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Peer advocates give pre-hearing advice

By EILEEN DUFFY
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Following the University's decision to suspend star basketball player Kyle McAlarney, the Notre Dame community has reignited an oft-inflamed debate over discipline. Fueling the fire is widespread confusion about Notre Dame's policy — confusion which a group of 10 students known as Peer Advocates can straighten out.

Unfortunately, most on campus don't know they exist.

Dating back to the 1970s, the Peer Advocacy Program provides a student facing charges from

the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) with a student advocate to counsel him as he prepares to defend himself. While advocates are available for basic meetings (termed "conferences"), students most often employ them when they've committed more serious infractions and are facing a hearing — complete with two ORLH representatives, a rector and witnesses. McAlarney, for example, underwent a hearing before his suspension.

Under the watch of Judicial Council President James Leito and Vice President of Peer Advocacy John Trippi last year, the program strove to bring itself more attention. Twelve advocates

were hired and a publicity push drew many more cases than the year before, said Gina Dolan, who took the reins of the program this year.

"[Leito, Trippi and I] kind of looked at this program and realized it was an untapped resource," Dolan said. "We realized there was a lot of influence and power a group of students could have on our student body."

Despite last year's efforts, most students remain in the dark about the Peer Advocacy Program — and the program's leaders are quick to explain why.

First, although 90 percent of ORLH cases result in the minor conferences, said Judicial Council President Liz Kozlow,

ORLH only sends information about the Peer Advocacy Program to students facing the more-serious hearings.

A second reason, Dolan suggested, could be that students receive a referral to the Peer Advocacy Program from ORLH itself — meaning they associate it with the disciplinary heavy hand.

"Sometimes, then, they're hesitant to get involved with us, in terms of not trusting us, or thinking we're biased or not on their level," Dolan said, noting that some of this year's advocates have themselves been disciplined by ORLH. "We want to make

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London Program to be updated

Popular abroad spot will see changes

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

The London Program, Notre Dame's oldest and largest undergraduate study abroad opportunity, will undergo significant changes beginning in fall 2007.

Director of the London Program Paul Bradshaw said in an e-mail he recognized the need to make certain changes, specifically, modifying the current scheduling system, enhancing residence life and increasing internship opportunities.

In the past, there have been problems coordinating breaks and start dates that correspond to those at Notre Dame, he said.

"The principal motivation behind [these changes] is to bring [the program] more in line with the dates of the semesters on campus," he said. "In the future, we shall begin and end our classes each semester within a few days of the beginning and end of classes on [the main] campus."

The mid-semester break in London will shift to the same time as fall break in South Bend, "opening up the possibility of London students meeting up with students from campus and traveling together through the United Kingdom and Europe," Bradshaw said.

These calendar changes, he said, will also provide advantages to the British faculty teach-

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Jenkins encourages truth, holiness

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

The importance of seeking both spiritual and intellectual satisfaction was the main theme of the homily University President Father John Jenkins delivered Monday at the annual Mass in celebration of the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Many universities speak about their goal being truth, but our goal is love," Jenkins said.

More than a hundred people filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to commemorate the feast day of Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic universities and students.

Jenkins asked the University community to remember "while we seek the truth, we also seek to be holy."

"At this Catholic university, let us be reminded that we are oriented toward truth in our faith, truth that we should witness in our lives," he said.

Jenkins drew from his background as a philosophy professor, explaining that he studied Aquinas for many years because the writing was "simple, but powerful."

"He pursued truth, but through faith and hope," Jenkins said.

Recalling the words of Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical "God is Love," Jenkins said the teachings of Aquinas draw students to "a deeper faith."

"We are reminded that we are called to the pursuit of truth," he said, "not just to inspire the mind, but to love God and one another."

Junior Jarrod Waugh said

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University President Father John Jenkins delivers a homily at the Basilica Monday for the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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Return hard for abroad students

Reverse culture shock affects some as they re-adjust to campus life

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

For students who study abroad, returning to the familiar campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's means seeing old friends and professors and walking familiar paths to old classroom buildings. But for some students, returning from abroad can cause a reverse culture shock and lead to feelings of alienation and frustration rather than comfort.

To help students deal with the stress of returning to school, the University Counseling Center offers counseling sessions for returnees, said Staff Psychologist Dr. Wendy Settle.

"Many times readjustment



LINDSAY POULIN/The Observer

Junior Erin O'Neill speaks about her time in Angers, France in the Study Abroad Office Monday.

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Essay contest held on Pope's 'God is Love'

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

The Office of the President aims to spur discussion of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love" with an essay competition and a student conference in the spring to discuss the work.

The encyclical was chosen because it addresses issues that face not only the church, but the world as a whole, said Sabine MacCormack, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh C.S.C. Professor of Arts and Letters. MacCormack is the faculty advisor for the competition and the committee that will run the conference.

"It's the first encyclical of this papacy," MacCormack

said. "It is on a topic that is a very broad concern not just in the church, but I would say in the world in that it has two parts. The first part is theological, philosophical, theological and the second part is practical."

The essay contest will award prizes for essays submitted by students in three categories — freshmen and sophomores, juniors and seniors and graduate students. The guidelines for the contest are open-ended so students can consider the encyclical in a way that suits their interests, MacCormack said.

"Basically, students are encouraged to think about the encyclical in the context of the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dear Selena Roberts,

A few weeks ago, you boldly stated that ‘the vibe out of Notre Dame was that Charlie Weis was surprised by the demands of the job and that he wants to leave.

I’d venture to guess that the nation’s most reputable paper doesn’t encourage its writers looking like clueless fools. You must have missed the memo.

Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

On Sunday, you, a New York Times reporter, wrote a piece about how black coaches aren’t getting opportunities to prove their worth and bashed Notre Dame for the Ty Willingham situation.

Funny story, Selena. Notre Dame gave Willingham a shot so many other black coaches are denied. But he failed.

The problem I have with you’re argument stems from my vehement support for the notion that seven black head coaches at 119 schools is pathetic. But you do more harm than good to the cause by complaining about a school that indeed gave a black head coach a chance.

Willingham got his first head coaching job at Stanford after being only a position coach for the Vikings. He had no coordinator position experience. Of all the people to reference about minority hirings, it’s not him. He didn’t earn it as much as a guy like Ron Prince at Kansas State, and it shows in the fact that Washington is struggling.

Roberts should have talked to Prince, who earned the Kansas State head job a year ago thanks to an interview. He did his homework and pitched a business-like presentation to the school. He got the job after serving for three years as Virginia’s offensive coordinator — an assistant position Willingham never got.

Roberts claims in her column that “Willingham was forced out of Notre Dame in 2004, not by the president or the athletic director, but by four-leaf boosters and trustees who, deep down, craved one of their own.”

Imagine if every school in the country could expect talking heads and faceless columnists to bash them if they had the audacity to fire a black head coach who in three years lost more games by 30 points than any other coach in the school’s history.

Guys like Prince wouldn’t have a job — not for fear of diversity, but for fear for the school’s image in case they failed.

On to Willingham.

“It’s access to power,” Willingham said in the article. “It’s about asking, ‘Is my access to power diminished because of diversity?’”

No, Ty. It’s about asking, ‘Is my head coach spending two hours perfecting the back nine at a golf course or spending two hours solidifying his front five at a combine?’

That’s the sad part about Willingham. The guy who’s gotten more opportunities than anyone is the one who doesn’t have the fire to try hard. Guys like Ron Prince do. Willingham doesn’t.

Example No. 1: “When you don’t meet your own expectations, you won’t meet the expectations of others” — Willingham after his firing at ND.

Actually, people who succeed in life have higher standards for themselves than others do for them. If your bosses’ expectations for you are higher than your own, then you’re unprepared and unqualified for your job.

Example No. 2: Washington just lost a recruit because no one from the football staff talked to him for two months. That’s just lazy.

Willingham bashed Notre Dame on ABC last year to John Saunders. Now he did it again to Roberts in the Times. The association of ‘classy’ with ‘Ty Willingham’ has been replaced with ‘bitter.’

He couldn’t get the job done at Notre Dame and was rightfully fired for that. Now he complains about his treatment. That’s the sad part.

A lot of guys who deserve to get their feet in the door don’t. He has gotten the opportunity others would die for. And now he complains to others when he fails, and threatens the opening of the door with every slander.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the Jan. 26 article “Hodges, Payne to lead SMC students” stated that Ferreira and Antonelli did not return Observer phone calls. They did, in fact, return calls, but the edited article was not put in the paper. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DORM, OTHER THAN YOUR OWN, IS YOUR FAVORITE? WHY?



Beth Daley
freshman
Welsh Family

“Lyons, because that’s what everyone else said.”



Christie Hjerpe
freshman
Lyons

“We only like Lyons!”



Emily Brunner
junior
Walsh

“Dillon, because I spend all my time there.”



Emily Popoff
junior
Walsh

“Is there any other dorm besides Walsh?”



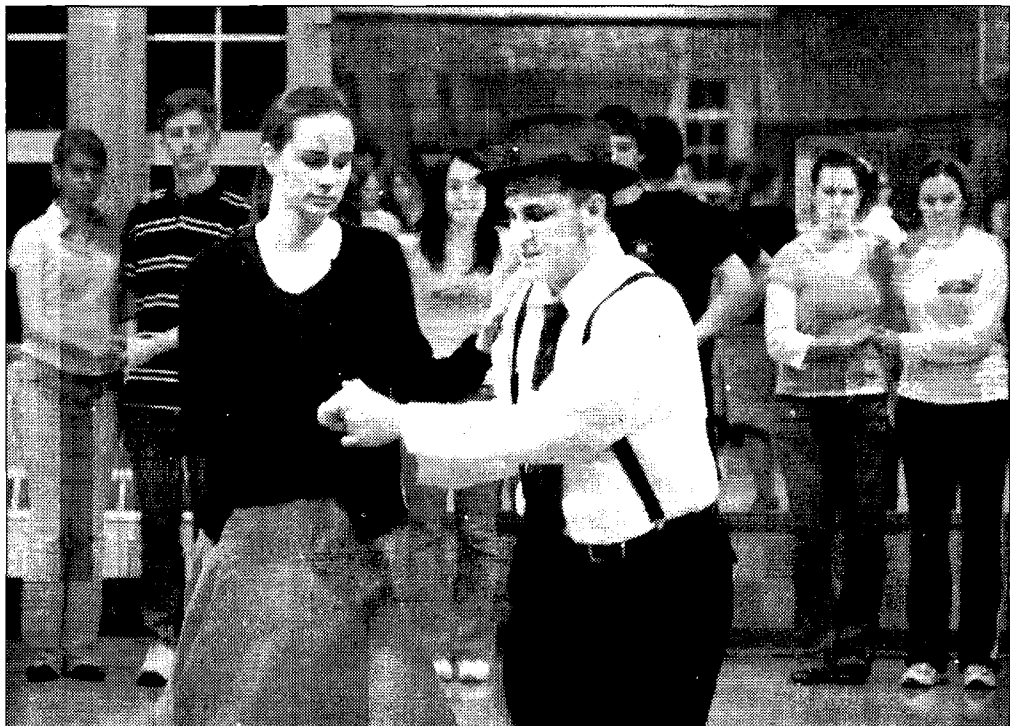
Maria Petnuch
freshman
Lyons

“Morrissey, because it’s as close to Lyons as you can get.”



Theresa Bea
freshman
Welsh Family

“Lyons, because Maria and Christie live there!”



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Rod and Natalie Klinger, head instructors of the local Hellzapoppin’ Swing Club of South Bend, lead a meeting of the ND Swing Club Monday. The ND Swing Club meets Monday nights from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 in 205 Rockne Memorial.

OFFBEAT

Mysterious ice chunk smashes car

TAMPA, Fla. — Raymond Rodriguez was changing a tire when an 18-inch chunk of ice plummeted from the sky with a piercing whistle, then a metallic crunch. The ice chunk crushed the roof of a nearby Ford Mustang on Sunday morning. No one was hurt.

“I was scared,” Rodriguez said, who was only feet away. “It’s crazy, man.”

The Federal Aviation Administration is reviewing flight schedules to see if the ice fell off a plane. The ice did not have a blue tint that would indicate it came from a

plane’s lavatory.

Woody breaks groundhog gender barrier

HOWELL, Mich. — Woody has something the nation’s other prognosticating groundhogs don’t. Female intuition. Gen. Beauregard Lee in Georgia, Sir Walter Wally in North Carolina and, of course, Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania might be more established, but Woody from Howell has a pretty good track record.

She has correctly predicted when spring would arrive six out of eight years.

Why is she so successful?

She relies on her stomach,

Richard Grant, executive director of the Howell Conference and Nature Center, told the Detroit Free Press.

Grant said groundhogs eat a lot before the winter, but don’t consume much during the colder months.

So, on Friday, if Woody comes out of her home, eats any of the food placed in front of her, such as bananas and peanuts, and stays out for at least 30 seconds, then spring is coming soon. If not, we’re in for another six weeks of winter.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Naunihal Singh, assistant professor of political science and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow, will speak about “Military Weakness and Civil Wars in Africa,” a Work in Progress Seminar, today from 12:30 p.m. to 2 in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. A box lunch will be served following the seminar.

Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize Winner, will read from her nonfiction work “Essence Game” in the Hospitality Room of Reckers today from 7:30 p.m. to 9. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

Tenor Mark Beudert performs a faculty recital with mezzo-soprano Karen Lykes and pianist Timothy Cheek at Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 in the Joyce Center Field House.

The student group, Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCO), proudly presents “Ragtime” on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. “Ragtime” will also be playing Feb. 3, 9 and 10. Tickets available at LaFortune box office and are \$6 for seniors and \$8 for adults.

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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Podcasts transform education

Professors integrate iPod technology with lesson plans and projects

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

The iPod has changed the way people think about music and videos, and now it's altering how Notre Dame students plan course projects.

Last semester, professor Christopher Clark, an associate professional specialist in the Kaneb Center, had students in his Applied Multimedia Technology course create podcasts for one of their five projects.

Podcasts are portable audio files that students may play with an MP3 player and are similar to television or radio broadcasts, but utilize a different channel.

Their popularity gave Clark the idea to have his students make "Snitecasts" about an artwork in the University's Snite Museum, a project meant to challenge students and keep them up to date in the growing world of technology.

The popularity of podcasts prompted Clark to challenge his students with a project that would keep them up to date in the growing world of technology.

"The objective [of the project] was for students to gain experience using audio editing in a practical project," Clark said.

Students began their podcast projects with just the title of the artwork and a short description.

"The next step for students was to formulate a review about the piece of artwork as well as set their podcast to music," said Ann Knoll, associate director of the Snite

Museum.

For senior Erik Flores — whose podcast discussed traditional Japanese masks known as Okames — writing the review was the most difficult part of the project, not figuring out how to record the podcast and use the equipment.

"[The project] took about four hours to complete [and the] actual recording took about half an hour," Flores said.

A grant from Notre Dame's Center for Creative Computing allowed students to use high-tech digital audio recording equipment to create quality three to five minute-long podcasts.

The grant is awarded each year to faculty, groups of faculty members or faculty-student teams with the intention of "supporting new and innovative initiatives with digital technologies that contribute to the integration of new media into the research or teaching environment," according to the Center for Creative Computing Web site.

The high-end technological equipment did not intimidate students in Clark's class, who said they found it rather simple to use.

"It wasn't really difficult at all," junior Zach Labrecque said. "Professor Clark arranged for us to use portable recording equipment and we edited the sound files using software called Audacity. We were also required to add background music from garageband.com or a similar free-domain site."

Labrecque's project was on Chakaia Booker's free standing rubber sculpture titled "Latent

Emissions."

The Snite Museum is likely to continue support of such projects in the future, Knoll said, and plans to upload the "Snitecasts" to the museum's Web site.

Clark said he is also pleased with the success of the podcast projects and plans to incorporate podcasts in future projects. Next year, he said he is considering a series of podcasts about sculptures on campus.

"In the end, people could download them and take a walking tour," Clark said.

Students in the class said they are excited their work will be available on the Snite Museum's Web site and that Clark will continue to assign podcasts as a project in the future.

"I would gladly participate in a similar project in the future because I think that using technology to support the arts is something that could be very beneficial to today's tech-savvy society," Labrecque said.

