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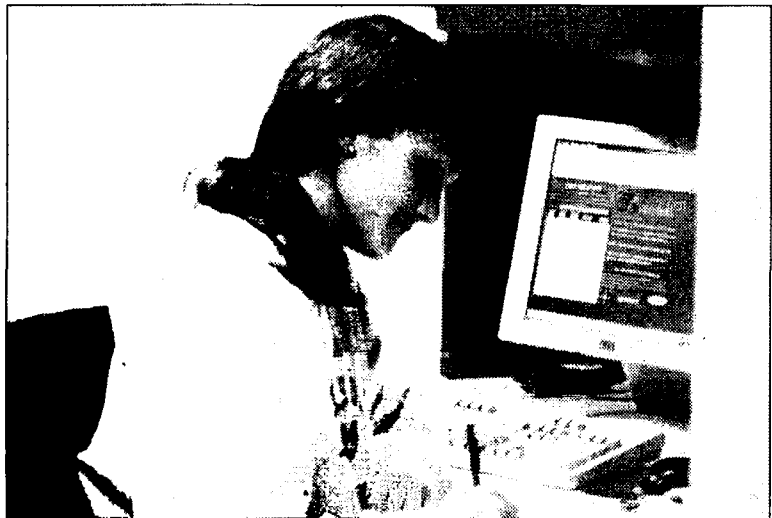
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## NCAA awards ND student-athletes



Kelly Gaudreau, a freshman on the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team, studies at the Student-Athlete Study Center in September.

MARY KATE MANNIX/The Observer

All 26 Irish sports teams surpass national Academic Performance Ratings standards

By KATIE PERRY  
Assistant News Editor

Boston College is no longer just a rival on the football field.

In a report released last Thursday, the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) presented the Irish and Eagles with the most public recognition awards as based on a two-year aggregate of Academic Performance Rate (APR) scores.

The awards were given to the top 10 percent of teams by school as well as the top 10 percent of teams by sport. No other Division I-A institution had more programs honored in the by-institution category than both Notre Dame and Boston College, each with 14.

All University programs exceeded the NCAA's APR standards, with 14 Irish teams earning perfect scores of 1,000 points. The average

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## WNDU officially acquired

Most profit will go to ND's endowment

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

Gray Television, Inc. officially acquired WNDU-TV from the University Monday for \$85 million — a purchase that will help inflate Notre Dame's endowment, a University official said.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said in a statement Monday the \$85 million from the sale of Michiana Telecasting Corp. — the operator of WNDU, an on-campus NBC-affiliate station — will be invested primarily in the University's endowment and used for "student and academic initiatives."

Affleck-Graves also said student internships would be unaffected by the ownership change.

The sale has been in the works since April 2005. At that time, the University hired Kalil and Co., a brokerage firm based in Tucson, Ariz., to explore options for selling Michiana Telecasting Corp.

An outside brokerage firm was necessary given the University's "limited knowledge of the broadcasting industry," Affleck-Graves told The Observer last April.

"In recent months we have received a number of inquiries from parties interested in acquiring Michiana Telecasting Corporation," he said in April. "The University feels it has a responsibility to evaluate such inquiries in a fiscally prudent manner."

In August 2005, University

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## Rectors praise job despite continued turnover

By JOE PIARULLI  
News Writer

Despite the recent appointments of two rectors to higher University posts, Notre Dame rectors insist that sitting at the helm of a residence hall is not just a stepping stone to a higher position.

This year, Father Peter Jarret and Sister Susan Dunn will leave their positions as rectors of Keough Hall and Lyons Hall, respectively, to take administrative posts at the University. In 2005, seven rectors left their positions.

But neither Dunn nor Jarret believes the noticeable turnover rate indicates a lack of job satisfaction.

"I love being a rector and would have stayed being a rector for as long as I could have, so I never saw it as a

stepping stone to anything else," Jarret said.

Jarret and Dunn will take up their new posts July 1. Jarret will take over as the superior of the Holy Cross community at Notre Dame, and Dunn will become Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

"Although I'm very excited about working in the Office of Student Affairs, I'm very sad to be leaving Lyons after five years," Dunn said.

Sister Carrine Etheridge, who has been Farley Hall's rector since 1993, finds no problem with rectors pursuing other opportunities.

"Everyone becomes a rector for a different reason, and life moves on," Etheridge said. "It's very normal nowadays for people to have several careers in their lifetime."

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Observer File Photo

Lyons rector Sister Susan Dunn, above, will leave her post this year to become Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

## Virus strikes students in dorms

Gastroenteritis has hospitalized 31 since start of spring semester

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

An outbreak of a gastroenteritis spread through several University residence halls last week, bringing the total number of infected students to 100 since the start of the spring semester, a Health Services official said. Thirty-one of those infected were hospitalized.

The virus — which affects the gastrointestinal tract and can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, low grade fever and dehydration — hit Alumni Hall particularly hard, said Patricia



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Two students sit in the waiting room Monday at the Health Services Center, which is dealing with many cases of illness.

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Group gives updates on recent initiatives

By KAREN LANGLEY  
Assistant News Editor

Amid nominations for various Council of Representatives (COR) positions, Monday's COR meeting provided brief updates of student government's Feb. 27 presentation to the South Bend Common Council and of potential Grab-and-Go selection increases.

Student body president Dave Baron briefed COR members on the Common Council members' generally positive response to the student speakers' presentations.

"It went as well as we could have realistically hoped," Baron

said. "They said we have put together some good initiatives."

The Community Relations Committee, which will further discuss the issue, has not scheduled its next meeting, Baron said.

The student government delegation accomplished a significant goal at the Common Council meeting, Baron said, by having the Disorderly Housing ordinance assigned to a committee for discussions.

While Student Body Vice President Lizzi Shappell agreed the Common Council meeting

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Old T.V. favorites

I'll admit it: I am back on the TV bandwagon. After several years of only having random Simpsons and Seinfeld reruns to turn to, I've now contracted moderately bad addictions to both "24" and "Lost." These überdramas have you on the edge of your seat every week, and usually leave the viewer with more questions than answers. I don't need to explain what the premises for those shows are; if you don't know yourself, chances are good that there is someone within ten feet of you now who does.

Geoff Matteson

Photographer

I would rather dedicate this bit of newspaper to the last television program that made me drop everything I was doing, and watch it every week: a little show called "Mystery Science Theater 3000" ["MST3K"].

For you young'uns on campus here, "MST3K" may have been a slightly before your time. The show centered on a normal guy [Joel, then later Mike] who was shot into space by a couple of evil scientists. The experiment was to see if a man who was forced to watch terrible movies all the time would go insane.

Fortunately for us, Joel built a couple of robot companions on board the "Satellite of Love," and hilarity ensued. Tom Servo, made out of an old gumball machine, has a tendency to sing. And Crow T. Robot, his golden-beaked cohort, is just "different." We see these three silhouetted against the movies and are privy to their comments on the films in progress.

The worst [or funniest] part of "MST3K" was that all of the movies were originally made to be profit-making pieces of cinema. Somehow, somewhere, writers and directors took time and money to actually produce these horrible movies. While many of these flicks should never have seen the light of day, "MST3K" was nice enough to abuse them for the sake of humor.

Classics include: "The Pumaman," the story of an Incan superhero in 1960s England, embodied with the "powers" of a puma. As Robot puts it: "Now I know that if I ever come across a puma in the jungle, I can just push it the heck over." Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, when, yes, Santa is kidnapped and taken to Mars in order to bring the joy of Christmas to all the little Martians. It also features Droppo, the laziest man on Mars.

Perhaps the most infamous movie shown on "MST3K" was entitled: "Manos: The Hands of Fate." The fact that it was written, directed, and produced by a Texan manure farmer should be warning enough. Although it really didn't have a plot, it generally followed the experience of a family that decides to lodge with a strange man in the boondocks who has a servant named "Torgo" and a harem of wives locked up in his back yard. Even with the commentary of Joel and the bots, Manos is hard to watch.

"MST3K" also taught me how to survive modern films that are an affront to the movie industry. I laughed all the way through "Anaconda" when it came out. And last summer, "The Island" was creepily similar to a movie that had aired on "MST3K" ["Parts: The Clonus Horror"].

"MST3K" is no longer on the air Saturday mornings. Thankfully, the show is constantly being released onto DVD these days. So while I look forward to this week's Lost, I may just pop in my copy of "The Pod People" and relive the glory of Trumpy. Huzzah!

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

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING TO AVOID GETTING SICK THIS WINTER?



Joe Boland

senior  
Fisher

"I don't get sick."



Erin McGinn

junior  
Lyons

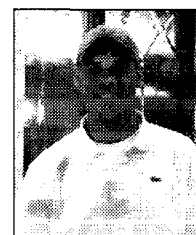
"I take Airborne."



Chris Harrington

sophomore  
Dillon

"I'm running around in short shorts with the band rugby team."



Noel Carlson

junior  
Fisher

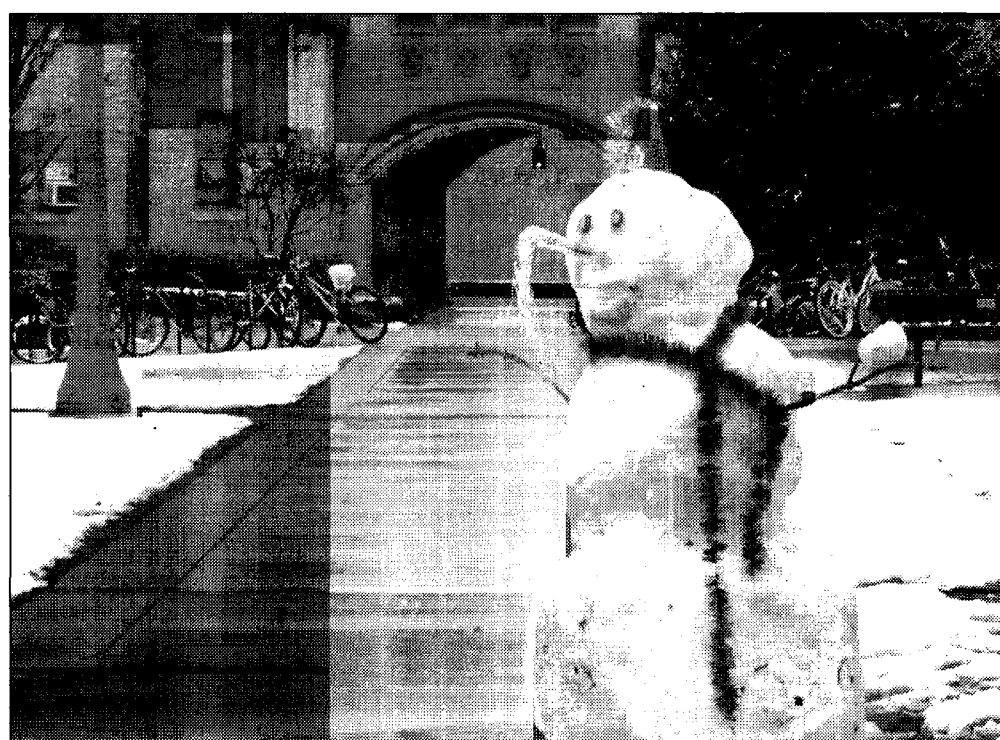
"I'm staying away from the dining hall."



Shannon Reabe

sophomore  
McGinn

"I'm taking naps for extended periods of time."



KRISTEN HOELMER/The Observer

The weekend snowfall inspired students to build a snowman outside Lyons Hall Monday, but warmer temperatures threaten to melt Frosty by the end of the week.

## OFFBEAT

### Prosthetic leg returned; police stumped

LOS ANGELES — Two prosthetic legs stolen from a 16-year-old California girl have mysteriously turned up in her mother's van, the second time in three months that an artificial limb belonging to the teen has been taken and then returned, police said on Friday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. David Austin said investigators dusted the slightly damaged limbs for fingerprints and had interviewed a "laundry list" of people but were baffled by the thefts.

"We're treating this as a crime," Austin said. "We have a residential burglary to deal with. This is grand theft and burglary and if we find out who's responsible we'll take appropriate action."

### Hearse driver arrested for biting police officer

BERLIN — A drunken hearse driver has been arrested in the western German town of Krefeld after biting a police officer taking him in for an alcohol test, police said on Monday.

Police had called for a hearse at a funeral home

to transport a body to the cemetery.

"The hearse driver nearly fell over when he got out of the car. Then he had to hold onto everything he could find as he stumbled to the house," said police spokesman Dietmar Greger.

Police decided to take the man to the station to test his blood alcohol level, but when they tried to get him out of their car he started a fight and bit an officer several times in the hand.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will host speaker Margaret Montoya today from 12 p.m. to 2 in the Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center.

John Carr, director of the Department of Social Development & World Peace, will speak on "Political Responsibility and Religion: Faithful Citizenship in the 2006 Elections" today at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

Baritone Ryan de Ryke and Pianist Daniel Schlosberg will perform the works of Schuman, Liszt and Vaughan Williams at 7:30 p.m. today in the Annenburg Auditorium in the Snite Museum. Tickets are \$8, \$6, \$5, and \$3.

Notre Dame RecSports will hold a body fat percentage screening from noon to 2 p.m. today at Roll's Sports Recreation Center. No registration is required.

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will face Lehigh University at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Moose Krause Field.

The film "Pride and Prejudice" will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2800 for tickets.

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

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

## Division for Mission seeks student input

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

A representative from the Saint Mary's Division for Mission told Board of Governance [BOG] members Monday that the Division is seeking student input on the importance of having Catholic faculty at the College.

Mission commissioner and Saint Mary's senior Jenny Robbins said the Division — an administrative body of the College — is examining College hiring practices, and she asked BOG members whether Catholic professors are vital to Saint Mary's Catholic identity.

Robbins said the Division is evaluating how the religious affiliation of professors affects the mission of the College but has no immediate plans to institute a quota for Catholic professors.

"[The Division for Mission] wants me to be able to report on what the student body thinks about this," Robbins said Monday.

Many Catholic institutions require a certain percentage of their faculty to be Catholic. While Saint Mary's does not have such a policy, Notre Dame requires that 50 percent of its faculty be Catholic, Robbins said.

"I think if you make a requirement like that, ... it gets

sticky," student body president Kellye Mitros said.

Some people are baptized Catholic but never attend mass, Mitros said. Others, while not official members of the Church, are knowledgeable about Catholic principles.

Student body vice president Susan Mellduff said a quota system could disqualify otherwise excellent candidates.

"If you are doing it just to [maintain] the status quo, you might not be benefiting the College," Mellduff said.

Treasurer Jillian Waters reminded members that Saint Mary's students do not have to be Catholic and that non-Catholic applicants might be turned off by an overwhelming Catholic faculty.

The Catholic identity of the College is not at risk, Student Diversity Board president Amanda Shropshire said. She said having only a Catholic perspective in the classroom limits intellectual growth.

"It is a fact you learn very different things in different ways when you have different people [in the classroom]," Shropshire said.

Senior class president Lauren Condon said any variation in perspective, even in the religious affiliation of professors, is a positive addition to the College.

"I think if we are going to look at hiring issues, we need



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Members of the Board of Governance discuss Saint Mary's hiring of faculty in light of the College's Catholic identity.

to look at diversifying," Condon said.

A professor's religious beliefs are less significant in certain subject matters, junior class president Heidi Goepfinger said in clarification. She said religion rarely becomes a point of discussion, for example, in her science classes.

Condon requested the discussion be tabled until Robbins could provide the Board with more concrete information.

#### In other BOG news:

♦ EMX sweatshirts and sweatpants are being sold in the Student Center this week

and the week after Spring Break. Sold together, the items are \$50 this week and \$55 the week following the break. Freshman class president Francesca Johnson said all proceeds will go to Riley Hospital for Children.

♦ Student Diversity Board president Amanda Shropshire said the Student Diversity Board will sell daffodils in the Student Center from March 20 to March 24. All proceeds will go towards a new Diversity Scholarship Fund.

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## Hesburgh to receive Sachem

Special to The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will receive the Sachem, which recognizes a lifetime of excellence and virtue, at 11:30 a.m. today at the Indiana Statehouse.

Created more than three decades ago by former Indiana Gov. Edgar J. Whitcomb, then discontinued following his term, the Sachem was considered a higher honor than the Sagamore of the Wabash. Gov. Mitch Daniels brought back the Sachem last year and returned it to its status as the state's highest honor. The award's name comes from the Algonquin term applied to village leaders, implying wisdom, judgment and grace.

Hesburgh, 88, and college basketball coaching legend John Wooden (the 2005 honoree) are the inaugural recipients of the new Sachem.

Notre Dame's president from 1952 to 1987, Hesburgh has played an active and influential role in national and international affairs over the past half century. He has held 16 presidential appointments that involved him in virtually all major social issues — including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest, treatment of Vietnam offenders, and Third World development and immigration reform.

