyond the arc. The Friars hit six 3-pointers as a team, most of them wide-open looks.

"We just didn't have any leadership tonight and it started with our leaders," McGraw said. "The underclassmen just followed suit."

The Irish played better

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Irish teammates Jacqueline Batteast, right, and Teresa Borton block a shot by Providence guard Kristina Baugh.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles trek to Holland for MIAAs

Three-day conference championships start today with prelims

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team hit the road Wednesday afternoon to travel to the Holland Community Aquatic Center in Holland, Mich., to compete in the MIAA Conference Championship.

The three-day event begins this morning with swimmers taking to the water for preliminary events at 10 a.m. The day kicks off with the 200-yard freestyle relay, followed by the 500-yard freestyle. The afternoon will play host to a variety of events, including the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle.

Junior Sarah Nowak has been an especially strong swimmer

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FOOTBALL

Diedrick heads north to coach Stampedeers

Ex-Irish coordinator accepts position with Calgary of the CFL

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Bill Diedrick is headed back to the CFL.

The Calgary Stampeder Football Club of the Canadian Football League named the former Notre Dame offensive coordinator its new quarterbacks and running backs coach on Wednesday.

Diedrick, who lost his job after Irish coach Tyrone Willingham was fired but coached Notre Dame's offense in the Insight Bowl, has over 30 years of coaching experi-



Diedrick

ence, including a two-year stint with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos (1991-92).

"Bill's background speaks for itself," senior vice-president of football operations and head coach Tom Higgins said in a Wednesday press release. "He brings an enormous amount of knowledge, as well as his CFL experience, to the Stampedeers and will be a huge asset to the coaching staff."

Diedrick most recently spent three years as Notre Dame's offensive coordinator from 2002-04, guiding the team to a 21-16 record under the West Coast offense.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Diedrick was the offensive coordinator for four years at Stanford, where he built one of the nation's most productive offenses.

Cardinal receiver Troy Walters — now of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts — was Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year

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SMC BASKETBALL

Bad half gives Adrian win

Belles lead at break on the road, fall apart in second half

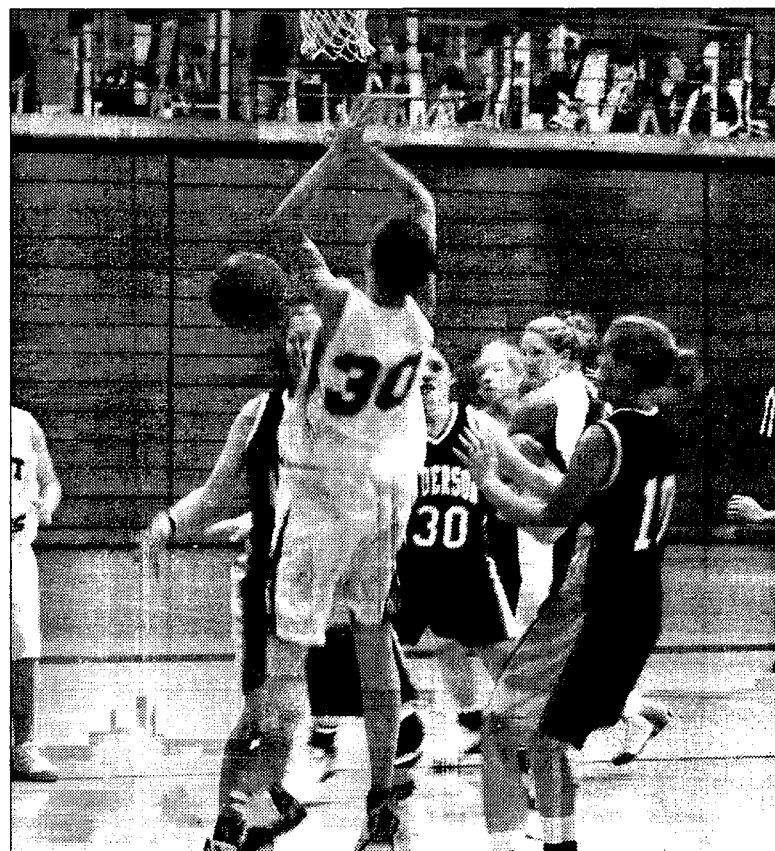
By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

It was an all too familiar scenario for the Saint Mary's Belles.

Just like earlier games this season against Albion and Alma, the Belles took a lead into the locker room against the Adrian Bulldogs, but a major second half scoring drought led to a disappointing 71-56 loss for Saint Mary's Wednesday night at the Merillat Center in Adrian, Mich.

After a back and forth first 10 minutes, the Belles (9-13, 4-9 MIAA) pulled out to 30-20 lead just before halftime. Two Adrian threes cut the lead, but Saint Mary's was still up 32-26 at the break.

The second half, however



Saint Mary's Bernadette Broderick, 30, struggles for a loose ball during the Belles 69-54 win over Anderson Dec. 9.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NBA

Former NBA star Hakeem Olajuwon's mosque gave over \$80,000 to charities discovered to be fronts for terrorist groups.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

An NCAA committee suggested the use of video replay in all leagues for the 2005 season.

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NHL

League commissioner Gary Bettman said this weekend is the deadline to end the lockout and save the season.

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WOMEN'S NCAA BBALL

No. 7 Baylor 73, Oklahoma 72

The Lady Bears escape an upset thanks to Sophia Young's jumper in the final seconds.

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NBA

Lakers 104, Nets 103, OT

Heat 116, Knicks 110, OT

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MEN'S NCAA BBALL

No. 7 Duke, No. 2 North Carolina

The Blue Devils upset the Tar Heels at Cameron Indoor Stadium behind J.J. Redick's 18 points.

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