In the meantime, students may listen to their peers' podcasts for free through the iTunes Web site.

The term "podcast" — coined by Apple Computer, Inc. — was derived from the combination of the words iPod and broadcast. In 2006, an estimated nine million people listened to at least one of more than 40,000 available podcasts, according to the Snite Museum Web site. \$80 million was spent on podcast-based advertising.

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ing at the Notre Dame Centre in London.

"British universities typically do not begin their autumn terms until sometime in September, and so to ask British academics to start teaching for us in mid-August has sometimes been something of a problem, as that is the height of the summer for them," Bradshaw said.

About 130 Notre Dame students travel to London each semester to focus on more than 20 different fields of study, and Bradshaw said many of those students want to travel before beginning classes.

"If students still want to come earlier and travel around before the semester begins, we will now be able to make arrangements to store their luggage for them in London," he said.

Notre Dame's London accommodations are also under consideration. Students currently live in a block of apartments in central London, about 45 minutes walking distance from the Centre. Students from other non-Notre Dame programs and professionals who live in London year-round also share the building.

"It would be more desirable to have just Notre Dame students [in the residence]," said Geraldine Meehan, associate director for recruiting for the London Undergraduate Program.

Notre Dame's lease will expire in spring 2008, making change not just a possibility, but potentially a necessity.

"We're anticipating the possibility that [the residence] will no longer be available and we are looking into other options," Meehan said.

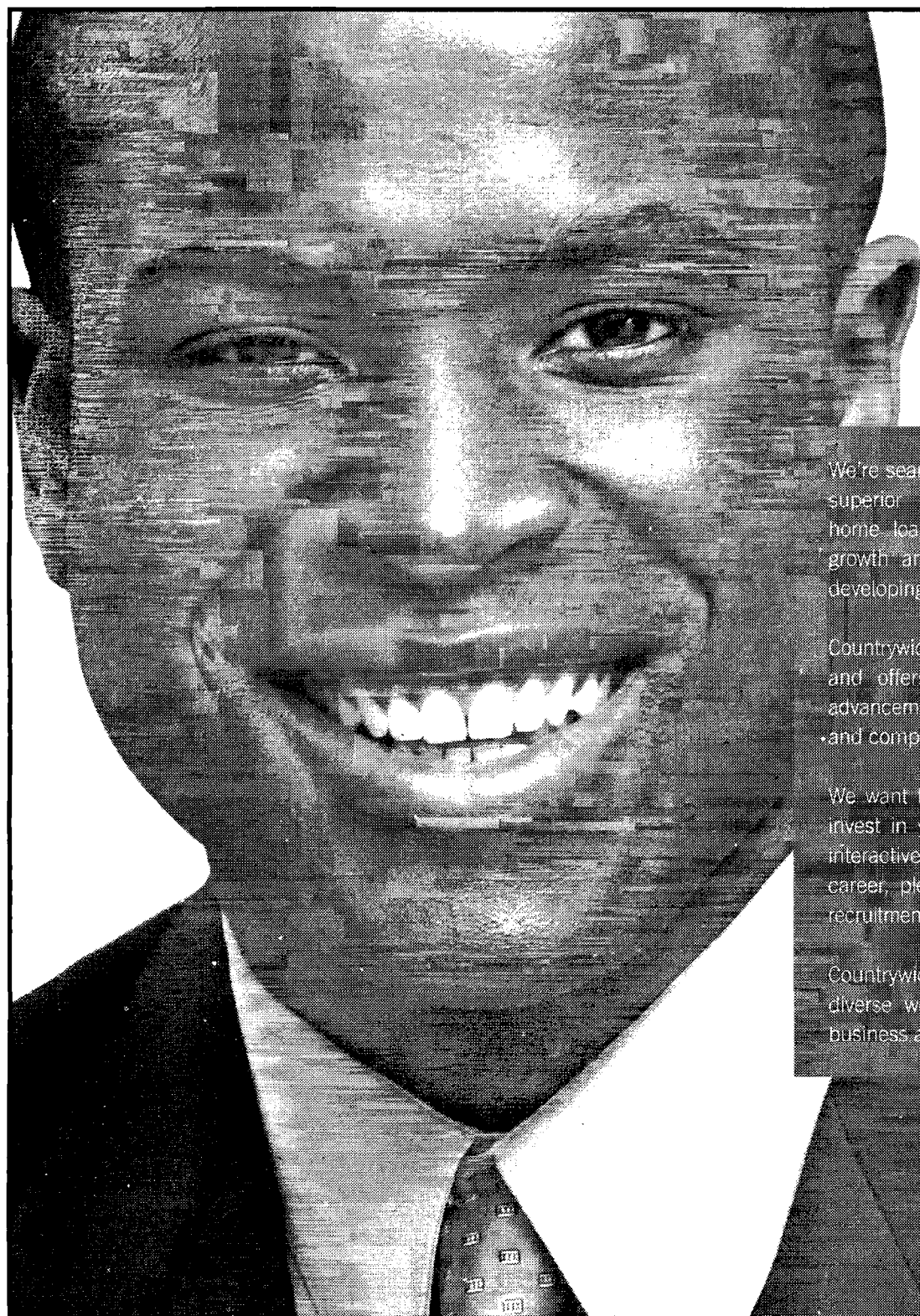
Another major change to the program primarily affects business students. Starting next fall, business students will be able to go to London for either semester, Meehan said. Until now, those students have been confined to the spring semester.

More internship opportunities will also be available for London-bound students. In the past, some of the most popular and prestigious internships have been with members of Parliament, Meehan said. Recently, the program has added internships in the areas of Catholic Social Teaching and social justice.

"That's the major unique feature of the London program — the variety of internships and the number acquired," Meehan said. "Over the years, we've developed internships in business. However, the newest internship opportunity will be in an art gallery starting in the fall. There's a certain group of students that are very interested."

"Maybe by the fall, we'll have even more [internship opportunities]," she said.

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sure they know we're not out to get them. We're on their side; we're there to give them support. There's no harm or risk in seeking out advice."

So far this year, seven students have sought out that advice (though, Dolan noted, they have received countless questions via e-mail and telephone that aren't filed as official cases). Infractions have ranged from alcohol violations to breaking parietals to possession of marijuana and/or more serious drugs, she said.

When a student receives ORLH's letter informing him of the date for his hearing, he has just five days to prepare — so when a student requests an advocate, a meeting is quickly arranged. At that meeting, Kozlow explained, the advocate clarifies the rule that's been broken and urges the student to go into ORLH to examine his case report, a documentation of all evidence that will be presented against the student, which ORLH makes available for students facing hearings. According to Kozlow and Dolan, from there, advocates set the pre-hearing wheels in motion.

Does the student have his witnesses ready—and do they have evidence, like pictures, prepared?

Does he have an alibi? Has he shown initiative by taking an alcohol assessment? Has he proven himself community-oriented by discussing the case with his rector and parents? Is his Facebook account clean?

While specific punishments for specific transgressions are not laid out in du Lac, peer advocates can predict a punishment "based on severity and past cases," Dolan said.

As the number of cases on file grows, Dolan said predicting a punishment is becoming easier — students can compare their own cases with past ones. So while Kyle McAlarney's mother Janice McAlarney and others said they were surprised at Kyle McAlarney's punishment, Dolan — who has served as an advocate for other athletes — certainly wasn't.

"A lot of students expect athletes to get off easier than other people. But this was an example of our school being considerate and applying rules equally to athletes and students," she said. "For marijuana possession, the standard protocol is suspension. It's not surprising it was two because he was driving, and the University takes that very seriously."

"I think a two-semester suspension is very on par with what you'd expect at Notre Dame."

Come the hearing, the peer advocate may be present and take

notes — but no more.

"We're not lawyers who go to a case and argue our way out of something, like in a court system. Which can be frustrating," Dolan said, noting that having a speaking role during hearings is one of the group's ultimate goals. "But

it's kind of not open for discussion ... My understanding is that it's really between the student and the school. We're here to help them, but the responsibility is on the student to explain [himself] and justify [his own] behavior. "This is not a legal system, or a

court system," she continued. "This is a private institution and this is how we do it. It's not a big judiciary process, and lawyers can't get involved."

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professional qualifications they may be getting or hoping to get — like law, business, medicine — or in the context of one of the humanistic disciplines, or in the context of any one of the social or natural sciences," MacCormack said.

An example of a practical application of the encyclical would be the discussion of charitable works, MacCormack said.

"[The encyclical] talks about the work of Catholic charities, but it also talks about charitable activities broadly speaking," MacCormack said. "The pope emphasizes that it's important to live the faith by one's actions as well as speaking [the faith] in one's words. You can call that a practical application."

Students who are not Catholic can also explore the meaning of the encyclical, MacCormack said.

"For those people who are not Catholics or Christians, we thought the document of the encyclical could be a basis for dialogue on a number of vital issues — like war and peace, poverty" MacCormack said.

She added that students can also submit short stories.

"It would be difficult to think of anything that wouldn't be welcome," she said.

The first place winner in each group will receive a \$1,000 prize and the runner up in each group will receive \$500, MacCormack said, for a total of six prizes in all.

There has also been some discussion of awarding additional prizes in the arts, MacCormack said, although she said she was not sure how this would happen at this time.

A student conference will also be held April 27-28 in the Hesburgh Center, MacCormack said by e-mail.

"A group of students is organizing a conference where they will present

papers [about the encyclical] and they are right now working on inviting a couple of keynote speakers," MacCormack said.

As far as MacCormack knows, holding essay contests with high monetary prizes is a new practice at Notre Dame.

"It's certainly new in the experience of any student who is at Notre Dame now," she said. "They might have done it ten years ago, but I'm not aware of it."

Individuals have not yet been appointed to judge contest submissions.

"The essays will be judged by a faculty committee and that hasn't been appointed yet," MacCormack said. "I'm going to try and get as widely representative a group as possible in that there is somebody from the humanities, somebody from the social sciences, somebody from law and business and somebody from the natural sciences."

MacCormack said she couldn't make a good guess about how many students would submit entries for the contest.

"I've had questions from maybe a total of fifty or sixty students who are interested, but it's hard to say whether they will actually get around to writing an essay and submitting it," MacCormack said.

She said she suggested to some students that they discuss the contest with professors to see if they could get class credit for contest submissions.

"Obviously it would be nice if lots of people get interested," MacCormack said.

Winning essays and essays written by runners-up may be published in a booklet.

"I think the booklet will either be given out free or sold at a nominal price," MacCormack said.

The deadline for contest entries is May 4. MacCormack said contest winners will be announced either at or before commencement.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Warlord to face war crimes court

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The International Criminal Court on Monday ordered an alleged Congolese warlord to be tried on charges he recruited child soldiers and sent them into battle, making him the first suspect to stand trial at the permanent war crimes court.

The evidence against Thomas Lubanga was strong enough to "establish substantial grounds to believe" that he was responsible "for war crimes consisting of enlisting and conscripting children under the age of 15," said presiding judge Claude Jorda of France.

The children were forced to take part in armed conflicts, the three-judge panel found, issuing its findings from a preliminary hearing in November.

Lubanga faces three charges of recruiting and deploying child soldiers in the bloody conflict in the Ituri region of eastern Congo in 2002-03. If convicted, he faces a maximum life sentence.

U.S.-backed Iraqi troops target cult

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials said Monday that U.S.-backed Iraqi troops had targeted a messianic cult called "Soldiers of Heaven" in a weekend battle that left 200 fighters dead, including the group's leader, near the Shiite holy city of Najaf. A military commander said hundreds of gunmen planned to disguise themselves as pilgrims and kill clerics on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar. Authorities blamed the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as the FARC. At least 10 police officers were missing and four civilians wounded, said Jairo Lopez, the top security official for Cordoba state, where the attack occurred.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hubble Space Telescope camera fails

BALTIMORE — The primary camera on the Hubble Space Telescope has shut down and is likely to be only marginally restored, NASA said Monday, a collapse one astronomer called "a great loss."

While other scientific work can still be done by the aging observatory, the unit that failed, the Advanced Camera for Surveys, is the one most scientists depend upon. NASA scientists say they expect to be able to restore just one-third of its observation ability, probably by mid-February.

"We're not optimistic at all" about returning it to full function, said Dave Leckrone, a senior scientist on the Hubble at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

Fleischer: Libby knew about Wilson

WASHINGTON — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Jan. 29 that then-colleague I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby told him over lunch that the wife of a prominent war critic worked at the CIA.

Fleischer said the conversation happened July 7, 2003, days before Libby told investigators he was surprised to learn about the CIA operative from a reporter. That discrepancy is at the heart of Libby's perjury and obstruction trial.

Fleischer, who was the chief White House spokesman for the first 2 1/2 years of President Bush's first term, said Libby invited him to lunch to discuss Fleischer's planned departure from the White House. He said it was the first time he and Libby had eaten lunch together.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana House approves ISTEP bill

INDIANAPOLIS — Students wondering how to prepare for the statewide ISTEP exams could get some answers under a bill a House committee approved Monday.

The legislation would require the Department of Education to give schools a study guide of sorts — information about what academic standards are included on the test, and how many questions will be asked about each standard. "It is now time for me to join David Long and work together as a team to achieve the goals that I had originally set out for me and our caucus," Weatherwax said, quoting from his letter.

FRANCE

Scientists to assess global warming

Report expected to confirm temperature changes, raise environmental concerns

Associated Press

PARIS — Scientists from around the world gathered Monday in Paris to finalize a long-awaited, authoritative report on climate change, expected to give a grim warning of rising temperatures and sea levels worldwide.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is to unveil its latest assessment of the environmental threat posed by global warming on Friday.

As the panel meets, the planet is the warmest it has been in thousands of years — if not more — and international concern over what to do about it is at an all-time high.

"At no time in the past has there been such a global appetite" for reliable information on global warming, the panel's chairman, Rajendra Pachauri of India, told the conference.

Scientists are keeping quiet about the contents of the report, but say it is both more specific and more sweeping than the panel's previous efforts.

Early drafts of the document give a rosier picture than that of the last report, in 2001, foreseeing smaller sea level rises than previously predicted. But many top scientists reject the new figures as not new enough: They do not include the recent melting of big ice sheets in two crucial locations — Greenland and Antarctica.

That debate may be central at this week's meetings at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. After four days of closed-door, word-by-word editing involving more than 500 experts, they will release the first of four major global warming reports by the IPCC



A Greenpeace banner on the Eiffel Tower pleads for action to combat global warming. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will release a report Friday.

expected this year.

"We're hoping that it will convince people that climate change is real and that we have a responsibility for much of it, and that we really do have to make changes in how we live," said Kenneth Denman, one of the report's authors and senior scientist at the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis.

It has been an unusually warm winter in some parts of the world, and awareness of the consequences of climate change is growing.

Last week, President Bush referred to global warming as an established fact, after years of

arguing that not enough was known about global warming to do anything about it.

The panel, created by the United Nations in 1988, releases its assessments every five or six years — although scientists have been observing climate change since as far back as the 1960s.

While critics call the panel overly alarmist, it is by nature relatively cautious because it relies on input from hundreds of scientists, including skeptics and industry researchers. And its reports must be unanimous, approved by 154 governments — including the United States and oil-rich countries such as

Saudi Arabia.

Pachauri, director-general of the Tata Energy Research Institute in India who has served as an adviser to India's prime minister, said the report would make "significant advances" over the 2001 report, addressing gaps in that document, reducing uncertainties and adding new knowledge about past changes in climate.

The early versions of the new report predict that by 2100 the sea level would rise between 5 and 23 inches. That is far lower than the 20 to 55 inches forecast by 2100 in a study published in the peer-review journal Science this month.

Pelosi keeps bloggers in mind

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly after her swearing-in as the first female House speaker, Rep. Nancy Pelosi took time to field questions from a few dozen Internet bloggers on a conference call that was off limits to mainstream media.

Last week, Pelosi's aides arranged for bloggers to question two Democratic House leaders on another conference call shortly before President Bush's State of the Union speech.

Pelosi also hired a full-time staff member this month dedicated to blogger outreach, and is making plans to launch a blog of her own. The day she was sworn in, bloggers

were given special accommodations at the Capitol to cover the event, and fed lunch.