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## APR

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APR score for all Notre Dame teams was approximately 992.

Notre Dame was also included in a select list of schools that consistently exceed APR standards. Other institutions recognized by the NCAA included Brown, Harvard, Yale, the three U.S. military academies and The College of William and Mary.

The NCAA introduced the new set of guidelines last March for major Division I sports programs to keep student-athletes scholastically on track for a degree. The APR point system requires a school to score 925 or higher out of a possible 1,000 to avoid penalty from the NCAA.

Each player begins with two points. If the student-athlete stays in school and maintains an adequate GPA, he or she will lose no points. If a player's GPA drops below a certain level or if he or she departs school early, one point is lost. Two points are deducted if both scenarios occur. Points for each athlete are tallied and added for a team total, which is then divided by the total number of points possible and multiplied by 1,000.

Last March, Notre Dame's overall APR score was 979 — 35 points higher than the national average for Division I sports programs — and 13 Irish teams earned perfect scores.

The first rankings served as a dry run for institutions to learn how the APR works and find out which penalties would have been necessary had the program been in full effect. The most recent scores are a compilation of the rankings from the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 academic years.

Fernand Dutille, Notre Dame Faculty Board of Athletics chair and NCAA Faculty

Athletics representative, said he was "delighted — though not surprised — by Notre Dame's superb APR results."

"Our results are especially noteworthy when one considers that many other institutions deploy lower eligibility requirements than Notre Dame's in calculating their APRs," he said. "NCAA rules require that the institution's own eligibility thresholds be used, and these vary from institution to institution."

Notre Dame football scored lowest within men's teams as well as all teams at the University. But with an APR of 946, the team is in the 60-70th percentile by sport, according to the NCAA. The average APR for all Division I football programs is 929.

Women's basketball ranked lowest among women's teams at the University — with an APR of 977 — yet still lies in the 60-70th percentile by sport and surpasses the 958 point average among all Division I women's basketball teams.

Programs that failed to score 925 or higher will be unable to replace a scholarship athlete who leaves the institution while academically ineligible. Universities with teams that continually demonstrate poor academic showing will ultimately be prevented from participating in postseason contests and will also lose scholarships.

With the release of the latest APR rankings last week, 99 teams from 65 institutions incurred scholarship penalties — amounting to less than 2 percent of all collegiate athletic teams. The NCAA said such programs could begin

losing scholarships in the fall, however it has limited penalties to a maximum of 10 percent of the scholarships.

Football programs were generally hit the hardest — since that sport had the lowest overall APR average out of all programs. Ten schools could each lose more than 17 athletes in football alone.

The NCAA sanctions will likely have little effect on Notre Dame's opponents in all sports. Just

seven teams in the six main conferences — Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Southeastern and Pac-10 — were penalized for sub-par APR scores. The West Virginia men's wrestling team and the DePaul football and men's basketball teams were the only Big East programs to incur punishment.

Dutille said the APR program is a crucial part of academic reform in the NCAA.

"The APR will go a long way toward improving the academic environment of intercollegiate athletics, especially in high-profile sports," Dutille said. "Problems will remain, of course, but these developments, driven by committed institutional CEOs, constitute a tremendous step in the right direction."

Notre Dame men's teams that received perfect scores in APR rankings include: cross country, fencing, golf, hockey, swimming, indoor track and outdoor track. Irish women's teams were also flawless in cross country, fencing, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball and tennis. Nationwide, as well as at the University, women's teams had higher APR scores than men's teams. The national average for women's teams was 969, compared to 943 for men's teams. At Notre Dame, women's teams averaged approximately 995, and men's teams averaged approximately 989.

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**Fernand Dutille**  
Notre Dame Faculty  
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## Sick

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Brubaker, assistant director of the Student Health Center.

"It seems to always get worse during periods with students being more stressed with exams or being in more group contact," Brubaker said. "Even when students are ill, they continue to go to class and try to make it."

Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said several dorm residents experienced episodes of the illness early last week, including two resident assistants. But Brubaker said Dillon had fewer reported cases compared to other dorms like Alumni.

Brubaker could not provide specific information regarding the number of students infected in each respective residence hall.

In addition to gastroenteritis, Brubaker said there have been an equal number of

reported cases of upper respiratory influenza. She said all students who were infected did not receive a flu shot.

Gastroenteritis hit campus last fall, as well, and was far more severe than the most recent outbreak. The illness usually hits once each year, Brubaker said, and is often misunderstood as a case of influenza.

"Stomach flu is a misnomer," she said. "Influenza is an upper respiratory illness. This was not the flu."

As a result, students who received flu shots earlier this year were not immune to contracting the illness. Those infected need to take proper precautions even after they start feeling better, she said.

"The best way to [keep] from getting and spreading

the virus is to practice good hygiene," Brubaker said. "You can be contagious up to two weeks after symptoms stop, so those infected should practice good hygiene to avoid infecting others."

Wash your hands, don't share drinking glasses, don't share spit or space."

She also recommended avoiding proximity within three to four feet of an infected person. Brubaker said those experiencing symptoms of nausea and vomiting should "give [their] stomach rest."

Two hours after the onset of symptoms, patients can start drinking either water or Gatorade and should avoid eating food for at least 12 hours, according to a Health Services guide regarding the virus.

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**Patricia Brubaker**  
assistant director  
Student Health Center

## WNDU

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President Father John Jenkins said multiple firms had bid for WNDU.

He expressed confidence in the future of the station and said both WNDU and the University would benefit from the sale of the station.

"I think we'd be better served if we do our best at running the University, and I think a company is going to buy WNDU that knows this business and it's going to flourish," Jenkins told The Observer in August.

And like Affleck-Graves, Jenkins said Notre Dame students working and interning for WNDU would not be adversely affected by a sale.

"Any educational benefit we got from it we can still get from it, even if we don't own it ... so it's not an impediment to the education of our students," Jenkins said in August.

The University announced in November that Atlanta-based Gray Television, Inc. would be purchasing WNDU for \$85 million.

"We are absolutely delighted to have found that match and are confident that Gray Television will carry on the tradition of excellence found at WNDU for the past half-century," Affleck-Graves said in a statement after the deal was made Nov. 23.

Gray owns 35 stations — now including WNDU — serving 30 markets. Of those 25 stations, 24 are ranked No. 1 in local news audience, and 24 are ranked No. 1 in overall audience within their respective markets.

Gray's stations reach approximately six percent of U.S. households with television.

WNDU serves the South Bend-Elkhart Designated Market Area, ranked 87th largest in the nation. Until Monday, the University owned the station since 1955.

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went well, she emphasized work on community relations would continue into her term as Student Body President, which will begin April 1.

"It's a very small step in what we have to do," she said. "[Student government and the Common Council] have to have a continued relation[ship], and that's only just begun."

In other news, student body vice president-elect Bill Andrichik and student body president-elect Shappell reported they have met with Food Services Director Dave Prentkowski and South Dining Hall General Manager Marc Poklinkowski about examining the Grab-and-Go system.

"They didn't comment on [changing the allotment of] points, but they were very supportive of [examining] the selection," Andrichik said. "The best way to approach this is to give students choices in the items involved."

Shappell's and Andrichik's ideas for Grab-and-Go additions include take-home items such as popcorn and ramen noodles, hot

items like soup and snacks like nuts and candy, Andrichik said. He asked representatives for further input.

"Ramen was the impetus for this whole thing," he said.

The meeting was closed to the public for a COR Collaboration Fund Appeal. The COR Collaboration Fund is designed for co-sponsorship of an event between a club or residence hall and a student organization.

### In other COR news:

◆ Elizabeth Brown was approved without opposition as Chief Executive Assistant for 2006-07.

◆ Stephen Friend was approved without opposition as Student Union Treasurer for 2006-07.

◆ Anna Sierra was approved without opposition as Student Business Board Manager for 2006-07.

◆ Joyce Randall was approved without opposition as a non-voting member of COR as a representative of the Diversity Council.

◆ Kerry Kilbourn, the newly elected Club Coordination Council President for 2006-07, was introduced to COR.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### War criminal commits suicide

AMSTERDAM — A Croatian Serb convicted of ethnic cleansing after leading a brutal revolt during the Balkan wars committed suicide in prison, the U.N. tribunal said Monday, a setback for prosecutors counting on his testimony in other war crimes cases.

Milan Babic showed no sign of despair before he killed himself Sunday evening, a tribunal spokeswoman said. But his suicide came just three weeks after he reaffirmed his remorse for his crimes, telling a tribunal that his guilt was a "pain that I have to live with for the rest of my life."

Once a close associate of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, Babic was considered an "insider" with special knowledge of the workings of Milosevic's regime, and prosecutors put him on the stand for three weeks of dramatic testimony against his former mentor in 2002.

### Avalanches smother resort skiers

GENEVA — Alpine ski resorts were on high alert Monday after heavy weekend snowfalls caused avalanches that killed at least five people in the last three days — mostly skiers who had ventured off marked runs.

In the Swiss resort of Lauterbrunnen, an American resident of Germany skiing well off the run was swept away by a snowslide and killed, police said. Police did not identify the victim but said a second American caught up in the avalanche escaped unharmed.

Another U.S. citizen died across the border in the French resort of Tignes after apparently falling into a lake while snowboarding on unmarked territory, rescue services said. The victim's identity was not revealed.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Moussaoui death penalty trial begins

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — After more than four years of wrangling and delay, the death penalty trial of the only man charged in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks is ready to begin.

Final jury selection was scheduled for Monday in the sentencing trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, a 37-year-old French citizen who has admitted his loyalty to the al-Qaida terror network and its leader, Osama bin Laden, but denies he has anything to do with Sept. 11.

A jury pool of 83 was called to the federal courthouse in Alexandria. Prosecutors and defense lawyers will whittle that group to a jury of 12 — 12 plus six alternates — using peremptory strikes, which allow each side to dismiss jurors for any reason they choose except race or gender.

### Governor signs abortion ban law

PIERRE, S.D. — Gov. Mike Rounds signed legislation Monday that would ban most abortions in South Dakota, a law he acknowledged would be tied up in court for years while the state challenges the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

The bill would make it a crime for doctors to perform an abortion unless the procedure was necessary to save the woman's life. It would make no exception for cases of rape or incest.

Planned Parenthood, which operates the state's only abortion clinic, in Sioux Falls, immediately pledged to challenge the measure.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Purdue fraternity faces suspension

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue University on Monday suspended the school's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity chapter for more than a year for violating hazing rules after a pledge was hospitalized for drinking too much at a party.

A university investigation showed that fraternity members during a Nov. 15 party at their chapter house provided alcohol to minors who were encouraged to play drinking games and consume dangerous amounts of alcohol.

## Bush pushes for line-item veto

*Clinton the most recent president with selective vetoing power a decade earlier*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking new power to weed hometown projects from legislation passed by Congress, President Bush on Monday asked lawmakers to give him a modified version of the line-item veto struck down by the Supreme Court eight years ago.

Like presidents dating back to Ulysses S. Grant, Bush wants the power to strike individual items from a bill without having to veto the entire measure.

President Clinton got that wish in 1996, when the new Republican majority in the House pushed through a line-item veto law that allowed him to kill individual spending projects and special-interest tax breaks.

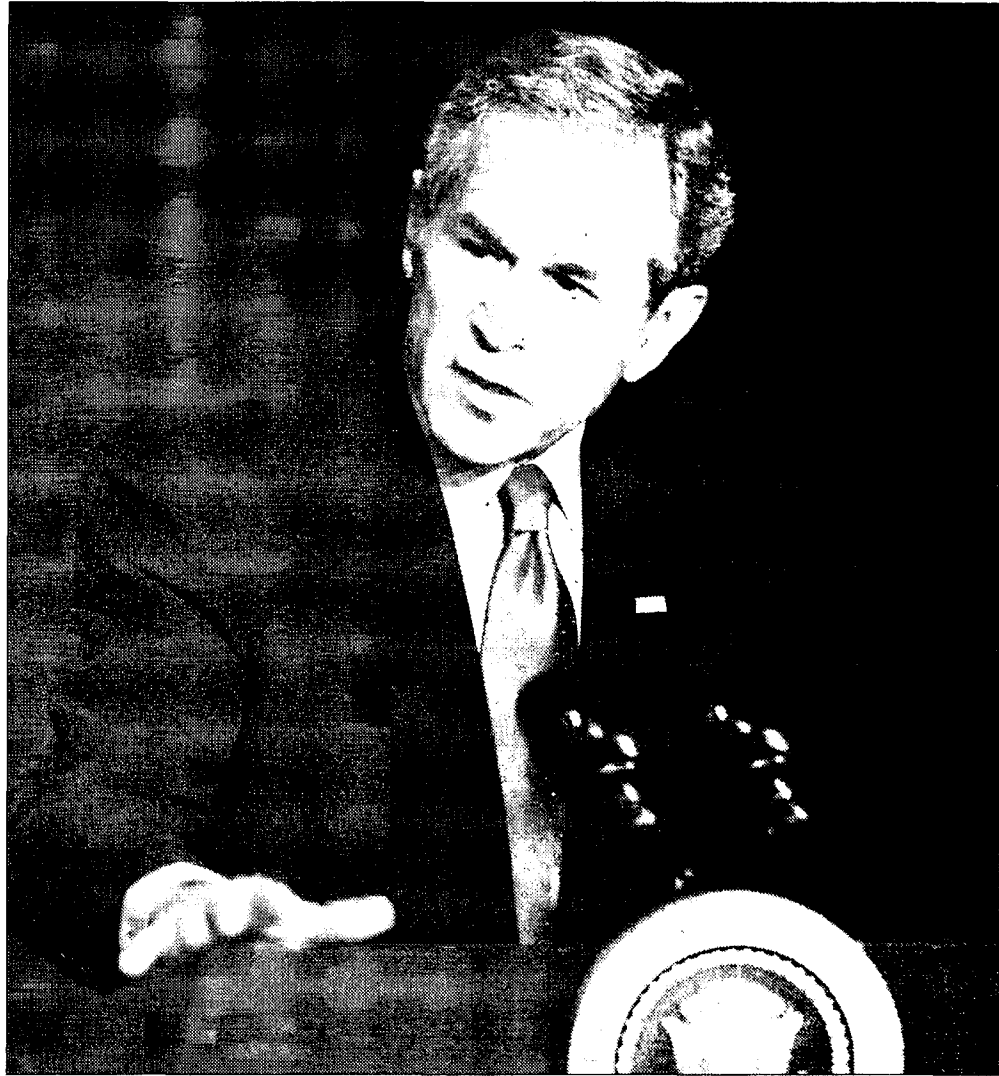
Two years later, the Supreme Court declared the law — one of the key planks of the House GOP's "Contract With America" — unconstitutional because it allowed the president to amend laws passed by Congress.

Bush is now pressing for a modified, weaker version. Instead of being able to strike items from bills, he would send one or more items back to Congress for an up-or-down vote. Present law permits Congress to ignore these proposed rescissions, but under the Bush proposal lawmakers would have to vote on them. If majorities in both the House and the Senate agreed with the president, the cuts would take effect.

"Forty-three governors have this line-item veto in their states," Bush said. "Now it's time to bring this important tool of fiscal discipline to Washington, D.C."

Bush has not vetoed any legislation during five years in office, but he said the modified line-item proposal would help "reduce wasteful spending, reduce the budget deficit and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-



President George W. Bush speaks at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building Monday in Washington. Bush hopes a selective vetoing power could help him curb spending bills.

Tenn., issued statements supporting Bush, as did several conservative lawmakers.

And Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who promoted a similar approach in his presidential campaign against Bush in 2004, immediately jumped on board.

"It's no secret that President Bush and I don't agree on much, but I fully support giving him the line-item veto," Kerry said. "I'm going to introduce this legislation, Congress should immediately pass it, and I want to see President Bush use this veto pen to get tough on wasteful spending."

"Giving the president line-item veto authority is essential to enforcing the budget

and restoring fiscal sanity in Washington," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas.

The proposal may be helped along by the drive on Capitol Hill for so-called "earmark reform."

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said he was opposed to the idea even though he supported a similar plan in 1995 when offered as a weaker alternative to the GOP version.

The earlier version of the line-item veto was used by Clinton in 1997 against about 80 parochial projects and a handful of special-interest tax breaks. Lawmakers' enthusiasm for the earlier veto power waned sharply, leading lawmakers like Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, to change

their minds and oppose the idea.

Congress, by a huge margin, overturned Clinton's vetoes of 38 military construction projects.

Bush's version was actually pushed by Democrats in the 1990s — including Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who filed suit against the 1996 law.

Still, a proposal similar to Bush's veto plan was actually voted down by the House two years ago on a 237-174 vote, with three out of four Democrats voting "nay." Some 89 Republicans, including then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif., also opposed the measure.

## AUSTRIA

## Iran deal could be close, U.N. says

Associated Press

VIENNA — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Monday a deal on Iran's suspect nuclear program could be only a few days away, making U.N. Security Council action unnecessary.

