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Controversial film event to begin

Showings to be called 'Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship'

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

Two weeks after University President Father John Jenkins questioned the presence of controversial events on campus in a series of major addresses to the Notre Dame community, the event formerly known as the Queer Film Festival will begin today under a new name — garnering national media attention and stirring student activism.

"Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship" is the new title for the annual film event entering its third year at the University. In his addresses to students, faculty and alumni, Jenkins said the event's previous title seemed "to celebrate homosexual activity."

"When, year after year, we sponsor something or a unit of the University sponsors something that appears to be in conflict with Catholic teaching, the University's name is used

in such a way that it seems to support that which it doesn't support. It's more [about] authenticity of character and its representation," Jenkins told The Observer following the addresses.

The Queer Film Festival was renamed after months of meetings between various groups connected to the event.

"The new name was agreed upon by all parties involved, which included student organizers, the department of Film, Television and Theatre [FTT]

and the University administration," event co-chair Martin Laina said.

Those parties are all satisfied with the name, Laina said.

But the event's content and purpose as an academic endeavor have not changed, Laina said, adding the new name is not nearly as important as the event itself.

"The title accurately reflects the aims and purposes of the event, which are to showcase

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Leaders confront ordinance

But city officials remain skeptical

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

The controversial South Bend Public Nuisance Ordinance — which caused some students to face fines and evictions — may be less intrusive and strict if some student government leaders have it their way.

Their Monday night meeting initiated their plan for their Feb. 27 visit to the South Bend Common Council, where they intend to appeal for consideration of a Student Senate resolution on the controversial amendment to South Bend's Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney Ann-Carol Nash said Wednesday she would not support such an appeal.

The resolution requests the Council further amend the ordinance so that landlords are encouraged to evict disruptive tenants after the second, rather than the first, violation of the ordinance. As it stands, the ordinance suggests landlords undertake eviction proceedings as a defense against possible fines after a single notice to abate — a recommendation which is contrary to the spirit of a notice to abate, student body president Dave Baron said Tuesday.

"In our resolution, we ask that the ordinance be made consistent with the concept of a notice to abate," he said.

Nash told The Observer that while she could not predict the Council's reaction, she would not suggest the ordinance be changed.

"My question to the Council would be, 'Do you want to tell

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STUDENT SENATE

Group dissects academic freedom

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Presenting their constituents' views while articulating their own, senators grappled with the complex topic of academic freedom and Catholic character at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting — a discussion meant to prepare the group for an upcoming visit from University President Father John Jenkins.

A variety of opinions and concerns surfaced in their dorm communities, senators said.

"The goal of a Catholic university should be to include all students," Cavanaugh senator Liz Brown said.

Cavanaugh residents worried that a University decision to ban certain events — like "The Vagina Monologues" — could alienate members of the Notre Dame community, Brown said.

Other dorms approached the debate from a charity angle. Zahm senator Pat Knapp said many students told him they were especially concerned about charities that would not

receive the expected funds raised in the past by "The Vagina Monologues."

"We want to know where that money is going to come from, if not 'The Vagina Monologues,'" Knapp said.

He said his constituents decided the presence of the "Monologues" on campus had no deteriorating effect on their own Catholic character.

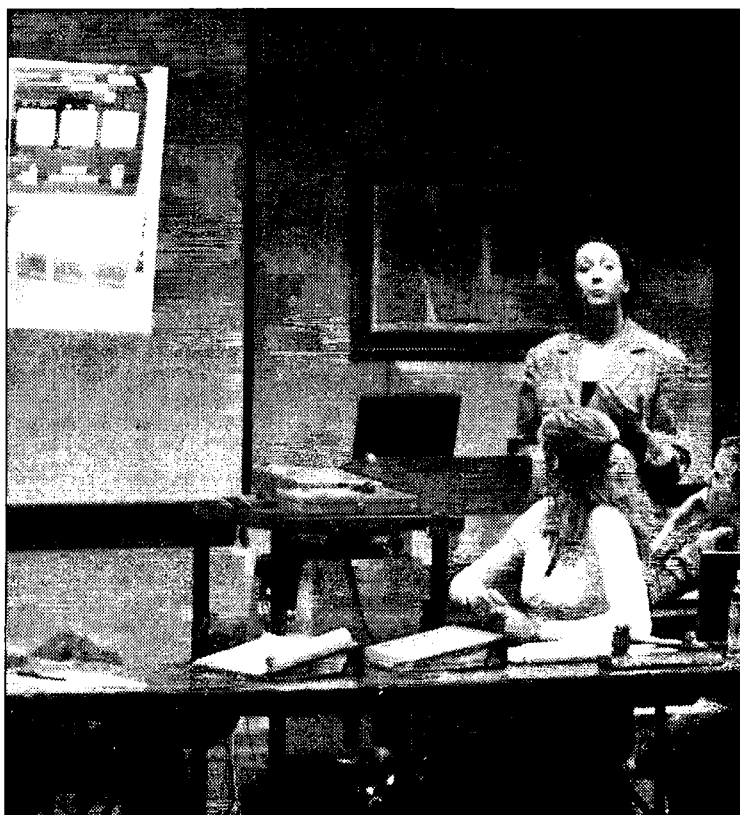
"We're all just as Catholic as we were before knew about [the 'Monologues']," Knapp said. "It's art, before anything else ... it's subjective ... meant to evoke emotion, responses."

Lewis senator Katie McHugh, Siegfried senator Ben Gunty and St. Ed's senator Fred Thwaites all built on the idea of how a person's Catholic faith can be strengthened in the presence of opposing views.

Noting Jenkins' extensive study of the works of Thomas Aquinas, Gunty paraphrased one of Aquinas' ideas.

"With true knowledge of [your] Catholic faith, you should

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Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell listens to a presentation from a College Readership Program representative on Wednesday.

Panel discusses jazz, hip-hop's reflection of black culture



ADRIENNE RUFFNER/The Observer

Panelists discuss the role of music as a representative of black culture throughout history on Wednesday.

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

The portrayal of hip-hop artists in contemporary society and the progression of music genres that reflect the progression of black culture were the topics of discussion Wednesday evening in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

"Fight the Power: The Evolution of Music in African-American Culture" was sponsored by Shades of Ebony and the Department of Africana Studies. It included a panel comprised of Ivy Wilson, assis-

tant professor of English; Larry Dwyer, Notre Dame's director of jazz studies; Alvin Tillery, associate professor of political science; and Richard Pierce, associate history professor and Africana studies department chair.

Jazz and hip-hop were the two music genres that received the most attention, though the discussion involved the entire history of black music and culture.

"You literally could look at black music as a soundtrack to black history," Wilson said.

After quick introductions and opening statements, the panel dove right into the question of

whether jazz was a force for social change.

"It was [a force for social change] in a few respects," Dwyer said. "For one, it did bring white and black musicians together to play music together."

Nearly one quarter of Billie Holiday's accompanying musicians were white in the 1940s. Black and white jazz musicians got together for jam sessions, even though laws forbade them from doing so publicly, Dwyer said.

Wilson disagreed with Dwyer's point.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Cheap seats

I'm known for a lot of things, but among my college friends two stand out: my penchant for free crap and my tendency to be absolutely random. My roommates — one of whom happens to be the mail lady for our building — have often commented on the multitude of products and gift cards that come to our door, everything from free dinners at Outback Steakhouse to books to lots and lots of free samples. I don't care what's in the envelope as long as it's mail, because like all college students, mail and free stuff make me very happy.

The randomness is another story. My former roommate Tara told me on an almost daily basis, "You are the most random person I know." And this was before my decision to bring home a giant salmon — head, scales and all — from the grocery store just because it looked cool.

I disappear for days and can often be found in random spots around town adventurously roaming about and watching the residents. This has led me to the discovery of some of my favorite South Bend spots — Fiddler's Hearth at lunchtime, the duck pond in the park, the College Football Hall of Fame — but only one place in the city has combined my love of everything that is free and my tendency to jaunt off to nowhere for no reason.

Movies 6 on University. Fondly known to me as "the dollar show," it actually costs two most of the time — but who am I to complain? It's almost as cheap as free, costing only \$1 on Wednesdays and \$.50 on Mondays when three people buy tickets together, and I can use the change I should be using to do my laundry with to get in. It costs three to six times as much to get in to a regular movie. That's a lot of money for someone who sees as many movies as I do.

I worked at a movie theater for five years before coming to college, and my ADD-addled brain became almost addicted to the serenity that comes with engrossing yourself in someone else's story for a few short hours.

Now, my video collection is monstrous and dropping in to see a movie at the local theater from time to time has become almost second nature to me.

In my own hometown, the cheap movie theater, Westlake, closed down after my senior year — which made me terribly sad, although I gained free entry at the theater I worked at. Westlake — like Movies 6 in South Bend — was a Peoria institution, and I was sad to see it go.

Since I came to college, one of my favorite things to do when driving around South Bend at any time of day is just pull in to the dollar show and see whatever's playing. Over the past weekend when my roommates all went home and I was left with nothing to do I saw three movies — three — for a total cost of \$4. Amazing.

Now, one of them was the worst movie I have ever seen in my life, but hey — I only paid a buck to see it. And I would have paid at least twice that to rent it. So at least I took a chance and got it out of the way.

Say what you want about Movies 6 — they play older movies, it's too small, the lobby isn't that nice — but I, along with the hundreds of South Bend residents who flood in every day, sometimes kids in tow, to see a cheap show, would have to argue with you. I love the dollar show and I hope it never closes. I know I'll be there every week to keep them in business.

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Nicole Zook

Assistant
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU ATTEND THE GAY AND LESBIAN FILM SHOWINGS THIS WEEKEND? WHY OR WHY NOT?



Greer Hanan
freshman
Farley

"I'm not, because I'm going to the Edith Stein project."



Patrick Milhaupt
senior
Carroll

"Probably not, because I have a lot of homework to do."



Stephanie Best
junior
Welsh Fam

"I'm going if she goes."



Meghan Horn
senior
Cavanaugh

"I'm going if she goes."



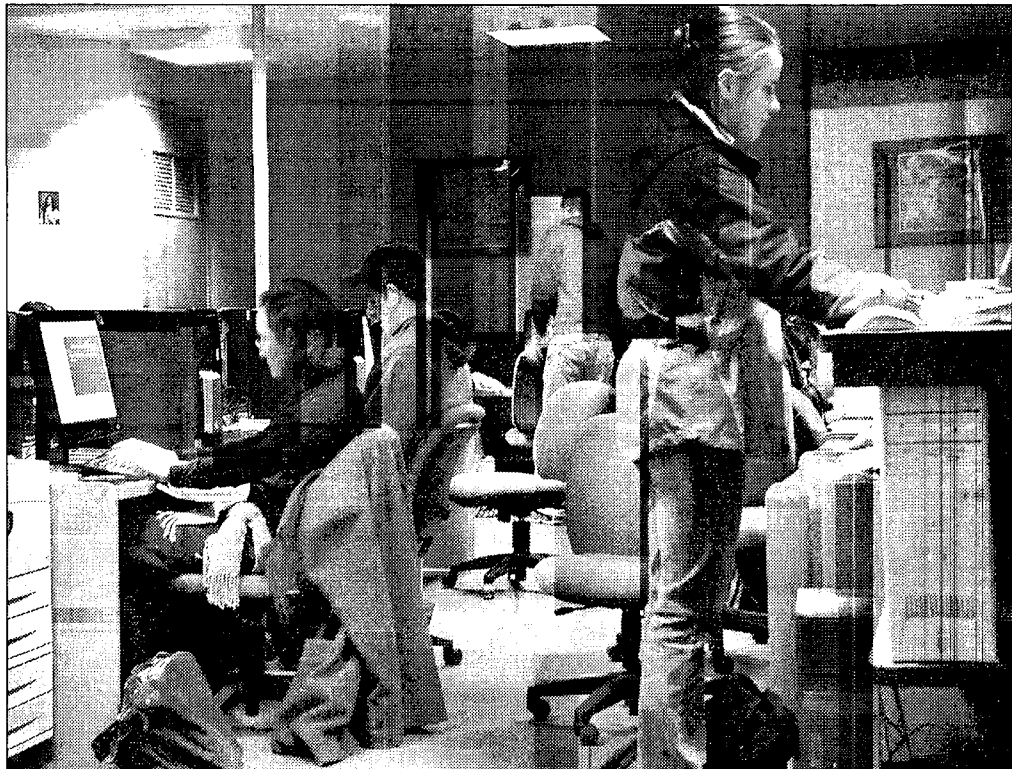
Michael Greer
Law student
Morrissey

"Probably not, because Father Jenkins doesn't think I should."



Zander Stachniak
freshman
Morrissey

"Yes, they sound like great movies."



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Students check e-mail and finish assignments Tuesday in the OIT computer cluster in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center.

IN BRIEF

The student government General Election Debate will take place at 8 p.m. tonight in the Huddle area of the LaFortune Student Center.

Participants in Speed Dating will have 10 dates in half an hour at 11:55 p.m. tonight at Legends. To sign up, e-mail legends@nd.edu by today.

The Pasquerilla East Musical Co. will present Footloose at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office.

The Edith Stein Project: Redefining Feminism, a two-day conference on violence against women, will take place from 12 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday in McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame Symphony will present its winter concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It will feature two student soloists — winners of the ND Concerto Competition on the Beethoven Violin Concerto and Schumann Piano concerto. Tickets are \$3 online and at the box office at 1-2800.

The Handbell and Celebration Choirs are presenting their annual joint concert of sacred music at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Admission is free.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Six-year-old boy suspended for sexual harassment

BROCKTON, Mass. A Brockton, Mass., first grader was suspended from school for three days for allegedly sexually harassing a girl in his class.

The principal of the Downey Elementary School claims the boy put two fingers inside the girl's waistband last week during circle time.

The boy's mother, Berthena Dorinvil, does not understand what her child is being punished for. She says it was an innocent pat on the back; and now, her son is being treated like a criminal.

"Say sexual harassment in front of my son ... how am I

going to explain that? How? Because he doesn't even know what that is."

Spokesperson for the school, Cynthia McNally said, "They would not have suspended the child without doing an investigation."

Undercover kitten helps nab accused fake vet

EUGENE, Ore. — Debra Schwarz and her two dogs are taking the long way home. The really long way. The three are stranded in Eugene, with no available transportation.

So Schwarz, 46, has decided to walk home to Wichita Falls, Texas, pulling a large cart she built herself and covered with handwritten

tirades against people she believes have done her wrong.

The only problem is, she hasn't gotten very far. Every time she hits the road, the police stop her.

Her 4-foot-wide, 7-foot-long cart is a traffic hazard, police said, and puts Schwarz and her dogs, Lucky and Junior, at risk of being hit by a car.

Police in Eugene and Springfield have escorted her off local highways at least three times in the past month after drivers complained that they couldn't get around her.

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Students to host Stein conference

Topics for 'The Edith Stein Project' include rape, eating disorders

Special to The Observer

A group of Notre Dame students is hosting a two-day conference to examine the manner in which contemporary culture imperils the dignity of women and to describe the vocation of women in the modern world.

The conference, entitled "The Edith Stein Project: Redefining Feminism," will be held Friday and Saturday in McKenna Hall. Rape, domestic violence, abortion, eating disorders, and the plight of female migrant workers will be among the topics discussed by a variety of speakers, including Alasdair MacIntyre, senior research fellow in Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture; Rev. John A. Coughlin, professor of law in the Notre Dame Law School; Cynthia

Mahmood, associate professor of anthropology at Notre Dame; Laura Garcia, professor of philosophy at Boston College; Michael Scaperlanda, professor of law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law; and Deirdre McQuade, pro-life spokeswoman for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Born Oct. 12, 1891 to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany, Edith Stein studied philology and philosophy at the Universities of Breslau and Goettingen and earned a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Freiburg, where she was a friend and collaborator with Edmund Husserl, the founder of phenomenology. She converted to Catholicism when she was 30 years old and 12

years later entered the Carmelite convent in Cologne. Fleeing persecution, she moved to a Carmelite convent in Echt, Holland, in 1938 but was arrested by the Nazis in 1942 during a nationwide retaliation following the Dutch Catholic bishops' denunciation of the deportation of Jews and the expulsion of Jewish children from the Catholic school system. She died at Auschwitz on Aug. 9, 1942. Known in the Carmelite order as Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein was canonized, or proclaimed a saint, by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

The conference will close with a Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be the presiding celebrant.

Scholar finds cartoon protests distressing

Special to The Observer

Rashied Omar is a Muslim scholar at Notre Dame who makes it his mission in life to harness religion as a force for building peace. He shakes his head in deep distress that Danish cartoons have led to violent protests in the name of Islam.



Omar

"This has really set us back," said Omar, who coordinates the Program in Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding at Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Omar is a former imam of a South African mosque, and he teaches a course in Islamic ethics. He understands why most Muslims view a cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad with a bomb coming out of his headgear as offensive and reprehensible.

"It is yet another illustration of Islamophobia and hate speech against Muslims that in their view appears to be pervasive in western media depictions of Islam," he said.

But those who vent their dismay with destruction are

wrong, Omar believes. He has joined Islamic scholars and institutions all over the world — including the Grand Muftis of Syria, Egypt and the Turkish Ministry of Religious Affairs — who have unequivocally condemned the violence that has accompanied some of the Muslim protests over the cartoons.

"The death of four Afghan protesters, the killing of a Catholic priest in Turkey, the torching of Danish embassies in Syria and Lebanon, the issuing of death threats against journalists should be condemned as abomination and contrary to the letter and spirit of Islam," he said.

He called upon the world community to use the tragic sequence of events as an impetus for candid dialogue about freedom of speech, cultural xenophobia, and the root causes of violence and terror.

"There is a dire need for the followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as all other traditions, to retrieve our common humanity and to end the horrific dehumanization that is taking place on global scale," he said.

Omar holds a doctorate from the University of Cape Town, and a master's degree in peace studies from Notre Dame.

Activist to discuss Emmett Till

Special to The Observer

Keith Beauchamp, civil rights activist and filmmaker, will discuss his documentary "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The

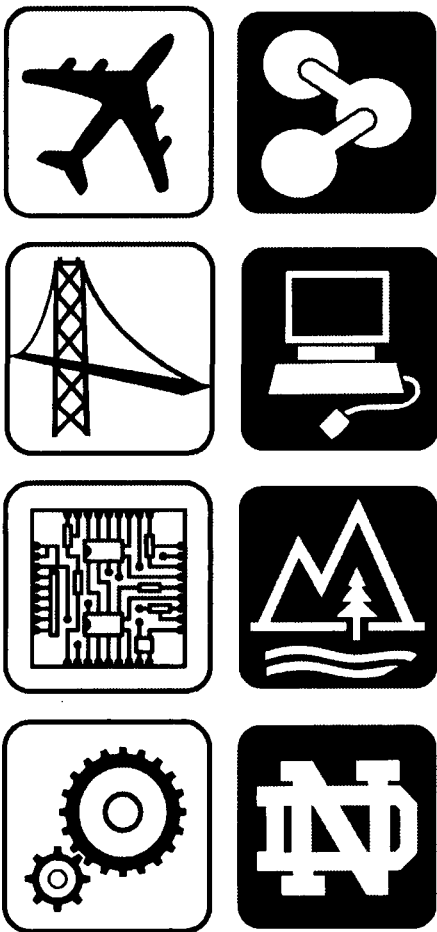
lecture is free and open to the public.