It's all evidence of the newfound attention bloggers from left-leaning Web sites are commanding on Democratic-run Capitol Hill, especially from the new speaker, a San Franciscan with an appreciation for the power of the Internet and grassroots activism.

Schooled by evidence of what Internet-driven politics can accomplish — from fueling Howard Dean's presidential campaign in 2004 to propelling Ned Lamont to victory over Joseph Lieberman in Connecticut's Democratic Senate primary last year — Pelosi and other politicians have realized bloggers are

too important to ignore.

"They've gone from an initial writing blogs off, then moving to skepticism, then moving to, 'OK, maybe we can find a way of working with these guys,'" said John Aravosis, who runs Americablog.com.

"It's a power base and it's influential and it's an opportunity. And you know what? It exists," Aravosis added.

"It should only scare you if you're on their bad side."

Blogs also are a way for Pelosi and others to communicate directly with a politically engaged audience, without filtering by traditional media. She promoted the Democrats' agenda for their first 100 legislative hours in a posting on Huffingtonpost.com.

Abroad

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can be even more challenging that the initial culture shock when studying abroad, because it can take you by surprise," Settle said.

Re-entry shock begins with disengagement as the mind shifts toward home, then turns into euphoria as the student gets more excited about going home, Settle said. The student may feel frustrated and alienated from his peers but can then begin a gradual readjustment and start to feel less unsettled by his surroundings.

Claudia Kselman, director of the Office of International Studies (OIS) at Notre Dame said students should consult the Counseling Center if they experience severe reverse culture shock that impedes their normal daily functions.

"Otherwise, they should eat and sleep well, exercise, get involved with campus activities and get together with their friends from the program and others," Kselman said.

Kselman also advised students to come to OIS returnee sessions organized by program, where they can talk about their transition back to campus as well as their semester abroad.

"The staff of [OIS] is happy to talk with returnees individually as well," Kselman said.

Junior Liz Howard returned this semester from the Notre Dame Toledo program. She didn't experience reverse

culture shock, but said she didn't experience culture shock to begin with in Spain.

"I had an amazing experience, but it's very comfortable to be back on campus," Howard said.

Notre Dame junior Erin O'Shea studied in London in the fall. She said she attended a London reunion.

"It was nice to see people. It wasn't a formal reception, just a tea party," she said.

Dr. Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership at Saint Mary's said most students do experience "at least a little bit of reverse culture shock upon returning to [the College]."

She strongly encouraged returning students to take advantage of the opportunities the College provides to process their experience because many feel a little disconnected from their old friends who have not studied abroad.

"A very few find it deeply stressful emotionally, and these we refer to our counseling center, who have skills in supporting these students and collaborate with us in doing so," she said.

Saint Mary's offers a range of programming to support students' re-entry once they are back. There was a general returnee event to welcome all those returning to campus and help them make their transition from abroad. Further get-togethers will be facilitated as desired, Meyer-Lee said.

Readjusting to campus life

One reason for feelings of

frustration upon return could be the students' residence situation. Some returning students aren't able to return to their dorms and either switch to a different dorm or move off campus.

Howard did not have a problem in securing a room in Cavanaugh Hall upon her return, but knew people in her program who had to switch dorms or move off campus.

The Notre Dame Office of Residential Life and Housing did not respond to Observer phone calls on this issue.

At Saint Mary's, all students who wish to live on campus for spring semester have guaranteed housing, said Meyer-Lee.

"We at Saint Mary's do everything we can to make the logistical aspects of their transition smooth and welcoming," she said.

Students who study abroad in the fall have the opportunity to pick their own rooms in advance during the spring housing process and those studying abroad in the spring are able to participate in the process for next year via proxy, Meyer-Lee said.

Academic opportunities

For students who want an academic opportunity to reflect in-depth on and articulate their learning while abroad, and how it relates to their education and intercultural experience, Saint Mary's offers a re-entry course entitled "Analysis of Study Abroad Learning."

"Many schools have realized recently the importance of integrating this powerful

education experience rather than letting it be sort of a surreal memory in a vacuum for students, and are interested in starting such courses," Meyer-Lee said.

The Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership has presented on this course nationally and written a chapter on it in a book on study abroad curricular integration. The College is also starting a list serve for interactive discussions of key issues for this course.

Spirituality after study abroad

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart held a welcome-back liturgy last Tuesday for all those returning from abroad. O'Shea, a member of the Folk Choir, found it very helpful.

"[The liturgy] was just another way for abroad students to get back into their spiritual core here," she said. "The sermon spoke well to the different emotions you feel when coming back."

It has been hard for her to be away from close friends for so long, but O'Shea believes her time abroad was a worthwhile experience — one she recommends to all.

"There's a different dynamic on campus now ... you have to find your place again ... it was definitely a transition," O'Shea said. "I don't recognize some of the faces [on campus]. But I see [new] faces, my friends from abroad. ... You can't expect things to."

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he found Jenkins' remarks about the mission of a Catholic university inspiring. Waugh is a theology major, a seminarian in the Old College Program and president of the Notre Dame branch of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization.

"It's amazing that, while we're trying to be a great academic university, we also have a president that can consecrate the Eucharist, something that most other universities would find ridiculous," Waugh said. "That's what makes Notre Dame and its mission unique."

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir conducted the Music and prayers in the Mass almost entirely in Latin — a standard practice at Notre Dame, said Liturgical Choir director Gail Walton.

"We try to use as many of the four hymns St. Thomas Aquinas composed in Latin as we can for this Mass," she said.

This marked only the second occasion this Mass was celebrated in the Basilica, Walton said.

"This Mass was celebrated in the Alumni Hall chapel, but when Father Jenkins became president, he decided that it should be celebrated with the entire Notre Dame community," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Verizon adds 2.3 million customers

NEW YORK — Verizon Wireless added 2.3 million customers, most of them prized monthly subscribers, to put a shine on a fourth quarter when Verizon Communications Inc.'s profit was cut by restructuring costs.

In reporting the 38 percent drop in quarterly profit Monday, Verizon also emphasized that growth in its DSL and new high-capacity fiber-optic Internet businesses has outpaced the loss of traditional telephone customers.

In the final three months of 2006, Verizon earned \$1.03 billion, or 35 cents per share, down from \$1.66 billion, or 59 cents per share, in the fourth quarter 2005.

The latest figures reflect a charge of \$541 million, or 19 cents per share, for taxes triggered by the sale of Verizon's operations in the Dominican Republic. It also included 3 cents of costs related to the spinoff of the company's phone book and online directories business, as well 5 cents in charges for severance, pension, merger and headquarters relocation expenses. Excluding those charges, Verizon earned 62 cents per share, edging past the average forecast of 61 cents among industry analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

McDonald's chooses healthier oil

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. has finally selected a new trans-fat-free oil for cooking its famous french fries after years of testing, the fast-food chain said Monday.

While it has developed a healthier new oil, the company is still not saying when it will be used in all 13,700 U.S. restaurants. It already trails competitors in committing to a zero-trans fat oil.

Spokesman Walt Riker said the oil is currently in more than 1,200 U.S. restaurants after extensive testing, but declined to provide details on timing or locations.

The choice of a new oil comes as McDonald's and others face a July 1 deadline to begin complying with an ordinance passed by New York City last month making it the first U.S. city to ban all restaurants from using artificial trans fats for the convictions to be overturned, saying there was a lack of evidence. But the judge disagreed.

Windows Vista makes debut

Microsoft Corporation unveils 'launching point' of future gaming systems

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Acrobatics, blaring music and plenty of hype accompanied Microsoft Corp.'s long-delayed debut of its new Windows Vista operating system.

Hours before the software went on sale in New York, dancers clad in Microsoft colors dangled from ropes high above street level Monday and unfurled flags to form the red, green, blue and yellow Windows logo against a building wall.

At a swank midtown eatery, speakers pumped out a hit from hip-hop hotshot Snoop Dogg before Steve Ballmer, Microsoft's chief executive officer, took to stage to proclaim, "Vista is the center, the launching point for the next generation of connected entertainment in the home."

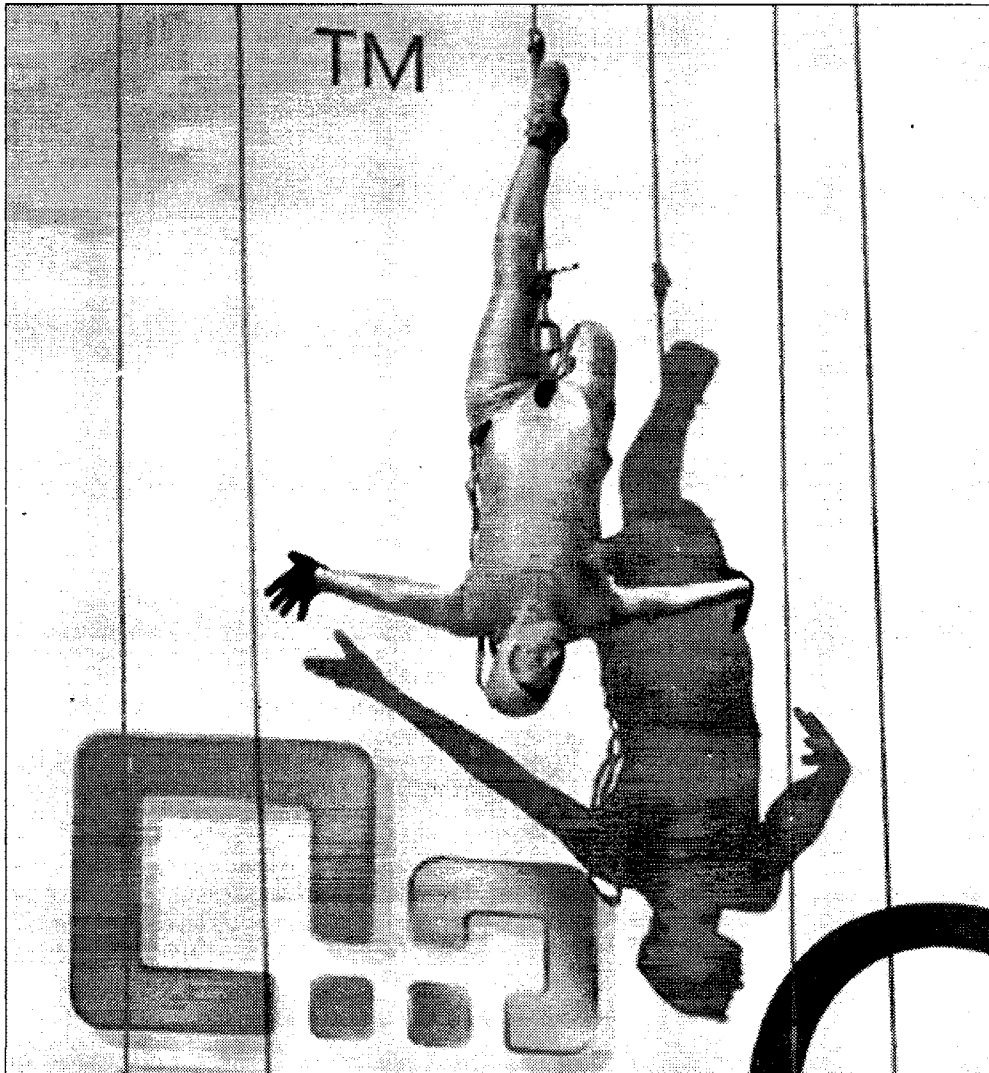
Later, two explosively loud, percussion-heavy rock bands shook the walls and riled up a crowd of early Vista test users, PC and chip-maker employees and others amid flashing lights at the Nokia Theatre — temporarily renamed the Windows Vista Theatre — in Times Square.

Vista was set to go on sale in 70 countries Tuesday, along with new versions of Microsoft Exchange e-mail software and the flagship Office business suite, which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Several retailers had even scheduled midnight openings.

But unlike the recent launches of next-generation game machines like Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3, customers haven't been camping out for days.

"When I look at Windows Vista, I see a technology that is interesting, that is relevant, but to some extent is evolutionary," said Al Gillen, an analyst at the technology research group IDC. "I do not believe it will create a lot of motivation for people to rush out and get a new operating system."

In an interview, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said the company actually wasn't pushing midnight sales events — after all, the software will be available as a download over the Web for the first time. Even



An acrobatic dancer scales building walls as part of Microsoft's Windows Vista promotion. The new operating system goes on sale today.

that route will be relatively rarely taken — Ballmer acknowledged that, as in the past, most consumers will switch to Vista only when they buy new computers.

More than five years in the making, Vista was released for businesses Nov. 30, but the unveiling for consumers of the latest edition of Windows — which runs more than 90 percent of the world's PCs — only came Tuesday. Vista retails for \$100 to \$400, depending on the version and whether the user is upgrading from Windows XP.

The Redmond, Wash.-based software maker contends that Vista is such a huge improvement over previous computing platforms that users inevitably say "Wow" when they see it.

Gates ticked off some examples, such as how Vista presents

a slick 3-D graphical user interface and document icons that give at-a-glance previews. Gates said the next wow comes when people start using a system-wide search program that Microsoft's engineers built into both the operating system and new versions of Office.

Vista comes as changing dynamics of computing — notably the rise of open-source software and Web-based services that replicate what traditionally could be done only on a desktop computer — are threatening Microsoft's dominance in the industry.

But Gates contended that the operating system has a higher profile than ever before, as the PC has morphed from a souped-up typewriter to a networked entertainment center, personal media library and

gateway to the Internet.

"When people think about their PC, they think about Windows even more than who the manufacturer is. That determines how it looks, how you navigate, what the applications are that are available," Gates told The Associated Press.

And in this case, Vista has folded in programs that users once bought separately — including automated backup systems and some spyware protections.

Microsoft built Vista so that different layers could be upgraded separately, so it's possible that this is the last massive, all-in-one update for Windows. No matter how Microsoft chooses to roll out Vista's successor, Ballmer said there's still work to be done.

Survey shows directors' ignorance

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shareholders worried about runaway executive pay are likely to be stunned by the findings of a new study that shows many board directors still have no idea how much their CEOs would collect if they retire, are fired or bought out.

Board members also acknowledge they are struggling to rein in bloated executive compensation, but are counting on investors to lead the cause to knock it down.

Those conclusions aren't a decade old, but are part of a recent survey from the consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Corporate Board Member magazine,

which culled responses of more than 1,300 directors at U.S. companies. Its bottom line: Directors still don't have as much control over corporate dealings that many believe is needed to curb super-sized compensation.

This truly is shocking. Directors' primary duty is to represent the interests of shareholders, and it's fair and logical to expect them to take charge more directly following the rash of corporate scandals in recent years.

But the dynamic in the boardroom is far from perfect. While more boards are independent of management, there are still plenty of cases of directors using flawed judgment or kowtowing to demanding executives

who are pushing their own agendas.

The list of such behavior runs long. As the housing market swooned, the board at mortgage lender Countrywide Financial Corp. gave the CEO \$10 million in retirement pay even though he wasn't retiring. Directors at Caremark Rx Inc. approved a takeover by CVS Corp. that will give them job security and provide some with severance payouts. Boards have rubber-stamped incentive pay for executives even when stock or earnings performance has lagged.

Shareholders are often left wondering how such things could go on. This new study gives some telling insight.

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Choose, don't force fair trade

Over the last semester, Amnesty International's fair trade coffee campaign has made great progress on campus, most notably through the Student Senate's Oct. 18 resolution, which demanded that only fair trade coffee be served on campus and that students be educated about the value of fair trade products. I had the privilege of attending Amnesty International's meeting at the CSC Coffee House last week, and I was moved by the group's genuine commitment to improving human rights and the condition of fellow men. According to the group's Web site, its push for fair trade coffee on campus is driven by Pope Benedict's encyclical "God is Love," as well as the American Conference of Catholic Bishops' endorsement of fair trade purchases "as an effective and easy way for the faithful to demonstrate their charity."