International Atomic Energy Agency head Mohamed ElBaradei did not elaborate. But his optimism was believed to be linked to a confidential Russian proposal to allow Iran to enrich some uranium domestically, diplomats said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to

divulge details of the plan.

"I am still very much hopeful that in the next week, an agreement could be reached," ElBaradei told reporters, without elaborating.

However, the plan — which Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov planned to discuss with officials in Washington — was expected to meet strong U.S. resistance over fears it could be misused to make nuclear weapons.

The Russia proposal would allow Tehran to conduct small-scale enrichment and ask the IAEA to set the parameters of such activity to minimize

the chances of abuse.

In return, the diplomats said Iran would be asked to recommit to in-depth IAEA probes of its program on short notice — something Tehran canceled last month after the agency's 35-nation board voted Feb. 4 to alert the Security Council by passing on Iran's nuclear dossier resulting from almost three years of agency investigations.

Russia and China, which both have economic and strategic ties with Iran, voted with the majority of IAEA board members but insisted the council do nothing until after this week's IAEA meeting in Vienna.

## Rectors

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But Etheridge said Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman was once a rector and said that background in the residence hall community was important to bring to the Main Building.

"Frankly, I'm delighted to see rectors being appointed to administration [posts] here at the University," Etheridge said. "I think that's a real positive thing because they bring an intimate knowledge of the place."

The position of rector at Notre Dame is distinctive both in what it offers and how it is structured, and thus invites a unique perspective, Jarret said.

"The way that the rector position is set up at Notre Dame, it's much more than just watching over people to make sure people follow rules," Jarret said. "It's a privilege of entering into people's lives in every kind of manner. Our ability to walk with the people we live with academically, spiritually, socially ... that's what makes it special."

Those privileges, Etheridge said, are the reasons she has stayed a rector for more than 12 years.

"Working with the students is the best part of the whole deal," she said. "Paperwork is the worst part for me. I just feel like it's an avalanche all the time."

The burnout rate for rectors is high, she said, because the job can be very demanding.

"It's 24-7, and there's some people who thrive on that, but there are other people who [let the] lack of privacy get to them," Etheridge said. "It fits well for some folks, but other folks I think find a couple years of it to be all they can manage."

And the job isn't getting

any easier, Etheridge said.

"I think through the years rectoring has become more challenging, because the students we get now have more problems that are kind of serious in nature, because I think the society we're living in is so much more complex," she said.

Despite the challenges of being a rector, Etheridge has no plans to leave.

"Rectoring has been very compatible with what I've elected to do here at the University," she said. "Currently I'm just happy being a rector."

Though this spring will be the last semester for Dunn and Jarret's responsibilities as rectors, they both said they found the religious aspect of the position to be one of a kind.

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Father Peter Jarret  
Keough Hall rector

"The rector position at Notre Dame is unique in that it's advertised as a pastoral ministry position and that is, in fact, what it is," Dunn said.

Jarret said the religious structure of the University led him to his new

position.

"In a religious community, you do what your religious superiors tell you to," he said.

Overall, he said, rectors just want what's best for their dorms and for Notre Dame.

"I think sometimes it can be good for the hall if, in some circumstances, there's turnover every five, ten years," Jarret said.

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## Congolese eat endangered primates

Associated Press

MBIHE-MOKELE, Congo — Scientists are struggling to save the fast-disappearing bonobo, the gentle "hippie chimp" known for resolving squabbles through sex rather than violence.

Unfortunately, bonobos are prized by Congolese for their tasty meat, and many villagers who are illegally hunting the wiry, wizen-faced apes don't realize how close their prey is to extinction.

"Bonobos are an icon for peace and love, the world's 'hippie chimps,'" said Sally Coxo of the Washington-based Bonobo Conservation Initiative. "To let them die off would be a catastrophe."

The animals are known for greeting rival groups with genital handshakes and sensual body rubs. Bonobo spats are swiftly settled — often with a French kiss and a quick round of sex.

Despite all the sex, however, female bonobos give birth to a single infant only once every five years, making the species especially vulnerable.

The bonobo, or pan paniscus, is native only to the vast rain forest in this huge central African nation, living high off the ground in treetop nests.

As few as 5,000 may now remain in Congo, down from an estimated 100,000 in 1984, said Ino Guabini, a primatologist with the World Wildlife Fund.

"There is no question that bonobos are seriously threatened," Guabini said, speaking over a shrill forest symphony of birds, animals and insects. "We need urgent measures or there is no way we can protect the species."

But for poor villagers, bonobos can be lucrative business, with much of the meat heading for

expensive, clandestine meals at restaurants in the cities.

One bonobo can earn \$200 for Richard Ipaka, a 50-year-old part-time poacher who lives in the provincial capital, Mbandaka.

"That's enough money for two months," he said.

Like many Congolese, he said he did not know bonobos are found in the wild only in his country. And like many others, he was skeptical that the ape is endangered.

"Our ancestors have been eating bonobos for centuries. How could they disappear?" Ipaka said.

But the peace-loving bonobos are increasingly difficult to sight, and not just because they're good at hiding, suspended from the high branches of trees or swiftly traversing the lattice of thick, muddy roots strewn over the forest floor.

The best place to glimpse them these days may be the Bonobo Paradise sanctuary in Congo's capital, Kinshasa, which is home to a few dozen rescued from poachers by police.

Poachers have devised an array of methods to bag bonobos.

Hunters in Congo's Equator province say the apes are most easily captured when asleep drunk, so poachers intoxicate them with beer and palm wine. The dazed bonobos are stuffed in bags and carted off to local markets.

Other poachers use guns, and some leave poisoned meat in the forest, silently killing packs of up to 20 bonobos at a time.

Ipaka, who uses a battle-worn Kalashnikov assault rifle to shoot bonobos sleeping in their nests, said he hunts most often with bands of unemployed militiamen left over from a string of rebellions, coups and conflict that ravaged Congo beginning in the mid-1990s.

The bonobo is the subject of age-old songs and legends, and conservationists hope to turn some of those traditions to their advantage.

In the village of Botwalu, for instance, locals believe the bonobo was once a man who lived with their tribe but now hides in the forest because an angry tree stripped him of its clothes.

"The bonobo is a man, only it is ashamed to be naked. It is wrong to hunt or eat bonobos," said Mokelo Moibula, chief of a

village committee that works to protect bonobos.

The Bonobo Conservation Initiative has begun working with villages that hold such hunting taboos to create a series of reserves for the graceful animals.

"So far we're working on an area larger than the size of Wales, and it's getting bigger," Coxo said.

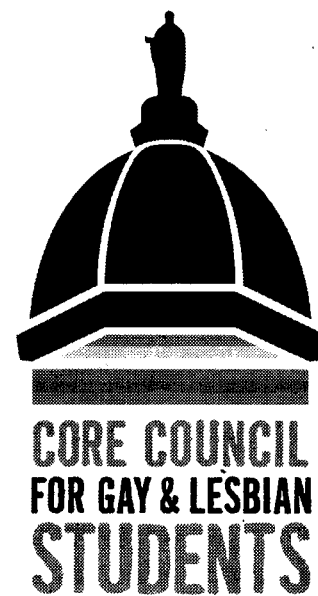
That may not be enough. Even provincial police who are supposed to protect the bonobo are mostly ignorant about dangers to its survival, and they are often sympathetic to those who eat it.

Some officers consume bonobo meat, too, said Clerivent Kanyamba, deputy chief of the Equator province police.

"What can we do if bonobo meat is tasty?" Kanyamba said.

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Sally Coxo  
Bonobo Conservation Initiative



The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the

Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building)

or on the Core Council web site

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### Stocks

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Up: 996 Same: 115 Down: 2,251 Composite Volume: 2,280,193,920

AMEX	1,890.09	-7.37
NASDAQ	2,286.03	-16.57
NYSE	8,067.44	-52.47
S&P 500	1,278.26	-8.97
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,901.16	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,897.80	+39.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-2.16	-0.08	3.63
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	-0.87	-0.36	41.09
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.05	+0.01	21.05
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.10	-0.02	20.30
FINISAR CORP (FNSR)	+16.18	+0.66	4.74

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+1.15	+0.54	47.38
13-WEEK BILL	-0.60	-0.27	44.65
30-YEAR BOND	+1.35	+0.63	47.23
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.93	+0.44	47.54

### Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.26	62.41
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-11.20	556.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.30	89.25

### Exchange Rates

YEN	117.4300
EURO	0.8327
POUND	0.5713
CANADIAN \$	1.1391

## IN BRIEF

### GM workers oppose health care hike

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. retirees asked a federal judge Monday to reject a settlement that would require them to pay more for their health care, saying it violates their contracts. But GM and the United Auto Workers said the agreement is critical to the struggling automaker's future.

"This is the only hope that there is that GM will be able to continue to survive," said Julia Penny Clark, an attorney for the UAW. "GM is at risk of not being able to provide these benefits."

But Leroy McKnight, 56, of Haslett, called the settlement "an unprecedented attack on retirees." McKnight retired in 2001 after 30 years at GM.

"I have a deal with General Motors that is a contract I signed and they signed on the day of my retirement," McKnight said. McKnight's comments brought cheers from some of the 100 GM retirees who filled overflow space in another courtroom and a hallway.

GM and the UAW, who reached the agreement last fall, said the automaker is in dire financial trouble and must get some relief from its growing health care costs. The company lost \$8.6 billion in 2005 and spent more than \$5 billion on health care.

### Stocks waver amid economy worries

NEW YORK — Stocks fluctuated Friday as Intel Corp.'s reduced first-quarter revenue forecast added to worries about a slowing economy and shrinking corporate profits.

The economic outlook was brightened somewhat by news that the nation's service sector grew faster than expected last month, but downbeat consumer confidence data and Intel's warning helped drive the market's decline amid a week of erratic trading.

Still, Wall Street appeared to be fighting to keep stocks from falling too far, although investors have been stilled by concerns about more interest rate hikes and rising energy prices, said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist for Weeden & Co.

"In general, there's still a decent amount of momentum coming off the start of the year, which typically tends to support the market," Goldman said.

# Deal may cause massive job cuts

AT&T's acquisition of BellSouth Corp. could eliminate as many as 10,000 jobs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T Inc. plans to cut up to 10,000 jobs, mostly through normal turnover, if its \$67 billion purchase of BellSouth Corp. is approved by shareholders and regulators, AT&T's chief financial officer said Monday.

The work force reduction would take place over three years, AT&T's Rick Lindner said. Before the cuts, the combined company would have around 317,000 employees, including Cingular Wireless LLC, which is now an AT&T-BellSouth joint venture.

The new company would be the country's largest phone company — with nearly half of all lines. It also would be the largest cell-phone carrier and the largest provider of broadband Internet service.

Still, investors and analysts expect it to pass regulatory muster due to the fact that phone companies are facing increasing competition, especially from cable operators.

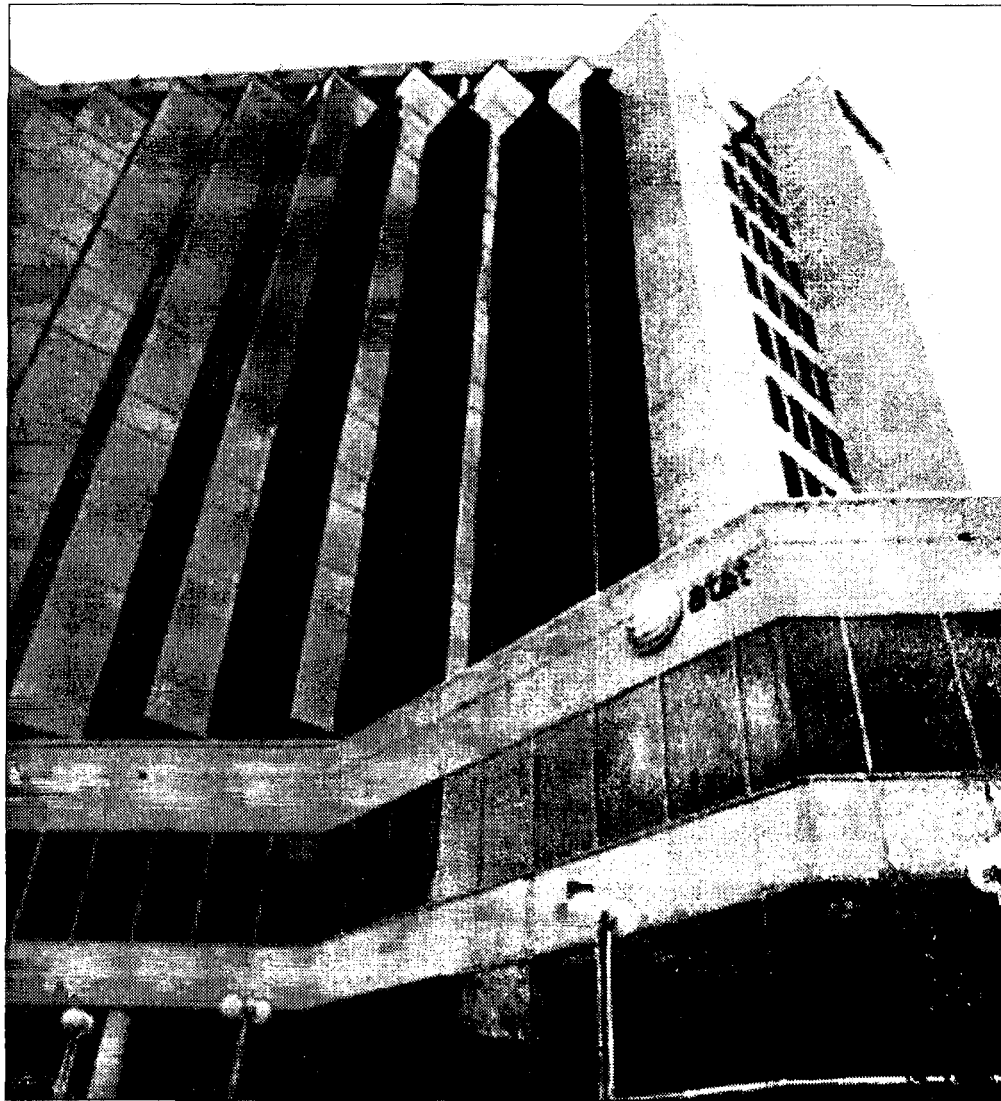
The acquisition, which was announced Sunday, is expected to close next year.

The 10,000 planned job cuts are in addition to the 26,000 cuts AT&T has already announced — 13,000 due to SBC's acquisition of AT&T Corp., which closed in November, and 13,000 due to shifting priorities in the business. The combined SBC-AT&T took the name AT&T Inc.

At the Communications Workers of America, which would have about 200,000 workers at the combined company, spokeswoman Candice Johnson said the merger would be a "good opportunity for job growth" as the company expands into new technologies.

"We're not looking for job losses at all," Johnson said. The union has not yet endorsed the merger.

San Antonio-based AT&T expects the acquisition to save it \$2 billion annually



The exterior of AT&T's headquarters is shown in San Antonio, Texas. If its acquisition of BellSouth Corp. is approved, AT&T may move its headquarters to Atlanta, Ga.

at first, increasing to \$3 billion a year by 2010.

Slightly more than one third of the savings would come from reduced labor costs and consolidation of support functions and corporate staff, Lindner said.

The combined company would be based in San Antonio, depriving Atlanta of one of its largest corporate headquarters.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said Monday they both will fly to Texas soon to try to persuade AT&T's executives to move their headquarters to Atlanta.

"It's hard to replace BellSouth," Franklin said. "They've contributed so

much over the last decade. We're anxious for their national headquarters to move here."

Cingular's headquarters would remain in Atlanta.

More savings from the proposed acquisition would come from reduced advertising expenses and combining the backbone network and information-technology operations of the companies.

"Over the last couple of years as we have operated Cingular and our Yellow Pages venture, it became clear that there was a lot of duplication that could be eliminated," said Duane Ackerman, chief executive of BellSouth.

"This merger will allow

us to move to a single brand for wireline, for wireless, for business and consumer, and that's AT&T," said Randall Stephenson, AT&T's chief operating officer. "A single brand is much more cost efficient and far more effective."

Under the terms of the deal, AT&T is paying 1.325 of its own shares for each BellSouth share. AT&T shares closed Monday down 97 cents, or 3.5 percent, at \$27.02 on the New York Stock Exchange.

That put the value of the offer at \$35.80 per BellSouth share. Those shares rose \$3.04, or 9.7 percent, to close Monday at \$34.50.

# Fed expected to raise interest rates

Special to The Observer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first in a monthly series of economic update articles written by members of the Student International Business Council.

After raising short term interest rates 14 straight times to 4.75 percent, the Federal Reserve is expected to raise rates again in its next meeting.