In a tragedy that contributed to the beginning of the civil rights movement, Till, a black Chicago teenager visiting Money, Miss., was beaten and murdered for publicly addressing a white woman in 1955. The two men charged

in the case were acquitted by an all-white jury.

Beauchamp's documentary provides eyewitness testimony and an interview with Till's mother, which revealed other potentially guilty parties and ultimately prompted the U.S. Department of Justice to reopen the case in 2004.

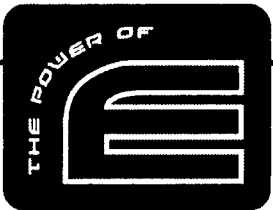
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN OUR CLASS OF 2010.

Relations

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people essentially it's OK to break law on multiple occasions?" she said. "That's the kind of message it seems to send."

The city's logic in sending a notice to the landlord is that he or she did not plan to disrupt the neighborhood, Nash said.

"But the tenant did, and if tenant served alcohol to an 18-year-old, and the 18-year-old gets hurt as a result, people question what the city is doing."

Such questioning is sure to occur if the ordinance is further amended to encourage eviction after two violations, she said.

"If everyone gets two or three bites of apple before they get evicted, knowing full well in advance there will be a problem, that tells the neighbors their comfort and quality of life doesn't matter," she said.

In hopes of persuading Nash and members of the Council otherwise, members of the Council of Representatives and the Student Senate Committee on Community Relations will attend the Feb. 27 meeting, along with any other student senators who choose to do so.

When the floor opens to the public at the meeting's end, six yet-unnamed students will speak to the Council as part of an organized presentation. They will speak on topics including community relations initiatives, the six stu-

dents who were evicted under the ordinance, perceived inconsistencies in the ordinance's text and alternatives to eviction available to landlords.

"We're not going to complain," Baron said. "We're not going in a combative role, but in a participatory role, which is something they want to see."

Baron said he has not heard from the six evicted students recently.

"I know they were intending to move out, to campus or other apartments," he said.

Student government is also reaching directly to the landlords through Josh Pasquesi, counselor to the president, who has been working with landlords at Turtle Creek, College Park, Lafayette Street, Clover Ridge and East Race Condos, Baron said.

"We just want to talk to landlords and let them know what students are thinking," Baron said. "We want to let them know they don't have to evict at the first violation."

Landlords are encouraged to evict students by the clause of the amendment stating that after the notice to abate, a second violation on the premises will result in a fine ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. The amount of the fine is determined in part by the landlord's efforts to ensure that another violation does not occur. Another key point, Baron said, is that the fine can be passed on from landlord to tenant.

"We're not advocating breaking the law," Baron said, "but there are degrees of offenses, from misdemeanors to felonies. There are degrees of law and degrees of penalty based on the offense."

Baron expressed satisfaction that community relations has become a central issue in the current student body presidential campaigns, noting that only he and student body vice president Lizzi Shappell addressed the issue when campaigning for office last year.

"We have seen the frayed relations that exist and the potential for growth," he said. "To see so many students come with plans ... is a great sign of progress."

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Senate

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have no fear of opposition," Guntz said.

Censoring productions that present non-Catholic values, he said, is "indirectly implying we as students don't have knowledge of our faith."

Thwaites said while many times students are raised Catholic, it's by birth, not choice. Confrontation with a different belief system can help students realize the true nature of their faith, he said.

"When you come to a university like Notre Dame, it's a very new experience. I think the Catholicism, in a way, should fit that mold," Thwaites said. "When you come to a university, you're not forced into the path, you have options. Ultimately, hopefully [questioning students] will choose Catholicism, not [have it] chosen for them."

And despite Jenkins' attempts to open the dialogue to the entire campus community — delivering three addresses, putting the speech's transcript and feed on the Internet and setting up an e-mail address for feedback — there are still plenty of unanswered questions and widespread misunderstanding, senators said.

The boundaries of potential University policies need clarification, Siegfried senator Ben Guntz said.

"I think what some people are concerned about is, 'where do we draw the line?'" Guntz said.

Both Brown and Walsh senator Erin Hankins said there was confusion regarding the different guidelines for department-sponsored and dorm-run events, citing an apparent double standard.

Hankins read the Open Speaker Policy outlined in duLac — a University statement she said seems to protect the presence of controversial events on campus.

"Notre Dame students and student organizations are free to examine and to discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately ... [They] may invite and hear any person of their own choosing," DuLac reads. "Sponsorship of

guest speakers does not imply approval or endorsement of the views expressed either by the sponsoring group or the University."

Physics professor Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate liaison, also drew from duLac.

He quoted the University's mission statement: "The intellectual exchange essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and views of diverse scholars and students ... Therefore, the University insists upon academic freedom which makes open discussion and inquiry possible."

Collon testified to the confusion surrounding the University's guidelines, a haze he said clouds both current debate and "many difficult discussions" to be discovered in the future.

"I think what Notre Dame lacks at the moment is a transparent policy," Collon said. "I would strongly encourage you to work in that direction."

Fisher senator Chris Garibaldi said if the University continues to allow "morally questionable" productions and offers them a "place of prominence enjoyed by no other events," he did not see how Notre Dame could "stop [its] Catholic identity from eroding any further."

He believed the University's decision to present "The Vagina Monologues" in a DeBartolo Hall classroom with free admission was a good solution.

"I think that helps academic freedom more than anything else," said Garibaldi, who thought the free admission could encourage more students to attend the production.

Several senators said the most important avenue to pursue is compromise regardless of the side students take in the debate.

Welsh Family senator Brenna Doyle emphasized the idea of a "common goal" that could satisfy multiple groups and suggested that "Catholic character be infused into [current] events to set standards."

While some people may see academic freedom and Catholic character as opposing forces, Keough senator Rob Lindley said the two are meant to coexist at Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame should not have to sacrifice its academic character or its Catholic values," Lindley said. "However, it shouldn't have to sacrifice its academic values for its Catholic character as well."

In other Senate news:

◆ Representatives from the College Readership Program addressed senators at the beginning of the meeting to discuss the next step in implementing the program at Notre Dame this fall — a timely discussion, since student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said the Board of Trustees recently approved the \$15 student activity fee increase passed by Senate in October.

USA Today account manager Megan O'Connell presented options regarding distribution locations — or "touchpoints" — and distribution receptacles.

"The goal of this program is easy access, convenient and accessible for students," O'Connell said.

Approximately 2,000 newspapers will be available to students daily next fall. The types and locations of papers have not been determined at this point, but Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris will work on these details with Readership Program representatives during the next few weeks.

◆ The Oversight committee presented two resolutions to the Senate modifying the Student Union constitution. Both passed without opposition.

The first resolution grants Senate committees the ability to program events — a power already used by many committees but technically unconstitutional — while the second clarifies certain aspects of the annual transition process.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebel riots disrupt Nepal elections

KATMANDU — A rebel attack and an opposition boycott marred Nepal's first elections in seven years Wednesday, as few voters turned out at schools, shrines and temples for municipal balloting seen as a referendum on the Himalayan country's king. Two people were killed in the riots.

Hours before polls opened, rebels launched a major assault on the eastern town of Dhankuta, bombing at least 12 government buildings and destroying the local bank, police officials said.

The rebels killed one policeman and one civilian, and took seven government officials and three police officers hostage, said a police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Mex. sues hotel that expelled Cubans

MEXICO CITY — Mexico issued a complaint Tuesday against an American-owned hotel that — under pressure from the U.S. government — expelled a group of Cuban businessmen meeting with U.S. energy executives, saying the company violated trade protection laws.

The U.S. Treasury Department confirmed that the Hotel Maria Isabel Sheraton in Mexico City was told to expel the Cuban delegation in compliance with the U.S. embargo against business with Cuba or Cubans.

People protested outside the hotel on Tuesday, waving Mexican and Cuban flags, and signs reading "Stop bowing to U.S. imperialism that harms national sovereignty."

NATIONAL NEWS

Soldier refunded for missing gear

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A former soldier injured in Iraq is getting a refund after being forced to pay for his missing body armor vest, which medics destroyed because it was soaked with his blood, officials said Wednesday.

First Lt. William "Eddie" Rebrook IV, 25, had to leave the Army with a shrapnel injury to his arm. But before he could be discharged last week, he says he had to scrounge up cash from his buddies to pay \$632 for the body armor and other gear he had lost.

Rebrook, who graduated from West Point with honors, said he was billed because a supply officer failed to document that the vest was destroyed as a biohazard. He said a battalion commander refused to sign a waiver for the vest, saying Rebrook would have to supply witness statements to verify the vest was taken from him and burned.

Nerve agent scare clears Senate office

WASHINGTON — A Capitol office building was evacuated Wednesday night after sensors indicated the presence of a nerve agent, but subsequent tests proved negative.

"Tests initially indicated a nerve agent," said Capitol Police Sgt. Kimberly Schneider. "A subsequent test indicated it is not a nerve agent."

Schneider said about a dozen senators were among 200 people who were asked to remain in a parking garage. "We'll keep everyone until we don't have the need to keep them anymore," she said.

Authorities were awaiting the results of a third test for more conclusive results. None of the people gathered showed signs of sickness or other adverse symptoms.

LOCAL NEWS

State to improve juvenile centers

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Department of Correction is to improve special education programs at its juvenile centers under an agreement with the U.S. Justice Department that resolves civil rights investigations at two facilities.

The state agency also must try to provide better security at the centers as part of the settlement, Commissioner J. David Donahue said Wednesday.

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division alleged last September that the state violated the civil rights of juveniles held at facilities in Logansport and South Bend.

AFGHANISTAN

Islamic clerics call for end to riots

Police shoot civilians protesting cartoons of Prophet Muhammad, four dead

Associated Press

KABUL — Afghanistan's top Islamic organization on Wednesday called for an end to violent protests over drawings of the Prophet Muhammad, as police shot four protesters to death to stop a crowd from marching on a U.S. military base in the southern part of the country.

"Islam says it's all right to demonstrate but not to resort to violence. This must stop," senior cleric Mohammed Usman told The Associated Press. "We condemn the cartoons but this does not justify violence. These rioters are defaming the name of Islam."

Other members of Afghanistan's Ulama Council went on radio and television Wednesday to appeal for calm.

Hundreds rioted outside the U.S. military base in the southern city of Qalat on Wednesday, throwing rocks at Afghan police. Police tried to clear the crowd by firing shots in the air, then were forced to fire into the crowd, said Ghulam Nabi Malakhail, the provincial police chief.

Four people were killed and at least 20 were wounded, he said.

The protesters then set fire to three fuel tankers that were waiting to deliver gas to the base, Malakhail said. He said U.S. troops fired warning shots into the air.

A U.S. military spokesman, Lt. Mike Cody, said he had no details on the incident.

Eleven people have been killed in the past week as thousands have taken to the streets in a dozen Afghan cities and towns to march against the cartoons, which have been reprinted in various European media after first appearing in a Danish newspaper in September.

The drawings — including one depicting the prophet wearing a turban shaped as a bomb — have touched a raw nerve among Muslims. Islam is interpreted to forbid any illustrations of



An Afghan man stands outside a U.S. military base northeast of Kandahara, where protesters, enraged over the cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, set a truck on fire Wednesday.

Muhammad for fear they could lead to idolatry.

Elsewhere on Wednesday, about 300 Palestinians attacked an international observer mission in the West Bank city of Hebron and tried to set one of the buildings on fire in a protest against the cartoons.

Sixty members of the mission were inside at the time, said Gunhild Forselv, a spokeswoman for the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, or TIPH, which serves as a buffer between Israeli settlers and Palestinians in the volatile city.

Eleven Danish members of TIPH left more than a week ago after protests against the cartoons began sweeping

across the Muslim world, Forselv said.

The protesters chased away outnumbered Palestinian police stationed outside the mission, Forselv said. Reinforcements were called in to quell the disturbance.

Indonesia's foreign minister said Wednesday that radical groups around the world were exploiting public anger over the cartoons.

"The cartoons have hurt the Islamic community, so it has added to ammunition for [global] radical groups to exploit the situation and the whole thing has got out of proportion," Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda told reporters.

The heads of the United

Nations, European Union and the world's largest Islamic group issued a statement Tuesday also urging an end to the deadly protests.

"Aggression against life and property can only damage the image of a peaceful Islam," said the statement released jointly by Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the EU chief Javier Solana.

In Copenhagen, Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen showed no sign of diverting from his government's stance that it cannot apologize for the actions of an independent newspaper, as demanded by several Muslim governments.

Three convicted in smuggling case

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three more people were convicted Wednesday in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt, a journey that ended in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who had been packed into a stifling tractor-trailer.

The defendants, all U.S. citizens from South Texas, were convicted of conspiracy and harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. All could get up to 20 years in prison at sentencing May 1.

Prosecutors said Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, 58, his wife, Emma Sapata Rodriguez, 59, and her half-

sister, Rosa Sarrata Gonzalez, hid the immigrants in their home and moved them to other houses before they were loaded into an airtight tractor-trailer for transport from South Texas to Houston in 2003.

"It's time to send a message to these three that their days of making money on the pain, desperation of others has come to an end," federal prosecutor Daniel Rodriguez told the jury.

The trio could have faced life in prison if the jury had held the defendants responsible for the immigrants' deaths, but jurors told the judge they did not feel that way.

More than 70 illegal immigrants in

all were packed into the tractor-trailer. As they traveled, they began to succumb to the rising heat inside the trailer. Seventeen were dead by the time the trailer was discovered, and two died later. They all died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation.

Survivors testified that the immigrants took off their sweat-drenched clothes for relief and crowded around holes they punched in the truck so they could breathe. They also kicked out a signal light to get the attention of passing motorists.

They were found after the driver abandoned the trailer at a truck stop in Victoria.

FAITH POINT

Thursday, February 9, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st	2nd	Gospel
Leviticus	1 Corinthians	Mark
13:1-2, 44-46	10:31-11:1	1:40-45

Catholic Q&A

Does the Church Still Use Excommunication?

In short, yes. I would guess, though, that the ecclesiastical penalty of excommunication is generally poorly understood. So what does it mean to be "excommunicated"? One who is excommunicated can no longer receive the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion, the central act of worship within the Catholic Church. The practice of separating certain gross offenders from the rest of the Christian community goes all the way back to biblical times (see Matt 18:15-20 and 1 Cor 5:1-5).

There are two different ways that excommunication occurs. First, some sins are so heinous as to warrant automatic excommunication the moment one knowingly commits such a sin. Church Law specifies seven sins that incur *automatic excommunication*: desecrating the Blessed Sacrament or using it for a sacrilegious purpose, procuring or assisting in an abortion, using physical force against the Pope, a priest absolving an accomplice in a sin against the Sixth Commandment (on adultery), a bishop consecrating someone as a bishop without permission of the Pope, a priest directly violating the seal of confession, apostasy (renunciation of faith), heresy (denial of revealed religious Truth), or schism (separating oneself from the Church). (It's important to note that a Catholic who is divorced is NOT among those listed as automatically excommunicated; a problem only arises if the divorced Catholic tries to remarry without an annulment of the previous marriage.)

In addition to automatic excommunication, a bishop can *pronounce* excommunication on certain individuals or groups whose actions or beliefs are so contrary to Catholic Christian faith as to warrant it. Excommunication of this sort has occurred, for example, in the Archdiocese of St. Louis as recently as this past December 2005, when a lay board of directors at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish time and time again refused to submit to the authority of either the Archbishop or the Pope, and knowingly hired a suspended priest from a neighboring diocese as their new pastor. Both the lay board and the priest, in committing the crime of schism, were excommunicated and the parish has been suppressed (more information on this sad yet interesting situation can be found online at <http://stlouisreview.com/abpcolumn.php?abpid=9772>).

Excommunication, while a severe penalty, is never irreversible. As Fr. John Dietzen writes, "Excommunication always includes the invitation to repentance and return, and holds out the promise of forgiveness from God and the Christian community, the Church."

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What's Up?

TONIGHT 2/9

Iron Sharpens Iron
10 PM, 329 CoMo

Friday 2/10

DDECC Retreat
through Saturday

Notre Dame Encounter #89
through Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration
12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady
Chapel

Saturday 2/11

Saturday Vigil Mass
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 2/12

Sunday Masses
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Monday 2/13

Eucharistic Adoration
11 AM - 9 PM, Mon- Thurs
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 2/14

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship
"True Love: The Legacy of JP II's
'Theology of the Body'",
by Prof. Adrian Reimers
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel



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LIVE IT!!

Matt
Anderson



After creating and running the first ever Dillon Hall retreat, it is only fitting that sophomore math major Matt Anderson should be featured in this week's "Live It". Through collaboration with staff from Campus Ministry and other Campus Ministry Commissioners, Matt planned an overnight retreat for Dillon Hall that was filled to capacity in its first year. Matt took all the initiative to find quality speakers and recruit Dillon residents for the retreat. While it is certain that Dillon Hall will benefit greatly from all of Matt's work on the retreat, his service to Dillon Hall does not stop there. Matt also started up a group from Dillon that says morning prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, Monday through Friday at 7:45 AM. As if he did not already do enough for Dillon, Matt also leads the Dillon Hall Emmaus faith-sharing group.

Luckily for people not living in Dillon Hall, Matt's efforts of service extend past his home. Last summer Matt participated in a summer service project in New Mexico at the Dismas House, which is an organization that helps ex-convicts try to successfully re-enter society. This summer Matt's service will keep him on campus as he participates as a counselor for the NDVision program. He will mentor students as they grow in their faith and discern their vocation in life. Matt also commits his Sunday mornings to the RCIA program, where he is a sponsor for a Notre Dame student who is preparing to join the Catholic Church.

Matt accomplishes all of this while also being a member of the Glee Club. This year Matt is the Glee Club service commissioner and has organized service projects that range from singing to elderly Holy Cross priests to helping out at the Robinson Center. Matt brings his commitment to his faith and service to everything in which he is involved. Thank you Matt for spreading the Gospel message through so many facets of your life!

Let us know who out there
is making a difference!
Send nominations to
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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,858.58	+28.95	
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,058	152	2,194	2,396,406,760

AMEX	1,816.41	-4.25
NASDAQ	3,108.71	+17.42
NYSE	7,974.91	+42.41
S&P 500	1,265.65	+10.87
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,272.68	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,725.10	-21.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+7.24	+1.31	19.40
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	+1.16	+0.47	41.10
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	+3.82	+0.22	5.98
INTEL CP (INTC)	0.00	0.00	20.67
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.62	+0.20	12.57

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.61	+0.28	45.95
13-WEEK BILL	+0.23	+0.10	43.92
30-YEAR BOND	+0.54	+0.25	46.81
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.75	+0.34	45.51

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.54		62.55
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-1.00		553.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.20		77.43

Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.4900
EURO			0.8360
POUND			0.5742
CANADIAN \$			1.1500

IN BRIEF

Mead Johnson execs sue over takeover

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Eleven former Mead Johnson & Co. sales executives have filed a \$12 million lawsuit accusing their former employer of reneging on benefits it promised before Novartis bought its adult medical nutrition business.