Fair trade organizations demonstrate an innovative approach to charitable giving through the use of business to raise money for their beneficiaries/producers. Ten Thousand Villages, a retailer of handmade crafts that follows fair trade principles, is a great example of what fair trade can provide to the world's disadvantaged people. Ten Thousand Villages uses the proceeds from its sales to pay the producers of its goods a good wage and provide them with technical and financial training. The artisans who supply Ten Thousand Villages are often able to then attain the capital and knowledge needed to start their own independent businesses. Purchasing crafts and other handmade items from fair trade organizations is in most cases an easy and fun way not only to get a first-rate product, but also to help people in the developing world become independent and free from poverty. There are few charitable organizations operating that use the free market so effectively to help those in need as Ten



Jonathan
Klingler

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Thousand Villages, and we should certainly make a concerted effort to educate ourselves and others about the value of such organizations and their products.

The reasoning for fair trade coffee is slightly different than that for handmade items. According to the Society for the Advancement of Education, in 2003 15.5 billion pounds of coffee were produced while only 12 billion pounds were consumed. As a result, coffee prices are lower than the cost of production and many coffee farmers are suffering. The root cause of low coffee prices is oversupply in the market, and without encouraging farmers to diversify their crop production beyond coffee, there will be no long-term improvement. Unfortunately, I could find no mention of diversification among the materials provided to me by Amnesty International or on the Web sites of our campus fair trade coffee suppliers. Pura Vida, which gives away all of its profits (unlike other fair trade suppliers), is clearly committed to helping farmers but it must do more to address coffee oversupply. We have the ability to affect change most by voluntarily drinking Pura Vida, and there is no need for the University to make that decision for us.

Most Notre Dame students are dedicated to doing the right thing, and our University's commitment to service and faith is part of what makes Notre Dame special. Unfortunately, the fair trade coffee campaign shares two assumptions that weaken many proposals for change. First, the lack of focus on the market-based reason for low coffee prices demonstrates a belief that capitalism and competition are somehow inherently unjust. Second, the insistence on removing coffee options rather than expanding them reveals an underlying belief that meaningful change cannot be accomplished through individual choices, but only through forcing everyone to act in a particular manner.

Global economic competition is a tremendous force that has raised wages, improved standards of living, cultural exchange and created bonds of peace. Though CNN's Lou Dobbs may throw a daily tantrum about his perceived "out-

sourcing of America," the non-partisan Congressional Research Service reported that the US actually experienced a net gain of 1.9 million jobs from outsourcing from 1977-2001 and that the presumed global "race to the bottom" in wages has never begun. As workers are empowered in emerging economies through free and fair trade, they earn higher pay and receive improvements in working conditions. Well-intentioned but irresponsible proposals, such as congressional efforts to obstruct new free trade agreements and CLAP's living wage, only serve to delay global economic development and distort the connection between productivity and earnings. This only harms the intended beneficiaries of such policies.

There are certainly problems within the system, including the problems of exploitative regimes (which lack competitive or open markets) and unbalanced negotiations between producers and buyers, but capitalism is what we make it and cannot coerce us to do anything. Like the mirror which serves as "the heart of the Wal-Mart" in South Park, we determine what companies do through our purchases — for good or evil. Whether we boycott Wal-Mart because of labor standards, refuse to shop at Target because they say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" or purchase crafts from Ten Thousand Villages, our individual decisions shape the face of the capitalist system. That force for change is closed when the opportunity to choose other products is removed as the Student Senate resolution demands or through protectionism. Instead of blaming capitalism and restricting choices, we should fight for more open markets and make wiser choices that form a more compassionate economy.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

Robert Frost
poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women's basketball deserves more support

Women need crowds as well

While it is wonderful to see the enthusiastic crowds at the men's basketball games and hear about high ticket sales, I'm disappointed in the lack of support in general given to the women's basketball team. The point was made that supportive crowds create a homecourt advantage and help teams win. I think the women could use and deserve the same support.

Tara Pillai
freshman
Pasquerilla East

Students called to attend more games

As a long-time ND fan and additionally, a women's basketball fan, it's truly disappointing to witness the lack of student body support for this year's women's team. These ladies are representing your university and they deserve your support.

The local community shows up, game in and game out, to cheer our ND teams and they certainly appreciate our ladies on the court. These women work out, practice and travel countless hours in addition to their studies. Can't you give up a few hours once every week or two to cheer them on? Other than our loyal, enthusiastic band members and a handful of students who sit directly in front of them, there really is no student section to speak of.

Contrast that to the men's games and it's a sad comparison. These ladies truly know how to play basketball too! They work hard, they sweat, they dive and they get

injured. All to wear the Blue and Gold.

Please come out and let them know that you appreciate their efforts. Home court advantage can make a difference and you can help make that happen, but only if you're in the stands, cheering and making your presence known. Because these women are your friends, classmates and fellow students and some of you know these ladies. And if you don't, you should! They are fine representatives of our University and our athletic programs. So bundle up and get over to the JACC. I challenge you to come out to the next women's home game and prove that "We (truly) are ND!" Go Irish!

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What about a student Catholic film festival?

For anyone who happened to miss the 2007 Notre Dame Student Film Festival: I hate to tell you, but you missed an amazing show. This was my first year attending the film festival and I was truly impressed with the quality and creativity of the 13 student productions.

My sincere complements and congratulations to the student directors, actors, production teams and professors for the pleasant mix of great humor, captivating dramas, insightful documentaries and provocatively challenging student productions. Thanks to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center for showing the films. My hats off to all for the countless hours of hard work that definitely shined through in these

short films. These film projects are a great testament to the students and the Film, Television and Theatre program here on campus.

With all the talk at Notre Dame in recent years about "Catholic identity," I wonder if there might be a way to truly inspire such student talent and amazing creativity to share the beauty, blessings and spirit of our Catholic faith. Now don't get me wrong, but I loved the 2007 student productions. I am especially grateful for the thought-provoking discussions I have been deeply engaged in thanks to the provocative, challenging, and entertaining student films.

As Notre Dame continues to promote openness to a multiplicity of opinions,

diversity, student creativity, dialogue and academic achievement, I hope that we can also find respectful ways to authentically and creatively share our Catholic faith as well. I would love to find a way to inspire these talented and gifted students to share our Catholic faith in a way that more authentically speaks to college student today. How can we support and encourage these inspiring directors, actors and artists to seek out our Catholic faith and creatively express the beauty and mystery of faith for example through films on the life and faith of our NDMDI partners in Uganda, of student volunteer work, of Notre Dame peace and justice efforts to bring about the reign of God, of

faith-filled stories of hope or joy-filled experiences of God's love in the reality of our lives today.

The Notre Dame FTT students, with their amazing gifts and talents, will find their own unique, awe-inspiring and creative ways to express and celebrate the mystery of God working in our lives and the richness of our Catholic identity. And Notre Dame can likewise find authentic ways to continue to support these student productions while more actively encouraging creative expression of faith.

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Jan. 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON



CD REVIEW

Band releases landmark retrospective album

By JAMES RUDY
Scene Writer

Oasis has been a rock icon for nearly a decade, headlining the world stage with a comfortable and cocky attitude. On Nov. 20, 2006, the clocks stopped to reflect upon the tremendous contribution that Oasis has made and continues to make to rock and roll. Often incorporating release dates directly into its albums, Oasis marked the day as time to celebrate its first ever retrospective collection, pulling together the years of multi-platinum albums, number one singles and — unique to Oasis — instantly familiar B-sides into one 18-track double album, "Stop the Clocks."

Oasis vowed on multiple occasions it would never release a greatest hits album unless the band was about to split, so "Stop the Clocks" created immediate — and understandable — concern among the band's fans. To address the speculation, Oasis issued a press release at the same time as the album, affirming that

they are merely taking a well-earned sabbatical following the end of its recording contract with Sony BMG Music Entertainment before starting work on new material.

"Stop the Clocks" focuses on Oasis' most popular albums. "Definitely Maybe" (1994) and "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" (1995) are represented with five tracks each, including "Supersonic," the band's debut single, "Wonderwall" and "Champagne Supernova." Also a major contribution is the band's platinum B-side album, 1998's "The Masterplan." Four songs are taken from "The Masterplan," including "Acquiesce," arguably the greatest B-side ever. Oasis' most recent album, 2005's "Don't Believe the Truth," only received two nods, while "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants" (2000) and "Heathen Chemistry" (2002) contributed one track each.

Not surprisingly, the only album not represented is "Be Here Now" (1997), which failed to live up to massive expectations at the height of Oasis' popularity.

It also created mixed feelings among the band members when it became the fastest selling album in chart history, selling 500,000 copies on the first day.

Lead guitarist and lead songwriter Noel Gallagher, who co-anchors the band with his brother and fellow vocalist and songwriter Liam Gallagher,



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Oasis, one of Britain's premier rock bands, has finally released a retrospective album. "Stop the Clocks" includes the best material from its previous albums.

chose all of the tracks for "Stop the Clocks." Arguments about the track listing sprung up in typical Gallagher fashion, but in the end Noel cast the deciding opinion.

Noel Gallagher also told Billboard Magazine he was approached about including previously unreleased songs, but saw their addition as taking the focus away from the band's intention of releasing a retrospective album.

In an exclusive Radio 1 interview, Liam Gallagher said he was happy with the selections, although he would have liked to include "Rockin' Chair" and "D'You Know What I Mean?" Noel Gallagher wrote all of the tracks featured on "Stop

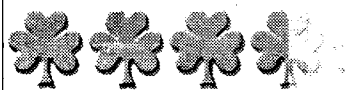
the Clocks" except for "Songbird," which was written by Liam.

To further celebrate the release of this dream set list, Oasis began to unveil its first full-length film, "Lord Don't Slow Me Down," shot during its last world tour for "Don't Believe the Truth" in 2005 and 2006. The film is set to be released in 2007, but until then, the band continues to showcase it at private screenings around the world to winners of fan competitions.

With "Stop the Clocks," the members of Oasis continue to use what has made them the "kings of Britpop" to find similar levels of success around the world.

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Oasis
Stop the Clocks
Sony BMG



Recommended tracks: 'Wonderwall,' 'Songbird,' 'Champagne Supernova' and 'Supersonic'



DVD REVIEW

Oasis joins classic ranks with 'rockumentary'

By JAMES RUDY
Scene Writer

With the successful release of its retrospective collection, "Stop the Clocks," Oasis has begun to define the concept of longevity for both '90s groups and current acts. Like other international bands before, Oasis has wrapped up its sound and continues to package it over and over again without missing a beat. With the release of its full-length documentary, "Lord Don't Slow Me Down," Oasis joins the ranks of The Rolling Stones, The Who and the Sex Pistols — all of whom it cites as key influences — in supplementing its music with film documentation of life on tour.

"Lord Don't Slow Me Down" captures over a year's worth of music and music-related moments from Oasis' most popular venues in the United Kingdom, United States and

Japan, including head banging in the streets, birthday parties and backstage dancing during the May 2005 to March 2006 "Don't Believe the Truth" world tour. Director Baillie Walsh shot most of the film in black and white, lending it a timelessly artistic feel that renders the band as classic and contemporary.

Another reason for fans to be excited is that the film features a new song, also called "Lord Don't Slow Me Down," written by Noel Gallagher and recorded during the "Don't Believe the Truth" sessions. The song was left off of "Don't Believe the Truth" because Noel said he would be singing too many of the album's songs if it was included. Amusingly enough, he also told reporters that his girlfriend thinks "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" is

the only Oasis song to which people can dance.

Unveiled to coincide with the release of Oasis' best-of album, "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" premiered in the U.K. on Channel 4 on Nov. 19, 2006 at 11:50 p.m. — 10 minutes before "Stop the Clocks" was released. Various fans-only private screenings took place in 2006, and a future DVD release has yet to be settled. However, the band said it would be in 2007. Other bands that can be seen in the film include Jet and Kasabian — two groups that took part in the "Don't Believe the Truth tour" — as well as Girls Aloud, a new British pop group that appears in a



Photo courtesy of wikipedia.org

Manchester, England's Oasis recently released a concert DVD, "Lord Don't Slow Me Down." The documentary profiles the band during its recent international tour.

cameo.

The best-of album and full-length "rockumentary" both mark an epic moment in Oasis history, but whether the band can become any bigger than what it has already been remains to be seen. Oasis will receive the prestigious BRIT Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, with the impressive list of previous winners including The Beatles, John Lennon, U2 and The Who. But while the award is an honor, it's also a sign that the band's popularity could stay grounded in the U.K. For whatever reason, the U.S. has been reluctant to crown Oasis as the next Beatles, even though the group's pres-

ent drummer happens to be Zak Starkey, son of Beatles drummer Ringo Starr.

Fans who continue to indulge in Oasis' music will be more than consoled by this well made and fascinating documentary, despite what "Stop the Clocks" lacks in fresh material. The outstanding "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" reaches heights of intimacy and power with its source material, giving audiences both phenomenal concert viewing as well as a rare glimpse behind the curtain.

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Lord Don't Slow Me Down

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Commercials take center stage at Super Bowl

Every first Sunday in February, millions of Americans and others from around the world tune in to see the best that the National Football League has to offer. Staggering linemen, swift tailbacks and rocket-arm quarterbacks amaze and awe every man, woman and child who watches the epic clash of football's best.

However, there is that little part of the Super Bowl that everyone tunes in for beside the brilliant displays of courage on the gridiron: the commercials. The most expensive advertising time of the year often inspires the best marketing minds to create a mere 30 seconds of fame for their company.

Some companies have become Super Bowl commercial staples by bringing their A-games every year. Beer corporations like Miller and Budweiser are often among this class of commercials, airing spots that inevitably become future classics. Other companies have had "one-hit-wonder" Super Bowl ads, such as Apple's famous "1984" piece and the '90s-era McDonald's ads starring Larry Bird and Michael Jordan.

These commercials are, for some people, the exclusive reason to watch the Super Bowl. As this year's game of champions approaches, it's worthwhile to look back at where the Super Bowl commer-

cial came from, and where it might be going.

1984: Apple Computers

One of — if not the most — famous commercials in history is the Apple Computers advertisement during the 1984 Super Bowl. Directed by famed filmmaker Ridley Scott, the commercial depicted a large "Big Brother"-type character directing masses of grey-garbed workers from a large television screen. A lone woman runs in, dressed in colorful clothing, and throws a hammer at the huge screen to destroy Big Brother and free the masses.

The "Big Brother" character was meant to represent IBM, one of Apple's main competitors during the early years of the home computer. With the ending line, "On Jan. 24, Apple will introduce Macintosh. And you'll see why 1984 won't be like '1984,'" Apple's statement was clear. The literary reference and the cinematic nature of the commercial make it one of the most memorable in Super Bowl history.

1993: McDonald's

This commercial features Larry Bird and Michael Jordan having a competition to see who can make the most difficult shots. At first the contest seems normal, but then they start adding outlandish shots such as "around the moon," "off the Space Shuttle" and "nothing but net." Bird's usual on-court rival, Magic Johnson, had retired from basketball at this point, so current superstar Jordan was brought in for the ad.

Before fast food and healthy eating were at all connected, it was interesting to see super-athletes advertising for one



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Apple Computers' famous "1984" commercial aired just once, during that year's Super Bowl. Ads have become can't-miss staples during February's championship.

of the companies at the center of the American obesity debate. Also curious was the fact that Bird had retired a year earlier and was now working as an assistant in the front office for the Boston Celtics. As something of a "passing of the torch," it must have been exciting to see the star of old and the star of new playing on the same court.

Others in the Super Bowl's history have been just as memorable, such as the "Bud. Weis. Errr" ad featuring the Budweiser frogs and chameleons in 1995. "Terry Tate: Office Linebacker" also terrorized offices for Reebok in 2003, back when the Raiders were actu-

ally good.

Hopefully this year's Super Bowl will be a great game on the field. Even more importantly for some people, the commercials had better be up to snuff. Like last year's "magic fridge" that gave everyone an ice-cold Budweiser, this year does not seem like it will disappoint. Enjoy the game and enjoy watching the commercials on YouTube afterward.

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DVD REVIEW

Cheesiness, horror reign in 'Snakes on a Plane'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

"Snakes on a Plane" wasn't quite the blockbuster hit that New Line Cinema was hoping for, but — like most cult classics — its reputation could grow with the home release version. The DVD edition of the movie that's so bad it's good isn't fancy or loaded with extras, but like Samuel L. Jackson's character in the film, it gets the job done.