Ben Bernanke, the new chairman of the Federal Reserve, has the same primary concern with raising interest rates as his predecessor Alan Greenspan — inflation. Because of this, it is likely that under Bernanke, the Federal Reserve will probably raise interest rates by at least one-quarter of a point at least one

more time.

Bernanke has made it clear in his speeches that price stability is his primary monetary policy goal. He believes that keeping inflation low and stable will help to foster economic growth and increase jobs. The economy is currently so strong that many believe even if the Federal Reserve raises rates too high, the economy will be able to absorb a small hit without serious consequences.

This belief is supported by stronger than expected first quarter growth for the year. The economy slowed down greatly in the fourth quarter of 2005, due primarily to high oil prices and falling consumer confidence in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. But first quarter growth shows a rebound from last quarter with expected growth rates of

at least 4.5 percent. There is a predicted first quarter GDP growth of 4.6 percent — up from the hit to growth last quarter, when growth rate dropped from 4.1 percent in the third quarter to 1.6 percent in the fourth quarter.

The consumer confidence index was down to 101.7 in February, though an index of 106.8 in January was a vast improvement over the low consumer confidence of last quarter.

Overall, the rising interest rates are expected to control inflation but will continue to limit economic growth.

In other news, the Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Roger Ferguson announced his resignation last week, leaving another position open for President Bush to make an appointment to the Federal Reserve.

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## To scorn an ally

The pro-American, westernized, economically modernizing United Arab Emirates' state-run Dubai Ports World, owned by a dashing sheik as renowned in poetry as in horse racing, acquires a British company responsible for the operation of American ports. Sounds like a great idea, no? It is a chance to bring a key American ally in the region even closer. Few things bind states' hearts more firmly than jointly shared economic interest. The congressional opposition to the Dubai Ports World deal is a shocking travesty that runs the risk of alienating an essential American ally in a region where true allies are as scarce as the sand is abundant.

Congressional opposition either comes from a general desire to oppose the president or a sincere, though deeply misplaced, opposition. Many Democrats have become accustomed to opposing the president in most everything he does, whether right or wrong. This is a political tactic designed to distance them as much as possible from the declining popularity of the current regime so that they may benefit in the upcoming election. These politicians have chosen to make this stand through cowardice. They are playing upon the hysteria of a terrified population by shrieking at the false construction of the Arab bogeyman. It is an emotional appeal designed to work upon the worst qualities of human nature. Shamed and debased are the times we live in. The aim of politics is to produce a healthy, prosperous and strong state. Many woes will

attend the state where personal ambition replaces the general good as the aim of politics.

If the opposition does not come from the aforementioned general opposition to the president, the state of affairs is indeed more troubling. This form of opposition implies that the United Arab Emirates is either not a trusted ally or that if the U.A.E. is such an ally, there is another reason why DP World should not run the ports. The first alternative is patently false; the U.A.E. has allowed the United States to use her land, bases, ports and airspace during our military operations in that theatre. She has also functioned as a loyal ally during the "War on Terror." Congressional opposition must stem from another cause that trumps the reality of the U.A.E.'s faithful alliance.

The vast concern that overrides Dubai's friendship is that an Arab company will be running an important and sensitive industry. There was no commotion or uproar when a British firm was operating our ports. Chaos and indignation erupts the very second that an Arab company is about to take over. "How could we compromise our security in such a way?" There is no compromise occurring, as we are merely transferring the operation from one trusted ally to another trusted ally. Britain and the United Arab Emirates have both rendered crucial support and service to America. If our government should trust the former more than the latter, it implies that there is some inherent quality present in the Arab Muslim world that makes even our best allies from the region suspect at best.

The racism howling through the hollow concerns of Congressmen will only serve to exacerbate the tension and resentment flowing through the Arab world. The administration has gone to great lengths

to elucidate the fact that the "Global War on Terror" is not a "Global War on Arabs or Muslims," nor a case of East versus West. President George W. Bush deserves credit for supporting the port deal. He is staying true to his rhetoric. The congressional opposition is delivering the opposite message. They are in effect telling the Arab Muslim world that Britain is trustworthy, being a Christian western ally, but that the East needs to be viewed with distrust and kept at a safe distance.

The need to cultivate friendships within the Middle Eastern world is all too apparent. Hostility in the Arab world comes largely from the perception that America favors Israel over the Arabs and that she tries to impose her values upon their world. America needs to take steps to break down the perception that she is always opposed to Arab interests. The delay over the port deal is another slap in the face for the Arab world and a great insult. Arrogance of this sort produces terrorism and makes America less safe. The desire to gain safety by insulating America will not work. Peace and security shall be born from global cooperation and mutual interest. The more the United States binds her interests with the rest of the world, the less incentive there will be for conflict and violence — on both sides of the relationship.

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*"The leader of genius must have the ability to make different opponents appear as if they belonged to one category."*

**Adolf Hitler**  
former German fuhrer



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## This column is a pipe bomb

Last Thursday, Patrick Hanlin got on his bike and left for class, work or wherever. The Ohio University graduate student probably never guessed that when he parked his bike and left it, he would come back to find it surrounded by police officers, fire fighters and bomb squads.

School officials and local authorities shut down four buildings and blocked streets around an on-campus restaurant after policemen noticed a small sticker that Hanlin had placed on his bicycle.

The sticker, of course, read "This Bike Is a Pipe Bomb."

A bomb squad from 65 miles away in Columbus was called in and eventually subdued the bicycle by attacking it with a high-pressure spray of water.

After the bike refused to cooperate, they eventually forced it open with a hydraulic tool usually used to pry accident victims from cars. Upon failing to find any sort of shell or bomb circuitry in the innards of spokes and pedals, police soon learned that the sticker was an advertisement for a Florida folk/punk band called, of all things, "This Bike Is a Pipe Bomb."

And then the hilarity ensued.

Hanlin came forward and identified the bike as his, and apparently tried to explain the situation to the police.

Nevertheless, his bike was obliterated, and he is now being charged with "inducing panic" and could face up to six months in prison. Hopefully someone, at the very least, gave him a ride home.

The charge of the university's police is even more absurd than the situation itself. I wasn't even aware that "inducing panic" was an official law. If this was the case, should we lock up teachers for announcing a pop quiz? Or on a national level, jail the government any time they raise the threat-level? I don't like having my panic induced.

More importantly, let's hope this doesn't create a trend of brutal honesty amongst terrorists. How long before our enemies start leaving around things that say "This tube of shaving cream is a chemical weapon" or "This rerun of Seinfeld contains mind-controlling devices"? That would certainly induce more panic.

Most hilariously of all is the fact that the sticker was vinyl, which means that if the bike actually was a bomb, someone would have had to go through the trou-

ble of specially ordering a sticker specifically made to label an actual bomb. Not likely.

Ohio University Dean of Students Terry "The Hulk" Hogan condoned the action of police by saying, "This is one of these circumstances where, in these times, these are the kinds of incidents that cause all of us to take pause, and I think we have to be concerned."

This short statement can be attacked sarcastically in many different ways. I'm sick of people using the "in times like these" line. We're always in times like these. Secondly, this guy has been riding around with this sticker on his bike for like two years, and it was just noticed now? How "concerned" are you really?

In all seriousness, I don't mind the fact that police looked at the bike as dangerously initially. What I do mind is the incredibly rash decisions that followed. Instead of saying, "Oh, well man, our bad, we were just trying to keep the kids safe, here's a new bike and now we all are happy," they charge the kid with legal action so they don't look so foolish. If Hanlin's charges are carried out, I will be shocked. Not surprised, but still shocked.

And don't think that Ohio University's students are letting this one go. Check out CafePress.com/freehanlin, and you'll see many T-shirt and merchandise designs to raise money for Hanlin's court expenses and a new bike. T-shirts include such slogans as "I, Myself, Am Actually a Pipe Bomb" and hats that sport "This Head is a Pipe Bomb."

The band itself is doing its part, as they are trying to raise money for Hanlin as well. They also said a similar occurrence happened in Washington, D.C. in 1999, but the police checked it out, apologized, and everyone went home happy.

Pipe Bomb guitarist/vocalist, Rymodee, said that the incident in Washington didn't spark press interest but attributes the overreaction to the country's current state of heightened panic.

"For me, I'm first concerned with his bicycle, and now I hear he may face charges. This is really bad."

Regardless, this is already the most entertaining news story of 2006. That is, until PETA starts finding Pig Destroyer stickers.

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## Pants — the world's greatest evil

There is a greater threat to our culture, our society and our very freedom — one that cuts across all borders and socioeconomic lines.

That threat is pants.

Yes, pants. You may be familiar with them yourself.

A recent survey found that one in three students is wearing pants or thinking about putting on pants at any given time. One in three! That's a huge number — it's like over a thousand!

"But what's the threat of pants?" you ask. "They keep me warm, and they look cool. See, mine have a little rip on the pocket so people think I've had them for a long time."

Well, I say the threat is monumental, and I don't think you've had those pants for very long, either. Pants have permeated our culture so deeply that we cannot distinguish ourselves from them any longer.

Allow me to "break it down," as they say on the streets.

First off, they're expensive. Pants can begin at the rate of \$25 and rack up to almost \$200 for the sweetest such as Diesel and Se7en Jeans. As college students, it is imperative that we keep up with the latest trends and be the spearheads of pop culture, but we simply cannot afford to shell out money like this in order to stay current.

Furthermore, pants cause undue stress on people when they're not worn properly or malfunction. Take for example, "The Tuck." The Tuck occurs when the front of one's pants becomes lodged under the tongue of said individual's shoe, thus giving him the appearance of a backup dancer from a Wham! video. The Tuck requires an obvious effort to remove. Proper removal can take a full stop-and-bend-over in order to pull the pant leg from beneath its leather trap, and this extra effort makes people think you're vain. Nobody wants to see you with your pants tucked, but they won't hesitate to mock you once you try to undo them.

Pants are also beginning to confuse our societies' sexual identities, as

evidenced by the emo kids phenomenon. Emo kids proudly embrace the wearing of girl pants on guys, citing a better fit and a stylish, uber-scene look. But they fail to understand the underlying theory of gender-related marketing: Guys' pants are meant to be worn by guys, and girls' by girls.

A possible explanation is an over-exposure to the pigments found in All Star shoes and black band T-shirts. These pigments could be blocking the common-sense receptors in their fragile, deeply pained minds, thus causing the confusion.

Possibly the worst in the list of pant-related deviances is the button fly. The button fly is the Chinese finger trap of fashion, causing irrevocable damages to all who wear it. It can slow the zipper-closing process by almost two times. And who can ever button that one button right before the top? You know which one I'm talking about — it's, like, not low enough to get a good grip on it, but if you leave it undone, everyone notices that you're half zipped. Unacceptable, I say. Button flies are so diabolical that they could have only come from one source — terrorists — and I don't support terrorists.

"Wow, Chreston, I never knew pants were such a threat," you might be saying to yourself. "How can I solve this?"

In my eyes, there's only one solution: Stop wearing pants. That's right, throw away all pants and pant-related items — belts, shorts,

skirts — they are all evil. We can start a bonfire by the Campanile and regale in the freedom we've regained by shedding our legged captors.

I, for one, have already started my protest; I'm not even wearing pants as I write this. So take action immediately. Stand up in your lecture or lab, take off your pants and proclaim "I am not a terrorist, dammit," then throw them to the ground and embrace your freedom, you brave American hero.

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*There is a greater threat to our culture, our society and our very freedom. That threat is pants.*

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## Even Holocaust deniers deserve free speech

The Bill of Rights opens by forbidding Congress from passing any law "abridging freedom of speech." But what happens when protected ideas are abhorrent to those who listen to them or, worse, when those ideas are completely and utterly wrong? Nowhere is this quandary more pronounced than in the problem of dealing with Holocaust deniers, people who either dispute or refuse to accept that the systematic extermination of over six million people ever occurred.

Holocaust denial is not an historical legacy, but a continuing global problem. Last week, David Irving, a British historian, was convicted by an Austrian court of violating a law forbidding anyone from "denying, grossly playing down, or excusing the National Socialist

genocide." He was sentenced to three years in prison. This follows an incident that occurred last December, when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the Holocaust was "a myth," and called for an international conference, led by deniers, which would "examine the Holocaust."

Imprisoning the deniers is not only a flawed idea, but hopelessly hypocritical. Arresting Holocaust deniers only shows that the concept of minority rights (as, thankfully, deniers are still a small percentage of the general population) is not yet secure. Criminalizing hateful ideas only makes them more appealing, and transforms people like Irving into martyrs. Expression can be painful, it can be hateful, and it can be — and often is — based on faulty arguments and incorrect information. But that doesn't mean it shouldn't be free. Rather, it should be all the more protected.

Ahmadinejad was roundly condemned by much of the

international community, and that condemnation was fundamentally based on moral revulsion. Germany, which knows better than any state other than perhaps Israel, the full meaning of the Holocaust, led the charge with words and arguments, not outright bans.

There are occasions, such as libel or direct incitements to violence, where legal action is not only justified, but required. However, those situations are rare, and Holocaust denials simply do not rise to that standard. Hateful thought must be reciprocally confronted with words, protest and fact, but not, if we are the society we say that we are, with prison, fire or death.

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## SCENE &amp; HEARD

A lesson in  
gaming etiquette

Welcome to the Notre Dame bubble, where one can find a legion of leprechauns, a football revival and ... Halo 2?

True, many students find themselves succumbing to the daily ritual of attending class, completing papers and searching for future employment. A typical day may be filled with scholarly activities from dusk 'til dusk in hopes of the fabled Notre Dame diploma. But for many gamers, a day is just more time to frag online.

A glance over the Notre Dame server any hour out of the 24 typically reveals some students intent on dealing digitized death. The competitive spirit doesn't sleep, and apparently neither does a chunk of the gamer population.

Playing video games has become one of the social activities of choice for the guy dorms, with games like "Halo" and "Mario Kart" being popular choices.

A "Halo" party entails a group of guys huddled around a glowing television set, watching as Master Chief dies countless times for unknown reasons. Why does the "Halo" cyborg put himself through so much punishment for a fuzzy rationale? Perhaps he's fighting for some unknown love. Perhaps the Covenant stole his favorite fuzzy blanket, and he simply wants it back.

But an inevitable result is trash talking among those controlling the old Chief. Apparently having better hand-eye coordination gives a gamer the right to bring up questions as to the opponent's mental disposition and heritage. A broad vocabulary — often involving many four-lettered words typically frowned upon in most societies — is also employed, much to the opponent's chagrin.

Who actually wins or loses the game doesn't change the behavior much either. A gamer can redeem his loss by blaming it on a faulty controller, his teammates, the chosen battleground or even the aforementioned mental disposition and heritage of the opponents. Most gamers feel that a loss can be turned into a moral victory if they are able to force their opponent into a stunned silence.

The taunting can go beyond words, though. Many games, such as the aforementioned "Mario Kart," feature a button specifically for taunts. Another Nintendo choice, "Super Smash Brothers

Melee," features especially obvious, cutting in-game trash-talking. There are few insults that cut as deep as watching Pikachu smile and wave to the camera while your digital avatar blinks out of existence for the umpteenth time.

Some gaming communities have even turned in-game taunting into an art. While the "Halo" series features no programmed in-game taunts, this has not restrained some gamers who have found subtle ways to create their own jeers. Crouching over the fallen opponent, changing weapons and repeatedly hitting assorted buttons have all been employed in the search of creating new ways to insult the opposition. Using various weapon combinations, fans of the original "Halo" were able to figure out how to Moonwalk and even do a modified version of the Irish Jig.

But despite one's intuition, behaving in the aforementioned manner is often discouraged. Not only does it have potential for offending the other parties involved, it also tends to run hand in hand with being alone on the weekends. It seems that gaming time has an inverse relationship with opposite sex popularity.

But questions over personal lives aside, mouthing off does actually have a valid place in gaming. While poor sportsmanship may have no place in certain venues — such as the Olympics or when the Spartans visit Notre Dame Stadium — it can add a new level of enjoyment to playing the game. This is the case because the very nature of the games adds a comical level to the trash talking. As Yoshi drives his kart across the finish line, and the silly Nintendo theme song plays, any resulting taunts only add to the ludicrous atmosphere. This isn't the Rose Bowl — it's a video game that stars a portly Italian plumber driving a go-kart.

Video games themselves are essentially silly diversions and yet have reached a threshold that many students hold paramount. Trash talking is a surefire way to engage both the hardcore and the casual in the game. It has held a place in many a gamer's heart since the arcade days of yore, when preteens would huddle around a "Street Fighter 2" unit, hurling Hadokens — and profanities — with Ryu. So the next time you fire up the trusty gaming system for a heated competition, and someone calls you something that would make your mom blush, give them your deepest smile and a hug. They're just keeping the spirit alive.

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Players compete in various modes in "Halo 2." The gaming community likes to participate in a variety of digital entertainment, often accompanied with taunts.