The lawsuit by former executives in Mead Johnson's adult nutrition division also names parent company Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. as a defendant. The suit was filed Jan. 27 in U.S. District Court in Evansville.

The suit alleges the company enticed the group to stay pending the takeover by promising retirement, severance and other benefits totaling some \$7 million. It claims the company ignored the promises after the deal was completed in December 2003.

The company wanted to keep the sales staff intact to help drive up the takeover price, the lawsuit alleges. Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis bought the division for \$385 million in cash.

Toy companies push high-tech toys

NEW YORK — If children didn't get their fill of high-tech toys during the 2005 holiday season, they should brace themselves for more wizardry later this year.

With young consumers growing out of toys faster and preferring iPod digital music players and video games, the nation's toy makers are working harder to come up with more high-tech products, particularly robotic playmates.

Such robotic toys, which are even more lifelike than a year ago, are among the thousands of toys to be featured at American International Toy Fair, officially beginning Sunday. This year's robotic lineup includes a life-sized miniature pony that responds to touch, a Barbie doll that follows the child's dance moves and a robot made from a Lego building set that can be programmed.

Toy makers are hoping these items and a slew of other toys — the bulk of which will be in stores for the holiday season — will reverse a sales decline since 2003.

"Children are migrating to consumer electronics faster than toy companies can take them there," said Sean McGowan, a toy analyst at Harris Nesbitt.

Time Warner may dismantle

Group of investors calls for breakdown of media giant, alleges mismanagement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Financier Carl Icahn called for Time Warner Inc. to split into four separate companies, citing a report he commissioned that accused the media conglomerate of mismanaging for the short term.

Icahn recruited the investment bank Lazard Ltd. to study options for the company, and appeared alongside Lazard chief Bruce Wasserstein to present the proposals to financial analysts and reporters at a news conference in New York Tuesday.

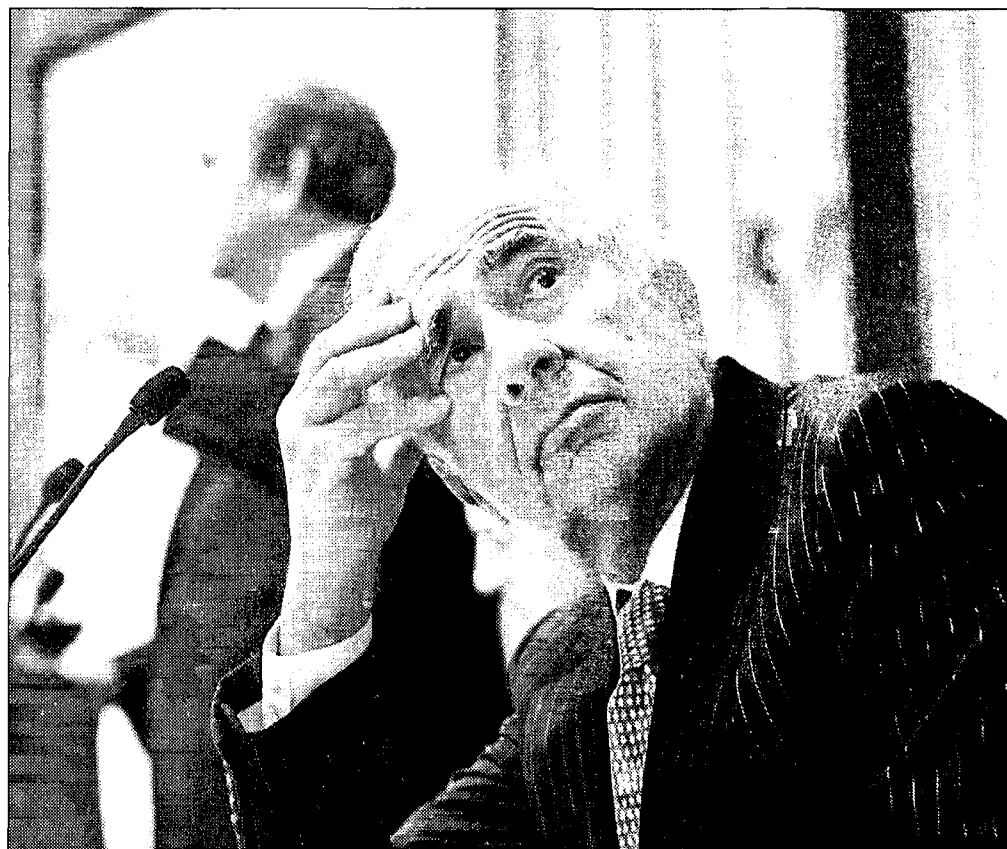
The proposals were largely in line with Icahn's previous demands for the company, and included a \$20 billion share buyback as well as criticisms of Time Warner's current management.

The Lazard report also called for Time Warner to be broken up into four companies: AOL, Time Warner Cable, publishing, and entertainment. Just a day earlier, Time Warner said it would sell its book publishing division to the French media and defense conglomerate Lagardere SCA for \$537.5 million.

"Our view is that Time Warner has been managed for the short term," said Bruce Wasserstein, the head of Lazard. "Since 2002, almost every strategic decision concerning AOL has been wrong."

Wasserstein said AOL should have capitalized on its large position in instant messaging to build a big business in Internet-based telephone services. He also said it waited too long to offer a bundled service with corporate sibling Time Warner Cable and didn't capitalize on the surge in Internet advertising.

However, it remains unclear whether the pro-



Carl Icahn attends a news conference about Time Warner Inc. Tuesday in New York. Icahn is leading a group of investors who want a shake-up at Time Warner.

posals will win over other investors. Icahn has allied himself with some other Time Warner shareholders, but collectively they control only about 3.3 percent of the company's stock.

Time Warner's deal in 2000 to be acquired by AOL led to enormous problems, including a plummeting share price, a management purge, failure to deliver on promises of corporate synergy and accounting improprieties at AOL. The combined company used to be called AOL Time Warner Inc.

Time Warner has since shed debt, settled shareholder lawsuits and regulatory investigations and revamped AOL's business strategy to attract more advertising.

Despite those efforts,

however, Time Warner's stock has remained in a rut, something that Time Warner Chief Executive Officer Dick Parsons and Icahn agree on. The stock is still roughly at the same level it was in the spring of 2002.

Time Warner promised to evaluate the proposals in Lazard's report. In the meantime, the company said: "We are on the right path."

Icahn has also recruited Frank Biondi, a former head of Time Warner unit HBO and Viacom Inc., to serve as chief executive of Time Warner if Icahn's drive to install a new slate of directors succeeds, which is far from certain.

In a somewhat puzzling twist, Biondi told the news conference that he hoped Jeff Bewkes, who is currently Parson's No. 2 exec-

utive, would stay on board. Icahn has been very critical of Time Warner's current management, which would presumably include Bewkes.

Chris Young, a director at Institutional Shareholder Services, a proxy advisory firm, said the presentation "advanced the ball a little bit," but said his firm was still studying the situation and hadn't decided how to advise shareholders.

Young described the arguments presented by Lazard and Icahn as "a textbook argument against the conglomerate discount." He also noted that large conglomerates tend to "go in and out of style. Bankers build up companies and then break them up, and they earn fees on both sides."

Businesses gear up for tax season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every tax filing season, many small businesses end up paying the government more than they need to. Some don't take advantage of all the deductions they're entitled to. Some haven't kept up with changes in the tax law.

Tax professionals say there are two main reasons why small businesses get tripped up while preparing tax returns: fear of an audit and ignorance.

Stephen Fishman, an attorney and author of "Deduct It! Lower Your Small Business Taxes," says the specter of an audit stops many small business owners from claiming a home office deduction, even when they qualify for this break and could save a substantial amount on their tax bills.

Fishman noted that years ago, claiming you worked out of your home was one of those red flags that caught the eye of the IRS. But now, he said of small business owners, "they may not be aware the law is more liberal" since changes in the law were made in 1999, Fishman said.

What does tend to trigger an audit, or, more commonly, questions about an individual item on a return, are deductions that seem abnormally high. Accountants and tax attorneys say that as long as you have the paperwork to back up the claims you make on your tax forms, you shouldn't run into problems. You'll be on safest ground if you either have your return prepared by a professional or reviewed by one if you've compiled it yourself.

Ignorance can also cost a small business plenty of money — many small

business owners just don't know what the law is. Fishman said owners tend to overlook a deduction tailored for them, known as the Section 179 deduction. This allows small businesses to deduct up-front rather than depreciate the cost of certain equipment bought and put into service during the tax year. There's a change in the deduction for the 2005 tax year — it rose to \$105,000 from \$102,000 in 2004.

Another change for the 2005 tax year is an adjustment in the standard mileage rate used to deduct the cost of using a vehicle for business purposes. Because the price of gasoline soared in the last few months of the year, the IRS has set up a two-tier deduction for 2005 — businesses can deduct 40.5 cents for each business mile driven before Sept. 1, and 48.5 cents for business miles driven after Aug. 31.

Music

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"Social change may have occurred on an atomistic scale, but not at a social level," Wilson said.

The panel also discussed the role of jazz during the American civil rights movement, and how it differed from other music genres.

"Gospel, blues, funk — those were much more the soundtrack of the civil rights movement," Tillery said.

Eventually more lyrical music passed jazz as the most

popular form of black music in American popular culture. Pierce said this occurred because black culture had changed, so the music followed.

"If you look at 1916 to 1948, blacks are moving," Pierce said. "That's the heyday of jazz in terms of popular culture."

The panel discussed many facets of hip-hop and rap. Major subjects included political roles, commercialization, objectification of women, depiction of black culture and the effects music has on black children.

"I've got a lot of beef with

hip hop music ... but it's dialectical," Tillery said. "For every Public Enemy you're going to have a 'Laffy Taffy.'"

"These are kids living in de-industrialized cities in an age when the state abandons them. So thank God for hip-hop. What would they be doing without hip-hop?"

Kanye West — the Rocafella records artist who had a relatively middle-class upbringing — was a specific artist Tillery singled out. Tillery expressed disappointment with West's "irresponsible" message on the lack of importance of a college education, citing the success of

West's album "College Dropout."

"We always want our artists to act a certain way, and we're always disappointed," Pierce said.

The role of consumers in controlling the ideals portrayed in rap videos and music was also addressed. Wilson diagnosed a problem in consumers who "just want dope beats [that] carry [them] through the day."

"Consumers have to show record labels that we'll buy the next 'Chuck D,'" he said.

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Alvin Tillery
associate professor

Films

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the very best of filmmaking and to showcase gay and lesbian film within a tradition of film scholarship and a spirit of inclusion at this university," Laina said.

Though the future of the event will remain uncertain until Jenkins has listened to feedback and made a decision, FTT department chair Peter Holland said he is sure this year's event will be "a tremendous success."

"I think some people thought that the event was advocacy of homosexuality," Holland said. "It wasn't. It isn't. Nobody could think 'narratives, filmmakers and spectatorship' is a statement about advocacy."

Jenkins did not deliver a firm policy on events in conflict with Catholic values but said enough to spur widespread mobilization on campus among groups like unrecognized gay/straight student group AllianceND and the newly-formed group United for Free Speech.

"There is a heightened sense of urgency in the people who support [Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Perspectives]," AllianceND co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said. "We have to show our support so it will be around next year and the year after."

Hoping to draw regional and national media attention to their cause, both groups are hosting a "massive" petition signing outside DeBartolo Hall

this morning. The petition states that events like Gay and Lesbian Film and "The Vagina Monologues" have a place on Notre Dame's campus because they encourage open dialogue, AllianceND board member Stacey Williams said.

Fox News Channel will be on campus interviewing organizers and students, Williams said.

AllianceND members and supporters will also be wearing orange "Gay? Fine By Me" T-shirts today in solidarity with all gay students on campus — those who are open about it and those who are not, Williams said.

"It creates a sense of unity, a visible presence on campus," Williams said. "Your average person might see a bunch of orange shirts and think, 'O.K., I'm gay, and there are people here who are not completely homophobic and hating me at any given moment.'"

Laina said ticket sales seem to indicate a peaked interest in the event this year. The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts ticket office reported the films sold out much faster than last year. On Tuesday afternoon, five of the seven screenings were sold out, and only a handful of tickets remained for the others. In response to student demand, organizers added an additional screening of "Brokeback

Mountain," which sold out in two hours, Laina said.

"That would suggest there's considerable interest on campus. Now why [the peaked interest] exists, I don't know," Laina said.

Senior Monica Real said she might have wanted to go the film event if tickets had been available.

"There's so much publicity, I assume people want to see it to bother authorities and see why they made such a big deal about 'The Vagina Monologues' and the Queer Film Festival," she said.

Other students, like senior Sean Hanifin, said as a business major, he didn't have a vested

interest in it.

"It's not at the forefront of my mind ... not a topic of conversation," he said.

Williams said AllianceND made an effort to "not get involved by name" in the days immediately following Jenkins' address. But now that a few weeks have passed, she said, AllianceND is stirring up activism within its organization and among the greater campus population.

"I'm hoping it's not going to be so polarizing. I feel that's a risk you take when you do these things," Williams said. "Hopefully we can get some signatures to show Jenkins we're interested in his policies and what he has to say."

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Study: Birth defects were linked to corn

Associated Press

HARLINGEN, Texas — Contaminated corn may have caused an increase in babies born with rare birth defects in the Rio Grande Valley in the early 1990s, according to a new study.

Scientists have been searching more than a decade for the cause of a surge in babies in the region with neural tube defects, abnormalities of the brain and spinal cord that arise in the first weeks of pregnancy.

In one south Texas county, there were six cases in six weeks of babies born with rudimentary or missing brains. Overall, a high rate of neural tube defects was found among almost all border counties.

Residents and lawyers had blamed pollution, and General Motors and other U.S.-owned factories paid \$17 million without admitting wrongdoing to settle a lawsuit accusing their border factories of poisoning the air.

But no chemical links to the disease were ever proven, and Texas health officials began suspecting fumonisin, a toxin in corn mold. Experts had noted a high concentration in the corn harvest just before the outbreak. Some Texas horses died from brain disease caused by the toxin.

According to the February issue of the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, researchers now have a study that looks at the relationship between tortilla consumption, fumonisin and neural tube defects. Laboratory data have pointed to a link, but until now, researchers have lacked human studies.

The study found that pregnant women who ate 300 to 400 tortillas a month during the first trimester had more than twice the risk of giving birth to babies with the defects than did women who ate fewer than 100 tortillas.

Blood samples indicated that the higher the level of fumonisin, the greater the risk of neural tube defects.

CARBON LEAF

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
10 PM

"Carbon Leaf concerts are an energetic emorgasbord fusing Modern Rock, Celtic, Bluegrass and Roots into an all-you-can-eat buffet for the ears... the kind you just can't get enough off"
—Rolling Stone Magazine

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IRISH HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 10
vs. Ferris State
at 7:30pm

Early arriving fans
receive a Notre Dame
Hockey notebook
sponsored by CENTENNIAL

ND, HC,
& SMC
students receive
free pizza!
(while supplies last)
courtesy of
PAPA JOHN'S

CANADA

Canada opens 250-mile preserve

Great Bear Rainforest to cover 16-million acres, home bears, wolves

Associated Press

VANCOUVER — Canada unveiled a 16-million acre preserve Tuesday, including parkland covering an area twice the size of Yellowstone, teeming with grizzly bears, wolves and with salmon in the ancestral home of many native tribes.

Closing another chapter of the wars between environmentalists and loggers, the Great Bear Rainforest is the result of an accord between governments, aboriginal First Nations, the logging industry and environmentalists.

It will stretch 250 miles along British Columbia's rugged Pacific coastline — the ancestral home of groups whose cultures date back thousands of years. The area also sustains a rare white bear found only in British Columbia.

"The agreement on these areas represents an unprece-

dent collaboration between First Nations, industry, local governments and many other stakeholders in how we manage the vast richness of B.C.'s coast for the benefit of all British Columbians," said Premier Gordon Campbell, who was accompanied by native dancers and drummers for the announcement and formal First Nations blessing.

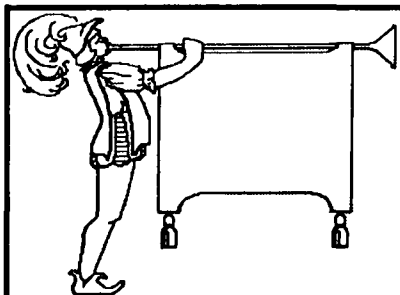
"The result is a strong marriage that balances the needs of the environment with the need for sustainable jobs and a strong economic future for coastal communities," he said.

Campbell said 4.4 million acres would be protected outright and managed as parkland, with another 11.6 million run under an ecosystem management plan to ensure sustainable forestry with minimal impact on the environment. Yellowstone National Park is 2.2 million acres.

Full implementation of the project is not expected until 2009.

British Columbia's lush evergreen forests have been the scene of decades of confrontation between environmentalists and loggers. Successful boycott campaigns in the 1990s led to large international companies turning away from British Columbia paper and wood products, forcing the government to find a negotiated solution.

"British Columbians are showing that it is possible to protect the environment and provide the economic foundation for healthy communities," said Lisa Matthaus, coast campaign co-ordinator for the Sierra Club of Canada's British Columbia chapter. "This innovative rainforest agreement provides a real world example of how people and wilderness can prosper together."



Announcing the Year 2006 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 2006 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: Friday, February 17, 2006
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship
 Program in Italian Studies
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NIGERIA

Bird flu reported in Africa for first time

Associated Press

LAGOS — Africa's first outbreak of the deadly bird flu virus was reported Wednesday in a large commercial farm in Nigeria that raised chickens, geese and ostriches, and 46,000 birds were slaughtered.

International health officials called for help to prevent the spread of the disease on the world's poorest continent, where governments are ill-equipped to combat it.

Nigeria said the outbreak was on a farm in Jaji, a village in the northern state of Kaduna. Agriculture Minister Adamu Bello told reporters the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus was detected in samples taken Jan. 16 from birds on the farm.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation with 130 million people, said it would work aggressively to halt the flow of any sick birds to unaffected zones. But farmers accused the government of being slow to respond.

Alex Thiermann, an expert with the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health, said it was not known how the virus entered Nigeria, but migratory waterfowl likely played a role because the country is on a "major flyway."

No cases of H5N1 bird flu have been reported elsewhere in Africa, and the outbreak appears to be restricted to birds, he said.

"The significance is that it's a completely new continent that we need to be looking at," Thiermann said.

Sub-Saharan Africa, with about 600 million of the world's poorest people, is particularly ill-suited to deal with a major health crisis. With weak and impoverished government institutions in regions where many people keep chickens for food, experts say any mass killings — often a first step in controlling bird flu — will be difficult to pull off.

China, meanwhile, announced another human case of the disease — a 26-year-old woman — bringing to at least 11 the number of people in China who have been infected. Two have died.

The World Health Organization said Nigeria has about 140 million poultry and the country's overtaxed veteri-

nary services need international help. It called on other African countries to act quickly against any suspected outbreaks.

"If the situation in Nigeria gets out of control, it will have a devastating impact on the poultry population in the region," said Samuel Jutzi, head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's Animal Production and Health Division. "It will seriously damage the livelihoods of millions of people and it will increase the exposure of humans to the virus."