The plot follows Agent Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson) as he works to protect Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips), a surfer dude who witnesses murder at the hands of crime boss Eddie Kim (Byron Lawson). Flynn accompanies Jones on an overnight flight from Hawaii to California, but little do they know that Kim has released poisonous snakes onto the plane in order to prevent Jones from testifying against him.

Sound silly? It is. Actually, though, "Snakes on a Plane" really isn't as bad as it might appear to be. In fact, as a

pure thriller, it's quite a bit better than a lot of films that take themselves too seriously ("Speed," anyone?). "Snakes on a Plane" may be a bit kitschy, yes, but it never feels forced. The actors, especially Jackson, play it with a straight face, though there's the slightest hint of a wink behind Flynn's scowling facade. The plot's semblance of logic works for the most part, and the characters have the good sense to question it when it doesn't.

In reality, though, the plot is just an excuse to get Jackson on a plane with snakes. Sure, it's goofy, but it's also fun, an element that's missing in a lot of modern action movies. Director David R. Ellis' previous work was mostly as a stunt coordinator, and he puts that experience to good use. The film has a nice blend of action and humor, and several of the action set pieces are surprisingly well done.

The film is also surprisingly violent, with several memorable death scenes and a few particularly graphic sequences. Some of the violence is excessive, and although it's hard to imagine snake attacks that aren't gruesome, some viewers will wish that they weren't so explicit.

The DVD is pretty much what could be expected. A movie like "Snakes on a Plane" doesn't need a slew of

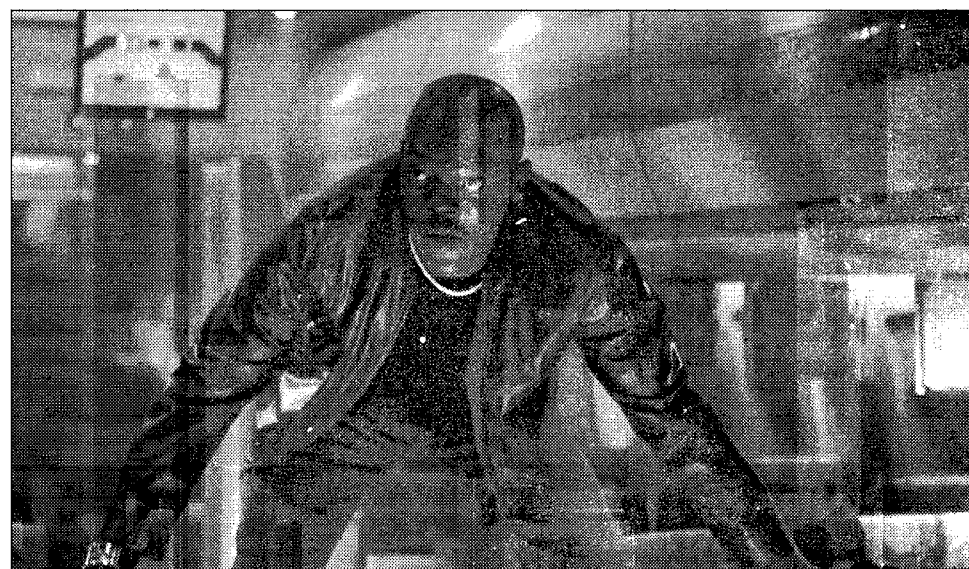


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The venerable Samuel L. Jackson stars in 2006's horror camp-fest, "Snakes on a Plane." The film's DVD release adds various special features, including a music video.

fancy special features as long as the image and sound quality are acceptable, and New Line's DVD edition is better than decent. The 6.1 DTS track is surprisingly immersive, with strong use of surround and deep bass. The special features include a commentary, a dispensable "making-of" featurette, deleted scenes, music videos and a blooper reel. None of the features are particularly outstanding and most are for "Snakes on a Plane" enthusiasts only. It's hard to imagine that a film like this requires a "special edition" DVD, so the current edition should be more than adequate for most casual fans.

"Snakes on a Plane" is by no means a great (or even a good) film, but it obviously doesn't want to be. Like a thrill ride, it's cheap, fun and expendable. It's self-aware enough to know it shouldn't be taken seriously, but it's not self-conscious to the point of distraction. "Snakes on a Plane" does what it does very well, and in that regard, it should be taken on its own terms. Besides, what's really more fun than watching Samuel L. Jackson ward off poisonous snakes with a spork?

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Snakes on a Plane

New Line Home Video



NBA

Garnett helps T-wolves snap Suns' win streak

Rockets dish out season-high 31 assists and hold third straight opponent under 85 points in easy win over Sixers

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The hard-driving Phoenix Suns had been blowing through the NBA in January, piling up points, highlights and victories at breakneck speed.

They finished the month just one win away from perfection after crashing into a 6-foot-11 road block named Kevin Garnett.

Garnett almost single-handedly snapped the Suns' 17-game winning streak, scoring 44 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in Minnesota's 121-112 victory on Monday night.

"People who say he can't carry the load, take a look at this game film," new Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman said.

The All-Star forward, sometimes criticized for not coming up big in the clutch, was everywhere in the final period against the Suns, dropping turnaround jumper after turnaround jumper to give Phoenix its first loss of 2007.

He scored 15 points in the fourth, including a looping fallaway from the baseline that gave Minnesota a 118-109 lead with 1:55 to play, and put Wittman on the way to a win in his home debut.

"It's just about being a presence," Garnett said. "It's about

making them have to deal with me. I will continue to take that approach."

Raja Bell scored 26 points and Steve Nash had 20 points and 18 assists for the Suns, who were looking to tie for the fourth-longest winning streak in NBA history.

But one night after downing LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers for No. 17 in a row, the Suns couldn't find an answer for Garnett and uncharacteristically lost their offensive mojo in the fourth quarter.

After scoring 95 points in the first three quarters, Phoenix managed just 19 in the fourth and looked a little stagnant.

Nash dissected the Wolves' defense for the first three quarters, piling up assists at a near-record pace. But he scored just three points on 1-of-6 shooting and had just one assist in a final period that belonged to Garnett.

"Better to lose that way than to lose when we beat ourselves," Nash said. "Kevin was sensational. We just didn't make shots at the end at the clip Kevin was making them."

The Suns were in deep trouble midway through the fourth quarter thanks to three big shots by Garnett and some dirty work on the boards by Mark Madsen.

Madsen, an offensive liability

for most of his seven years in the league, hit a fallaway jumper just outside the lane to cap an 8-0 run, then gave Minnesota a 112-107 lead with 3:38 to play after he scooped up a rebound and laid it in.

Garnett followed with a twisting, turning fadeaway on the baseline that brought the crowd to its feet.

Yet the Suns handled their first loss since a 101-99 defeat at Dallas on Dec. 28 much the way they handled the 17 wins that preceded it — with a collective shrug and "aw shucks."

"It was cool while it lasted," Bell said.

Houston 105, Philadelphia 84

The Houston Rockets have relied mostly on their stingy defense since Yao Ming broke his right leg last month.

They added some sharp passing on Monday night and routed the Philadelphia 76ers.

Tracy McGrady scored 25 points before sitting out the fourth quarter and Rafer Alston had nine of Houston's season-high 31 assists in the Rockets' victory.

"We were moving the ball and getting everybody involved," said McGrady, who also had five assists. "When you get out to a great lead like that, it's fun to just sit back and watch."

Juwan Howard added 20 points, 10 rebounds and six assists as the Rockets held an opponent to 85 points or fewer for the third straight game. Houston, which leads the league in scoring defense, beat Portland 99-69 on Friday night.

The Rockets are 12-6 since Yao's injury. Yao is expected to return in late February.

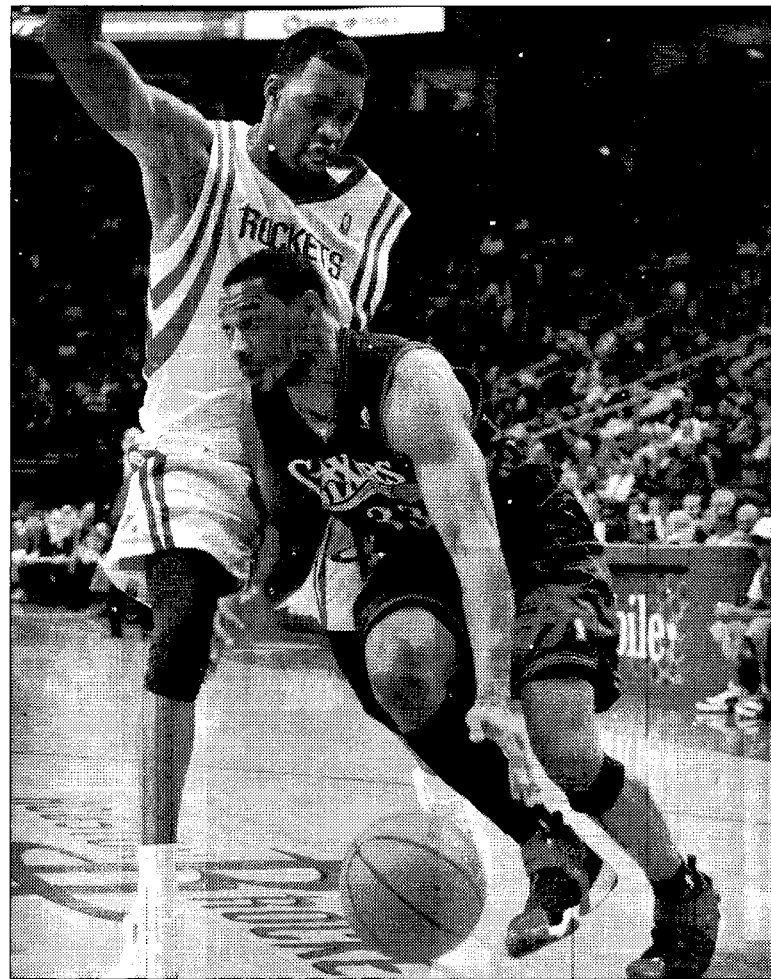
"We're working on being a great team," Alston said. "When Yao Ming gets back, that could tell it all, how good we are and are we going to go from good to great."

Houston smothered the 76ers after Philadelphia hit 10 of 20 shots in the first quarter. The 76ers went 24-for-68 (35 percent) the rest of the way and were outrebounded 48-39 in the game.

Samuel Dalembert had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Andre Iguodala scored 19 points for Philadelphia, which had won three of its previous four games.

The Sixers trailed by 24 at halftime and by 38 after three quarters before Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy mercifully pulled his starters.

"We didn't move the ball and



Philadelphia's Willie Green, right, drives around Houston's Tracy McGrady, left, on Monday in Houston. The Rockets won the game 105-84.



Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace, right, slips past Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony on Monday. Charlotte won the game 105-101.

they got easy shots all night," Philadelphia coach Maurice Cheeks said. "They played very good defense and our defense wasn't where we wanted it."

"Everything we did didn't work and everything they did worked."

Atlanta 93, Orlando 83

Joe Johnson's 13th 30-point game, and third in three wins this season against Orlando, left Atlanta coach Mike Woodson wondering how good his leading scorer would be if he played with the same point guard all the time.

Johnson scored 32 of his 34 points in the second half to help the Hawks answer a third-quarter challenge and beat the Magic on Monday night.

Orlando lost its third straight, including two to Atlanta in four days. The Magic have lost eight of its last nine.

The Hawks won the season series against Orlando 3-1. Johnson scored 31, 39 and 34 points in the three wins and only 16 points in the one loss.

"That makes life easy — if he can do it every night," Woodson said. "He's our go-to guy and they key on him and he gets a

lot of double-and triple-teams. Tonight he was able to beat a lot of them."

Woodson said the Hawks hope to have point guard Speedy Claxton return to practice Tuesday. Claxton, who was expected to be the team's starter, has missed 10 straight games with a sore left knee. Overall, he has missed 15 games with sore knees this season.

Meanwhile, backup point guard Tyrone Lue played in his fourth game since missing 16 of 17 games with a groin injury. Lue started and played 26 minutes Monday night "and that's too many for him," Woodson said.

Woodson said the team may have to look for help at the position because Johnson often has to fill in as the point guard.

"We've got to probably start thinking about another point guard," Woodson said.

Johnson said he doesn't change his play against Orlando.

"I'm just taking what the defense gives me," Johnson said. "It's not that I'm coming out thinking about them. I just come out to play."

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Men's Basketball

Associated Press Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Florida (45) | 19-2 | 1773 |
| 2 | Wisconsin (24) | 21-1 | 1734 |
| 3 | North Carolina (3) | 19-2 | 1672 |
| 4 | Ohio State | 18-3 | 1545 |
| 5 | UCLA | 18-2 | 1482 |
| 6 | Kansas | 18-3 | 1414 |
| 7 | Pittsburgh | 19-3 | 1330 |
| 8 | Duke | 18-3 | 1211 |
| 9 | Oregon | 19-2 | 1209 |
| 10 | Texas A&M | 17-3 | 1197 |
| 11 | Memphis | 17-3 | 1086 |
| 12 | Oklahoma State | 18-3 | 1023 |
| 13 | Butler | 19-2 | 933 |
| 14 | Marquette | 19-4 | 903 |
| 15 | Nevada | 19-2 | 766 |
| 16 | Virginia Tech | 16-5 | 608 |
| 17 | Air Force | 19-3 | 506 |
| 18 | Washington State | 17-4 | 483 |
| 19 | Alabama | 15-5 | 305 |
| 20 | Arizona | 14-6 | 282 |
| 21 | NOTRE DAME | 17-4 | 236 |
| 22 | Texas | 15-5 | 209 |
| 23 | Stanford | 14-5 | 208 |
| 24 | Vanderbilt | 15-6 | 200 |
| 25 | Clemson | 18-4 | 188 |

Men's Basketball

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Florida (26) | 19-2 | 767 |
| 2 | Wisconsin (4) | 21-1 | 733 |
| 3 | North Carolina (1) | 19-2 | 724 |
| 4 | Ohio State | 18-3 | 668 |
| 5 | UCLA | 18-2 | 648 |
| 6 | Kansas | 18-3 | 595 |
| 7 | Pittsburgh | 19-3 | 579 |
| 8 | Texas A&M | 17-3 | 542 |
| 9 | Oregon | 19-2 | 525 |
| 10 | Duke | 18-3 | 480 |
| 11 | Butler | 19-2 | 469 |
| 12 | Memphis | 17-3 | 415 |
| 13 | Nevada | 19-2 | 404 |
| 14 | Oklahoma State | 18-3 | 381 |
| 15 | Marquette | 19-4 | 316 |
| 16 | Air Force | 19-3 | 301 |
| 17 | Washington State | 17-4 | 245 |
| 18 | Virginia Tech | 16-5 | 233 |
| 19 | NOTRE DAME | 17-4 | 147 |
| 20 | Alabama | 15-5 | 119 |
| 21 | Clemson | 18-4 | 116 |
| 22 | Arizona | 14-6 | 85 |
| 23 | Texas | 15-5 | 78 |
| 24 | Kentucky | 16-5 | 68 |
| 25 | Indiana | 15-5 | 62 |

Men's Basketball

Big East Standings

| | team | Big East record | overall record |
|----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Pittsburgh | 8-1 | 20-3 |
| 2 | Marquette | 6-2 | 19-4 |
| 3 | Georgetown | 5-2 | 15-5 |
| 4 | Louisville | 5-2 | 15-6 |
| 5 | NOTRE DAME | 5-3 | 17-4 |
| 6 | West Virginia | 5-3 | 16-4 |
| 7 | Syracuse | 4-3 | 15-6 |
| 8 | Providence | 4-3 | 14-6 |
| 9 | Villanova | 3-5 | 14-7 |
| 10 | Seton Hall | 3-5 | 12-9 |
| 11 | St. John's | 3-5 | 12-9 |
| 12 | DePaul | 3-5 | 12-10 |
| 13 | Connecticut | 2-5 | 13-7 |
| 14 | South Florida | 2-6 | 11-11 |
| 15 | Rutgers | 2-6 | 9-12 |
| 16 | Cincinnati | 1-5 | 10-10 |

HORSE RACING



Jockey Edgar Prado rides Barbaro to victory in the 2006 Kentucky Derby. Barbaro was put down Monday, eight months after breaking a leg in the Preakness.