## DVD REVIEW

## Recent home release

By TIM MASTERTON  
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"Rent" hit Broadway in 1996, and ten years later, it came to movie theatres with a faithful, but stagnant movie adaptation from director Chris Columbus ("Home Alone," "Harry Potter"). Though it translated somewhat poorly to the silver screen, this is a movie perfectly-suited for DVD.

"Rent," a modern, loosely-based version of the Puccini opera, "La Boheme," was released into movie theatres in November 2005, and after about two months there, it made less than \$30 million. Now it quickly heads to DVD where its biggest fans, or "Rentheads," as they are called, will likely eat it up. Old and new fans alike will enjoy what is essentially a 135-minute music video as DVD makes it possible to jump from scene to scene and skip to favorite songs.

All through the film production process, there was much ado about being loyal to the vision of Rent's late composer, Jonathon Larson, as there had been when making the big move to the Broadway stage. Though this was a good idea in 1996, the film craved a new direction. Six of the eight orig-

inal Broadway cast members reprised their roles, but they are now a little too old for the parts they play, thus further limiting what could have been a wonderfully fresh interpretation of a great story.

That's not to say that the cast isn't talented — it is phenomenal. Jesse L. Martin as "Collins" steals the movie in the role he was born to play on stage and on screen. The chemistry between him and Wilson Jermaine Heredia's "Angel" is beautiful and contagious. Tracie Thoms as uptight yuppie "Joanne" is a pleasantly surprising, smart addition to the group.

But "Rent" is stuck somewhere between the musicals-turned-films "Chicago" and "The Producers." Whereas "Chicago" is a fresh, exuberant, Oscar-winning adaptation of that musical, "The Producers" is very much a bland filmed version of what is done nightly on stages in New York and London.

In "Rent," Columbus rarely tries anything brave or different. One successful attempt is a delightful extended dance break during "Tango: Maureen" successfully creating something not found in the stage version. Columbus also has created a barely-gritty-enough early-'90s New York City as the film's setting, but the camerawork is seemingly always moving and all too often merely functions to observe inactive acting and boring staging.

All that being said, the music and story of "Rent" are as strong and relevant as ever. The two-disc DVD set showcases the many strong musical numbers, especially the aforementioned "Tango: Maureen" and the frantic "La Vie Boheme." Also included are several deleted scenes, including an alternate ending that would have better

## Rent

Revolution Studios



## Quick sequel mainta

By MARK BEMENDERFER  
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Sequels are hard to make. Either they have to live up to the success of the first one, or overcome its many shortcomings.

Some sequels have managed to surpass their predecessor, such as "The Empire Strikes Back." Others, such as "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" and "Matrix Revolutions," lost what made the original a hit.

The original "Saw," shot on a budget vastly smaller than typical theater fare, was a wild success due to its imagination and innovative concepts. In a market saturated with slasher films and teenage horror movies, "Saw" was a fresh diversion for audiences.

It was so successful that a sequel was greenlighted almost immediately, without the original director or writers. Fans of the original were worried about the obvious monetary motivation for the creation of a sequel, with the projected release date being less than a year after the originals.

The worry proved without warrant however, as "Saw II" lives up to the spirit of its predecessor.

For those who have not seen the original "Saw," the basic plot isn't too hard to get into. A killer titled "Jigsaw" is on the loose, placing people within elaborate deathtraps. Usually involving some form of self-sacrifice or mutilation, these demented games usually prove deadly for their contestants.

"Saw II" picks up exactly where the original leaves off, with Jigsaw still at large and the cops closing in. Early into the movie, the cops finally catch up to Jigsaw and place him in custody.

However, it is discovered that the son of one of the Detectives, played by Donnie Wahlberg, is in Jigsaw's custody. It is then up to the Detective to play Jigsaw's game, with his son's life at stake.

The son has been inserted into a house filled with macabre traps along with a group of ex-cons, and a timer reveals that a poison will soon kill them all. All of the events that unfold within the house are broadcast onto a series of monitors within Jigsaw's base of operations, allowing the cops to watch the activities.

Unlike most horror movies, the characters within "Saw II" behave in an almost realistic fashion and are easily identifiable. One cannot but help feel empathy over the Detective's plight as he watches his son face danger from a television set.

Jigsaw, once again played by Tobin Bell, is eerily realistic in a disturbing way. Taking Darwinian theory to an extreme, Jigsaw's motivations and actions all tie together in a twisted fashion

## Saw II

Lionsgate



## ...merely 'Rent'-able



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Roger (Adam Pascal), left, shares a tender moment with Mimi (Rosario Dawson) in Chris Columbus's "Rent." This 2005 film was a remake of the hit play.

ended the film. Rentheads will also take pleasure in the full-length documentary "No Day But Today" telling the story of the show's creation, composer and its trip from paper to stage to screen.

"Rent" is a faithful adaptation of the ten-year-old staging of an endearing musical that might leave fans wondering "what

if...?" What if a director had been brave enough to go in a new direction, with a new creative approach and new cast?

But in the end, "Rent" is still an enjoyable film that would make a good addition to any musical theatre fan's DVD collection.

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## ...ins the 'Saw' legacy

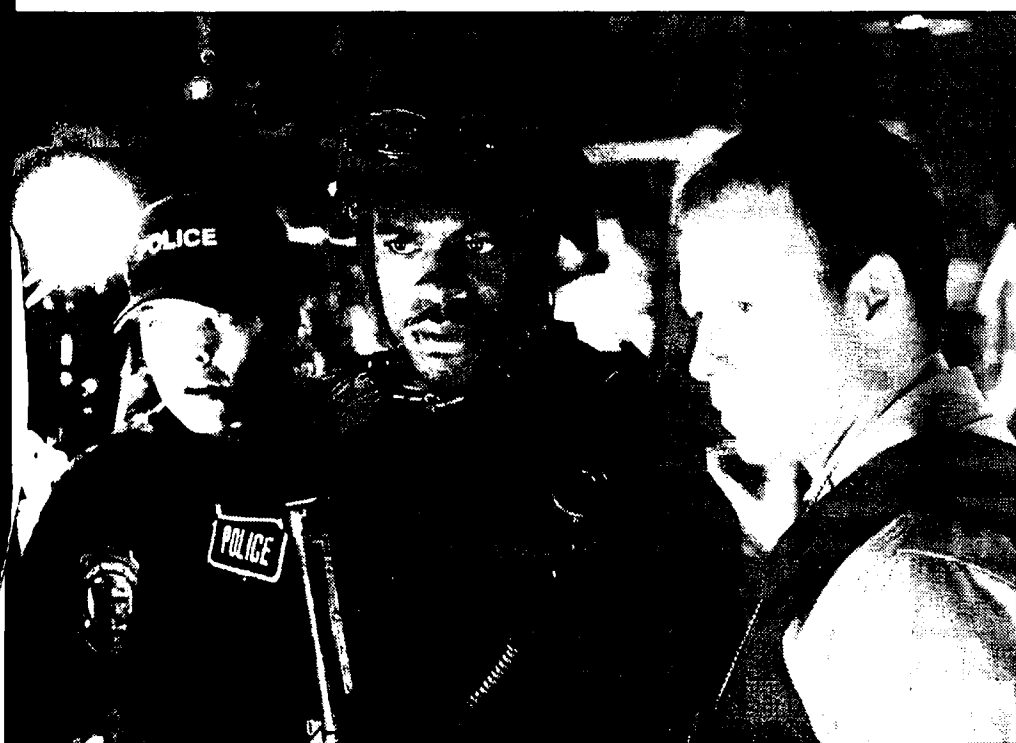


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Kerry (Dina Meyer), left, regroups with another cop and Detective Mathews (Donnie Wahlberg), far right, against Jigsaw's fiendish plots in the DVD release of Saw II.

at the shocking conclusion of the film.

The special features prove light on the DVD however. The original "Saw" received a special edition only when the sequel was released, with the original DVD being fairly barebones. This promises to hold true with "Saw II."

Basically a series of informative documentaries on behind the scene information, the special features illuminate how the special effects were completed. Featuring some creativity on the part of

the special effects crew, they are worth watching but don't add too much to the film.

With a "Saw III" looming on the horizon, also scheduled with a mere year for production, "Saw II" should be high on any horror fan's list. It's a gory, edgy trip that promises to stick in the minds of viewers long after the credits roll.

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### VIDEO GAME REVIEW

## 'Black' a shallow, explosive thrill



Photo courtesy of gamespot.com

Explosions rock the protagonist in Criterion Game's "Black." Distributed by Electronic Arts, the game features Hollywood-style action.

By MARK BEMENDERFER

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The first person shooter genre has been flooded in recent years with the success of titles like "Halo" and "Half-Life." Enough derivatives have seen the market that they have begun to overlap.

Criterion Games noticed this trend and — fresh off their success with the "Burnout" series — has decided to inject a fresh perspective. With "Black," they wanted to simplify things and remind gamers what makes the genre fun.

To stand out, Criterion made "Black" an explosive, exhilarating experience that focuses on the guns and explosions. The closest equivalent being the Hollywood action film, the game is light on plot and heavy on property damage. Cars explode, windows shatter and buildings collapse under the barrage of rampant explosions caused by the player.

There is a plot however, despite how light or worthless it is. At the beginning, the gamer finds the main character under investigation for his renegade actions while pursuing a high-profile terrorist. The story unfolds gradually with acted cut-scenes before each level, but it bears little impact on the actual action.

The characters about which the gamer hears during the investigation do play a role in the game itself, as they act as invincible squad members. However, their limited artificial intelligence makes them little better than mobile shields and bullet magnets for the main character. They do shout commands and warnings to the player that are very beneficial when trying to pinpoint a sniper or hidden rocket launcher.

But these characters only play a limited role within the game, and most of the time the player will find this game to be a solitary event. That fits the focus of the game, however, as relentless action and explosions are main course of "Black."

The action consists of some of the most frenzied, chaotic scenes in ever witnessed in an action game. To refer-

ence Hollywood again, think of the lobby scene in the original "Matrix," without the kung-fu elements.

Plaster powders, wood splinters and columns shatter under the repeated salvos. Every environment features plenty of destruction to satiate even the most jaded first person shooter fan. Some levels stand out more than others for different reasons, but they all serve a common goal. The asylum features a shower-room scene eerily similar to the one seen in "The Rock," while the bridge level could be lifted out of many war movies.

The game sells for \$40, and there are reasons for this. A complete lack of multiplayer may turn off some fans of the genre, as it has practically been a staple since Nintendo 64's "Goldeneye." The game is focused purely on the single player, and to its credit, this extra attention to detail shows.

However, the single player does have some issues. Ignoring costume changes, there are essentially only three enemy types, which are repeated ad nauseam. While many Hollywood action films acknowledge their repetitive nature by incorporating car chases or kung-fu segments, "Black" is purely a one-trick pony.

Criterion has started a respectable franchise with "Black," starring over-the-top action and gunplay. However, in doing so they ignored the evolution that has occurred within its own genre in recent years towards a varied experience and immersive storylines.

Hopefully this will be fixed with their next experiment. But until this happens, "Black" remains an entertaining diversion instead of a must-buy.

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**Black**

Criterion Games

Xbox, PlayStation 2



## NHL

## Kozlov leads Atlanta to 4-3 win over Florida

*Flyers beat Canadiens in shootout; Ovechkin leads Capitals in win*

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Slava Kozlov scored the lone goal in the shootout to help the Atlanta Thrashers beat the Florida Panthers on Monday night.

Hossa added a goal and an assist for the Thrashers, who won their second straight game. Atlanta has won six of its last eight and remain in ninth place in the Eastern Conference, three points behind Montreal, which lost 5-4 in a shootout at Philadelphia.

Kozlov, who gave the Thrashers' their last shootout win Feb. 11 at Montreal, beat Florida goaltender Roberto Luongo with a glove-side wrist.

Olli Jokinen scored his 28th and 29th goals and had an assist for the Panthers, who have lost three straight and now are 8-22-4 on the road.

Kari Lehtonen had four of his 40 saves in overtime, the best coming when he dropped to stop Jokinen's wrist with his right leg pad.

Luongo saved 31 of 34 shots, including two in overtime.

Brad Larsen's short-handed goal gave the Thrashers a 3-2 lead with 16:28 left in regulation. Hossa was largely responsible, as he made a one-handed pass to himself off the left boards to beat Jokinen.

After Hossa's wrist bounced off Luongo's skate and off to the right side of the slot, Larsen beat the goalie glove side.

Jokinen tied it at 3-all with 5:01 remaining.

Greg de Vries gave the Thrashers a 1-0 lead with his seventh goal, a slap shot from the top of the slot 2:48 into the first.

Jokinen, the subject of trade talk as the NHL faces a 3 p.m. Thursday deadline, tied it at 1-all with his 28th goal, with a slap shot from the point outside the left circle.

Hossa's 30th goal gave the Thrashers a 2-1 lead at the 14:29 mark of the first period.

#### Flyers 5, Canadiens 4

Petr Nedved scored the decisive goal in a shootout, helping the Philadelphia Flyers snap a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night.

Peter Forsberg had one goal and scored to extend the shootout after the Flyers' first two shooters missed.

R.J. Umberger, Eric Desjardins and Joni Pitkanen also scored for Philadelphia, which had lost three straight since returning from the Olympic break.

Mike Ribeiro had two goals and Chris Higgins and Sheldon Souray also scored for Montreal. The Canadiens forced overtime with two goals in the final 4:30.

Montreal's three-game winning streak ended, but the Canadiens are unbeaten in regulation in their last nine games, going 6-0-3.

Ribeiro scored the first goal during the shootout on Montreal's second attempt. Mike Richards, who missed twice on excellent chances in overtime, then muffed his shot.

But Michael Ryder's shot sailed wide and Forsberg scored on a backhand. After Robert Esche stopped Alexander Perezogin, Nedved won it with a backhand.

It was an important victory for Philadelphia, which has rapidly dropped in the standings. The Flyers led the NHL in points (62) when they returned home in mid-January following an 8-2-1 road trip. But they're just 6-8-4 since and have dropped to fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

Souray tied it at 4 on a power-play goal with 1:43 left in regulation. His slap shot from the left circle sailed past Esche. A hooking penalty on Forsberg gave Montreal a four-on-three advantage as each team already had a player in the penalty box. Ribeiro's second goal made it 4-3 just 2:47 earlier.

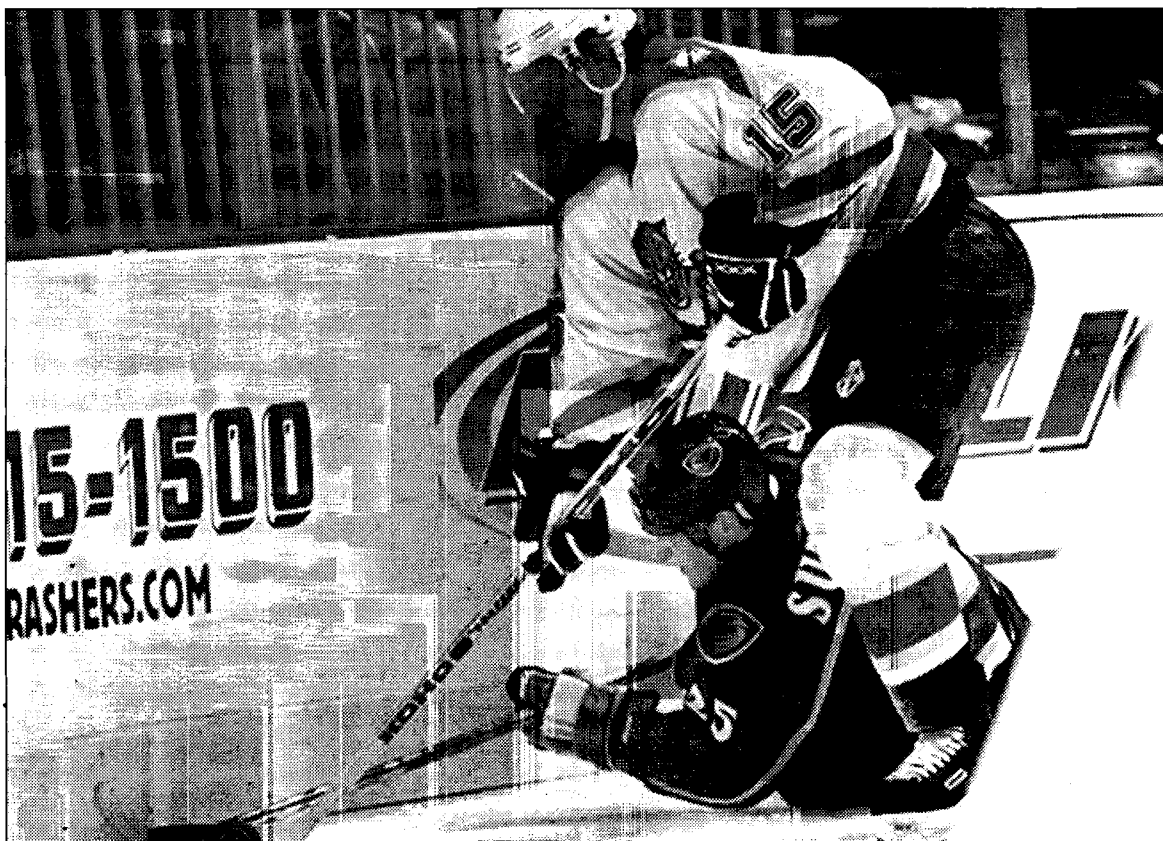
The Flyers scored a pair of power-play goals 2:43 apart in the second period to break a scoreless tie.