Bird flu began ravaging poultry across Asia in 2003, forcing the slaughter of more than 100 million birds and jumping to humans. WHO has confirmed 88

deaths from bird flu out of a total of 165 cases of human infection. Almost all the cases have been in Asia, but the disease recently has been detected in Europe and the Middle East.

Though all the people who contracted the disease so far are believed to have been infected

through contact with sick birds, experts are concerned the virus could mutate into a form easily spread from human to human, potentially triggering a global pandemic.

All 46,000 chicken, geese and ostriches on the Nigerian farm were slaughtered and their bodies disposed of, Thiermann said. Nigerian authorities have banned the movement of birds and people off the farm.

"We shall quarantine and stamp out all livestock in any farm suspected of having avian influenza and pay full compensation to the owners," Bello said.

Thiermann said that was a good start, and a team of experts to assess and provide technical advice will leave for Nigeria in a few days, although more help was needed.

"We feel that they are doing everything they can and they certainly need help," he said of Nigeria.

Officials also are investigating whether birds were transferred to other farms in the past 21 days, and they, too, are being quarantined, he said.

Nigerian officials said Wednesday that initial tests on chickens that mysteriously died in Kano, a state neighboring Kaduna, showed no signs of bird flu. Salihu Jibrin, head of the state's livestock department said at least 60,000 birds have died in Kano state in recent weeks, and tests were ongoing.

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Adamu Bello
 agriculture minister

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Why should you support the Bengal Bouts? Because of people like Father Eugene Homich, a veteran of 50 years in the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

With 131 million people, representing a religious blend of 88 percent Muslim and 11 percent Hindu, Bangladesh has only 250,000 Catholics.

The per capita annual income is \$1,470, less than some of us spent on the Fiesta Bowl. Homich works among the poorest of the poor, yet he has achieved an 85 percent literacy rate in his parish in Pirgacha. He also stresses that the Garo Tribal people are well-versed in their own language and culture.

With the help of the Bengal Bouts, he has built a medical clinic that treats 9,000 patients per year, including hundreds of snake-bite victims. He has placed over 750 abandoned infants with warm and loving families.

These and other works he combines with a full liturgical and catechetical schedule, with the critical aid of Holy Cross Sisters.

"My life," writes Homich, "has been enriched by working with the poor and marginalized."

The 185 Holy Cross brothers, sisters and priests there are mostly natives of Bangladesh. The Bengal Bouts provide the largest single donation for their work every year.

"We rely so much on all of you," writes Father Stephen Gomez, "to help us prepare our men in formation, sponsor the social projects for the poor, and support our Tribal parishes."

"There is," he notes, "political



Charles
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Right or
Wrong?

Beyond boxing

unrest, a rise in fundamentalism and corruption everywhere." In the past six months, 25 people were killed in two grenade attacks by Islamic terrorists. But the missionaries stay on the job.

For 75 years, the Bengal Bouts have sent to Bangladesh donations now averaging in excess of \$50,000. In a country where the price of a Starbucks coffee could feed a family for a week, the success or failure of the Bouts can actually make the difference between life and death for some of the "ultra-poor."

Under the supervision of Rich O'Leary and Dave Brown of Club Sports, the program is run by the student officers of the Boxing Club — Co-Presidents Mark Basola and Nathan Schroeder and Captains Andrew Breslin, Johnny Griffin, Greg Schaefer, Chris Calderone, Andrew McGill and Stu Stypula.

"There's a unique camaraderie," explained Nate Schroeder. "Boxers help each other, including their own future opponents. And we make a difference in the lives of many people in Bangladesh." Each of the more than 130 boxers sells tickets and program ads.

Everyone knows, however, that the entire enterprise is kept afloat by the competent and organized student managers — Erika Meyer, Megan O'Farrell and Melanie Rodarte. Without them, the details of finance, medical clearances and sparring records would sink the program beneath the waves.

The Bengal Bouts would not exist without the leadership of the volunteer head coaches — Chicago attorney Terry Johnson, Columbus developer Tom Suddes (who conducts practice sessions that build character, including, Tom would admit, his own, in a uniquely interesting way) and Pat Farrell, the University pilot. All are former Bengal champs.

The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department and former boxers Mike Biolchini, Jeff Dobosh, Ryan Rans, Chip Farrell and Judge Roland Chamblee.

The chaplains of the Club, who participate in the workouts, are Father Bill Seetch, and Father Brian Daley, who also coaches. Even the upper echelons of Church hierarchy are involved through the timer, Monsignor John Hagerty from Notre Dame parish in Hermitage, Penn.

In 75 years, the Bouts has never had a participant sustain a serious injury. That impressive statistic is no accident. The Emergency Medical Technicians — Terri Engel and Mike Ude — are present at all sparring matches, and Doctor James Moriarty, the University chief of medicine, keeps close tabs on every aspect of the program. Jack Zimmerman, who brings decades of experience to his role as trainer, provides an important safety reinforcement.

The Bengal Bouts will be held in five sessions, all in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center: Feb. 21, 22 and 28, all at 6:30 p.m.; March 2 at 7:30 p.m.; and the finals in the JACC arena on Sunday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m.

The "season" ticket will admit you to all sessions for only \$10.

Real people, in very real need, depend on the annual successes of the Bengal Bouts. If you have never attended the Bouts, give it a chance. You will not only enjoy it, but your hearts will be touched, for the spirit, inspiration and good will are undeniable.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Traditional values foster hope

Recently, in the debate over "The Vagina Monologues," students have been playing the academic freedom card. The use of the term has become so perverted that it now seems to be synonymous with the sentiment that "anything goes" in an academic setting.

The Monologues are free to be discussed and should be explored in classrooms. However, the line must be drawn when Notre Dame is encouraged to compromise its Catholicity by endorsing a vulgar play.

The pro-Monologue crowd says that the goal of the play is to educate people about violence against women. There are many ways to educate people on this vitally important topic without explicit depictions of homosexual seduction and masturbation and liberal use of lewd language in reference to the female anatomy.

That is why I propose that Notre Dame follow the lead of Providence College.

"Instead of producing 'The Vagina Monologues,' the best way for Providence College to work together to combat violence against women is to strengthen its commitment to support Project S.A.V.E. (Sexual Assault and Violence Education)," says Providence President Reverend Brian J. Stanley, according to the Providence College Web site.

That sounds like a great idea — what better way to educate both men and women than to provide opportunities that are equally inclusive? After all, isn't it important that men become involved in this type of education?

I guess that is only true if the primary goal of the educational experience is to affect positive change, rather than wallowing in lament about a problem.

Frankly, I find it offensive and presumptuous that the publisher of "The Vagina Monologues" says that it has become the

"Bible of a new generation of young women." The young women that I know find the play embarrassing and disgusting — certainly not something to be proud of. And as a man, I'm not proud of it either.

I came to Notre Dame because it is a Catholic University committed to espousing Catholic principles. I am ashamed to tell my friends at state universities about this latest campus issue because it diminishes Notre Dame's integrity as a premier institution of Catholic higher learning.

I am starting to gain hope that the University will stop compromising its values for those who wish to perform this play. University President Father John Jenkins, please keep giving me hope.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them."

Aristotle
philosopher

Two moments of grace

Two important events took place last week.

In the midst of generally thoughtful discussion following presentations to the faculty, students and alumni on the topic of academic freedom and the Catholic identity of Notre Dame by University President Father John Jenkins, the trustees and officers of the University spent five days in Rome.

Father Richard Warner

FaithPoint

In addition to holding their usual winter meeting, they also took advantage of their presence in the Eternal City and the See of Peter to participate in an extraordinary pilgrimage for the first time in our history.

The trustees and officers had never before spent five days together, and their days in Rome were characterized by many moments of prayer together; privileged visits to special venues in Rome; conversations with cardinals, archbishops, Holy Cross bishops from Bangladesh, India, Rome and the United States, ambassadors to Italy and the Holy See, members of the general administration of the Congregation of

Holy Cross, and Notre Dame faculty and students.

And, of course, participation by Jenkins and many members of the delegation in a general audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

Within the first months of the administration of a new president and the trustees who had elected him, it was important to engage in a fruitful dialogue between high ranking officials of the Vatican and members of our Notre Dame community.

The opportunities for prayer were extraordinary as Masses, which were celebrated in Roman parishes as well as in St. Peter's Basilica at the Altar of the Chair and the Altar of the Tomb of St. Peter, less than ten yards from the tomb of the late Pope John Paul II.

Conversations with Vatican officials were informative and mutually enriching in a context of respect. At an Academic Convocation and Conference at St. John Lateran Pontifical University, popularly referred to as "the Pope's University," Bishop Rino Fisichella, Jenkins and Bishop Daniel Jenky, offered reflections on the role of the Catholic University in the context of the Church and culture, academic life and

the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross in higher education.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Bishop Fisichella and L. Francis Rooney, III, the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See.

"Notre Dame is a great Catholic university," Pope Benedict said, as he clasped Jenkins' hand in his.

The phrase was both a statement of recognition of what Notre Dame has achieved as well as a challenge for us to continue to strive for even greater distinction and prominence in this imperative, which lies at the heart of our mission and channels our energy and informs our deepest aspirations.

The death of Coretta Scott King also took place last week. While she was the widow of the assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr., she was also a towering figure in her own right. She was every bit as courageous as her husband and suffered as much as he did in pursuit of equal rights for all people, regardless of the color of their skin.

While her death marks the end of one of the most significant achievements in our history as a people, may it also be a continuing clarion call for our nation and for our University to continue pur-

suing a most just cause that clearly has many more hurdles to overcome, attitudes to be changed and justice to be secured before we can rest as a people.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as chairman of the United States Civil Rights Commission, and the work of that group led to extraordinary changes in our life as a nation under the rule of law.

In 1987, Coretta Scott King received an honorary degree from the hands of Hesburgh in a poignant Commencement Ceremony that marked the end of a 35-year presidency.

Both of these events represent significant moments for all of us.

They represent, as well, a challenge for each of us to deepen our commitment to pursue realizable dreams for our University and our country and turn them into the grace-filled possibilities they hold out to us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Put 'Monologues' to the democratic test

Needless to say, the pages of The Observer the past few weeks show how irresolvable issues of sexual ethics and freedom of expression have become on this campus.

We have reached such a stalemate because we are lacking a basic and effective mode of government. Such a mode of government would allow our entire community to justly handle such controversial decisions as whether or not to sponsor the Queer Film Festival or "The Vagina Monologues." This mode of government is called democracy.

It is sorely lacking at the University of Notre Dame.

Here, I will outline what democracy is not, hoping to expose some of the nonsense posing in its name. Then I will conclude with a simple suggestion for how to move forward in this debate and will consider several possible objections.

Democracy does not mean that we have to allow anyone to get up in our private space in the name of "free speech" or "sexual liberation." Several letters to the editor have pointed out that no one has a right to force somebody to stage "The Vagina Monologues" in her own private home.

This seems like common sense, but coming from a liberal East Coast university, I have encountered quite a few authoritarian feminists who do, in fact, want to police the home and the bedroom, getting the state involved to reeducate traditional women and men who supposedly have "false consciousness," teaching us how to be sexually liberated.

Now I need to make it clear that I am not critiquing feminism here in order to endorse the widespread status quo on campus: the fact that men can talk about women's sexuality publicly, but when women talk about it, measures are taken to silence them.

This is a patriarchal double standard that must be challenged, but within the challenge, there's no room for a liberal vanguard that wants to enlighten everyone and show them where their vaginas are. My friends on various campuses have organized "The Vagina Monologues" — I've seen it many times, and it isn't a bad play.

But it annoyed me my senior year of college to see it advertised around campus by hundreds of posters of naked white women. The implicit suggestion from many secular feminists is that Muslim women who wear the veil, African women who choose to be circumcised, or Catholic women who practice abstinence are somehow backwards, irrational, brainwashed and deluded.

Nwoma Omoigui writes the following in the Jenda Journal, a forum for African women activists who are fed up with such patronizing "liberation": "The cultural war against female circumcision is led by the same western human rights crowd that ... puts pictures (of same sex couples) in books for little children to read and learn from. I have the right to invoke my ancient customs and look askance at such a policy — and protect my kids from it — at the risk of being called conservative."

Indeed, The College Libertarians ("Protecting Freedoms," Feb. 3) are right in saying that private individuals like Omoigui should be free to "censor" what

their own children are exposed to in their own houses. Forcing these women to do otherwise would be a racist form of cultural imperialism extended today by too many secular missionaries.

However, a large university like Notre Dame is not the same thing as a private home. This campus is the neighborhood and the workplace of thousands of people. To govern it like a private family with tight control and censorship from University President Father John Jenkins as the pater familias would be to treat thousands of workers, professors and students like the indentured servants or young children of an abnormally large and excessively patriarchal private household.

Jenkins seems to realize the absurdity of this when he points out that he has no desire to censor "The Vagina Monologues" or the Queer Film Festival. He is simply concerned about whether or not to sponsor them. But why should he be the only one to make this decision of whether or not to sponsor?

If we believe in democracy, then why should it end at the door of our workplace, dorm and classroom? Why, just because thousands of staff, professors, TAs and students work for and live at a legally "private" corporation should we leave democracy outside its gates? As far as I am concerned, democracy is incompatible with capitalist corporatism, the notion that experts and professional classes above society should make all informed decisions in our workplaces, schools and neighborhoods.

For democracy to flourish, we should be able to vote on how to use our resources in our workplace, our school and our neighborhood. We, not PR experts, should be the ones who decide how to project our community's name and image.

Now, one could object that Jenkins is generously trying to get our "input" and "participation" as to what decision he should make in choosing to sponsor or not sponsor our campus' controversial events. He says he is kindly trying to "dialogue" with us. I read this as nothing but a patronizing insult to the maturity and self-governing capacities of the staff, faculty and students of this University.

Democracy means that all adult members of a community govern that community together with equal say. It does not mean that we get invited to send input-filled e-mails to a man who was not elected by us, is not accountable to us by instant recall and whose position tends to rotate only with the retirement of the last reigning big papa.

It is an insult to ask us to participate when, in reality, we as a community should be governing this campus ourselves. It is we who should be asking Jenkins to participate, and to participate as an equal. As for Jenkins' call to dialogue, it reminds me of the way Fidel Castro governs — articulated in Che Guevara's "Man and Socialism in Cuba": the benevolent ruler goes among the people, listens to the people, dialogues with the people, learns from the people and channels the "input" of the people back to his unaccountable cadre of bureaucrats who make the final decision behind closed doors.

In contrast to this crass corporate populism, I propose true democracy. I propose that the University of Notre Dame hold a campus-wide referendum whereby all members of the so-called "Notre Dame family" can vote on whether the University should sponsor "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival. Then we can be sure that nobody — including Jenkins — unfairly uses the University's name to hawk his own individual opinion.

Now someone may object, "What about the tyranny of the majority?" What if the majority decides to bully and censor the minority? My response is that free speech is not free; it is not a gift of the state, and it only comes when we secure and defend it ourselves.

If anyone tries to organize police repression or violence to shut down free speech on this campus, I will stand by whatever minority is getting threatened and hope others will join me. What we are talking about here is not censorship, it is sponsorship.

Of course, "The Vagina Monologues" should be able to be performed on campus regardless of the outcome of a vote. What is at stake is whether or not it should be shown using University money in Notre Dame's name. Something this serious should be decided by all people who make up the Notre Dame community.

Others may object that I am reducing morality and Catholic character to a simple opinion poll. But I am saying nothing here about the morality or immorality of the themes raised by the different narratives in "The Vagina Monologues" or the films shown in the Queer Film Festival. I am not about to suggest that the campus hold a referendum on whether female masturbation is a moral act.

Again, the only decision I propose democratic control over is whether these events should be sponsored by the University. Since we're all supposedly trained in Catholic character, I don't see why anyone should doubt that we'd be able to come together and make an informed decision.

I imagine that many who disapprove of some of the behavior portrayed in "The Vagina Monologues" would still vote to sponsor it simply because they want to engage critically with the important moral, political and aesthetic issues it raises, especially its important stance against domestic violence.

Conversely, I am sure a lot of men and women who, quiet as it's kept, masturbate and engage in premarital sex all the time will vote against sponsoring it.

Since Jenkins has asked for input, I challenge him to step aside and allow this controversial decision to be made by the entire Notre Dame community through referendum vote. If, for some reason, he is intent upon making the decision through his own autocratic power, then I challenge him to publicly explain why he does not believe in democracy.

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CD REVIEWS

Franz Ferdinand can't get much 'Better'

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Franz Ferdinand — or the new Scottish gentry, as they call themselves — has released its latest album, "You Could Have It So Much Better." Continuing in the musical vein of their self-titled debut album, the record proves to actually be that much better, as it stays true to their characteristic style.

The band, drawing its name from the archduke whose assassination spawned World War I, also displays some of this left-of-center, funky irreverence in its songs. This time around, "Better" proves no exception.

Originally meant to be the second in a series of titleless albums defined only by color — their first release was centered on brown, orange and cream, and "Better" uses green, red and black — the title of "You Could Have It So Much Better" came from what lead singer and guitarist Alex Kapranos feels is the band's current philosophy.

"You can always have it better. If you try. That's the attitude of the group at the moment. Never to feel satisfied, always to

want to do something better," Kapranos said in a recent FranzFerdinand.org article.

Franz Ferdinand consists of Kapranos, guitarist and keyboardist Nick McCarthy, bassist Robert Hardy and percussionist Paul Thomson. With all its members hailing from Glasgow, the band began its rise in Scotland's largest city. With buzz slowly growing from positive word of mouth, Franz Ferdinand guided themselves up the ladder of the local underground music scene until record labels pounced upon them in 2003.

Since its inception and growth in the music business, the band has continued writing its own music and letting that personal writing and artistic touch be central parts of their musical and personal identity as a group.

"You're letting such a fragile side of yourself out when you're creating or writing music. To do that with people who are almost strangers would seem very strange to me," Kapranos said. "I think that we're very lucky that we're quite close. To us, it's almost like the band is the grandest possible adventure you can go on with your friends. It's really really exciting."

That unique songwriting effort shows through in the singular sound for which the band has become so famous. Oddly retro and yet thoroughly modern, Kapranos and his peers have created another album of solid guitar rock.

Each track is deceptively simple, with single



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Franz Ferdinand, whose first practice and performance space was an abandoned warehouse they called the Chateau, formed in 2001 in Glasgow, Scotland.

heavy guitar riffs anchoring their respective tunes in different ways. Yet other tracks are less like rock and more like sixties mod ballads, not unlike their previous album's "Jacqueline." On "You Could Have It So Much Better," tracks like "Fade Together" and "Walk Away" use the band's distinct vocals and a more relaxed pace to both depart from and emphasize more fully their signature sound.

The tones of Kapranos' lead vocals are firm, jaunty and different. The overall sound leaves the listener wondering how old-school punk, sixties mod rock and modern alternative music can possibly work together so seamlessly.

The album really shines on its first single, "Do You Want To," which blends their undeniably sexual energy with stripped down lyrics and gorgeously simple guitar riffs. In its most basic essence, the song just makes you want to get up and dance.