Barbaro euthanized after leg worsens

Associated Press

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — So many people felt a stake in Barbaro's recovery. They imagined his pain, grimaced each time he faltered, took heart as each day passed and he was still alive, making painfully slow progress.

The 2006 Kentucky Derby winner's fight for survival was their fight, a symbol of strength, courage and comfort — and, more than anything else, a source of inspiration.

He was, after all, winner of the world's most famous race, in a sport desperate for a superstar.

For months he seemed, remarkably, to take everything that came at him: good and bad.

Finally, it was too much.

Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that made him even more of a hero than he was as a champion on the track.

"Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love," co-owner Gretchen Jackson said.

A series of ailments — including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as

well as new laminitis in both front feet — proved too much for the gallant colt. Barbaro was given a heavy dose of a tranquilizer and an overdose of an anesthetic and put down at 10:30 a.m.

"I really didn't think it was appropriate to continue treatment because the probability of getting better was so poor," said Dr. Dean Richardson, chief of surgery at the New Bolton Center.

Richardson, fighting back tears, added: "Barbaro had many, many good days."

The bay colt underwent nearly two dozen surgeries and other procedures,

including cast changes under anesthesia. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace — extraordinary measures for injuries that most horses never survive.

Weeks of positive reports turned into months. Barbaro was eyeing the mares, nickering, gobbling up his feed and trying to walk out of his stall. But Richardson warned there still could be trouble, and by mid-July, his greatest fear became reality — laminitis struck Barbaro's left hind leg.

IN BRIEF

Bonds finalizes one-year deal with Giants

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.

A baseball official confirmed the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Giants had not yet announced it.

The contract was finalized nearly two months after the sides reached agreement on financial terms Dec. 7, the final day of baseball's winter meetings. Bonds had to pass a physical, and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding Bonds' behavior and what would happen if the slugger were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case.

Army football coach Ross retires after three seasons

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Bobby Ross retired Monday as Army's football coach, and without a victory over Navy in his three seasons with the Black Knights.

The former NFL coach, who had a 9-25 record at Army, will be succeeded by offensive line coach Stan Brock.

"I think there's a point in time when you feel like it's your time to retire, and I think I've reached that time," the 70-year-old Ross said in a statement. "I think there is an issue of having a certain degree of energy, which I feel is very important for anyone leading a college football program. I feel that I was lacking in that area."

Army athletic director Kevin Anderson said Ross told him of his decision on Thursday night.

"He came back from a recruiting trip and had to go home because he was ill," Anderson said.

Raiders hire Knapp as offensive coordinator

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Raiders hired former Atlanta offensive coordinator Greg Knapp to fill the same job in Oakland, giving first-year coach Lane Kiffin an experienced coordinator to ease his transition from college to the NFL.

Knapp spent the previous three seasons with the Falcons before being let go when coach Jim Mora was fired after the season and replaced by Bobby Petrino. Knapp ran a West Coast offense in Atlanta that struggled at times to work with quarterback Michael Vick.

"I've been familiar with his success coaching in this league for some time now," Kiffin said in a statement. "He shares the same vision and passion for what it will take to bring an explosive offense back to the Raider Nation."

Kiffin said at his introductory news conference that he would call the plays in Oakland.

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SOCCER

Great Expectations: A tale of two Ronaldos

World Cup champion and two-time Fifa player of the year Ronaldo reportedly headed to AC Milan for 7 million euros

Associated Press

LONDON — They share the same name and are famous for bamboozling defenders and scoring memorable goals.

In one case, make that "was" famous.

While the fast, sleek, free-scoring Cristiano Ronaldo is expected to become the world's best player, the more famous Ronaldo is overweight and struggling to keep his career going.

Cristiano Ronaldo's 13 goals for Manchester United have helped the Red Devils move six points ahead of defending champion Chelsea in the English Premier League. After being jeered for his part in Wayne Rooney's red card when Portugal beat England in the World Cup quarterfinals, even rival fans now accept that the winger, who turns 21 next Monday, has the potential to follow his namesake as a soccer superstar.

At 30, the Brazilian Ronaldo is almost Gone-aldo.

Ronaldo, on the verge of going to six-time European champion AC Milan, has lost his touch and speed and has been slowed by an expanding waistline.

After more than 10 years at the top, the two-time FIFA player of the year is a shadow of the star who burst onto the soccer scene at

17.

The teenager would collect passes from 30 yards out, glide past two or three defenders and then sidestep the goalkeeper before rolling the ball into an empty net. With goals like that, Ronaldo helped Brazil get to the final of the 1998 World Cup in France. But a mystery illness made him a virtual spectator as the team lost to France 3-0.

Although a serious knee injury sidelined him for almost two years, he returned to play a leading part in Brazil's fifth World Cup triumph in Japan in 2002. His two goals in the final against Germany took his leading tally for the World Cup 2002 to eight.

When he returned four years later, Ronaldo added three more to set a World Cup record with 15 goals. But the 2006 World Cup showed that Ronaldo had slowed and was losing the deft touches that made him a star. Brazil went out in the quarterfinals and he hasn't played for the national team since.

Brazil coach Dunga doesn't see Ronaldo as fit or sharp enough to add anything to his team, and the striker's poor form and succession of injuries has also kept him out of the Real Madrid lineup.

Although he was on a star-studded lineup nicknamed "galacticos" by Madrid, the famous Spanish

club hasn't won a title in three seasons. Ronaldo's expected departure to Milan follows that of Luis Figo, Zinedine Zidane and, eventually, David Beckham out of Madrid.

Milan manager Carlo Ancelotti is determined to make some use of Ronaldo and isn't worried about the striker's extra weight.

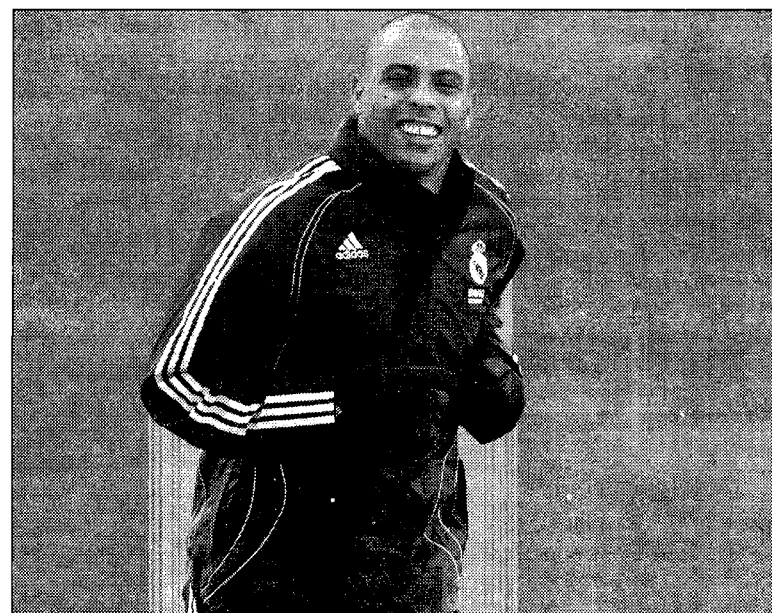
"Ronaldo is not fat," he said. "He is a very robust player. I think his problem is the fact that in recent times, he has not had much motivation. From a physical point of view, he hasn't trained much because he has been excluded from Real Madrid's team and he has lost motivation in training."

"But he remains a great player. In the last five years at Real, he has scored almost 100 goals. No one in the world has done that."

While one Ronaldo leaves Madrid, the other could be on the way.

Cristiano Ronaldo is a transfer target for the Spanish club, although Manchester United values him highly. But before the season started, it looked as if he was on the way out at Old Trafford.

Rooney was sent off at the World Cup for stomping on the groin of Portugal defender Ricardo Carvalho during a challenge for the ball. Ronaldo ran over to complain to the referee about Rooney's challenge and, after the England



Real Madrid's Ronaldo, training on Jan. 25, has been the subject of recent fierce criticism.

player had been shown a red card, Ronaldo winked at his bench.

Now Cristiano Ronaldo is a target for the opposition fans who blame him for Rooney's red card. But that only seems to spur him.

"There's only one Ronaldo," sing the Red Devils fans. And United manager Alex Ferguson, who bought the winger from Sporting Lisbon three years ago as a

replacement for Beckham, lauds him for defying the jeers and beating defenders again and again.

"I hope they carry on booing him," Ferguson said. "He is such a danger to defenders because he doesn't just beat men, he has the desire and drive not to give in when they foul him. No one enjoys playing against someone like that. I am sure Cristiano is already one of the best players in the world."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh tops 'Nova to reach 20-win mark

Cambell, Green lead way for Butler, allow starters some rest in Bulldogs' win over Illinois-Chicago

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With its inside game stifled, Pitt got its transition offense going just in time.

Levance Fields scored 20 points and Aaron Gray had 14 points and 10 rebounds, leading No. 7 Pittsburgh over Villanova 65-59 on Monday night.

Antonio Graves had 13 points, including a clutch 3-point in the closing minutes, to help the Panthers (20-3, 8-1 in Big East) win for the 10th time in 11 games. Pitt set a school record by reaching the 20-win mark for the sixth consecutive season.

"It was great to make some adjustments," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "We were playing stationary. We got better movement and more penetration in the second half."

Curtis Sumpter scored 21 points for Villanova (14-7, 3-5). The Wildcats were seeking their third victory over a ranked opponent this month.

Fields' fastbreak layup broke a 47-all tie with 6:03 left and Pitt led the rest of the way. Another layup by Fields following a turnover made it 51-47.

Mike Nardi's layup cut it to 54-51. After a turnover, Nardi banked one in just before the shot clock expired to cut the deficit to 54-53.

But Graves hit a 3-pointer and Fields added another 3 to give Pitt a 60-55 lead with 51 seconds remaining.

The 7-foot Gray then blocked Sumpter's shot and Graves iced it with a pair of free throws.

"We had great defensive possessions there," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "A couple times they were stuck, but they just kicked it out and those two (Fields and Graves) hit big shots that were contested."

Villanova beat then-No. 21 Notre Dame on Jan. 17 and defeated then No. 21 Texas three days later. The Wildcats used a matchup zone most of the game, and trapped quite effectively in the first half.

But Pitt turned to its little man — Fields — in the second half instead of relying on Gray.

Gray credited the backcourt for making tough shots at crucial times.

"We're not a team of just Aaron Gray," he said. "They should get a lot of attention. I would never underestimate them."

Pitt took its first lead since before the midpoint of the first half when Keith Benjamin hit a 3-pointer to make it 38-37 with 12:21 left.

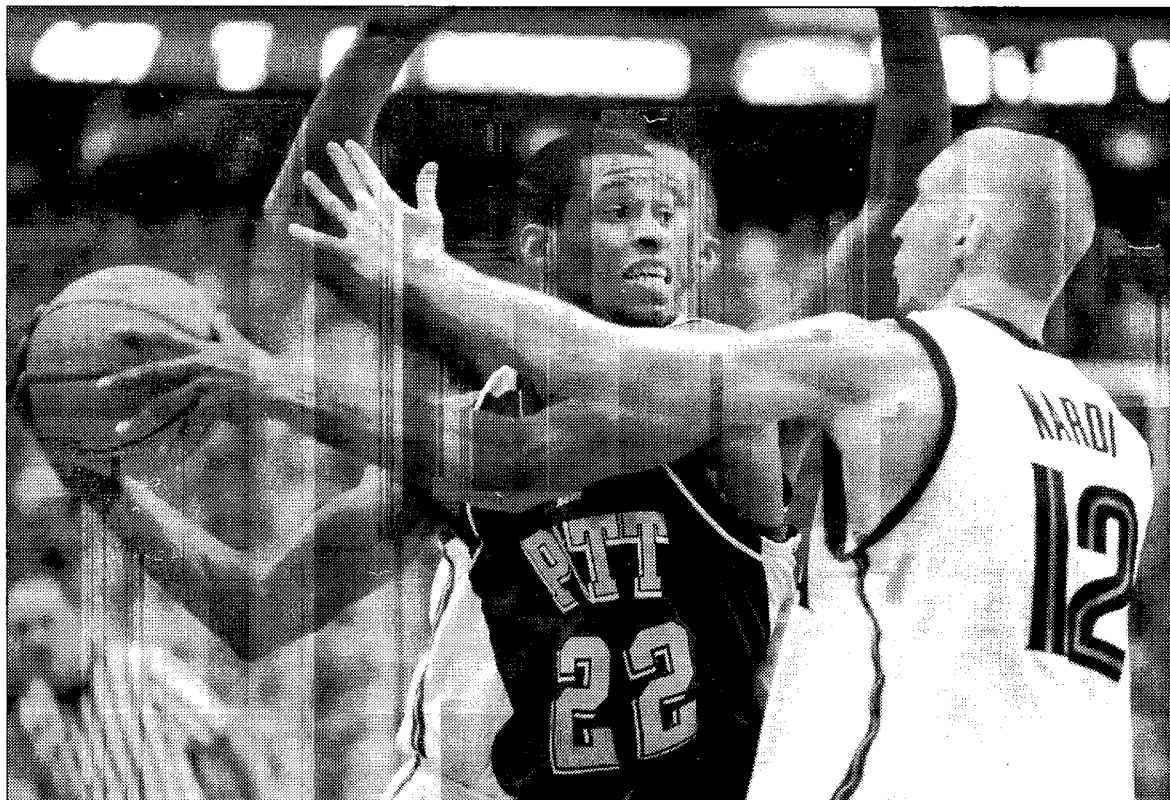
Benjamin sank another 3 to extend the lead to 43-37 a few minutes later. Nardi finally ended Pitt's 12-0 run with a 3-pointer, and Scottie Reynolds' driving layup tied it at 45.

Villanova turned the ball over on five of seven possessions during Pitt's run.

"A couple breakdowns here or there is the difference," Nardi said. "They never stopped playing."

Butler 71, Illinois-Chicago 45

Getting its starters some needed rest was Butler's motivation and its reward.



Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves, center, looks for the open man while guarded by Villanova's Mike Nardi, right, and Dante Cunningham on Monday. The Panthers won the game 65-59.

Pete Campbell scored 17 points, Mike Green added 16 and the No. 13 Bulldogs, playing the third of four games in a seven-day stretch, routed Illinois-Chicago on Monday night.

"That was pretty important," Campbell, the Bulldogs' top reserve and a 3-point specialist, said of the shared playing time in which all 12 players saw action. "It kind of feels like we're in the NBA now. You get an understanding how those

guys feel playing a game every other night.

"But enough of us did our jobs so the starters could get some rest. It was just a good team effort," Campbell said.

The Bulldogs (20-2, 8-1 Horizon League), reaching 20 victories in the fewest number of games in school history, finish their busy stretch Wednesday night at Youngstown State. Butler beat Youngstown 67-39 two weeks ago.

Against UIC, the Bulldogs hit their first five field goals, 3-pointers by five different players, took a 39-16 lead at half-time, built it to as many as 33 points in the second half and coasted the rest of the way, easily avenging their only conference loss of the season.

Nobody played more than 29 minutes for Butler.

"I hope that's the case," coach Todd Lickliter said of the benefit of being able to rest his players. "That's the way we saw it at the time. We thought it would be a good thing. There's been a lot of travel."

Kansas 76, Nebraska 56

Nebraska fans were urged to show up early and make Monday night's game against sixth-ranked Kansas a "red out."

It turned out to be a blowout. The Jayhawks held Nebraska scoreless for almost 14 minutes in the first half, using a 27-0 run to fuel a victory.

Kansas owns the record for most lopsided win by a Nebraska opponent — 102-46 in 1958 — and it looked as if the Jayhawks would threaten that 56-point margin after going up 39-6.

As the game got further out of hand, fans began to sarcastically cheer Kansas' missed shots and Nebraska's rebounds. When Jay-R Strowbridge's layup ended a scoring drought that lasted nearly 14 minutes, much of the crowd rose to cheer the occasion.

"We didn't plan to come and blow them out," said Brandon Rush, who led the Jayhawks with 20 points. "They weren't making no shots, and our shots

were falling. The first 17 minutes the crowd was quiet. They were happy when they made a shot at the end. It was kind of funny."