#### Capitals 5, Islanders 2

Rookie Alex Ovechkin scored his 40th and 41st goals Monday night, and the Washington Capitals opened a five-game homestand with a victory over the New York Islanders.

Ovechkin scored in his sixth straight game, matching his best streak, and became the first Capitals player to hit the 40-goal mark since Peter Bondra had 45 in 2000-01. Ovechkin also added a third-period assist for his 76th point of the season, 10 ahead of Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby in the rookie scoring race.

Ovechkin beat goaltender Garth Snow with a slapshot



Florida Panthers center Jozef Stumpel, top, battles Atlanta Thrashers defenseman Andy Sutton for the puck in the second period Monday. The Thrashers beat Florida 4-3 in a shootout.

from the top of the left circle early in the second period for the game's first goal. He scored again when he stationed himself by the crease during a faceoff and directed Mike Green's pass into the net with 0.5 seconds remaining in the period, giving the Capitals a 3-1 lead.

In the third period during a power play, Ovechkin supplied the cross-ice pass for Bryan Muir's one-timer that restored a two-goal lead. Muir added another goal late in the period.

Jeff Friesen also scored for the Capitals, who won for only the second time in eight games. Olie Kolzig made 40 saves for career victory No. 250, tying him with Johnny Bower for 35th place all-time.

#### Hurricanes 2, Rangers 1

Martin Gerber made 37 saves to help the NHL-leading Carolina Hurricanes beat the New York Rangers on Monday night, spoiling goalie Henrik Lundqvist's first start since leading Sweden to the Olympic gold medal.

Lundqvist, in goal for New York for the first time since beating Toronto on Feb. 10 in the Rangers' last home game before the Olympic break, made 17 saves. New York has lost two straight following a seven-game

winning streak.

Justin Williams and Kevyn Adams scored for Carolina, playing the second game of a five-game trip. The Hurricanes have won five straight to open a three-point lead over Detroit in the overall standings. They have won 11 of their last 14 games and 20 of 24.

Gerber improved to 30-9-2, allowing only Steve Rucchin's goal at 3:28 of the third period. Gerber had little chance on the goal, with Rucchin stopping Thomas Pock's shot from the blue line with his skates and flipping in a short shot from the slot.

The Rangers outshot the Hurricanes 17-0 in the third period.

Carolina took a 2-0 lead at 8:31 of the second period on Williams' 20th goal of the season. Rod Brind'Amour controlled the puck behind the goal, skated into the corner and fired a centering pass to the unchecked Williams on the far edge of the crease.

Adams opened the scoring with 1:09 left in the first period, knocking a loose puck past Lundqvist from the edge of the crease.

#### Senators 4, Lightning 0

Ray Emery stopped 31 shots

for his second shutout of the season and the Ottawa Senators beat the Tampa Bay Lightning on Monday night.

Emery, who is filling in for the injured Dominik Hasek, helped the Senators win their fifth straight game. Hasek, a six-time Vezina Trophy winner, injured his groin 5 minutes into his first Olympic game with the Czech Republic on Feb. 15.

Antoine Vermette, Jason Spezza, Mike Fisher and Peter Schaefer scored for the Northeast Division-leading Senators. Ottawa is 37-0 when scoring four or more goals.

Sean Burke made 30 saves for Tampa Bay. The defending Stanley Cup champion Lightning, who open a five-game road trip Tuesday at Pittsburgh, have been outscored 18-4 in three consecutive losses since the end of the Olympic break.

Vermette put the Senators up 1-0 at 2:35 of the first. He scored from the low slot off a pass from Christoph Schubert following a Lightning turnover.

Emery made 13 saves in the first, including in-close shots by Ryan Craig and Vinny Prospal during a Tampa Bay power play.

Ottawa went ahead 3-0 in the second on goals 1 minute, 31 seconds apart by Spezza (11:38) and Fisher (13:09).

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## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	32-26	.552	-
Philadelphia	30-29	.508	2.5
Boston	24-35	.407	8.5
Toronto	21-38	.356	11.5
New York	16-43	.271	16.5

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	48-11	.814	-
Cleveland	34-26	.567	14.5
Indiana	30-26	.536	16.5
Milwaukee	29-30	.492	19
Chicago	26-33	.441	22

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	38-20	.655	-
Washington	30-28	.517	8
Orlando	20-39	.339	18.5
Atlanta	19-39	.328	19
Charlotte	16-44	.267	23

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	32-28	.793	-
Utah	28-31	.700	3.5
Minnesota	26-32	.559	5
Seattle	23-37	.534	9
Portland	19-40	.450	12.5

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	41-17	.707	-
LA Clippers	33-25	.569	8
LA Lakers	31-29	.517	11
Sacramento	28-31	.475	13.5
Golden State	25-34	.424	16.5

### Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	46-12	.793	-
Dallas	46-13	.780	0.5
Memphis	33-26	.559	13.5
New Orleans	31-27	.534	15
Houston	27-33	.450	20

## NCAA Baseball AP Top 25

team	2005 record
1 Texas	56-16
2 Clemson	43-23
3 Florida	48-23
4 Georgia Tech	45-19
5 Cal State Fullerton	46-18
6 North Carolina	41-19
7 Rice	45-19
8 Oregon State	46-12
9 Tennessee	46-21
10 Missouri	40-23
11 Pepperdine	41-23
12 Tulane	56-12
13 Mississippi State	42-22
14 South Carolina	41-23
15 Florida State	53-20
16 Arizona State	42-25
17 Southern California	41-22
18 Arkansas	39-22
19 Texas Christian	41-20
20 Louisiana State	40-22
21 Fresno State	30-29
22 Long Beach State	37-22
23 Mississippi	48-20
24 North Carolina State	41-19
25 California	34-23

## MLB



Minnesota Twins' Kirby Puckett watches his 11th inning home run to beat the Atlanta Braves in Game 6 of the World Series in Minneapolis on Oct. 26, 1991. Puckett had a stroke at his Arizona home Sunday and passed away Monday.

## Twins' star Puckett dies after stroke

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kirby Puckett died Monday, a day after the Hall of Fame outfielder had a stroke at his Arizona home. He was 45.

Puckett died at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. He had been in intensive care since having surgery at another hospital following his stroke Sunday morning.

The bubbly, barrel-shaped Puckett carried the Twins to World Series titles in 1987 and 1991 before his career was cut short by glaucoma. His family, friends and former teammates gathered at

the hospital Monday.

Puckett was given last rites and died in the afternoon, hospital spokeswoman Kimberly Lodge said.

"On behalf of Major League Baseball, I am terribly saddened by the sudden passing of Kirby Puckett," commissioner Bud Selig said. "He was a Hall of Famer in every sense of the term."

"He played his entire career with the Twins and was an icon in Minnesota. But he was revered throughout the country and will be remembered wherever the game is played. Kirby was taken from us

much too soon — and too quickly," he said.

Puckett broke into the majors in 1984 and had a career batting average of .318. Glaucoma left the six-time Gold Glove center fielder and 10-time All-Star with no choice but to retire after the 1995 season when he went blind in his right eye.

Out of the game, the 5-foot-8 Puckett put on a considerable amount of weight, which concerned those close to him.

"It's a tough thing to see a guy go through something like that and come to this extent," former teammate Kent Hrbek said Monday

night.

"That's what really hurt him bad, when he was forced out of the game," he said. "I don't know if he ever recovered from it."

Asked what he would remember the most from their playing days, Hrbek quickly answered, "Just his smile, his laughter and his love for the game."

Puckett was elected to the Hall of Fame on his first try in 2001 and thrilled the crowd in Cooperstown when he said, "I'm telling you, anything is possible" during his induction speech.

His plaque praised his "ever-present smile and infectious exuberance."

## IN BRIEF

### Nationals sign lease for new stadium

WASHINGTON — Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed the lease for a new Washington Nationals' ballpark Monday, a day after Major League Baseball signed the deal.

The lease calls for a ballpark to be built along the Anacostia River, south of the Capitol, but limits city spending on the project to \$611 million.

"The signed lease is the green light we needed to turn this dream into a reality," said Williams, touting the economic benefits of a converting an industrial area into a ballpark and entertainment district. "With a revitalized southeast, we will reap tens of millions of dollars in new tax revenue in the coming years."

The signatures of Williams and members of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission clear the way for the city to sell \$535 million in construction bonds, Williams spokesman

Vince Morris said.

Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi, who was out of town Monday, will authorize the sale of the bonds in the next few weeks, Morris said. The lease will take effect after the bonds are sold.

### Beckett upset over poor spring outing

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Josh Beckett refused to make excuses for a rocky outing in his spring debut for the Boston Red Sox.

The right-hander, acquired from Florida in a seven-player trade during the offseason, allowed five runs in three innings of Boston's 8-7 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday.

Even though it's only spring training, Beckett did not take the performance lightly.

"It's not like I was just out there trying to throw my pitches. If I was going to do that, I would have just thrown a 50-pitch bullpen. When I'm

out there, I'm trying to get people out," the 2003 World Series MVP said.

"I wanted to get a feel for these guys [the Devil Rays], just like they wanted to get a feel for me. They felt me pretty good," he said.

### Big Ten NCAA Tournament bids up in the air

INDIANAPOLIS — Even as the Big Ten tournament drew to a close, questions about the other tournament were casting a shadow on the happenings in Consco Fieldhouse.

The biggest: How many bids will the conference get when the NCAA's 65-team field is announced next Monday?

Four teams seem to be locks: Ohio State, the regular-season champ; Purdue, which advanced to the title game; Michigan State, last year's Big Ten tourney champ and national runner-up; and Minnesota, the tournament's third seed. All four have been ranked most of the season.

## around the dial

### MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

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### NHL

Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m. OLN

## NFL

# Free agency start delayed to Friday

*NFL owners to meet today to discuss new union proposal*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For at least a few more days, dozens of high-priced NFL players still have jobs.

NFL labor talks took a new twist Sunday night when the league and its players' union agreed to postpone free agency another 72 hours, giving the sides more time to work out a deal on a contract extension.

The decision came just four hours after negotiations had broken off, leaving many veterans in danger of becoming salary-cap casualties. Owners will meet [today] in Dallas to decide whether they want to take the union's latest offer.

Free agency originally was supposed to start Friday, but was pushed back to 12:01 a.m. Monday. Now, it's set to begin at 12:01 a.m. Thursday.

In the meantime, the deadline for teams to get under the salary cap also was delayed.

That gave the Oakland Raiders a reprieve — they thought they'd be forced to release quarterback Kerry Collins, saving \$9.2 million in cap space. The New York Jets cut center Kevin Mawae, who is 35 and missed the final 10 games last season with a triceps injury.

And according to an official with knowledge of the deal, linebacker LaVar Arrington agreed to a buyout of his contract with the Washington Redskins, the team believed to be in the most cap trouble. The team said the departure of the three-time Pro Bowler would provide "much needed salary cap relief."

Other big names also could go if teams try to squeeze under a salary cap of \$94.5 million. If a deal is reached, the cap could go as much as \$10 million higher — in other words, allowing teams to keep some of the players.

Amid all the labor back-and-forth came news that running back Shaun Alexander was staying put: The league's MVP agreed to return to the NFC champion Seattle Seahawks for \$62 million over eight years, with \$15.1 guaranteed, according to his agent, Jim Steiner.

The union broke off Sunday's bargaining session.

"The talks ended after the NFL gave us a proposal which provided a percentage of revenues

for the players which would be less than they received over the last 12 years," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "After suggesting we extend the waiver deadline from six o'clock to 10 this evening, they gave us a new proposal which was worse than their prior offer. Quite naturally, we rejected that proposal and saw no need to continue meeting."

But Harold Henderson, the NFL's executive vice president for labor relations, said the union rejected a proposal that would have added \$577 million for players in 2006 compared to 2005 and \$1.5 billion in the six years of the extension.

"It's an unfortunate situation for the players, the fans and the league," Henderson said.

After a conference call between owners and league officials, including commissioner Paul Tagliabue, the league announced the extension.

"The NFL and the NFL Players Association have agreed to extend the start of the 2006 league year for 72 hours — until 12:01 a.m., EST, Thursday, March 9 — in order to allow the NFL clubs to meet in Dallas on Tuesday to consider the NFL Players Association's offer," the NFL said.

Shortly afterward, Upshaw said: "The NFL negotiators called us tonight after our negotiations broke off to indicate that they will take our complete package to the owners for an approval vote on Tuesday."

"We have therefore agreed to extend the free agency deadline until midnight Wednesday in order to provide time for that vote to be accomplished," he said.

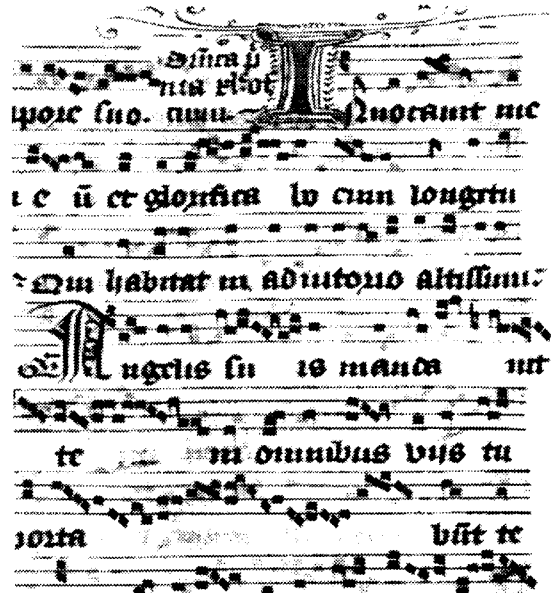
These negotiations were by far the most difficult since the NFL and the union first agreed to free agency and a salary cap in 1992, ending years of labor unrest that included player strikes in 1982 and 1987. The contract has been extended several times since then, most of the time with ease.

Even now, the contract doesn't expire until 2008, but this would be the last year of a salary cap — 2007 would be uncapped, which could lead to wild spending by some teams and little by others, creating a haves/have-not situation similar to the one in baseball.

One reason these talks were more difficult is that the players asked for a change in the system.

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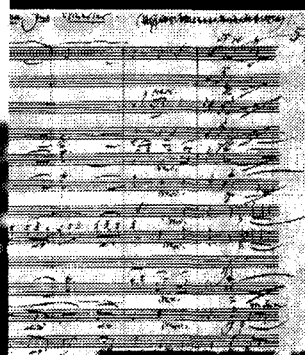
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## NFL

# Seahawks, Alexander sign record contract

*Pro Bowl running back inks eight-year, \$62 million deal*

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — The criticism followed Shaun Alexander.

He didn't run hard between the tackles. He avoided hits. He wouldn't block blitzing linebackers or catch passes out of the backfield.

Seahawks president Tim Ruskell heard it all, but never let it influence his opinion of the Pro Bowl running back. Ruskell wanted to see Alexander for himself during the 2005 season and determine his future value to the Seahawks.

Alexander became the NFL MVP and his reward was the richest running back contract in NFL history — an eight-year, \$62 million deal with the NFC champions he signed on Monday.

"We all know Shaun can score touchdowns and rush for a lot of yards and that's a great thing for a running back. But we talked ... about the little things," Ruskell said during a press conference at team headquarters on Monday.

"To Shaun's credit, he improved in all of those areas, and that's a credit to him and that's another big reason while we are here today."

Alexander's agent, Jim Steiner, told The Associated Press on Sunday night that the contract includes over \$15.1 million in guaranteed cash,

through signing and other bonuses and 2006 base salary. The \$62 million total exceeds the eight-year, \$60 million contract LaDainian Tomlinson signed with the San Diego Chargers in 2004.

"This contract is truly a blessing. To be the highest paid running back ever is quite an honor," Alexander said. "It's pretty good."

Always jovial, Alexander talked about making multiple Super Bowl trips with the Seahawks. Once a deal was reached Sunday night, Alexander began text messaging with rookie linebacker Lofa Tatupu and talked with quarterback Matt Hasselbeck about getting to next year's Super Bowl in Miami.

But Alexander also acknowledged he probably could have made more by leaving Seattle as a free agent. Alexander consistently stated his intention was to stay put and stuck by his word.

"Everybody knew this is my city," Alexander said. "I wanted to play here and my goal when I first got here was to do stuff Seattle had never seen before."

"It's really simple. When you have good people and everybody is going after the same things, it's easy to make the decision about coming in."