The song's video makes for fun viewing as it adds another typical Franz

Ferdinand characteristic, having a fun sense of the goofy and irreverent about them. That sensibility is clearly heard with great results in "Do You Want To."

"This Boy" is also a great track, with a distinct beat and a chorus whose melody varies distinctly from its verses in typical Franz fashion. The beat is emphasized with strong guitar chords and, again, Kapranos' addictive and intriguing vocals.

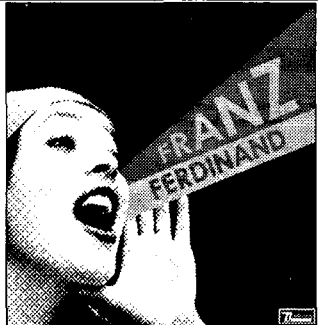
The disc on the whole is arguably better than their 2004 self-titled debut, and it both heightens and deepens their style and skill for both the seasoned or fresh listener. Ultimately, for Franz Ferdinand the aim is to keep its public mesmerized and moving.

"I want to make music that will make the blood surge in your veins, music that will get people up and dance," Kapranos said in a November article from the *Aberdeen Express*.

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You Could Have It So Much Better Franz Ferdinand

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Recommended tracks: 'Fade Together,' 'Walk Away,' 'Do You Want To,' 'What You Meant' and 'This Boy'

Band's new album boasts classic rock influence

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

Few bands emerge these days one could picture on tour with REO Speedwagon, The Who or Boston. But what The Darkness was to '80s hair metal in 2003, The Hellacopters are to classic rock in 2006.

Music fans would be hard-pressed to find a rock 'n' roll band that embraces its classic rock influences as openly as these five men from Sweden. They serve as a stark contrast to the rise of college/indie rock artists, which often preach peaceful resolutions and imagination to their audiences.

Their newest album, "Rock & Roll Is Dead," is a low risk, but spotlessly produced, rock album. Electric guitar pro-

gressions are catchy and clever, although not necessarily novel. The songs avoid being repetitive, but none of them sound rushed either. The album might not impress music enthusiasts with its imagination, but it definitely will not bore anyone.

While The Hellacopters don't explore a broad range of style on the album, the songs don't fall into the trap of all sounding alike. Tempos remain roughly the same on most tracks, but structures and hooks change quite a bit from song to song.

Some of the tunes could pass as exaggerated versions of Blues Brothers songs, but most of them come off as more genuine and sincere than the majority of commercial radio rock music.

The second track on the release, "Everything Is on TV," represents The Hellacopters' overall style — music that echoes classic rock, but with a modern cultural conscience. The song is a simple yet gorgeous mix of maturity, authority and pomp, but the song is about the damage television has inflicted on culture.

Although pick scrapes are all over radio-friend-



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With the release of their latest album, "Rock & Roll Is Dead," in 2005, The Hellacopters showed their classic rock roots with brutal sincerity.

ly pop punk records, here they sound inventive, surrounded by testosterone-driven vocals and the glamorous sound of three electric guitars.

Even the narrative style of songwriting, which has disappeared on modern commercial rock, is similar to the type of songs the Rolling Stones wrote 40 years ago. Just as The Darkness took advantage of their cartoonish appeal a few years ago, The Hellacopters don't mind poking fun at themselves.

In "I'm in the Band," Nicke Andersson explains the frustrations of trying to get around bouncers at clubs.

"I may not look like Jagger, / may not have money in the bank / I've got a pair of cheap sunglasses / and my castle may

look like sand."

"Murder on My Mind," which reveals the haunting nature of the music industry, is about how the business side of the industry has killed rock 'n' roll music. The honest and frank lyrics about how The Hellacopters, who are at Liquor and Poker Records, feel about corporate execs is clear — "First you killed the heartbeat, then you killed the soul / You killed rock and roll, I got murder on my mind."

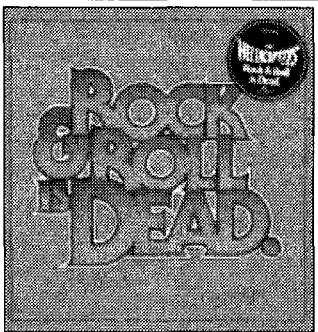
Are The Hellacopters out to resurrect rock 'n' roll? Maybe. With an evident admiration for rock 'n' roll roots and brutal sincerity, they're certainly one of the best candidates.

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Rock & Roll Is Dead

The Hellacopters

Universal Int'l



Recommended tracks: 'I'm in the Band,' 'Everything Is on TV,' 'Leave it Alone' and 'Murder on My Mind'

SHOW PREVIEW

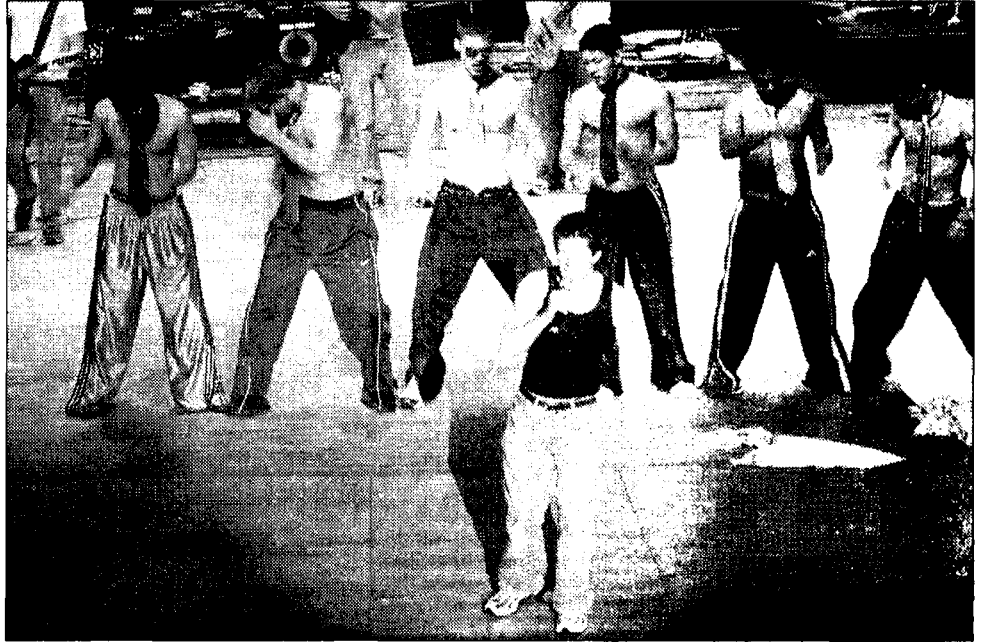
War against inhilarity

Keenan Hall residents prepare to launch latest incarnation of annual comedy show



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Making fun of themselves and others, the men of Keenan Hall will wear costumes ranging from women's clothes to cow suits.



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Dance performances will add to the entertainment in Keenan Hall's "World War Revue: The Axis of Humor," which debuts tonight and runs all weekend.

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

It's that time again. One of the most highly anticipated dorm events returns this weekend to provide three nights of comedy, entertainment and — as this year's director, James Gower, puts it — mirth.

If the clues weren't enough, here's the bottom line —the Keenan Revue has arrived, and it is going to be better than ever.

The Keenan Revue's Web site begins with the subtle quip "Making fun of you since 1976," making this the 30th year for the famous campus variety show. The event kicks off tonight and runs until Saturday, ending with a Revue dance for the few lucky ladies who have a Keenan connection.

The process for this year's show began way back in September, when producer Thomas Flowers, a junior resident of Keenan, began putting the staff together. From there, they worked

at developing theme ideas for the show and put together designs for the program and T-shirts. In order to keep the Keenan Revue a free event for students, the staff also had the job of contacting Keenan alumni with requests for donations to help support the performance.

This year, the Keenan Revue staff has chosen to dub the show "World War Revue: The Axis of Humor."

"Most people think wars are always horrible, but there are some comedic parts," Flowers said. "We're trying to find the comedy in a lot of stuff. Our approach is Keenan waging a war on humorlessness. We are getting people to attack inhilarity."

Some of the skits draw from the overall theme and portray popular historical figures, such as Abraham Lincoln. It will be interesting to see how the men of Keenan take an often-serious subject and stamp it with their own brand of humor. Other highlights of the show Flowers would disclose include the adventures of Indiana

Jones, a skit focused on popular Notre Dame Stadium voice, Officer Tim McCarthy and a running gag about Notre Dame's very own stunt man. But the audience should be ready for a lot more than that.

"We don't want to give too much away. We have a lot more ultra-secret stuff that we are ready to present at the show," Flowers said.

Each year the show is put together in an original way, so even seniors coming back a fourth time are in for some surprises. However, there are always the familiar favorites as well. The Keenan Revue has been known to take audience members on a trip down memory lane with familiar songs and themes from childhood pop culture.

The crunch-time preparations for the Revue have been in full swing since Keenan residents returned from Christmas break.

Dorm residents, including head writers Vince Lyzinski and David Fotopolous, were encouraged to generate ideas for skits during the break. Skits are auditioned in front of a selec-

tion committee, and everyone in Keenan is encouraged to try out.

Through the years, the Keenan Revue has become quite a large production.

"Including everyone, the Keenan Revue staff, people in the skits, dancers, band members and stage crew, we have somewhere around 80 to 90 people working on the show," Flowers said.

Nightly rehearsals have been held this week to make sure each one of the performers is prepared for his big debut tonight at O'Laughlin Auditorium on Saint Mary's campus.

If students don't already have tickets for this event, they had better start hunting for friends with extras. At the ticket release Friday afternoon, people began to line up hours before the 4 p.m. release time, and each of the three nights was sold out within a short time after.

"World War Revue: The Axis of Humor" debuts tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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The Keenan Revue 2006

"World War Revue:
The Axis of Humor"

**Dates: February 9, 10 & 11
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

"Our approach is Keenan waging a war on humorlessness. We are getting people to attack inhilarity."

**Thomas Flowers
producer**



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Popular culture of yesterday and today will be seen in the performances. Here, two Keenanites play off the recent film "Memoirs of a Geisha."



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

In typical Keenan Revue fashion, one of the actors is bound to be wearing a white collar. Skits in the show often revolve around recent campus events.

NBA

Gordon leads Chicago over Denver 110-107

Phoenix extends division lead to two games with win over Memphis; Milwaukee tops Orlando in double overtime

Associated Press

DENVER — Ben Gordon scored 30 points and the Chicago Bulls held off a late surge from the Denver Nuggets to snap a four-game losing streak with a 110-107 victory Wednesday night.

Darius Songaila came off the bench to add 21 points for the Bulls, who handed the Nuggets their sixth loss in seven games — the last four defeats to sub-.500 teams.

Carmelo Anthony led the Nuggets with 31 points, but was stuffed late in the game by Tyson Chandler when Denver trailed by a point. Anthony also missed a desperation 3-pointer to tie the game at the buzzer.

The Nuggets played poorly for three quarters and trailed by as many as 20 before pulling to 95-94 during a 23-9 run to start the fourth quarter. Anthony scored seven points during the stretch and had 21 points in the second half.

With the score 97-96, Gordon made two 3-pointers and Luol Deng added another to give the Bulls a 106-100 lead with 3:10 remaining.

But again the Nuggets rallied, with Earl Watson making a basket and Anthony hitting two free throws and a jumper to make it 108-107 with a 1:03 remaining.

Watson airballed a three with 30 seconds remaining, and Marcus Camby and Andres Nocioni got caught up on the rebound to force a jump ball. After two false tries, the Nuggets got the ball and called timeout.

After the break, Anthony drove down the right side, but was stuffed by Chandler.

Denver fouled and Andres Nocioni made two free throws for the final margin.

Chicago had lost its first four on a seven-game road trip through the West.

The NBA's highest-scoring team was matched up against

the league's best defensive club.

Suns 108, Grizzlies 102

This time, offense won out.

Shawn Marion scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, Leandro Barbosa had a season-high 24 points, and the Phoenix Suns hung on to beat Memphis Wednesday night, handing the Grizzlies their fourth straight loss.

The victory increased the Suns' Pacific Division lead to two games over the Los Angeles Clippers, who were beaten by the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

"We had a great first half and a super second quarter, and then we just held on," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns beat the Grizzlies for the first time in three meetings this season and scored 100 or more points for the 12th straight game.

Boris Diaw added 18 points for the Suns, James Jones had 16 and All-Star Steve Nash contributed 14 points and 10 assists.

Bobby Jackson led the Grizzlies with 17 points. Eddie Jones scored 16, Pau Gasol had 15, Antonio Burks scored 12, including 11 in the fourth quarter, and Shane Battier had 10 rebounds and nine points. Memphis has lost five of six games.

Bucks 94, Magic 89 (2OT)

Michael Redd made up for a poor shooting night with one big basket.

Redd scored 27 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer in the second overtime, to lead the Milwaukee Bucks over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

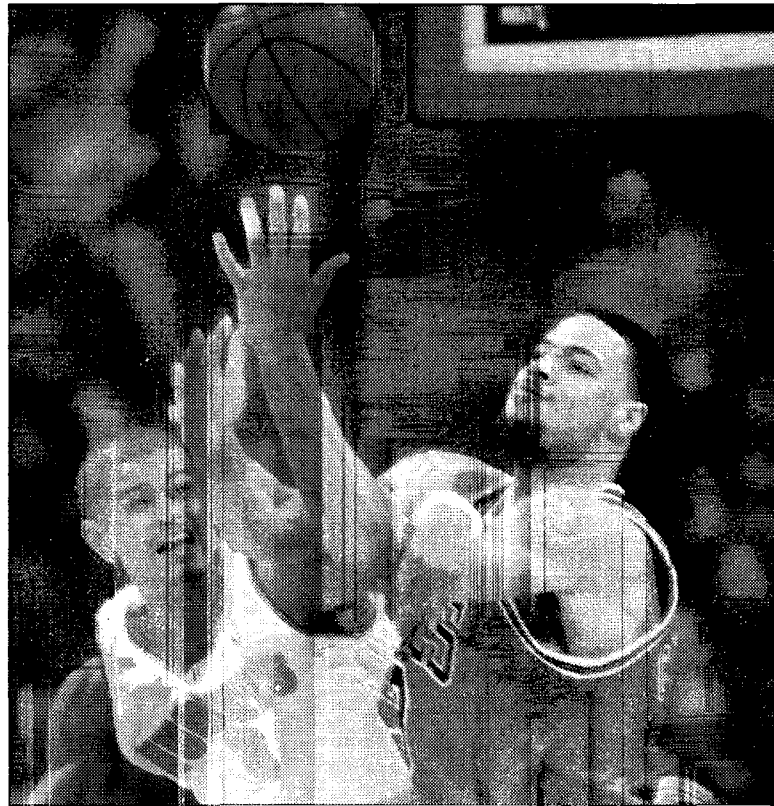
"My shooting performance was not so good, but my confidence is still there," Redd said after going 10-for-30 from the floor. "I have high standards for myself."

He was 0-for-3 in the first overtime and 1-for-2 in the second.

"This is one of those games you just have to grind it out, keep plugging away and eventually things will go your way," he said.

Magic coach Brian Hill said his team worked as hard as it could to stop Redd.

"Michael Redd is an outstanding offensive player," Hill said. "He made some big shots down the stretch."



Chicago forward Tyson Chandler and Denver guard Earl Watson fight for the ball during the Bulls' 110-107 win Wednesday.

Dan Gadzuric added 17 points and Bobby Simmons 15, including a 3-pointer that tied the game at 79 as regulation expired.

"If it doesn't go, we don't go to overtime," Bucks coach Terry Stotts said of Simmons' shot, the only 3-pointer he made in three attempts.

The Bucks capitalized on Orlando's 3-for-17 shooting in the two extra sessions for its sixth straight home win over the Magic.

The Bucks, 14-1 at home against Orlando since the start of the 1997-98 season, also earned their season-high fourth straight home victory.

Hedo Turkoglu led the Magic with 27 points. DeShawn Stevenson added 14 before fouling out in the second overtime. Steve Francis, who came in averaging 20.8 points per game in his career against the Bucks, scored only eight.

After a season-high five-game winning streak, the Magic have lost six of seven, including four straight on the road.

Redd's 3-pointer put Milwaukee ahead 88-86 with 3:25 left in the second overtime. Turkoglu made one free throw, but Gadzuric dunked as Milwaukee went up 90-87 with 1:37 left. Turkoglu made a

layup, but T.J. Ford, who finished with 11 points and eight assists, answered with a driving layup to keep the Bucks ahead by three.

"It was getting longer and longer, going back and forth, back and forth," Gadzuric said. "Shots weren't falling, but eventually we played good solid defense and shut them down."

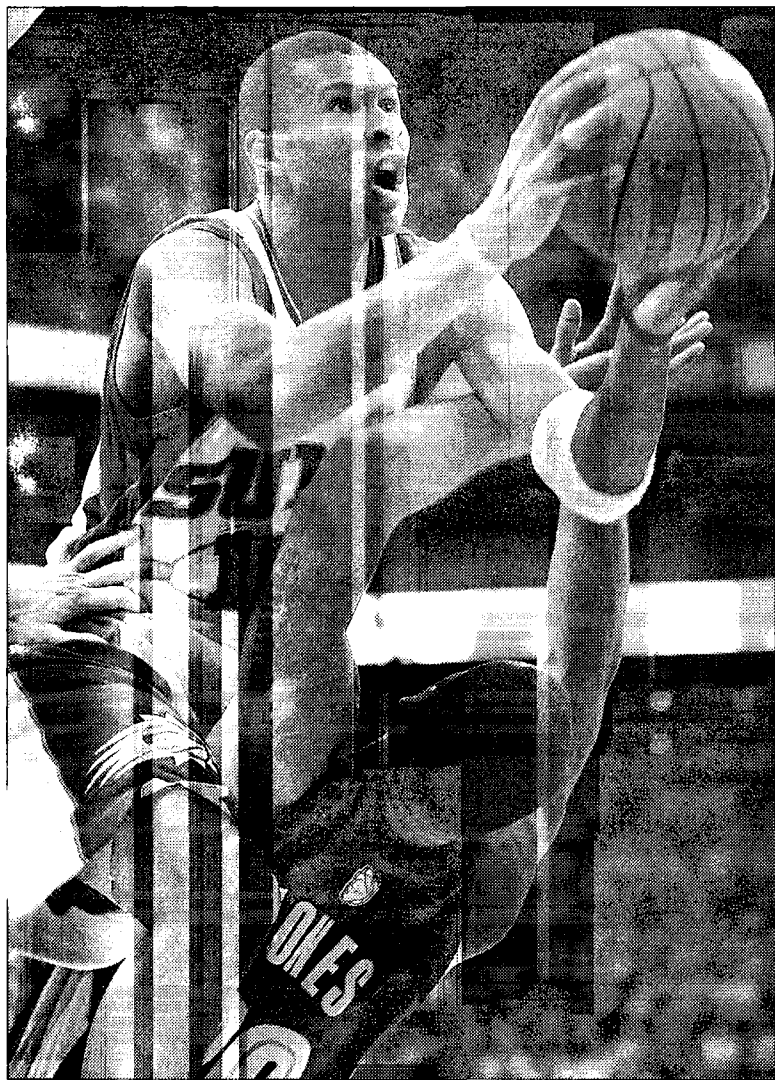
Pat Garrity missed a 3-pointer for Orlando and on the Bucks' next possession, Stevenson fouled out and sent Simmons to the line for two free throws. He made them both for the final margin.