The Jayhawks (19-3, 6-1 Big 12) won for the 13th time in 14 games. Their 16th win in 17 meetings with Nebraska gave them a half-game lead over Texas A&M and Texas in the conference. The Huskers (12-8, 1-5) lost their third straight.

Nebraska's first appearance in 11 years on ESPN's "Big Monday" had fans in a partying mood. The school's athletic marketing department encouraged them to show up early and to wear their red.

The Jayhawks took the crowd right out of the game.

Julian Wright, who had 13 of his 17 points in the first half, scored the first eight for Kansas. Then Rush hit two quick 3s to break open a 12-6 game and start the decisive run.

"That's about as well as you can execute," KU coach Bill Self said. "That's about the best 17 minutes a team can play. We didn't play as well after the first 17-18 minutes. We kind of lost focus."

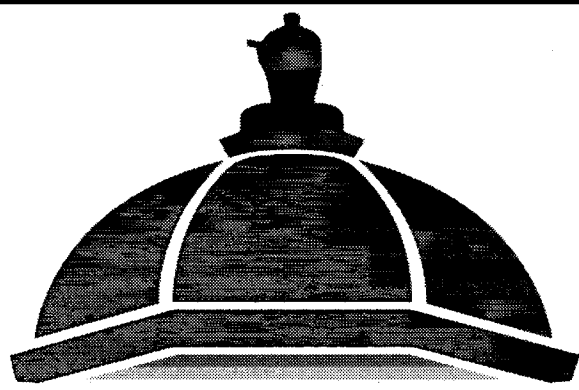
Ryan Anderson made six 3-pointers and led Nebraska with 19 points. There were no other highlights for the Huskers, who managed only one offensive rebound and were outrebounded 47-21.

"I thought we were ready to play someone like that. The fact of the matter is, we were scared," first-year Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said. "I've never had a team that was scared. I don't know if it was because it was on TV or what it was."

Nebraska played KU on even terms much of the second half. The Huskers, who trailed by 35 points in the first half, got the deficit down to 20 in the final minute.

Aleks Maric, Nebraska's season scoring leader, missed his only two shots of the first half and was held to nine points.

"We wanted to take them out early," Rush said. "We wanted to take the head off by attacking Aleks, which we did."



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SUPER BOWL

Tested Grossman at ease

Bear's up-and-down quarterback under Manning's bright spotlight

Associated Press

MIAMI — Rex Grossman's baseball cap was on backwards and there was some beard stubble on his face. Less than a week before the Super Bowl, the Chicago Bears quarterback was relaxed and at ease.

"I'm having a blast," he said Monday.

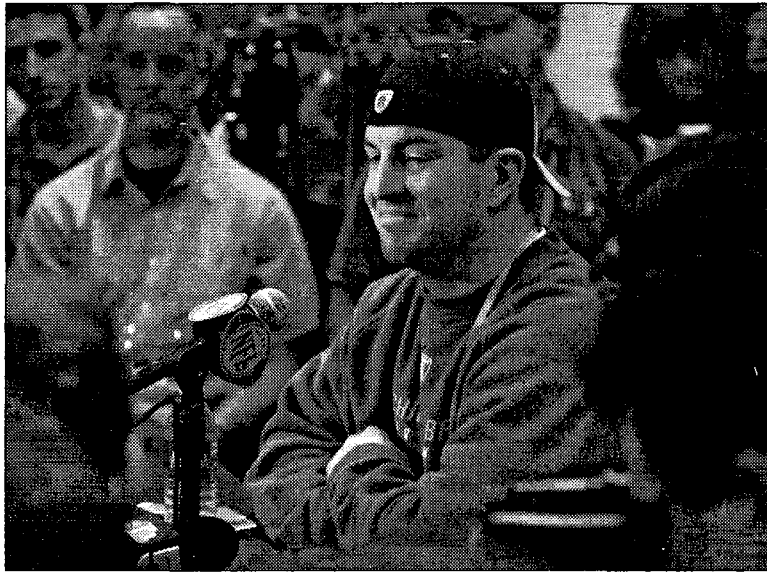
Grossman was thoughtful as he answered questions during a press conference. After all, there's practically nothing he hasn't been asked this season. He's absorbed criticism, heard the calls to bench him and then did enough to help the Bears get to the NFL title game.

"When I was drafted, one of the first things that people told me was that the backup quarterback was the most popular player in town," he joked.

Despite Grossman's up-and-down season — excellent at times, abysmal at others — the Bears still won 15 games and earned a date with the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. That's where he'll really be in the spotlight, playing the same position as Peyton Manning.

"I would love to play more consistent so that they know what to expect, everyone knows what to expect. I know I can do that," Grossman said.

"In my first full season I've had about 12 games, including the playoffs, I'm really proud of. And about six — five or six — that I'm really not proud of. They were bad. I need to work on those six



Bears quarterback Rex Grossman fields questions during a news conference Monday in Miami.

games, but I'm happy where I'm at. I'm at the Super Bowl."

Grossman's season bottomed out in the finale against the Packers when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 and then admitted after the 26-7 loss he didn't prepare as well as he should have.

He regrouped to pass for 282 yards in a victory over Seattle in the Bears' first playoff game. And he was just good enough in the NFC championship game against the Saints, hitting four straight passes during a key second-half scoring drive as the Bears made the Super Bowl for the first time in 21 years.

Grossman was the NFC offensive

player of the month for September and the Bears rushed to a quick start. Some even whispered he was on the path to an MVP season with the offense looking so potent.

But in a Monday night outing at Arizona — the Bears' sixth game — Grossman threw four interceptions before Chicago rallied to win 24-23. He also had shaky games in losses against the Dolphins and Patriots, and another weak one against the Vikings, when his QB rating was 1.3.

Despite the boos raining down at Soldier Field and cries for backup Brian Griese increasing, Bears coach Lovie Smith stuck with Grossman.

NASCAR

Montoya proves multi-talented

Columbian Formula One star grabs first-ever NASCAR victory

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Juan Pablo Montoya grabbed his first major victory since fleeing Formula One, it solidified just what a special talent the Colombian is.

But the win Sunday by his Chip Ganassi Racing team in the Rolex 24 at Daytona — the most prestigious sports car event in North America — also raised questions about what reasonable expectations there should be on Montoya during his first full season in NASCAR.

Maybe he won't struggle nearly as much as everyone expects.

Perhaps the switch to stock cars will be fairly seamless.

And maybe, just maybe, Montoya will be pretty darned good.

Slow down just a little bit, car owner Chip Ganassi warned Monday, and don't start engraving Montoya's name on the Nextel Cup trophy just yet.

"In terms of his stock-car career, we are still in the bottom of the second inning," Ganassi said. "That's just being realistic of where we are at."

Give Ganassi credit for refusing to get sucked into the Montoya hype, which was ratcheted up after the Rolex win tied Montoya with Mario Andretti as the only drivers to win the Indianapolis

500, a CART title, a Formula One race and the Daytona sports car endurance event.

And as the racing world debated just what this victory actually proves, Ganassi matter-of-factly rebuked any notion that it will translate into a blazing start to the NASCAR season.

"This was a big win, no doubt, a huge feather in his cap," Ganassi said. "And maybe this shows that he's a fast learner. But I really don't think there's much of a connection between the Rolex and Cup. He's still learning a new craft and he's still got a long way to go."

That tempering of expectations has been limited to the Ganassi camp in the six months since Montoya made the radical decision to leave F1 for NASCAR, which is widely ridiculed in the European racing circles that made Montoya both rich and famous.

After all, going round and round in circles can't really be that difficult, right? At least that's the attitude seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher took when asked about Montoya's move.

"Personally, I wouldn't do it," Schumacher told the New York Times. "What do you do in NASCAR? What is exciting there? I can't see that, running around on ovals."

If it's as easy as Schumacher believes, then Montoya should be an instant success. But Montoya

has tried to put the brakes on that notion.

"People don't understand what a big challenge this style of racing is," he said. "It's not an easy transition."

No, it isn't. Which is why anyone who truly understands racing realizes that Montoya will have his ups and downs in NASCAR, and winning a road course event at Daytona will have little carryover into the season-opening Daytona 500.

To be successful in the 500, Montoya will have to master the intricacies of restrictor-plate racing, understand the draft and learn the dangerous art of bump-drafting — something only a handful of NASCAR drivers are truly adept at.

Assuming he can figure all of that out, Montoya still must convince his fellow competitors that he has not only grasped it, but that he won't screw it up over the 500-mile event. If he can't do that, and no other driver trusts him enough to work with him on the track, then Montoya won't stand a chance at Daytona.

Jeff Gordon, a three-time Daytona 500 winner, smartly tried to gauge Montoya's skill during preseason practice there earlier this month. Although he thinks Montoya understands it, Gordon said the verdict will be out until Speedweeks.

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Orange

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Also important for the Irish will be Notre Dame's ability to shoot over the Syracuse zone. Without suspended point guard Kyle McAlarney, most of the long range duties will fall to senior guard Colin Falls.

Falls scored 23 points against Villanova and is averaging 13.3 points per game despite being limited at times this season by a stomach virus and foot injury.

"He's due to get in a rhythm now," Brey said of Falls. "Between his foot and the virus, he's had some things that have set him back. But he's due for a hot streak now."

Additional outside shooting may come from sophomore Ryan Ayers, Brey said Saturday. Ayers is averaging just 2.5 points per game, but he hit a key 3-pointer Saturday late in the game.

"[Ayers] really has shot well in practice, but he hadn't shot well in games," Brey said. "But to hit that three ... hopefully that was a coming out party."

If the outside shots aren't falling, the Irish will likely

turn to freshman point guard Tory Jackson and senior guard Russell Carter to drive into the lane to disrupt the zone and allow the Irish offense to flow. Carter is averaging 18.4 points per game this season, second in the Big East.

Brey said Jackson, who has shot just 15.6 percent from behind the arc, will especially need to penetrate.

"Our team changed from a shooting point guard to a driving point guard when we went from McAlarney to Jackson," Brey said. "It's important that Tory gets in the lane and makes a play."

The Orange (15-6, 4-3 Big East) are coming off a 76-71 loss to Louisville Saturday and have dropped two straight games in conference. A loss could drop them as low as sixth in the Big East after being alone in second on Jan. 20.

Syracuse is led by forward Demetris Nichols, who is averaging a Big East-leading 18.5 points per game, and guard Eric Devendorf, who adds 13.5 of his own.

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPNU.

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Hockey

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wins alone. They have separated themselves as one of the truly legitimate teams that have the ingredients necessary to make a run for the national title game, with their suffocating defense, well-rounded forward lines and Hobey Baker gem, goalie Dave Brown.

Ever since the Irish drop-kicked No.1 Boston College into Boston Harbor with a 7-1 trouncing in their third game of the year, the team has steadily ground up each traditional hockey powerhouse it encountered — both at home and on the road. The only hiccup came in a 2-0 road loss to top-10 Michigan State — hardly a reason to jump ship.

And on Saturday night with an Indiana snowstorm swirling outside the Joyce, the Irish forced last year's regular season champion RedHawks to glumly wade through post-game chats with family and friends before boarding the bus for what must have been a never-ending drive back to Oxford, Ohio.

The game that night ended in a 2-2 tie and was everything that Friday's thrilling 4-1 win wasn't — slow, uninspired and boring — but the fact that it ended in a draw at all is reason enough to throw some money down on the Irish to make it to the Frozen Four in St. Louis.

It just shouldn't have happened.

Miami played well enough to take advantage of a sloppy Irish turnover for a goal in the first period, and then pressured offensively until right wing

Brian Kaufman broke through for the 2-0 lead late in the second period. The Irish were lost well into the third period and couldn't get anything past goalie Jeff Zatkoff. Even several five-on-three advantages resulted in nothing more than a mad grab for the puck in the Miami zone.

Fifty-three minutes of lackadaisical Irish play muted a Joyce crowd that just the night before had been raucous, and it brought back memories of the 2004-05 season. The electrical buzz of the Coke machine on press row battled the falling snow for noise dominance.

In short, everything about the night was deadlier than Knute Rockne's ghost.

Then Irish center Mark Van Guilder redirected a shot from defenseman Wes O'Neill past Zatkoff, and suddenly the Irish thrust a hand through the coffin and began to dig past six feet of dirt. Freshman center Kevin Deeth, who only minutes before had been benched by Irish coach Jeff Jackson for poor play, made amends for a night of missed passes and lost chances, burying a rebound for the tying goal with just over two minutes left to play. The Irish Frankenstein had been zapped back into the world of the living on a stormy winter night.

Nothing about the previous two and a half plus periods would have given any indication that Notre Dame had any shot

— or life — to even score one goal, let alone get two and nearly score in the ensuing overtime period. But it did. The Irish clawed out of the grave and won a game they had no business winning, and they have done it all year.

They have routinely won games over veteran teams with hockey traditions thicker than a law textbook.

And the most telling part of it all?

A majority of those ranked teams that fell hard to the Irish have remained firmly entrenched in the

national rankings, months of play against the rest of the nation has affirmed that Notre Dame did not benefit from a front-loaded schedule by playing over-hyped teams early. Boston College, Michigan, Michigan State, Miami and Lake Superior State are, barring a major slump, almost all guaranteed a berth in the 16-team NCAA Tournament come March — along with their Irish masters.

Saturday may have been as ugly to the Irish as the mug of Frankenstein's monster, but the comeback proved that no matter how pretty or nasty Notre Dame plays its opponents, those teams have learned that nothing that emerges from the North Dome is ever safe to poke a stick at — even if it looks dead.

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The fact that [Saturday's] game ended in a draw at all is reason enough to throw some money down on the Irish to make it to the Frozen Four in St. Louis.

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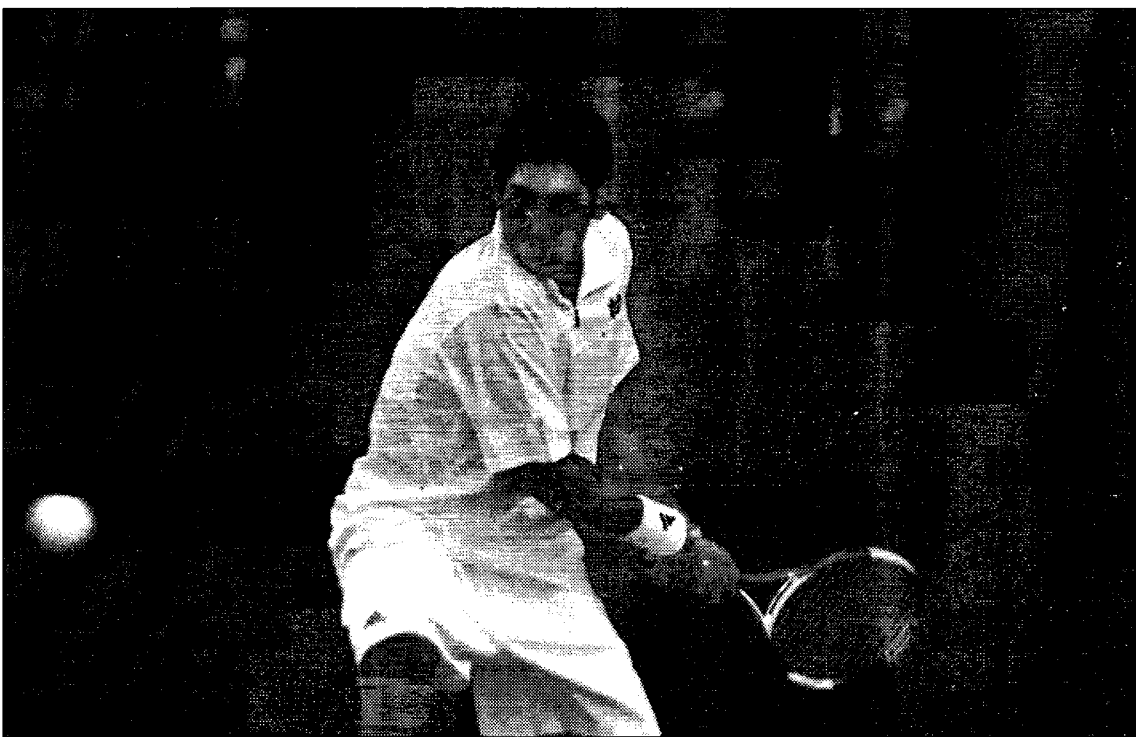
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Sheeva Parbhu winds up for a shot during Notre Dame's match against Indiana Monday. The Irish blanked the Hoosiers 7-0.