It was widely assumed Alexander would command over \$20 million in guarantees — given that last offseason Seattle sprang for a \$16 million bonus to re-sign Hasselbeck and another \$20 million-plus in bonuses to keep perennial Pro Bowl tackle Walter Jones.

## NASCAR

# New Hall of Fame site set

*Chairman chooses Charlotte as city to enshrine top racers*

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR's first Hall of Fame will be built in downtown Charlotte, within miles of the garages and sprawling mansions that make the region an epicenter of the sport.

The selection of Charlotte for the site of the \$107.5 million hall ended a yearlong race featuring four other cities. The hall is expected to lure hundreds of thousands of NASCAR fans annually, and officials hope it will open in 2009.

"In the end, you look at what's going to be best in the long run," NASCAR chairman Brian France told a crowd of about 1,000 people at the city's convention center Monday.

The remaining finalists were Daytona Beach, Fla., and Atlanta, Richmond, Va., and Kansas City, Kan., were eliminated earlier.

"As a guy, I'm disappointed. They decided to marry the girl next door," Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue said. "We had a lot to offer. It could have been a great marriage."

Robin Braig, president of Daytona International Speedway, added: "It would've been a great show for us, but we'll rebound from it."

Sports marketing experts have described the hall as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to spur tourism among NASCAR's famously loyal fan base.

Charlotte's proximity to the heart of the sport was cited repeatedly by supporters.

Lowe's Motor Speedway in suburban Concord is home to the longest race on the Nextel Cup circuit, the Memorial Day weekend Coca-Cola 600, and has long hosted NASCAR's annual all-star race.

Nearly all the top race teams are headquartered in the communities north of the city, and many top drivers own luxury condominiums in downtown Charlotte or palatial homes on nearby Lake Norman. Dale Earnhardt Jr., one of the most popular drivers, lives nearby and has said Charlotte should get the hall.

In billboards and bumper stickers distributed as part of the city's campaign for the hall, officials boasted, "Racing was built here. Racing belongs here" and "We Eat, Sleep & Breathe Racing."

Felix Sabates, who with fellow team owner Rick Hendrick helped spearhead Charlotte's campaign, said the deal was completed Friday. Officials were

expected to take the package to the city council for approval at a Monday evening meeting.

Charlotte touted its proposal with architectural drawings by I.M. Pei, noted designer of the famous pyramid addition to the Louvre in Paris and the east wing of Washington's National Gallery. Those drawings are dominated by a banked curve that encircles the building, evoking the shape of a speedway.

From one corner of the building, a latticework tower emblazoned with the NASCAR logo rises, reminiscent of the towers that display race standings from the infield of most speedways.

Under NASCAR's deal with Charlotte, ground is to be broken by the spring of 2007, with opening scheduled for no later than March 31, 2010.

The hall is to be owned by the city of Charlotte and operated by its convention and visitors bureau under a contract with NASCAR that runs into 2038.

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Seahawks, Gaels earn automatic bids to tourney

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — With a 23-point lead whittled to almost nothing, North Carolina-Wilmington's T.J. Carter put it upon himself to take control.

Carter scored 12 of his 23 points in the final three minutes Monday night, including 10-straight to provide a comfort zone, and the Seahawks beat Hofstra 78-67 to win their fourth Colonial Athletic Association championship in seven years.

"I kind of had to make plays," the junior guard said. "That's my job here. That's what coach puts me out there to do. (My teammates) stepped up for me for 37 minutes, grinding it out, playing tough defense, rebounding the ball and making

plays."

The Seahawks (25-7) earned the league's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, and left Hofstra and co-league champion George Mason hoping for at-large invitations.

In victory, Wilmington also had something of a told-you-so smile, having felt overlooked all weekend while Hofstra and George Mason's NCAA hopes were dissected.

Both are ahead of the Seahawks in the Ratings Percentage Index, but the Seahawks and Patriots shared the regular season title, and Wilmington was the top seed.

"We had a little chip on our shoulder all weekend," coach Brad Brownell said. "Very few people were talking about us, so we felt like we had to play

our way in.

"We did that tonight."

For the Seahawks seniors, most of whom were bit players when Wilmington last won the tournament title in 2003, the victory was verification of their excellence.

"If we wouldn't have done this, they would have said, 'Yeah, they were a great team, but they couldn't win a championship,'" forward Beckham Myrick said.

## Iona 80, St. Peter's 61

Steve Burtt scored 28 points, leading Iona over St. Peter's in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship game Monday night and clinching the Gaels' eighth NCAA tournament berth.

Ricky Soliver shook off early

foul trouble, scoring 12 for Iona, which won its conference-leading seventh MAAC title and first since 2001 — the last time the Gaels qualified for the NCAA tournament. Kiril Wachsmann added 11 points and 12 rebounds and Burtt was named the tournament's MVP.

At 23-7, the Gaels have produced their most victories in a season since winning 27 in 1997-98, a year before coach Jeff Ruland took over. Burtt, who has 2,011 career points, became only the second Iona player to reach the 2,000-point plateau. The other was his father Steve Burtt Sr., who scored 2,534 in the early 1980s.

For St. Peter's, Keydren Clark's magnificent tournament run ended with the senior guard scoring 25 points to lead

the Peacocks (17-15), who came out flat, a result of playing their fourth game in four nights.

Besides leading St. Peter's to its first MAAC championship game appearance since 1999, the senior guard scored 95 points in four games — passing both Oscar Robertson and Hersey Hawkins — and finishes with 3,058 career points to rank sixth on the NCAA scoring list.

Clark and Burtt were the conference's two most prolific guards this season and also happened to be teammates at New York City's Rice High School.

Raul Orta added 13 points for St. Peter's, which dropped to 2-4 in MAAC championship games — it's last win coming in 1995.

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## Quinn

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points in a double-overtime road loss to Pittsburgh Jan. 4.

"[The recognition is] very well deserved," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a teleconference Monday morning. "[I'm] really happy for [Quinn]. He's been such a key for us. I don't think the coaches in this league ... are really shocked."

Quinn joins Douby, Foye, Villanova guard Allan Ray, Cincinnati forward Eric Hicks, Connecticut forward Rudy Gay, Marquette forward Steve Novak, Pittsburgh forward Aaron Gray, Syracuse guard Gerry McNamara, West Virginia forward Kevin Pittsnogle and guard Mike Gansey as the 11 players named to the first team.

Gay, Foye, Ray and Novak were all unanimous picks, chosen by all eligible Big East coaches. Coaches were not allowed to select players from their own teams.

Brey informed Quinn Monday morning he was selected to the all-conference team. Quinn said he does not think about personal statistics but acknowledged the magnitude of the selection.

"It's real cool, it's a tremendous honor for me to be mentioned with the great players of this year and the great players of the past," Quinn said.

Quinn joins an elite level of Notre Dame players to earn this

honor since the Irish joined the Big East in 1995. Before Quinn and Carroll, forward Ryan Humphreys was selected in 2002, forward Troy Murphy earned the award in 2001, 2000 and 1999 and so did forward Pat Garrity in 1997 and 1996.

Quinn led Notre Dame to a 15-12 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the Big East this season.

The Irish struggled out of the gate, falling to 1-8 in their first nine league games. But Quinn helped Notre Dame turn around its season, as the Irish went 5-2 in their last seven games —

earning the final Big East tournament seed.

"A lot of teams might have faded away," Quinn said. "Over the season, there have been tough times when we've really

been down as a group, but we've had to battle back and get ready for the next game. So being resilient is very important for our group."

Quinn was careful not to let Monday's

announcement distract him from his primary focus. Notre Dame is playing Georgetown in the No. 5-seed vs. No. 12-seed match up at Madison Square Garden in New York City at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

"They're a great team and they've had a heck of a year," Quinn said of Georgetown. "Wednesday's all about our team and [our] playing well."

Contact Bobby Griffin at [rgriffi3@nd.edu](mailto:rgriffi3@nd.edu)

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Chris Quinn  
Irish point guard

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Zags hold off Lions' upset bid

Gonzaga beats Loyola Marymount, 68-67, for WCC Championship

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — J.P. Batista's tip-in gave No. 4 Gonzaga the lead late and Loyola Marymount's Chris Ayer missed a layup at the buzzer to give the Bulldogs a 68-67 on Monday night in the West Coast Conference tournament final.

The Zags (27-3) earned their eighth-consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament, but they would have made it even had they lost. Loyola Marymount (12-18) was trying to win their way in and had a great chance to pull the upset.

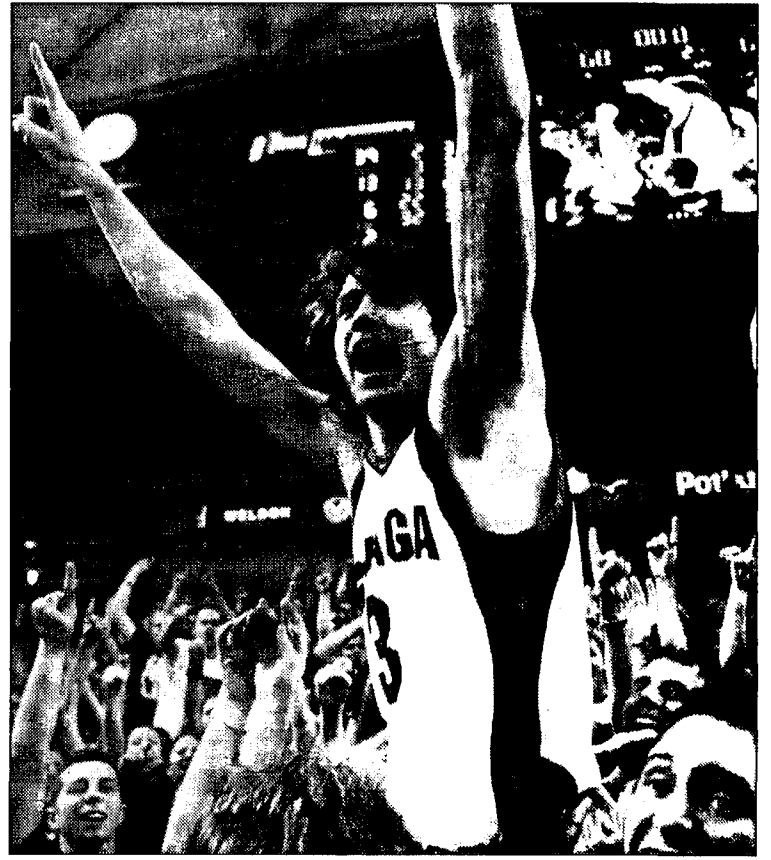
Trailing by one, the Lions inbounded the ball with 10.6 seconds left and the Gonzaga defense bottled up Brandon Worthy in the corner. He found Ayer's underneath, but he rushed the shot and missed badly.

Despite poor shooting, Gonzaga won the WCC tournament for the third straight time and seventh of the past eight. But it was the first time the event was held in Spokane.

Adam Morrison led all scorers with 23 points, but made only six of 18 field goals. Batista, playing with an injured leg, added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Loyola Marymount was playing in the WCC title game for the first time in 17 years. They won in 1988 and 1989, behind Hank Gathers and Bo Kimble. It was in the semifinals of the league tournament in 1990 that Gathers collapsed on the court and died.

Gonzaga has won 18 games



Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison celebrates the Bulldogs 68-67 win over Loyola Marymount Tuesday.

in a row, tied with George Washington for longest streak in the nation. Gonzaga has also won 40 straight home games, easily the longest streak in the nation, and they are 28-0 in the 2-year-old McCarthy Athletic Center.

Loyola Marymount led by eight at halftime, and went on a 12-2 run to take a 48-33 lead with 13:36 left on Worthy's steal and layup and

Wes Wardrop's jumper.

Gonzaga replied with a 16-2 run and Morrison's layup, his first basket of the second half, cut Loyola's lead to 50-49 with 7:37 left.

David Pendergraft's two free throws tied the game at 53.

John Haywood's long jumper, Loyola's first field goal in seven minutes, gave the Lions a 55-53 lead with 6:38 left.

## CLUB SPORTS

# Squash standout Zhang loses twice in Amherst

Cycling travels to Ohio State; sailing finishes 10th in Florida; women's ultimate earns three wins in West Lafayette

Special to the Observer

James Zhang, the first Notre Dame player to qualify for the national singles championships, dropped two matches this weekend at the championships in Amherst, Mass.

The two losses were the first for Zhang, as he completed his season record at 13-2 and led the Irish to their first national team championship in their division two weeks ago.

Zhang dropped his opening round match to Trevor Rees of Yale, 3-0, and then lost his consolation match to Northwestern's Ed Gadiant, 3-0.

Zhang will return next year to lead the Irish in team competition and attempt to qualify again for the nationals.

### Cycling

Seven cyclists represented Notre Dame at the Ohio State Invitational Road Race and Criterium this weekend.

The team members were Mike Lavery, Geoff Gisler, Matt Prygoski, Tim Campbell, Andy Steves, Meghan Johnson and Ty Baker.

Saturday's Road Race — a hilly 20-mile loop through Zaleski State Forest — slowed all but the strongest riders in the race. Steves and Baker, racing in the Mens C category, completed one lap of the course and finished 23rd and 34th, respectively, in a field of 84 riders.

The rest of the men raced in the B category, completing two loops of the course.

In a field of 81 riders, Lavery placed 15th, Prygoski 17th and Campbell 29th. Geoff Gisler finished No. 52 after getting knocked off his bike by a reckless rider about 35 miles into the race.

He suffered only minor scrapes and bruises, but a cracked helmet prevented him from racing in the Criterium on Sunday.

Meghan Johnson placed 32nd among 47 riders in the Women's B race.

Sunday's Criterium was a half-mile square loop in Dublin, Ohio. Once again, Steves and Baker raced in the Men's C Division.

The main field broke apart quickly after about half of the riders were caught behind an early crash. Both Steves and Baker were caught in the back half of

riders and were eventually pulled from the race.

A similar fate struck Johnson in the Women's B race as well.

Sixty racers entered the Men's B race, including Lavery, Prygoski and Campbell.

The leaders maintained a fast pace of 25 miles per hour for the 45-minute race on the tight track.

Although final results are not yet posted, it is believed Lavery and Prygoski are among the top-20 and Campbell among the top-30.

### Sailing

Six members of the Irish squad headed south this weekend for a break from the snow to sail in the Eckerd Invitational hosted by Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. Twelve teams from five districts competed in the regatta, where the Irish took 10th.

Winds built steadily from five to 15 knots for Saturday's 18 races, and sophomores John Bailey and Caroline Nally began the regatta with a strong presence, taking eighth in their second race in the A division.

Sophomore Chris May and

junior Amy Becker followed with a fifth-place finish in their second race in the B division.

Conditions on Sunday began with winds around twelve knots, which slowly lightened as the last six races of the regatta were completed. But the dying winds did not hurt the Irish performance. Sophomore Tim Roy and junior Kathryn Hoodecheck finished third in the last two races to close out the team's events.

Notre Dame finished ahead of follow MCSA representative Ohio University and close behind Miami (Ohio).

### Ultimate

The women's squad traveled to West Lafayette, Ind. Sunday to face sectional rivals Purdue, Indiana and Northwestern.

The Irish took control of the tournament and posted strong wins against all three teams.

Although snow started just about the time as the games, all the teams toughed out the cold and played hard.

After trading points with Northwestern, Notre Dame took a two-point lead into half.

Notre Dame kept up the intensity at the start of the next half and won the game 8-6. Junior Jeannie Joekel played stellar defense and made numerous leaping deflections.

The second game pitted the women against Indiana, a team looking for revenge after losing to the Irish at the Mardi Gras tournament the past weekend in Baton Rouge.

The Irish were unfazed and kept the disc moving on offense. The 9-3 Irish victory featured a sensational layout bid for a score from sophomore Libby Whiting.

The final game was against nationally-ranked Purdue.

Notre Dame took a quick lead 3-1 and held on for the remainder of the game, winning 8-3.

Senior Chrissy Hedges made some hot forehand passes to the end zone, connecting with fellow senior Chris Dube and sophomore Loretta Brown for scores.

Senior Kasey Farrell's key defensive stops and lay out for a score highlighted the contest.

The Irish will travel to Atlanta next weekend to play in the College Terminus.



## Indiana

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against the Big Ten this season, with its lone defeat coming to perennial powerhouse Illinois. Indiana is 5-5, with an 0-2 conference record.

"We know them," Bayliss said. "We anticipate another close match, a competitive match, which it usually is in this series."

The match will be in stark climate contrast to Notre Dame's last competition.

Bayliss sent the team to the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club in La Jolla, Calif., this weekend to compete in the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament, an open event that draws professional and collegiate players.

Although no teams managed to advance past the third round of the 128-team draw, Bayliss was pleased with their performance, which will not count for players' collegiate records.