"We played tough in the first overtime, but in the second overtime, we just ran out of gas," Garrity said.

In the first overtime, Redd made two free throws and Simmons hit a 22-foot shot as the Bucks took an 83-79 lead with 3:29 left.

The Magic missed their first four shots before Stevenson's layup pulled them to 83-81 with 2:22 to play.

Redd missed consecutive shots to give Orlando a chance, and Turkoglu eventually tipped in a miss by Stevenson to tie it at 83 with 13 seconds to play. Redd missed a baseline jumper as time expired in the first overtime.



Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa drives to the basket in the Suns' 108-102 win over Memphis Wednesday.

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MLB

Negro Leagues star hopes for call from Cooperstown

Buck O'Neil awaits the day when he is called a Hall of Famer

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Buck O'Neil's lean, sinewy frame is stooped just a bit, his grudging concession to 94 years.

A captivating storyteller, he delights audiences with tales of Satchel Paige and Cool Papa Bell and his days as a player and manager in the Negro Leagues.

He was 75 when he first shot his age in golf. He's still shooting his age, too, though now, he says, "it's not a good score anymore."

Since 1990, he's been a tireless fundraiser and goodwill ambassador for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City's historic jazz district, traveling the country to keep the legacy of black baseball alive.

Now, say hopeful friends and fans, the crowning achievement of a long and well lived life could be at hand. Buck O'Neil may soon join ol' Satch and Cool Papa and 16 other Negro League stars in the

Baseball Hall of Fame.

A special 12-person panel will meet in Tampa, Fla., this month to review 39 Negro League and pre-Negro League figures who were drawn up by a special committee. They'll vote Feb. 27. Everybody who gets at least nine votes is in.

O'Neil and Minnie Minoso, who played in the Negro Leagues from 1945-48 and also spent 14 seasons in the majors, are the only living candidates. But in these parts, O'Neil is clearly everyone's sentimental favorite.

"Between now and Feb. 27, we're all on pins and needles," said Bob Kendrick, a museum executive.

There are baseball purists, even in Kansas City, who say O'Neil does not deserve induction. Among that small but vocal group is sportstalk radio show host Soren Petro, who says

O'Neil's lifetime average of .288 is insufficient.

"Buck has a broad list of unique and memorable accomplishments. But we're talking about the best of the best," said Petro. "And why

are we just now talking about Buck O'Neil and the Hall of Fame? There was no talk of Buck in the Hall of Fame in the

'60s, '70s, '80s or early '90s. If Ken Burns hadn't featured him in his documentary about the history of baseball, hardly anybody outside of Kansas City would know who he is."

Nevertheless, Petro admits to being as touched as everyone else by O'Neil's warmth and charisma.

"The vote should not be based on what's best for our city, our pocketbook or our heart-strings," he said. "But if Buck does go into the hall, I will be thrilled for him."

Judge him by his entire body of work, say supporters.

A two-time Negro Leagues batting champion, O'Neil was a star first baseman and later player/manager who led the Kansas City Monarchs to four Negro League titles between 1948 and 1953. For many years he has been a scout for the Royals.

While Jackie Robinson was the first black player in the majors, O'Neil was the first black coach, with the Cubs, and was also one of the first African-American scouts. His many finds included hall of famers Ernie Banks and Lou Brock.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find anybody who's done more for the game of baseball than Buck O'Neil," said Kendrick. "By all accounts, he was a great defensive first baseman, a great manager, a great scout, had a groundbreaking role as the game's first black coach.



Buck O'Neil talks about playing in the Negro Leagues in front of a statue of himself at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo. on Feb. 11, 2005.

"Plus, there is his work as an ambassador of the game in itself, his work keeping the legacy of the Negro Leagues alive. If you put all that together, there's no question his career is Hall of Fame worthy."

As he approaches what could be the biggest day of his life, O'Neil is keeping calm.

"If I make it, it's going to make me one of the happiest men in the world," he said. "And if I don't make it, it's not going to make me one of the saddest."

Without question, this man is

a walking repository of baseball lore. He can describe the sound of a Babe Ruth home run.

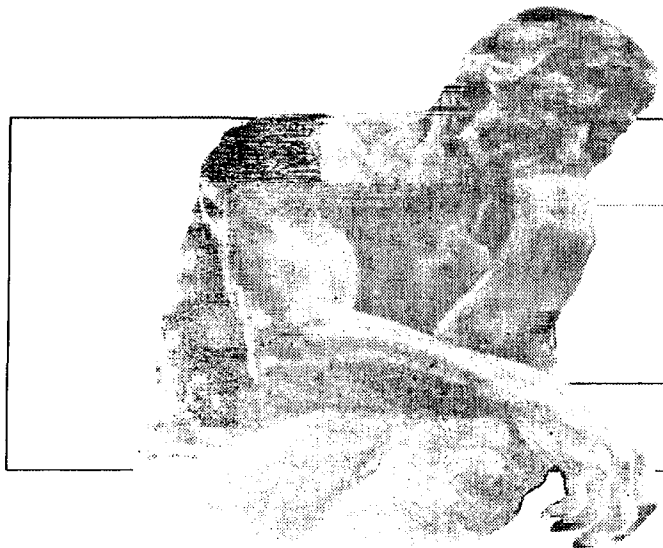
"Like a small stick of dynamite going off."

But the entire breathtaking sweep of history that his eventful life has encompassed stretches far beyond the game. As the grandson of a man who spoke to him of being kidnapped in West Africa as a youth and brought to the Carolinas in a fetid slave ship, Buck O'Neil is a living link to the ancestral heritage shared by every black American.

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David Pilgrim
Curator, Jim Crow Museum
of Racist Memorabilia
Lecture, Q & A

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February 11

2 pm Northside, Room 158
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February 11

Register 8-8:45 am
Continental Breakfast

9 am Northside, Room 158
Na'im Akbar
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10:15 am
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Northside, Room 158
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	team	record	RPI
1	Duke	21-1	.7198
2	Villanova	17-2	.6717
3	Tennessee	16-3	.6709
4	Memphis	21-2	.6655
5	Connecticut	20-1	.6588
6	Michigan State	17-5	.6446
7	Iowa	18-5	.6437
8	Texas	20-3	.6432
9	Pittsburgh	17-3	.6345
10	Gonzaga	19-3	.6331
11	UCLA	19-4	.6313
12	Ohio State	16-3	.6296
13	Illinois	20-3	.6293
14	Florida	20-2	.6278
15	UNI	20-4	.6264
16	Creighton	16-5	.6199
17	Michigan	16-4	.6192
18	Arizona	13-9	.6190
19	Oklahoma	14-5	.6178
20	Georgetown	16-4	.6177
21	LSU	15-6	.6161
22	North Carolina State	18-4	.6147
23	Wichita State	19-5	.6120
24	Indiana	13-6	.6115
25	Wisconsin	15-7	.6104

Women's College Basketball RPI Top 25

	team	record	RPI
1	Tennessee	17-0	.7546
2	North Carolina	16-0	.7110
3	Duke	16-0	.7107
4	Connecticut	15-2	.7004
5	LSU	14-0	.6986
6	North Carolina State	11-5	.6834
7	Ohio State	13-2	.6698
8	Virginia Tech	14-1	.6691
9	Texas	8-6	.6656
10	DePaul	16-1	.6623
11	George Washington	11-4	.6584
12	Oklahoma	13-4	.6578
13	Arizona State	14-3	.6557
14	Baylor	12-2	.6537
15	New Mexico	13-4	.6520
16	Rutgers	12-2	.6486
17	Purdue	13-2	.6454
18	Kentucky	13-3	.6402
19	Washington	12-4	.6396
20	BYU	13-1	.6369
21	Minnesota	11-4	.6355
22	Stanford	11-4	.6319
23	Old Dominion	6-7	.6303
24	Florida	13-3	.6288
25	Michigan State	13-5	.6265

Tennis Top 15

Men's		Women's	
No.	Team	No.	Team
1	Florida	1	Stanford
2	Georgia	2	Florida
3	Illinois at U-C	3	Texas-Austin
4	Pepperdine	4	Southern California
5	Mississippi	5	Duke
6	Virginia	6	California
7	Stanford	7	Georgia Tech
8	UCLA	8	Northwestern
9	Baylor	9	Harvard
10	Duke	10	UNC-Chapel Hill
11	LSU	11	Baylor
12	South Carolina	12	Texas Christian
13	Wake Forest	13	Miami(FL)
14	Washington	14	Vanderbilt
15	Ohio State	15	UCLA

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TENNIS



Martina Navratilova of the United States plays a shot in a doubles match against Liezel Huber of South Africa and Lisa Mcshea of Australia during the Sydney International Tennis tournament in Sydney on Jan. 10, 2005. Even as she approaches her 50th birthday, Navratilova plans to play a full schedule of doubles tournaments in 2006.

Navratilova to play Grand Slam doubles

Associated Press

Even as she approaches her 50th birthday and recovers from knee surgery, Martina Navratilova plans to play a full schedule of doubles tournaments in 2006, including the Grand Slams, and might take another stab at singles.

"I just feel like I'm not quite done yet," Navratilova said Wednesday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from her home in Sarasota, Fla. "When I feel like I'm done, then I'm done. And I don't

know when that will happen."

In a sense, she's finally being honest with herself and her fans, after having repeatedly made "This time I really mean it" declarations about when she would hang up her racket. But farewell tour followed farewell tour.

Navratilova originally retired in 1994, with a record 167 singles titles and having spent 331 weeks ranked No. 1. She returned to the tour as a doubles player in 2000, and eventually couldn't resist dabbling in singles, including a first-round vic-

tory at Wimbledon in 2004.

Nowadays, she won't make any predictions about how much longer she'll play or whether she'll again give singles a try against players half her age — or younger.

"We'll see how the body's going. ... I might get on the grass again," she said when asked about playing singles. "Right now, that's so far away, I'm not worried about it or thinking about it. If it happens, it happens. If I'm ready, then I'll play. If I'm not, then I won't."

She injured her left knee during an exhibition event

in November and had arthroscopic surgery the next month, forcing her to miss the Australian Open and other events. Back at practice, Navratilova is aiming to return to the WTA Tour at the Feb. 20-25 hard-court tournament at Dubai, United Arab Emirates, then wants to play the next week at Doha, Qatar.

Her partner at those tournaments will be 29-year-old Liezel Huber, who teamed with Cara Black to win Wimbledon last year. "Hopefully, I can keep up my end of the bargain," Navratilova said.

IN BRIEF

MLB concerned with D.C. council's lease for Nationals

WASHINGTON — Major League Baseball responded skeptically to a revised lease for the Washington Nationals that was approved early Wednesday by the District of Columbia Council, which rejected an earlier proposal just hours before.

During a series of sessions that began Tuesday and lasted more than 14 hours, council members rejected the lease 8-5, then approved it 9-4 after capping the city's spending at just under \$611 million.

"Major League Baseball has not yet been provided with the filings made by the D.C. Sports & Entertainment Commission with the City Council last Friday, nor the text of the legislation passed by the Council last night," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said in a statement. "We are very concerned about what we heard during the debate, and we need to read the materials and the legislative language so we can determine

whether they are consistent with the agreements between Major League Baseball and the city."

Krivsky leaves Twins to become Reds' GM

CINCINNATI — Minnesota's Wayne Krivsky overwhelmed the Cincinnati Reds' new owner during an interview Wednesday, then got the job as their next general manager.

Krivsky's hiring ended a two-week search that involved eight candidates and ultimately came down to two — him and Reds' special adviser Jim Beattie. Krivsky's second interview went so well that owner Bob Castellini didn't need any more time to think it over.

"He was totally prepared," Castellini said. "He blew us away."

Krivsky was a leading candidate for the Reds' job two years ago, but former owner Carl Lindner chose Dan O'Brien, who had worked for the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers. O'Brien was fired last month by Castellini, who wanted to

bring in his own executive to run the baseball operation.

Italy replaces injured Olympic ski jumpers

TURIN, Italy — Italy will replace its two injured ski jumpers with athletes from its Nordic combined team — a move that raises doubt about whether the host nation can make a strong showing in the event.

The Italians were not considered to be medal contenders in ski jumping, but they were hoping to perform well in front of the home crowd at Pragelato.

Instead, the team will take the unusual move of using Nordic combined athletes to replace the injured Marco Beltrame and Stefano Chiapolino.

"With a lower number of athletes, we will take part in the same number of events," Italian delegation head Raffaele Pagnozzi said Wednesday.

Beltrame and Chiapolino were hurt Monday in separate falls.

Student Body President Debate

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February 9

8:00 PM In the Huddle

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District of Columbia approves revised lease

League skeptical of new financial offer for Nationals' ballpark

Associated Press

Major League Baseball responded skeptically to a revised lease for the Washington Nationals that was approved early Wednesday by the District of Columbia Council, which rejected an earlier proposal just hours before.

During a series of sessions that began Tuesday and lasted more than 14 hours, council members rejected the lease 8-5, then approved it 9-4 after capping the city's spending at just under \$611 million.

"Major League Baseball has not yet been provided with the filings made by the D.C. Sports & Entertainment Commission with the City Council last Friday, nor the text of the legislation passed by the Council last night," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said in a statement. "We

are very concerned about what we heard during the debate, and we need to read the materials and the legislative language so we can determine whether they are consistent with the agreements between Major League Baseball and the city."

The District of Columbia and baseball reached an agreement in 2004 that led to the Montreal Expos moving to Washington and becoming the Nationals. It called for a lease to be in place by Dec. 31, 2005, and when that deadline wasn't met, baseball filed for mediation.

After the initial rejection Tuesday, baseball's chief operating officer, Bob DuPuy, said the sport would proceed to arbitration in an effort to enforce its 2004 agreement.

Washington Mayor Anthony A. Williams said he expected baseball will soon sign the lease.

"It wasn't a pretty landing, but we brought the thing in," Williams said at his weekly news briefing.



Washington, D.C. mayor Anthony Williams speaks with reporters Tuesday after the D.C. Council rejected the lease for the Washington Nationals' new ballpark.

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NFL

Michaels to switch to NBC

Former ABC anchor will not make jump to ESPN with MNF

Associated Press

Do you believe in switching networks? Yes!

Al Michaels appears headed to NBC after ESPN hired former quarterback Joe Theismann. Washington Post columnist Tony Kornheiser and Mike Tirico as its Monday night broadcast crew



Michaels

Michaels had been with ABC since 1976 and had been the play-by-play voice of "Monday Night Football" since 1986, when he replaced Frank Gifford. A four-time Emmy-Award winner, he is best known for exclaiming "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" when the United States upset the favored Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympic hockey tournament.

NBC takes over Sunday night games next season from ESPN. John Madden, Michaels' broadcast partner for the last four seasons, agreed in June to a six-year contract with NBC.

"Al was not comfortable and let us know he was not comfortable with our vision of where we are going," ESPN executive vice president John Skipper said after Wednesday's announcement. "Back in November he said it was the greatest job ever invented. So sometime between the last couple of weeks and November apparently he had a change of heart."

At a news conference July 26, Michaels said he would remain with "Monday Night Football" when it switched to

ESPN after 36 seasons on ABC. He was to be paired with Theismann, who had broadcast Sunday night games on ESPN with Mike Patrick and Paul Maguire.

"I feel like I'm a creature of Monday night. I'm home and I'm staying home," Michaels said then. "The three words 'Monday Night Football' resonate like no other."

Skipper was evasive when asked about specifics on Michaels, saying only a "satisfactory resolution" had been reached.

Pat Gibbons, a marketing representative for Michaels, said he could not reach the broadcaster. NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol did not return a telephone message left with a spokesman.

Mike Breen will replace Michaels as the lead NBA play-by-play announcer on ABC/ESPN. He will be joined by former NBA coach Hubie Brown, hired in December 2004 as the analyst.

ESPN plans to use its various television and radio networks and Web sites for a long buildup to the Monday night games, which will start at 8:40 p.m., about 25 minutes earlier than previously.

MNF has not had a three-man booth since Michaels was teamed with Dan Fouts and Dennis Miller in 2000-01.

Theismann was an NFL quarterback for 12 seasons and had worked on ESPN's Sunday night games since 1988. Kornheiser, who had

auditioned for the MNF job Miller got, has written for the Post since 1979 and has co-hosted "Pardon the Interruption" on ESPN since September 2001 with Michael Wilbon, another Post writer.

"I've got about 27 gigs right now," Kornheiser said. "I've got radio, I've got television, I've got The Washington Post."

He thinks listeners do care about who broadcasts games, especially "if the telecast has a certain amount of sizzle."

Roone Arledge and Howard Cosell, among others, sort of changed the viewing habits of America," he said.

He also must adjust his schedule.

"I live like a barn animal. I go to sleep at 9:30 and wake up at about 5," he said.

Tirico has been a "SportsCenter" host for ESPN and handled play-by-play of the last Orange Bowl. He has worked for ESPN and ABC since 1991.

"It's the best play-by-play chair in sports," Tirico said. "To be the next person to sit in it is humbling."

Michele Tafoya returns for her third season as a "Monday Night Football" sideline reporter, and Suzy Kolber was added as a second sideline reporter.

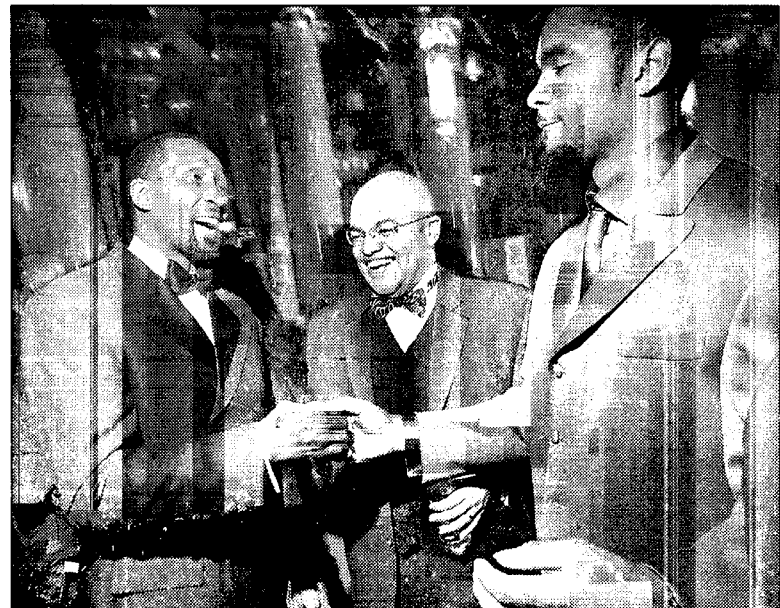
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ESPN names Monday Night anchors for 2006



ESPN sportscaster Mike Tirico, center, laughs with boxer Tommy Heams, left, and Oakland Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson Jan. 30.

Associated Press

Former quarterback Joe Theismann, Washington Post columnist Tony Kornheiser and Mike Tirico will be the broadcast crew for "Monday Night Football" next season as the long-running show shifts to ESPN from ABC.