Shutout

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bles point at hand," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Bass took a 6-3, 7-6 (1) win at first singles, but had to put in a fight to knock off No. 48 Bubenick. Bass was able to regain composure and win a decisive tiebreaker after having his serve broken at 5-3 in the second set.

Parbhu had an easier time of getting past Dara McLoughlin, and he eventually won 6-3, 6-4. Parbhu fell behind 3-2 in the opening set but bounced back to take three of the final four games of the set enroute to a match

victory.

Junior Andrew Roth put in the toughest fight for the Irish at number six singles against Peter Antons. Roth dropped the first set 3-6 but came back to win the second and third sets 6-2, 7-5, respectively.

"In all of those matches we had to overcome some adversity and that's a good thing for us," Bayliss said.

The Irish kept the pressure on after jumping out to the early advantage — an accomplishment Bayliss was especially proud of.

"I think they ability to finish off a pretty tough opponent when we had them down is a great sign for us," Bayliss said. "We've had some trouble in the past when we have a team down putting them

away but today we handled that job very well."

The win over the Hoosiers improves Notre Dame's record to 2-1 for the season and 1-0 at home. The Irish will look to stay on the winning streak at home. The team takes on No. 15 Florida State and No. 7 Duke starting Friday at home and will look to walk away 3-0 at home.

"Our goal is to try to be undefeated at home and we have several top-10 teams here that we would have to beat in order to be able to fulfill that goal so I guess it starts this weekend," Bayliss said. "Winning the first one was a good start."

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CLUB SPORTS

No. 10 men's volleyball falls in five set match

Men's and women's bowling host annual Blue and Gold Classic

Special to The Observer

Saturday, No. 10 Notre Dame ventured north to St. Joseph's, Mich. to challenge powerhouse Michigan State. The annual exhibition game, dubbed "The Battle in The House of Noise", serves as a fundraiser for Lake Michigan Catholic High School.

The Spartans ultimately prevailed in a hard-fought contest, 25-20, 19-25, 25-22, 23-25, 15-9.

In the first game, the Irish quickly fell behind 6-1. Despite strong play from senior Drew Williams, the slow start proved to be too much to overcome, as Notre Dame lost 25-20.

After switching sides and

resetting the score, the Irish looked like a different team.

They formed an early rally of their own, shifting the momentum towards themselves. Junior James Ward led the way with a long string of serves before having to roll the ball under the net. Never trailing in the set, the Irish closed it with a win, 25-19.

For the first three games, starting middle blocker Joe O'Connell provided firepower at the net, keeping the Spartans on their toes, prior to his night-ending knee injury suffered during the third game.

The team, however, didn't miss a beat as Tim Goldsmith jumped in to keep the set close. Untimely errors eventually caused the game to slip away for the Irish, resulting in a 25-22 loss.

With the Spartans one set away from sealing the match, the Irish held their ground.

The set was tied at its midway point until the Spartans made a surge forward and the Irish found themselves in a four-point hole.

Freshman Alex Lewis entered the game and provided the spark for Notre Dame, leading the Irish on an 8-2 run, that resulted in a 25-23 win for the Irish.

Just as the previous year, The Battle in The House of Noise went into a fifth and decisive set to 15. Behind the attacking of outside hitter Dan Zibton, the Irish jumped to an early lead.

However, the lead quickly faded as the Spartans rattled off eight consecutive points. Though the Irish picked up their play and ended the rally, it was too little, too late as the Irish lost the final set, 9-15.

Bowling

Notre Dame hosted the

annual Blue and Gold Classic at Beacon Bowl this weekend. The event is one of the largest national collegiate tournaments, with sixty-eight teams participating. Of those teams, 44 are men's and 22 are women's squads.

The tournament featured the defending NCAA National Men's Champion Saginaw Valley State, and defending Women's National Champion, Lindenwood, as well as many other top teams in the country.

The men's event was won by Saginaw Valley State. The entire Saginaw Valley State team averaged over 200 for nine games. Lindenwood, Purdue, Wichita State, and Morehead State rounded out the men's top five.

High game scores for the men's event included games of 286, 284, and 278.

Wichita State captured the women's championship, with

their top bowler averaging 201.

Lindenwood, Newman, Morehead State and Purdue completed the women's top five.

Jim Talamo paced the Irish with a 184.9 average, a 208 high game, and a 1664 total for nine games. This was good for 69th place in a field of 296 in the men's competition.

Pavan Sadarangani rolled five games for a 166.6 average, and posted the high game score for the Irish, at 224. Kim Lavigne averaged 164.6 with a 211 high game, while Nick Manieri totaled 1237 for eight games, a 154.6 average. Adam Lacock was just behind with a 152.2 average.

James Breen rolled an 819 total for six games, and freshman Ryan Pantanges chipped in with a 470 total in his four games.

Peters

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pens I think their best bet is to probably just hold on to those they already have."

National Signing Day is Feb. 7, at which time players can sign binding letters of intent.

Defenders with current offers from Notre Dame include cornerback Ronald Johnson of Michigan, safety Major Wright of Florida and safety Michael McNeil of Alabama.

Notre Dame's best chance at a late pickup may be in Wright, who attends the high school of current Irish freshmen offensive linemen Dan Wenger and Sam Young.

But stealing a prospect from another school might be even easier. Frank said Notre Dame offered a scholarship to Brian Smith, a 6-foot-2 linebacker from Kansas who committed to Iowa in December. Smith's father, Chris, played at Notre Dame.

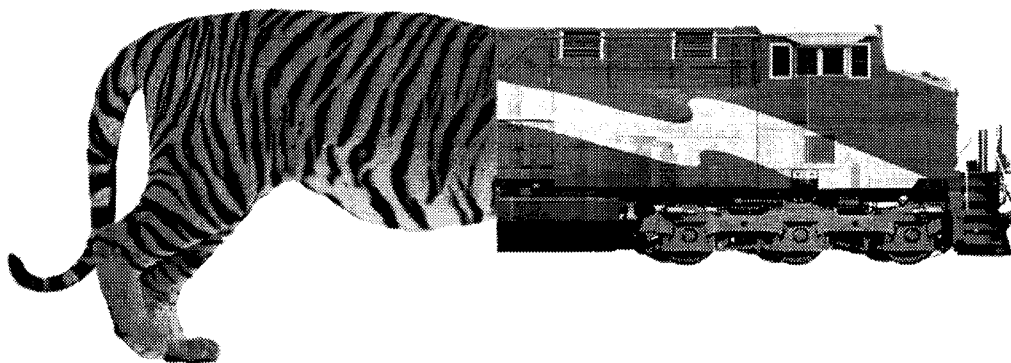
"He's always wanted to go to Notre Dame, and whether that happens or not, we'll still find out," Frank said. "I think that they've got a shot to get him."

Frank said the Irish are also hoping to take Ohio kicker Brandon Walker away from Louisville. Walker is expected to visit Notre Dame this weekend.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

On the road, again

Irish looking for first win at Syracuse in over two seasons

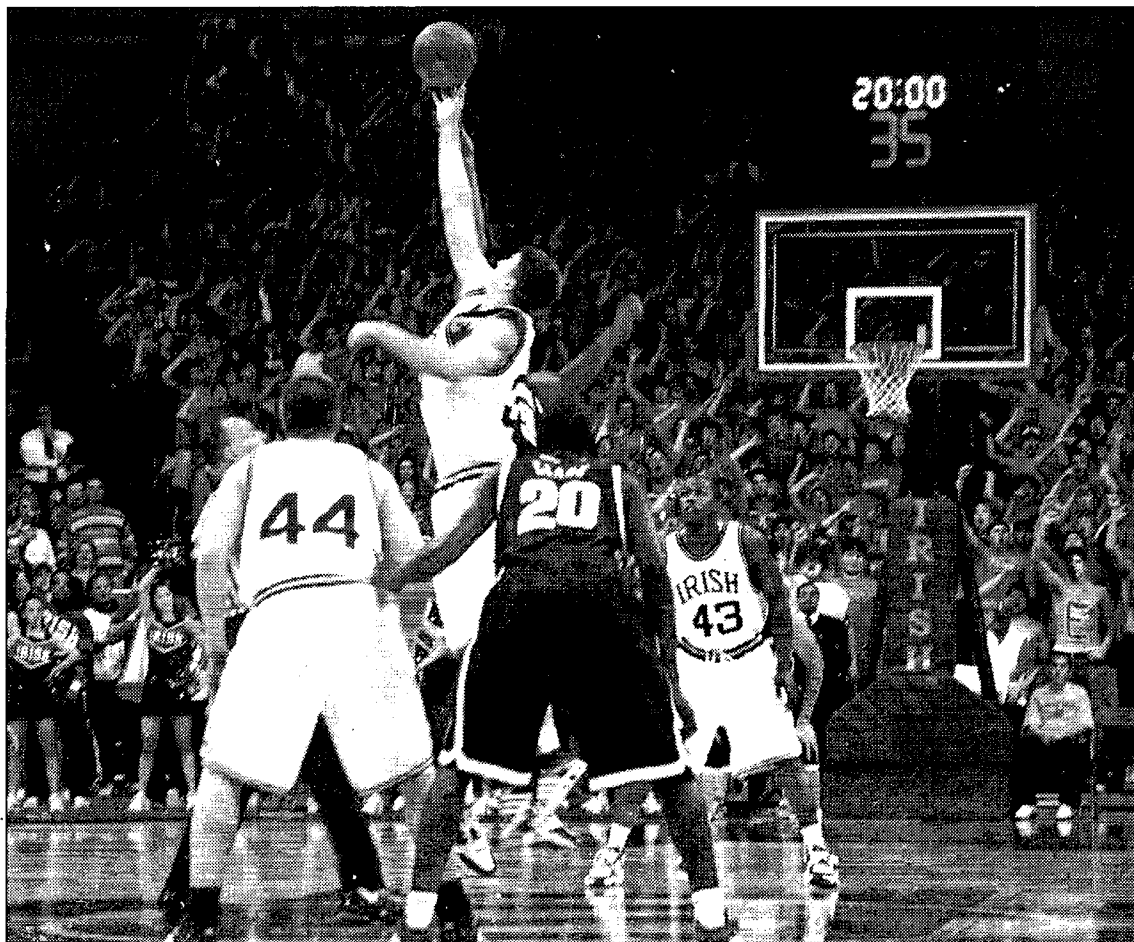
By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Nos. 19/21 Notre Dame hasn't won a true road game this season. It hasn't won at Syracuse since 2004, and hasn't won two games in a row in two weeks.

Coach Mike Brey's squad will try to break all those streaks tonight when it takes on the Orange in the Carrier Dome at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame (17-4, 5-3 Big East) moved into a tie for fourth in the conference with a 66-63 win over Villanova Saturday. Brey said the low-scoring, physical game with the Wildcats will help the young Irish against Syracuse and its aggressive 2-3 zone defense.

"It was important to us to muck one out like that," Brey said. "It's a step forward for this group."



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Irish forward Rob Kurz, top, wins the opening tipoff as Luke Harangody, front, Russell Carter and Wildcat forward Shane Clark look on in Notre Dame's 66-63 over Villanova Saturday.

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HOCKEY COMMENTARY

Icers at top of sport's elite teams

Only a Brady Quinn pass over Juniper Road away from where one Irish team struggles to win big games, another Notre Dame

team has created a cocktail so strong it crushes top opponents flatter than a Tie Dye roundhouse — and it's on the rocks.

The Irish hockey team — elevated to No. 2 in the country when the polls were

released Monday — defeated its sixth ranked team of the year this weekend with a win and tie at home against No. 8 Miami and improved its record to 9-1-1 against the country's elite.

But the history and tradition-bereft Irish icers haven't become this season's 'Where the hell did they come from?' storyline on



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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Notre Dame loses battle for recruit

By KEN FOWLER
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Four days after star defensive end Justin Trattou decommitted to Notre Dame and announced he would instead play football at Florida, the Irish saw another defensive line prospect go elsewhere.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday that 6-foot-3, 255-pound defensive end Jason Peters of Baton Rouge committed to coach Chan Gailey and Georgia Tech. Peters visited Louisiana State, Oklahoma and Florida this weekend before deciding on the Yellow Jackets, the Journal-Constitution reported.

Peters was one of the few remaining targets on Notre Dame's board, although nabbing the Catholic Junior High School product from the South seemed unlikely.

"He was a guy that they

recruited for a while and seemed like he was interested," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, a member of the Scout.com network. "But for whatever reason, he didn't seem to have an interest in visiting here. ... They came on a little late for him."

Notre Dame has offered scholarships to several other players, but it is believed that Peters was the last defensive lineman with such an offer — though Irish coach Charlie Weis could make last-minute offers.

"I'm not sure they'll go after another defensive end, to be honest with you," Frank said. "I think they'll just kind of stick with what they've got. You just can't overcome not having a relationship with guys."

"I think they'll probably just wait it out and see what happens."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish perfect against the Hoosiers

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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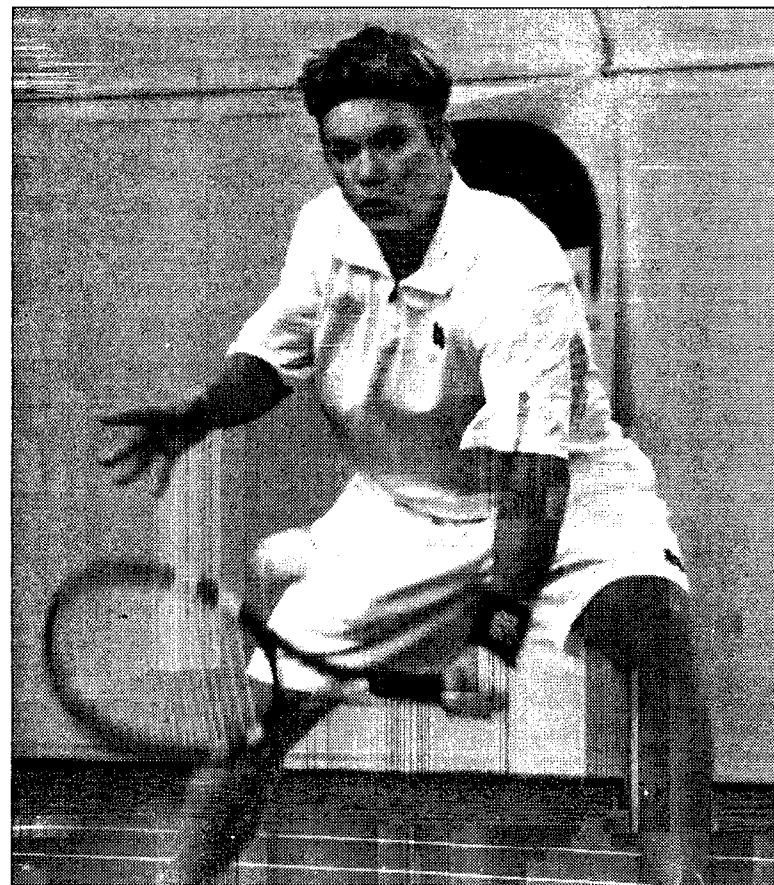
Monday's match against Indiana was a night of comebacks.

Notre Dame jumped out early and never slowed down, blanking the visiting Hoosiers 7-0.

Notre Dame took the early 1-0 lead by sweeping doubles play 3-0. Doubles team Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Keckley lost its first set to fall behind by one but quickly rallied to a 3-1 lead and finished with an 8-3 win. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson had no trouble defeating Indiana's David Bubenick and Thomas Rickter 8-5. Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth followed with an 8-4 win at third singles.

The Irish came out of doubles play with a 1-0 lead and continued to challenge the Hoosiers in singles play.

"It really helps to open up singles play with the dou-



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Notre Dame's Andrew Roth returns a ball during a match in Monday's shutout of Indiana.

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