"Our top 3 teams all made it into the round of 32 but all of them lost in that round, and a couple of them had really close matches," Bayliss said.

Ryan Keckley and Barry King, who are ranked No. 51 in the

national standings, earned a first-round bye in the tournament and beat a team from San Diego State before losing 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in a tiebreaker.

"We had good matches, got exposed to a lot of good tennis, got to practice with some guys from other teams as well," Bayliss said.

Sheeva Parbhu and Brett Helgeson also had a first-round bye and highlighted the second round with a win over USC. They also lost a three-set match in the third round, with a score of 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Eric Langenkamp and Andrew Roth also lost in the third round to Stanford.

Stephen Bass and Santiago Montoya lost in the second round, as did Patrick Buchanan, who played with former Hoosier player Scott Lippitt.

"It was a really good experience for us," Bayliss said. "The La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club is a terrific place to host an event — it's right on the Pacific Ocean. The courts are in great shape. The competition was great. It was everything we wanted it to be."

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## Face off

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But that's not to say Claggett's only talent is winning face-offs — he can play defense, too. Corrigan is confident in the sophomore's abilities at midfield but mindful of his specific duties — especially after reserve face-off man senior Steve Panos was unavailable for last Saturday's 9-6 loss to Cornell due to injury.

"He's a good defensive player," Corrigan said.

of Panos, the Irish's groundball leader (64) for 2005. "But we don't want to wear him out playing too much defense."

Opponents can not overlook Claggett's offensive abilities, as well. Last season, in addition to

one assist, he scored two goals, the second in a 14-13 overtime triumph over Air Force.

The lack of a title for Claggett's face-off role is representative of the blue collar, lunch-pail attitude required for the position, Corrigan said.

"Every good face-off guy is very tough," the coach said. "It's a position where you get bounced around and hit, and you've got to concentrate on getting the ball."

Toughness was n't exactly what drew Claggett to the position.

Before going on to captain athletic powerhouse DeMatha Catholic High School in Maryland

to a national lacrosse ranking, Claggett was just a sophomore high school lacrosse player looking for a way out of grueling drills.

"[My high school] coach

said that everyone who wanted to try facing-off didn't have to do sprints," Claggett said.

Turns out he was just the tough guy his coach was looking for.

"I guess it kind of worked out for me," Claggett said.

Now that he's at Notre Dame, though, the break from workouts is over.

"I run with the rest of the team and do all the same lifts," he said. "I also do a lot of lift curls and forearm curls. You need strong forearms to face-off."

And Corrigan and Claggett both believe the sophomore's diligence before the game separates him from his opponents during the game.

"I watch film to see my opponent to see what move they're doing, to see what I can do to counter," he said. "You've got to make sure you're familiar with the move, perfecting technique."

That kind of work ethic makes Claggett one of the best face-off men in the country.

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## Recruit

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said. "Notre Dame is not only strong [in athletics], it's one of the best academic schools in the country."

Mike Frank of IrishEyes.com, a Web site on the Scout.com recruiting network, said he felt Nagel's

focus on grades as well as football likely helped him earn the scholarship offer.

"Any time you're going to have a guy that can get it done in the classroom, it makes him an attractive target as well," Frank said. "I think it certainly helps giving him an offer to have such a great situation academically — a guy who gets his work done."

But Frank said the reason Weis offered Nagel a scholarship was

likely his prowess on the field.

"When it's all said and done, he still got the offer because he's a very, very good football player," Frank said.

"He's a guy that flies to the football, likes to hit people and is a real aggressive player. He has



Nagel

very, very good speed. He makes his turn well left and right. He has very good lateral movement. That will make him a very good linebacker."

Nagel said Weis complimented his speed and ability to hit when the two met this Saturday.

"He's just going to get bigger [and] stronger," Frank said of Nagel. "He's a guy that can run with a lot of players. He's a guy who definitely is going to increase

your athletic ability and speed at the linebacker position."

Nagel received offers from 11 other schools, including Purdue, Boston College, Michigan State and Stanford.

"I've been to Notre Dame about five times," he said. "I love the campus, the atmosphere ... everything."

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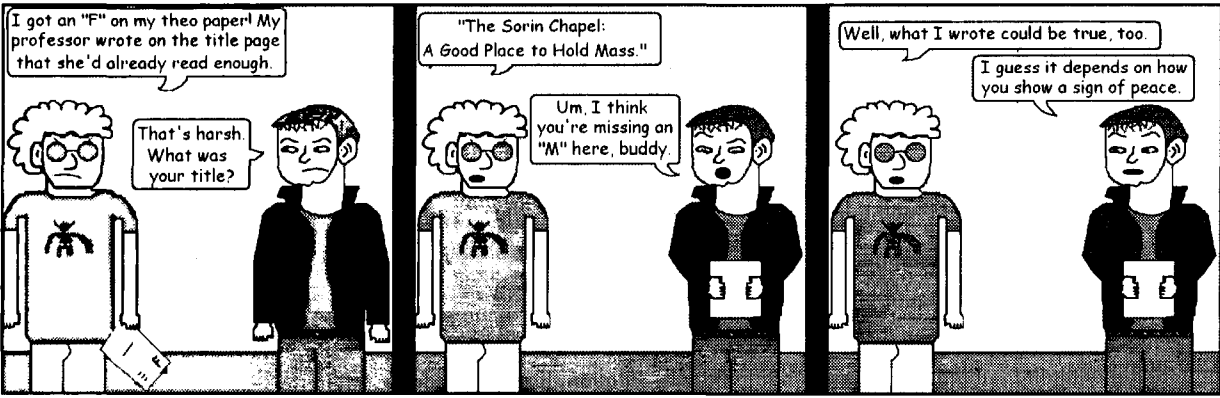
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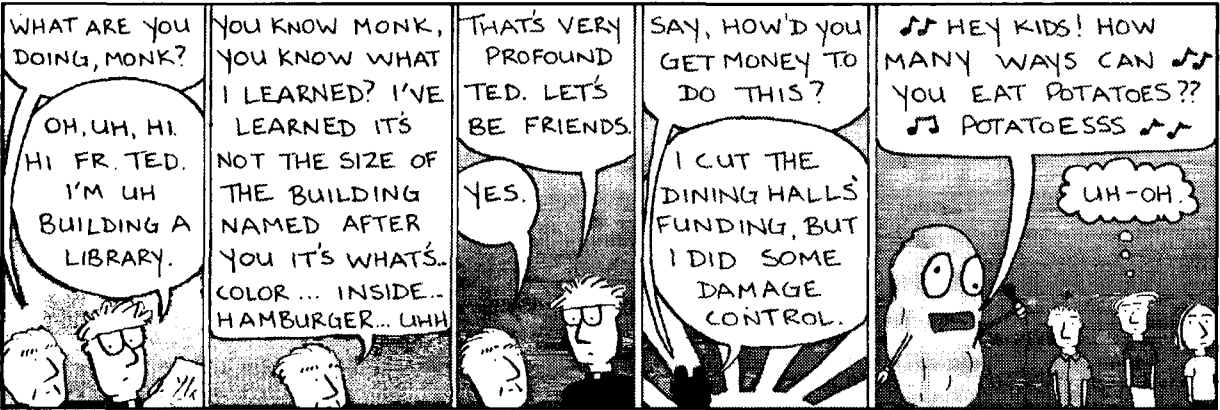
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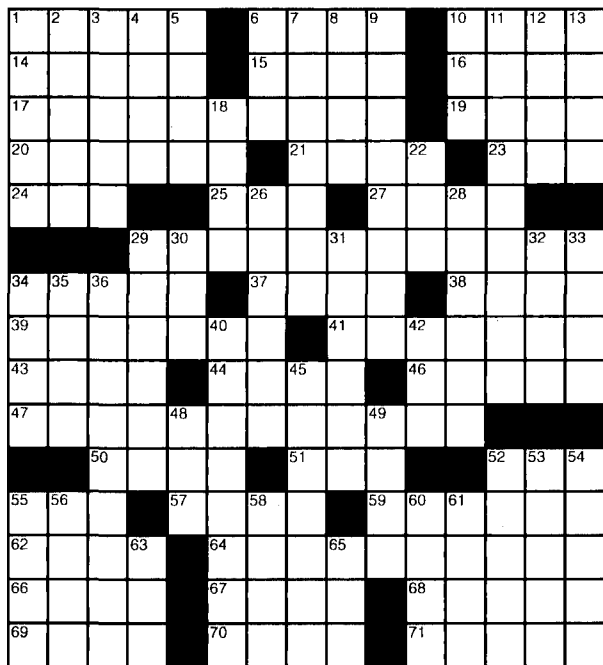
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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Chicago-area recruit gives Notre Dame verbal commitment

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame landed its second verbal commitment for the class of 2011 Saturday when Chicago-area recruit Aaron Nagel (Lemont, Ill.) accepted a scholarship offer from head coach Charlie Weis to play outside linebacker.

"It's always been my dream since I was a little kid to go to Notre Dame," Nagel said in a telephone interview with The Observer Monday. "I was hoping for [the offer], but I wasn't expecting it."

Nagel said he came to Notre Dame this weekend to meet with Weis and discuss his chances of getting a scholarship offer from

the Irish.

"[Assistant] Coach [Rob] Ianello, who is the recruiting coordinator for my area, told me Coach Weis wanted to sit down with me and get to know me," Nagel said. "He said I probably wouldn't get an offer until I attended a camp there. When he offered me, I was so excited."

Nagel has lined up at running

back, wide receiver, linebacker and safety for Lemont High School, much in the mold of current Notre Dame free safety Tom Zbikowski, who played quarterback in high school and was recruited as an "athlete."

This past season, the 6-foot-1, 215-pound junior ran for 1,305 yards and 20 touchdowns at running back and made 55 solo tack-

les and four interceptions on defense.

He also runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds and ranks third in his class of 340 students with a 4.4 grade-point average on a weighted 4.0 scale.

"I wanted to go to a school that was strong on academics," Nagel

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Battle in Bloomington

*Irish seek seventh straight win over rival Hoosiers*

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

After a weekend sojourn playing in the California sunshine, the Irish return to indoor courts in Bloomington at 2 p.m. today.

Notre Dame enters the contest riding a six-match winning streak against in-state rival Indiana.

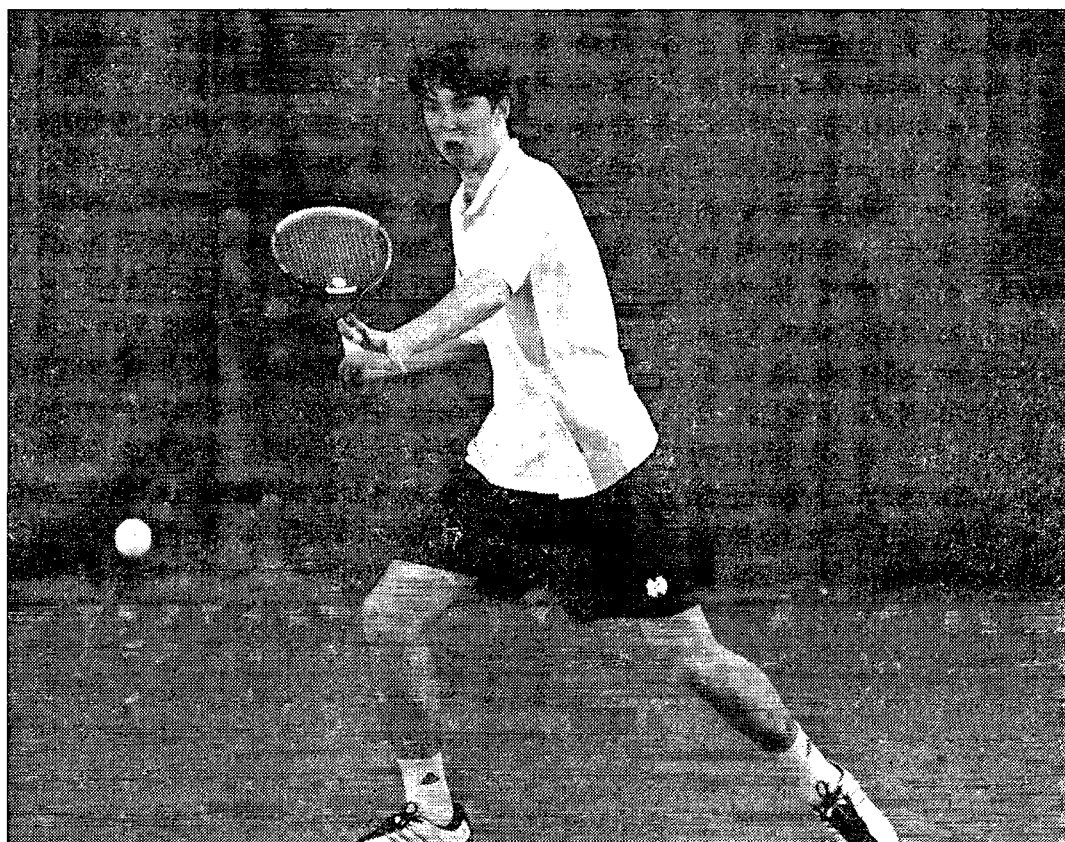
"The challenge there, in addition to the IU team, is that their courts are a lot faster than ours, and the lighting is considerably more dim," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said Monday. "It's been a challenging place for us to play ... Hopefully, we'll make that adjustment and be ready to go."

The two teams will meet for the 18th consecutive season. The Irish won 5-2 last season in what Bayliss called "a fairly close match."

The Irish also have faced a number of Hoosier players in tournaments throughout the fall and in previous years.

Notre Dame is 8-4 overall and 6-1

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Irish senior Patrick Buchanan takes a shot against Wisconsin Feb. 12. Notre Dame will travel to Bloomington to face Indiana today.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Sophomore succeeds in utility role

*ND relies on Clagett for face-offs this year*

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has one of the best and most underrated talents in the country — due more to the position than the man who occupies it.

As a freshman last season, Notre Dame's Taylor Clagett was the sixth best face-off man in Division I lacrosse, winning .612 percent of the face-offs he took.

"After every goal and at the beginning of every quarter, there is a possession up for grabs," Corrigan said Monday. "If you can dominate the face-off, you can dominate the possessions. ... It's an uphill battle when you're not getting face-offs."

But face-off men, who contribute a crucial role to their team's momentum, ironically receive fewer playing time when they win a drop.

"If I win, I'll be in for about 30 seconds on offense," Clagett said Monday. "If I lose, I stay in on defense for maybe five minutes."

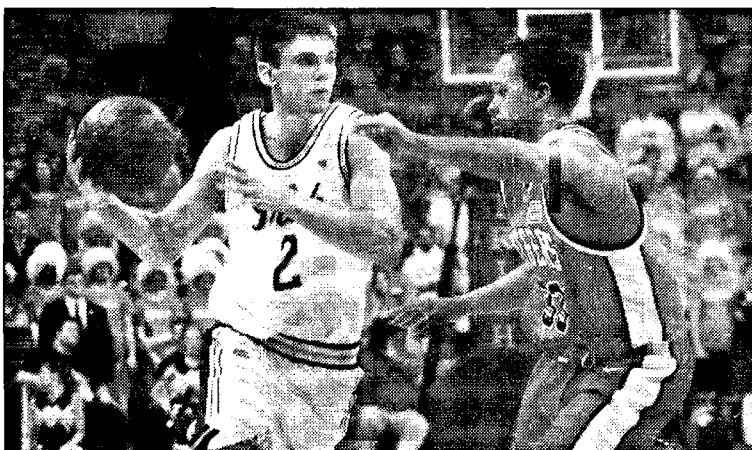
The Irish roster lists Clagett as a midfielder — the position his older brother Steve played for Notre Dame from 2001-04. He mainly takes face-offs and hops off the field shortly thereafter if he wins, though, in favor of an offensive midfielder.

"We recruited Taylor as a face-off guy," Corrigan said. "We got very lucky with him. He's going to be terrific."

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Quinn selected to All-Big East first team



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Quinn drives against Rutgers guard Shayle Keating during a 90-63 Notre Dame win Feb. 8.

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame point guard Chris Quinn was selected to the All-Big East first team Monday, becoming the first Irish player to receive the honor since guard Matt Carroll — now with the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats — in 2003.

Quinn averaged 20.2 points per game during the Big East regular season (18.2 overall), the third highest average in the league behind Rutgers guard Quiney Douby (27.0) and Villanova guard Randy Foye

(21.0). Quinn also averaged 6.3 assists in 16 league games (6.2 overall).

"It's just a great honor to be on the first team, to be mentioned with the best in our league," Quinn said in a press conference at the Joyce Center Monday. "Especially knowing that the coaches vote on that, it's a great honor to know they think highly of me."

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound guard scored in double figures 25 times this season and scored 30 points or more four times. He scored a season-high 37

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**UNC-Wilmington 78  
Hofstra 67**

The victory gave the Seahawks their fourth CAA title in the last seven years.

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