The moves leave Al Michaels free to switch to NBC, which takes over Sunday night games next season from ESPN. John Madden, Michaels' broadcast partner for the last four seasons, agreed in June to a six-year contract with NBC.

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NBA

3-point competitors named

Mavs teammates Nowitzki and Terry both named to All-Star contest

Associated Press

Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Terry were selected Wednesday to participate in the NBA's 3-point Shootout, pitting the Dallas teammates against each other and four other competitors during the All-Star weekend in Houston.

Defending champion Quentin Richardson of the New York Knicks, 2001 winner Ray Allen of Seattle, Chauncey Billups of Detroit and Raja Bell of Phoenix are the other participants. The contest is Feb. 18, a night before the All-Star game.

Richardson won the event last year while playing for Phoenix, but he has struggled this season for the Knicks. He was shooting just 31.3 percent from beyond the arc entering Wednesday.

He will try to become the first repeat winner since Peja Stojakovic in 2002-03.

As Terry walked off the court after the Mavericks practiced Wednesday in Dallas, he saw Nowitzki in the corner taking shots from long range.

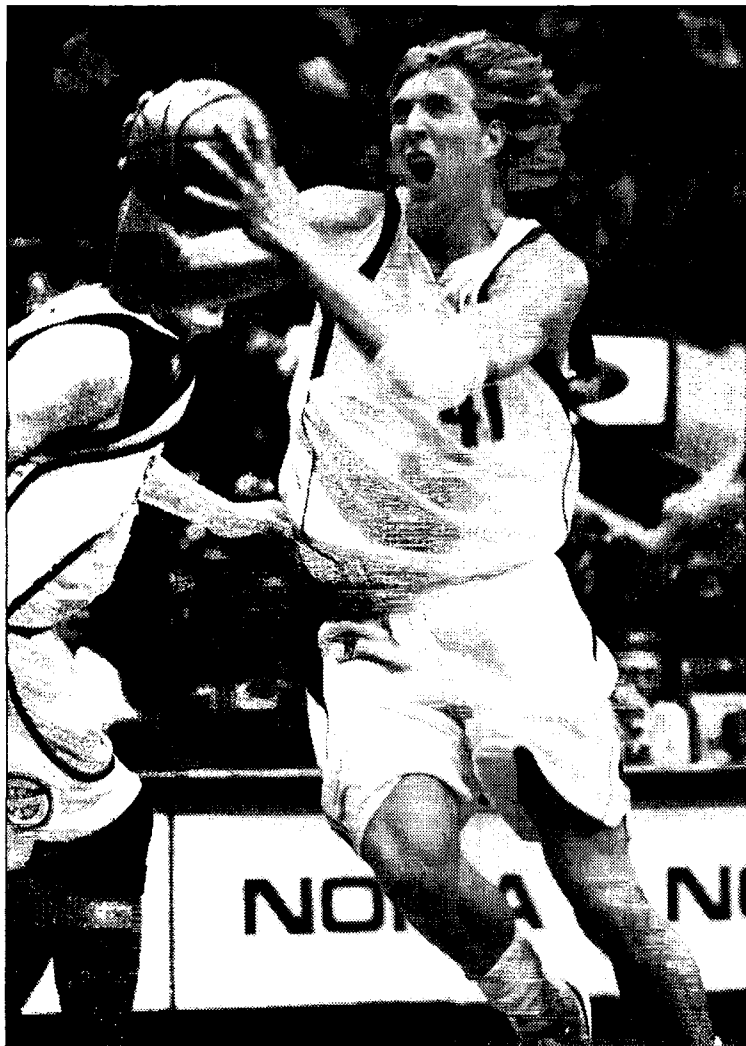
"Hey bro, what are you doing?" Terry asked Nowitzki. "What is this?"

"I'm getting ready," joked Nowitzki, who was really going through a routine shooting drill.

Nowitzki is shooting a career-best 43 percent (69-of-162) from 3-point range. Terry has made 41 percent (95-of-230) of his long-range shots.

"We'll be looking at each other, and hopefully we'll meet in the finals," Terry said.

"It's about having fun, and



Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki scores against Utah Jan. 29. Nowitzki was selected Wednesday to compete in the 3-point contest during the NBA All-Star weekend.

hopefully one of us will bring the trophy to Dallas," Nowitzki said. "If somebody beats me, it better be Jet."

The winner will get \$35,000, with \$22,500 going to the runner-up and the third-place finisher earning \$15,000.

OLYMPICS

American skaters look to change luck in Turin

U.S. pairs have not won an Olympic medal since 1988 in Calgary

Associated Press

Rena Inoue's smile lit up the arena. John Baldwin's fist cut through the air like a sword.

The couple had plenty to celebrate after they landed the first throw triple axel in figure skating. Even more amazing was that an American pair made history.

Or, at least, history of a positive kind.

Pairs, which opens the Olympic skating competition Saturday, is the weak link for American skaters. The last Olympic medal was a bronze by Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard in Calgary in 1988; rarely have U.S. duos threatened to reach the podium since.

A medal this year isn't even part of the discussion. A top 10 finish for Inoue-Baldwin would be a success. Same thing for Marcy Hinzmann and Aaron Parchem.

Why can't the United States contend in pairs? Americans Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto are medals favorites in ice dance, where the U.S. drought dates back to 1976. But pairs is an icy wasteland.

"It's been on a downgrade for, I'd say, the last 10 years," says former U.S. pairs champion Rocky Marval. "It's unfortunate. It's a little painful to watch."

"What we need is to recruit and scout talented skaters we feel would be competitive with the international skaters. There are a lot of good skaters out there. It's our matching process that has not been successful. There are a lot of egos involved in that process. Too many (coaches) interfering with the matching process."

Pairing up partners never is a problem in Russia and China, the dominant countries. Nor is coaching interference, because most of the top coaches teach the same style.

"In other countries, especially Russia, they designate certain people to do pairs," says Ron Ludington, one of America's premier pairs coaches for decades and a bronze medalist in the 1960 Games with his sister, Nancy. "I've known skaters from Russia who've told me they were originally singles skaters and they were told they were going to be pairs."

"There are some good (American) girls out there. But these coaches won't allow the girls to go out because they've put all that work into them. It's different in Russia because they're told what to do."

"If we mismatch our pairs in this country, they break up."



Inoue

Adds Inoue, who represented Japan in both singles and pairs in two other Olympics: "The Chinese (Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo, the 2002 and '03 world champions) have been together since he was 12 and she was 7. That's a long time together. You have to go through a lot to make yourselves one."

One is the appropriate number for Russian or Soviet couples; they have won every Olympics since 1964.

Recently, China has developed some of the most athletic and technically brilliant pairs ever seen.

But in America, pairs has fallen flat, without much sign of immediate revitalization. Pairs are strong at the junior level, with American teams taking up six of the eight spots at this year's Junior Grand Prix final. There is no guarantee, though, that their success will carry over at the senior level. Or even that the couples will stay together long enough to try.

Ludington believes the emphasis on singles in this country has hurt pairs. Marval blames the leadership of U.S. Figure Skating for not paying more attention to pairs.

David Raith, the federation's new executive director, insists that will change quickly.

"Just to do more camps, maybe have a group that's looking strictly at the pairs program, which we don't really do fully right now," he suggests as a solution. "We're making this a priority."

They'd better. Pairs is the only event in Turin where the United States doesn't have the full complement of three entrants. Although Inoue and Baldwin are two-time U.S. champions, they have never finished higher than 10th at worlds.

Even though many Russian pairs, including world champions and Olympic favorites Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin, train in the United States, their surpassing skills haven't rubbed off. Yet.

One solution could be hiring more Russian coaches to work with American teams. Tamara Moskvina, generally considered the world's foremost pairs teacher, guided Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman to three national championships and a bronze medal at the 2002 world championships — albeit against a watered-down field. For several years she taught in New Jersey, but is back in Russia now and has Julia Obertas and Sergei Slavnov in the Turin Games.

Moskvina is optimistic that American pairs skating will turn around. When? She isn't predicting.

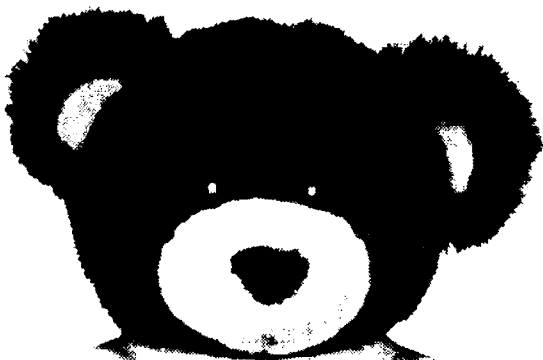
"It seems now in the United States there are many new pairs and the quantity is outstanding. But the quality is not yet," Moskvina says. "Pairs need lots of time for them to adjust to each other and to develop the artistry and style. These young pairs do not have it. In a few years, yes, they will achieve that."

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NHL

League hires former prosecutor in probe



Former federal prosecutor Robert Cleary walks to a courthouse in Sacramento, Calif. Nov. 24, 1997. The NHL hired Cleary to lead its investigation of an illegal gambling ring.

Robert Cleary once led the investigation of the 'Unabomber'

Associated Press

The NHL hired the former federal prosecutor who headed the Unabomber case to investigate Rick Tocchet, the Phoenix Coyotes assistant coach accused of financing a nationwide gambling ring that took bets from about a half-dozen current players.

Authorities have not said they have any evidence of betting on hockey in "Operation Slap Shot." Nothing has been ruled out, New Jersey State Police Lt. Gerald Lewis said Wednesday.

Tocchet was to meet with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman on Wednesday, Phoenix coach Wayne Gretzky said a day earlier. As of early evening, they had not gotten together.

"We are fully cooperating with the league and certainly will be meeting with them," said Tocchet's newly hired New Jersey attorney, Kevin Marino. "We haven't met with them yet. I'm not going to discuss the exact time or date or place."

Deputy commissioner Bill Daly declined to comment about Wednesday's proceedings. He said the NHL hoped to release a statement later in the day.

Former U.S. attorney Robert Cleary will conduct the NHL's internal investigation. He was the lead prosecutor from 1996-98 in the case against the Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski, who was sentenced to four lifetimes in prison on charges related to three deaths and the maiming of two scientists.

Cleary was the U.S. Attorney in New Jersey from 1999-02 and in the Southern District of Illinois in 2002.

Lewis said police investigators will interview other hockey players to get a sense of the scope of the gambling ring and to determine whether others should be charged.

Tocchet was publicly implicated by New Jersey authorities on Tuesday. He was not behind the bench for Tuesday night's home game against Chicago.

Tocchet is expected to be arraigned within 10 days, said John Hagerty, a spokesman for the New Jersey division of crim-

inal justice.

Marino called the state's charges against his new client "false and irresponsible."

"Mr. Tocchet is one of the most well-respected men ever to play in the NHL, and he's respected for his integrity, his determination and his strength," the Newark-based lawyer said. "We deeply regret the attorney general's precipitous charges and are appalled at the ensuing media frenzy."

Gretzky's wife, actress Janet Jones, was also implicated, two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because no bettors have been publicly identified.

She hasn't made any public statements, and Gretzky said Tuesday that she would answer questions at some point.

"The integrity of the game is obviously very important. And betting on hockey is obviously something we don't want," Ottawa forward Daniel Alfredsson said. "Until you know all the facts, you don't know how it's going to affect the game or put a black mark on it."

Lewis said authorities also were exploring links between the gambling and Philadelphia-area mobsters. He said the investigation so far has only turned up that there might be some links, but not exactly what they were.

He also declined to reveal which players will be interviewed.

"Obviously when you're watching the news and it's on CNN and FOX, it's pretty major," Alfredsson said. "I think to everybody it was a shocker. It was the talk for everybody on the bus yesterday and also today. We want to find out as much as we can."

Hockey players are prohibited from making NHL wagers, legal or otherwise. There are no rules that forbid them from betting on other sports.

The substance abuse and behavioral health program jointly run by the league and the players' association addresses gambling during team-by-team training-camp meetings every year.

Current NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr of the New York Rangers said he ran up a \$500,000 debt in 1998 betting on sports events on the Internet during his days with the Washington Capitals.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Idaho hires former Miami coach

Erickson signs five-year deal with team that started his career

Associated Press

MOSCOW, Idaho — Dennis Erickson returned to Idaho on Wednesday to become head coach at the school that gave him his start.

The 58-year-old Erickson, who won two national championships at Miami, got his first head coaching job at Idaho in 1982. He left after the '85 season for a string of college jobs and eventually ended up in the NFL.

His last stop was San Francisco, where after two disappointing seasons with the 49ers he was fired in January 2005.

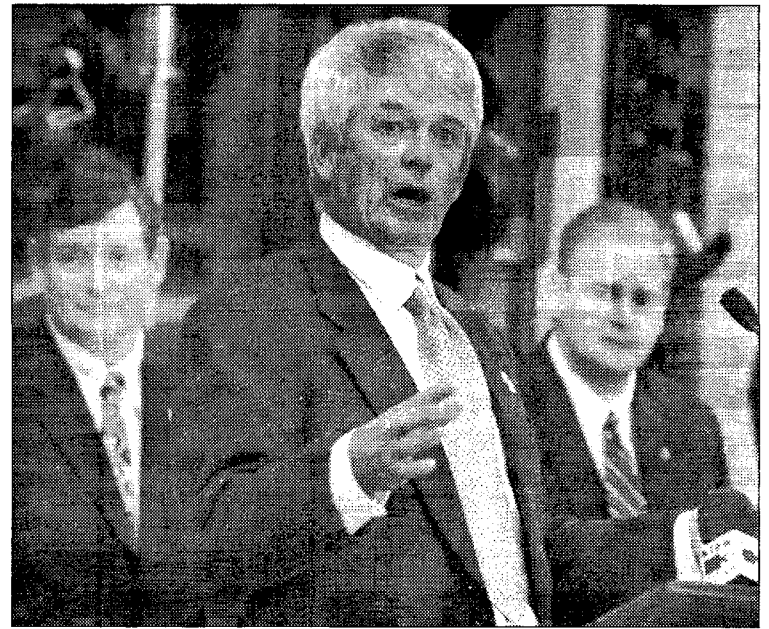
"I just thought it was an opportunity for me to come back, give back and get back to coaching college football ... my first love," Erickson said at a news conference.

At Idaho, he succeeds Nick Holt, who returned to Southern California as defensive coordinator after changing his mind about becoming an assistant with the St. Louis Rams.

Erickson signed a five-year contract worth about \$200,000 a year, but with bonuses, it could be worth a total of about \$1.5 million over the duration the contract, athletic director Rob Spear said.

Idaho is entering its second season in the Western Athletic Conference. The Vandals were 5-18 in two years under Holt, including 2-9 last season.

Despite the struggles, Erickson called Moscow "a



Dennis Erickson speaks at a news conference Wednesday after being introduced as the new Idaho head coach.

good fit" for him.

Erickson has been unemployed since the 49ers fired him. He still receives \$2.5 million per year from the 49ers. He was fired with three years left on his five-year, \$12.5 million contract.

Erickson turned Idaho into one of the top Division I-AA teams in the nation during his first stint with the Vandals. He was 144-57-1 as a head coach at Idaho, Wyoming, Washington State, Miami and Oregon State. His Miami teams won national championships in 1989 and 1991.

He had less success in the NFL, going 31-33 in four years at the helm of the Seattle Seahawks and 9-23 with the 49ers.

Between the two NFL jobs he revived a foundering Oregon

State program, directing the Beavers to a 31-17 record, including a school-best mark of 11-1 and a 41-9 victory over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl in the 2000 season.

"The challenge here is to win, to compete for the conference championship and to go to bowl games," Erickson said. "Yeah, I love it here. I came here because I'm a football coach and I want to help the University of Idaho become successful."

Some of the Idaho players who watched the news conference from the balcony of a new weight room are getting their third head coach in five years.

Erickson said he met with the players Wednesday and talked about the work they will have to do to be competitive in the WAC.

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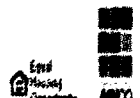
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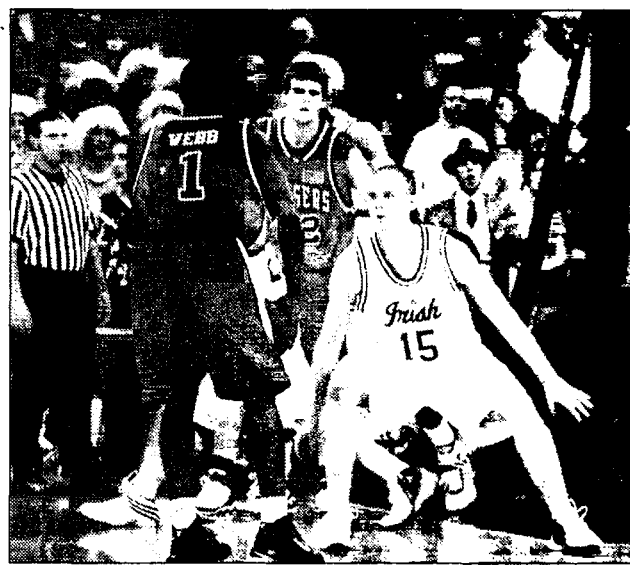
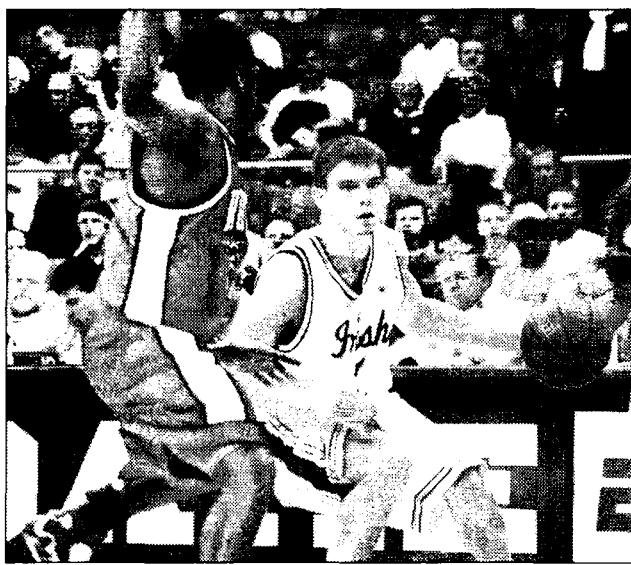
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At left, Irish forward Rick Cornett dunks as Rutgers' Marquis Webb, left, and Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney look on. Center, Irish guard Chris Quinn dribbles against a Scarlet Knight defender during Notre Dame's 90-63 win Wednesday. At right, Irish guard Colin Falls defends Webb on the perimeter.

Win

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Notre Dame's season following a complete thumping of Rutgers seems in line with Brey's attitude as the game ended: "Who knows?"

"Who knew?" was more like it on Wednesday.

Granted, Rutgers played without a couple significant contributors who were sidelined by injury. And the Scarlet Knights are now only 3-7 in the conference, just one game ahead of the Irish.

But Notre Dame knew it needed a win and that it could beat Rutgers. It didn't know the final

score would be 90-63 and that the Irish would win by more points (27) than the sum of their loss margins in their eight conference defeats (26).

It didn't know that playing both Francis and Rick Cornett for significant minutes would result in 13-for-20 combined shooting, 35 points and 14 rebounds.

But as Brey said to open the post-game remarks: "Well, we'll take that."

The Irish will take the win because they desperately needed it. There are several teams Notre Dame legitimately can catch at this point for a spot in the Big East top-12 — and a bid to the postseason conference tournament in March.

Syracuse (4-5) and Providence

(4-6) sit only two wins ahead of the Irish. Saint John's (3-6) is one win away. Rutgers (3-7) is one ahead with the tiebreaker going to Notre Dame. Louisville (3-7) is just one up, but the Cardinals own the tiebreaker, and DePaul (2-8) and Notre Dame have identical records, though the Blue Demons won the only meeting thus far this season.

So, as the Irish players and coaches have reiterated through the long losing streaks, there still is a chance. There's no doubt about it. Other teams have games to play against the same Georgetown, Villanova and West Virginia squads that scarred Notre Dame's postseason face.

But who knows which Irish team will show up even for its

next meeting in a home game against 0-9 South Florida (USF) next Wednesday? USF wants a victory just as badly, if not worse, than anyone. And not to minimize the Rutgers win, but Seton Hall, Marquette and Connecticut — who all remain on the Irish schedule — will have more than one scoring option for Notre Dame to stop.

Rutgers has been struggling, and it showed. But so has Notre Dame, and that is why the win means so much — and why it could be easy for Irish players to feel immediately relieved. But Brey said he has that attitude shift covered.

"I'll show 'em 2-8," Brey said, emphasizing his team must remember its lowly conference

record.

Wednesday night's romp was impressive, if a 2-8 team can be described as such. But the conversation ends there, because as much as Notre Dame needs the momentum, it also needs a healthy dose of realism.

The Irish are still in trouble, and this is only one step to get themselves out. Seeing Quinn on the bench at the end of a game is promising, but it probably won't happen again this season.

But then again, who knows?

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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Knights

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and grabbed seven rebounds. Cornett added 14 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"[Cornett] and [Francis], that's

just exactly what I've been waiting for," Irish forward Russell Carter said. "I know they can do that day in and day out. Just to see them do it, it gets me hyped. It's like I'm scoring the points — it gets me smiling."

Notre Dame had struggled this season putting together a consistent 40 minutes, but

Rutgers (13-10, 3-7 in the Big East) never stood a chance Wednesday. The Irish came out of the gate strong — shooting 59.3 percent in the first half (58.9 percent in the game).

Notre Dame opened with a 10-4 run in the first 3:28 that forced Rutgers coach Gary Waters to call a timeout. In that

stretch alone, Francis scored seven points.

Four Irish players — guard Chris Quinn (16 points), Carter (17 points), Francis and Cornett — all scored in double figures.

"We just wanted to come out tonight and start it up," Francis said. "They were feeding us the ball from the perimeter, they're always confident in us, but they're even more confident when we're producing."

Notre Dame continued to apply pressure on offense in the first half, capped off by a 10-2 run out of the TV timeout with 3:36 left before halftime. Four different players — Francis, Carter, guard Kyle McAlarney and guard Colin Falls — all scored in that stretch.

Quinn credited the forwards for Notre Dame's ability to get going early and keep the intensity throughout the game.

"Torin [Francis] and Rick [Cornett] are very skilled down there," Quinn said. "A lot of the times, teams are keying on the perimeter. ... If we can get [the forwards] playing like they did tonight, that would be good for us."

The Irish did not let up in the second half. Taking a 38-26 lead into halftime, Notre Dame outscored Rutgers 52-37 after the break — mostly because of the team's desire to continue playing aggressively on offense.

A telling moment came midway through the second half when Carter was wide open in the corner. The Irish guard looked around as Rutgers defenders failed to come out and defend him. He set his feet, and after much deliberation — drilled the 3.

"There was a lady in the corner who was like, 'Shoot it,' so I listened to her," Carter said. "I gave her the assist on that one."

The Irish did a good job on the defensive end limiting the volatile scoring of Rutgers guard Quincy Douby. Douby — who leads the Big East in scoring (23.9 points per game com-

ing into Wednesday's game) — scored 27 points on 9-of-25 shooting.

Notre Dame now heads into a week-long break before next Wednesday's game against South Florida. Brey said the Irish would use the time to refocus and make a push for what he expects to be a tough finish.

"It probably helps us to shift some gears for a little bit," Brey said. "Slow it down, and then speed it up maybe Sunday. We need to use [the break] as an advantage, and I think it will be."

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame used some of its bench players in the final minutes against Rutgers. Brey said it is rare when a team is able to use some of its more inexperienced players in league play.

"It was nice to get all the guys in the game," Brey said. "You don't expect that ever in a league game, and the way our thing has been going, we definitely didn't expect that. You're thinking you are going to have to defend something in the end."

Irish forwards Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers both hit shots for the Irish — Hillesland's a layup with 1:14 remaining and Ayers' a 3-pointer that got Notre Dame to 90 points with two seconds remaining.

♦ Brey said the Irish need to improve their free throw shooting before the team plays South Florida. The Irish shot 14-of-27 from the line in the game and 4-of-11 in the first half.

"I know we can shoot free throws better than we have," Brey said. "We have to work on that a little bit because that's a good weapon for us. If we're getting to the bonus by using those big guys ... we've got to convert."

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles seek to end season in top form

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and
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The Belles' regular season came to a disappointing end Jan. 28, when they dropped two home meets to Albion and Calvin by scores of 119-60 and 143-59, respectively.

However, Saint Mary's is in search of redemption — as well as a bid to the NCAA championship meet — as it prepares for the MIAA Championships today through Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Belles have struggled this season due to the lack of a diving team. Despite this handicap, Saint Mary's has continued to work hard in search of both team and individual improvements. Coach Lynn Kachmarik said her team has been preparing for this event the entire season.

"Our goals at MIAA are to have as many personal-best times or season-best times as possible, to enjoy our last few days together and to really cher-

ish our time together," she said.

The team will look to its senior captains, Katie Dingeman and Kelly Nelis, for leadership in the championships. Kachmarik said Dingeman and Nelis have been excellent examples for the underclassmen all season.

"They are outstanding role models for not only the rest of our team, but for anyone who knows them," the coach said.

Nelis has been a force to be reckoned with throughout the season. In the Belles' final meet, the senior recorded the team's best time in the 500 freestyle, coming away with a 5:34.74 and earning second place overall.

Although the meet, which begins at 10 a.m., is hosted by Calvin College, the events will take place some 15 miles from the Knights' Grand Rapids campus. Teams will compete at Jenison High School in Georgetown Township, Mich.

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and made a statement at the Big East Championships that year, finishing fourth in the three-meter board.

"It put a lot of weight and pressure on Scott, and he did really real well," assistant coach Matt Tallman said. "But even if he wins, and the other team puts up three divers, points-wise it's a tie. So if he doesn't win, we're already behind."

The men's and women's divers practice together, so Coyle was the only male among several female divers who trained under diving coach Caiming Xie.

"It was really a great experience," Coyle said. "I couldn't have asked for a better experience and better one-on-one attention. It was tough sometimes because everything was looked under a microscope but in diving, where everything is about perfection."

Since then, Coyle has been surrounded with a talented sophomore class of Sam Stoner, Steven Crowe, Chris Kane and Mike Maggio, as well as freshman Michael Bulfin.

"Though they sometimes

change the order of finish, it's usually a freshman or sophomore who wins the event," Welsh said.

Coyle has relished his new-found company.

"I love it. It's great not having all the pressure on your shoulders ... and in practice we compete a lot, making us a lot better," Coyle said. "Having the competition is the best thing for pushing it to the next level."

With less of the scoring burden on his back, Coyle has been able to focus on helping the underclassmen.

"I think he's been very helpful to the divers ... helping them with technique, almost like a coach," Welsh said. "Scott's role is far more important than his points alone, although those are important too."

With only one upperclassman on the squad, Coyle's assistance to the young divers' accomplishments indicate an even brighter future for the group.

"My goodness, [the divers have] improved dramatically and they're learning new dives all the time," Welsh said. "We think the improvement will continue, and they have plenty of time to do that."

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Orange Jan. 31.

That game, along with her performance against Providence — when she scored 18 points and only missed one shot in 10 tries — earned her a spot on the Big East weekly Honor Roll, her first such award of the season.

"It was a huge compliment because I thought this season has been kind of up and down for me," LaVere said. "To have a good week of basketball and be awarded that was a great honor."

Her January scoring struggles ended at a time when the Irish were laboring to stay in the top-12 of the Big East — the cut-off for making the league tournament. Notre Dame entered the Syracuse game with a record of 3-5 in conference and tied for 10th in the Big East.

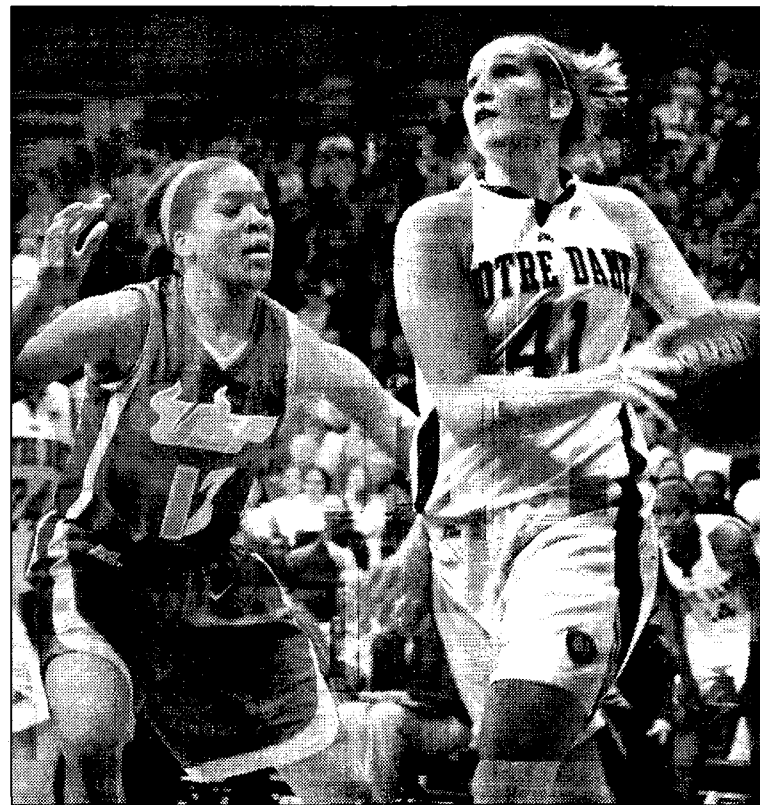
LaVere led the Irish to victories in their next two contests to get back to .500, and she shot 5-of-9 from the floor in Tuesday's overtime loss to Villanova.

LaVere's offensive emergence has provided the team with a more complete attack that it's been looking for all season.

"We've been trying to look into the post all season, and I haven't been doing my job most of the season," LaVere said. "Now that I am [playing better] I think they are looking a little more [inside to me] because we really need a low post presence if our outside team is going to do well."

That outside game has relied all season on Megan Duffy, the team's other co-captain and most recognized player. A pre-season All-American, Duffy has drawn the most attention from the media — and from other teams' defenses.

"Well you know Megan's a great player, and she deserves all the press," LaVere said. "In a way, it has taken [pressure] away from me so I can come in



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish forward Courtney LaVere drives to the lane during Notre Dame's 68-64 overtime loss to South Florida Jan. 28.

and do a lot of stuff without all the pressure on me."

As a co-captain with Duffy, LaVere understands her responsibilities and feels the two complement each other well on the court.

"I think I'm supposed to provide a steadiness out there, bring a lot of poise," she said. "Sometimes, if we get down or if the other team makes a run, I think I'm supposed to be the calm presence out there and keep everyone focused. Megan does a good job of leading the guards and I think I'm supposed to be that presence in the post."

Though LaVere has been a team leader all season and contributed quality minutes to every game, she rarely started until last week. After starting the past three games, her total starts this season have doubled.

"Early on in the season I was supposed to be that spark off the

bench, and I think I did that," she said. "I knew since I was starting I was still supposed to, like I said, provide that spark and be an offensive threat and defensive threat when I go in."

Despite another strong performance from LaVere, the Irish once again have their backs against the wall after Tuesday's loss. But the co-captain remains confident the team can still be a threat down the stretch.

"The past couple years we've really finished strong, so I'd like to see that happen this year, you know, win the games we're supposed to win and maybe win the games people don't think we will," she said. "I think we need to finish strong so we have a good run going into the Big East Tournament and the NCAA Tournament."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Scarlet lettered

Notre Dame ends losing streak with lopsided win

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
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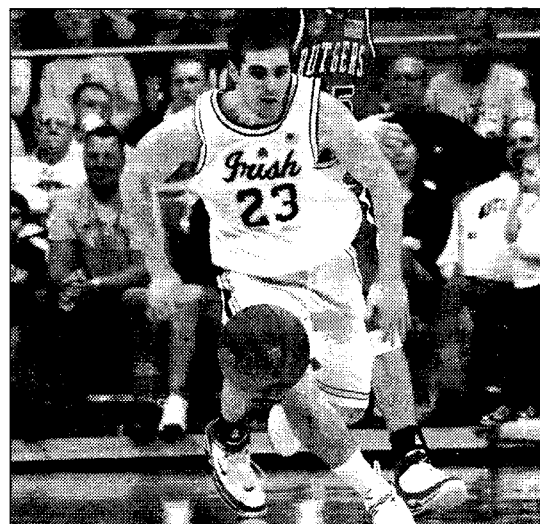
It's about time. Notre Dame got a much-needed Big East victory in a 90-63 dismantling of Rutgers Wednesday. The 27-point victory was a one-point larger margin than the team's eight Big East losses combined.

It has been that kind of season for the Irish, who moved to 11-10 (2-8 in the Big East) with the win. But Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was just happy to come away with a victory.

"[When] you're in the business as long as I am, you see a little bit of everything," Brey said. "This is pretty weird though — what we've been through. I will say that. This is pretty weird. But we'll keep riding on this [win] and keep building."

Irish forwards Torin Francis and Rick Cornett led Notre Dame with a strong inside presence that fueled the offense throughout the game. Francis scored 21 points

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At left, Irish forward Torin Francis dunks for two of his 21 points in Notre Dame's 90-63 win. Above, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney chases down a loose ball.

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KIRSTEN HOELMER

Irish must build, not dwell on Rutgers rout

With 3:20 remaining in Wednesday's rout of Rutgers, Notre Dame point guard Chris Quinn did something uncharacteristic. He sat down.

Just a few moments before, the senior had trotted off the court with teammate Torin Francis to a standing ovation. As Quinn reached the bench, Irish coach Mike Brey congratulated his co-captain and added a half-serious warning.

"I said, 'Great job; stay ready — because the way things are going, I don't know what's gonna happen here,'" Brey said after the game.

The coach and player chuckled because Brey was only kidding, but through 10 Big East games, the Irish coach wasn't wrong to remain on his guard despite a sizeable lead. After all, the theme defining



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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish divers aid in team's title hopes

Junior Scott Coyle has been instrumental in team's recent success

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The Irish ended the regular season ranked No. 19 in the nation — highest among Big East teams — and are favored to repeat at the Big East Championships in New York next week. And while the swimmers may get most of the headlines, Notre Dame (10-2) wouldn't be here without the recent resurgence of the diving squad.

"Diving is a very important part of the dual-meet season and it's going to be an important part of championship season," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "[Diving accounts for] two out of 13 events [in the conference championship meet], so if you can win diving by a lot that's a huge advantage, and if you lose

diving by a lot that's a big disadvantage."

Out of 380 possible dual-meet points this season, the young Irish team garnered 197 total points, including a crucial 29 out of 38 in a two-point team victory at Michigan State Nov. 11.

But diving hasn't always been such a large factor in the team's success. After graduating three divers from the class of 2003, the men's team had only one diver on the roster for the 2003-04 season — then-freshman Scott Coyle.

"They hadn't gone out after divers in their recruiting, so I was the only freshman," said Coyle, who is now a junior. "I pretty much got thrown into a situation where I was the only guy. It was a big challenge for a freshman, but it was also a great learning experience. And I got myself acclimated to the college diving experience."

Coyle won five events late in the regular season as a freshman

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LaVere's turnaround sparks team

Senior Notre Dame forward shot 80 percent from the field last week

By **ERIC RETTER**
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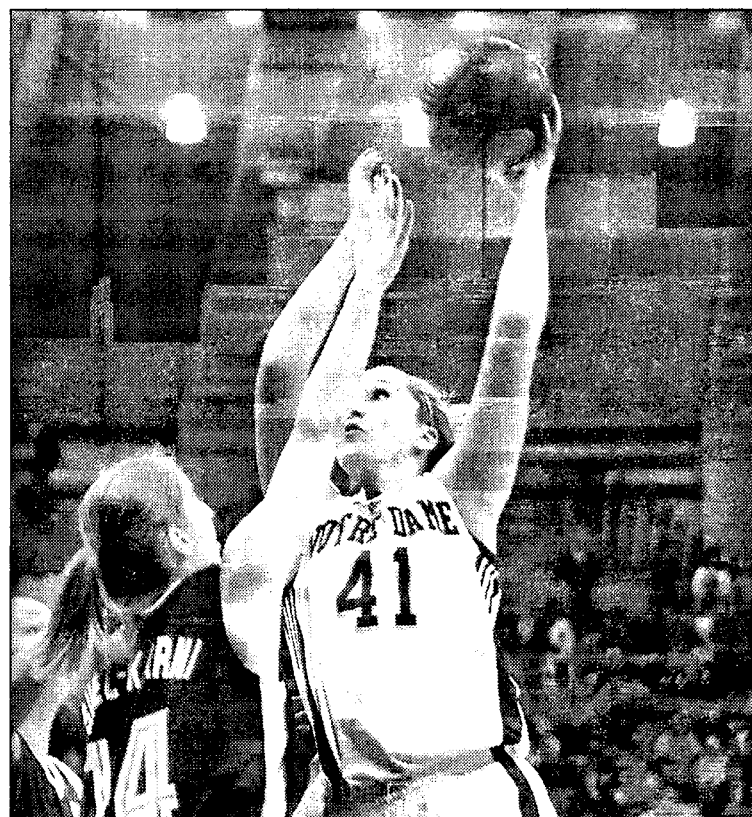
Irish forward Courtney LaVere couldn't have picked a better time to get hot than right now.

LaVere, the team's senior co-captain, has struggled for much of the season — failing to score more than nine points for the first nine games of January. But lately LaVere has begun playing like the post threat the team has needed her to be all season, scoring in double figures in each of the past three games and shooting above .500 from the floor in all three contests.

"I think I just realized I needed to score a lot more if we were going to be successful," LaVere said. "After the Syracuse game, it gave me a lot more confidence, and so going into each game now, I know that I can score. I've been able to get some good moves and put the ball in the basket."

LaVere scored 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting against the

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Irish forward Courtney LaVere takes a hook shot over Villanova forward Liad Suez-Karni during Notre Dame's loss Tuesday.

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