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Apartments hit by burglaries over break

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Several student apartments in the College Park complex were broken into between Dec. 19 and Dec. 31 while tenants were away on winter break.

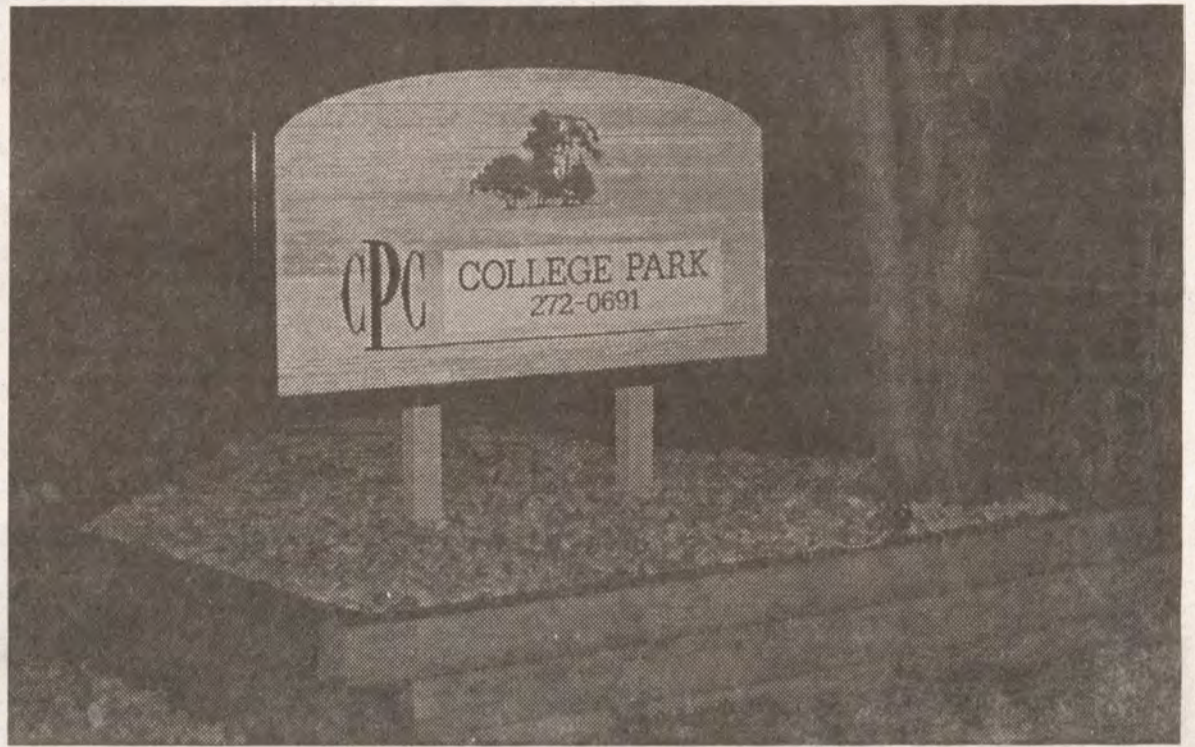
The burglar entered through the front door of several of the units between 18115 and 18121 Bulla Road, and broke through the fire-wall in a closet to access adjacent apartments through the attic, reported The South Bend Tribune. Several items were reported stolen when the students returned to their apartments last week, includ-

ing laptop computers, video gaming systems and DVDs.

Students were informed of the break-ins through notes left in their apartments, which stated that any damage sustained had been fixed, said tenant Molly Walsh.

"I got a phone call from my boyfriend over break — that's how I found out," Walsh said. "We didn't get any calls from College Park or the police, and I think we should have, just to let us know what's going on, and even though it's not really their responsibility, I think they could have had somebody patrolling the area while we were gone," she

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SCOTT BRODFUEHRER/The Observer

College Park Apartments, located on Bulla Road, experienced several break-ins during the holiday break. The complex is a popular choice for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

LeMay succumbs to cancer

Former English professor passes away at 67

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Albert LeMay, a long-time member of the Notre Dame faculty, died Dec. 10 in Memorial Hospital after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

LeMay was a professor of English and directed the undergraduate foreign study program in Puebla, Mexico until May 2003.



LeMay

He also served as the program coordinator for the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies until 1999 and was actively involved with the South Bend Housing Authority for a number of years.

"He was an extraordinary person and one of the most generous and caring people I have ever known," said Scott Mainwaring, director of the Kellogg Institute and friend of LeMay for nearly 20 years.

LeMay's position at the Kellogg Institute provided him with an opportunity to work closely with visiting national and international fellows, predominantly from the United States and Latin America. He also worked with guest schol-

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ND student meets Bush through book drive

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

Notre Dame freshman Nina Pressly never imagined that a project she began five years ago to distribute books to schools in Palm Beach, Fla. would one day lead to meeting President Bush.

Pressly first considered donating her books at the age of 14 as she was cleaning childhood books out



Pressly

of her room. After contacting the volunteer coordinator for the Palm Beach County School District, Pressly decided to give her books to local elementary schools. Eventually, Pressly's idea turned into a project fulfilling the 100-hour community service requirement for her high school, enticing other students to participate, as well.

"I enjoyed the fact that I was actually helping people," she said.

As Pressly broadened the scope of her project to include more schools, the demand for book donations became increasingly hard to meet. She exhausted the book collections of her friends, neighbors and

relatives, and had to find other sources of supply. Pressly wrote letters to book publishers asking them to send her books to give to school children, the majority of whom came from low-income households.

Publishers Scholastic, Random House, Simon and Schuster, Rigby, and Charlesbridge responded to Pressly's request by delivering numerous shipments of brand-new books to her home.

"I didn't think that I was going to get much of a response [from publishers], but then every day I would come home from school and there were two or three boxes [of books] from them," she

said. With the help of publishers, family and friends, Pressly has already donated over 10,000 books to children. The amount of energy and time Pressly devoted to her project led to her receiving the Point of Light Award in 2002 from Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

It was this contact with the governor that initially gave Pressly a chance to meet the President. Knowing that Laura Bush is an advocate of literacy programs, an official from Governor Bush's office contacted Pressly to ask if she would be interested in greeting the President upon his Jan.

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Foreign students face increased customs security

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

A new security screening process was launched Monday in an effort to keep terrorists from entering the United States, requiring international travelers to be digitally fingerprinted and photographed as they pass through customs.

The new program, named U.S.-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, allows federal authorities to keep track of foreign visitors, mostly tourists, students or business travelers. Fingerprints and photographs are put into a law-enforcement database that eventually will allow users to view photos of visa holders and ensure they match the person who is seeking to

enter the country. The travel data is supposed to be securely stored within the Department of Homeland Security and made available only to authorized officials.

An estimated 24 million international travelers enter the United States each year. The new \$820 million program, which is in place at 14 seaports and 115 major airports, allows customs and immigration officials to check passengers instantly against terrorist watch lists and a national criminal database.

According to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, the goal of the pro-

gram is to "make sure our borders are open to visitors but closed to terrorists." The new security should allow customs and border officials to "focus on 'at-risk' travelers while speeding the entry of everyone else," Ridge said.

Notre Dame junior Gabe Letona encountered the new screening process when he returned to South Bend from his native Guatemala following a semester abroad.

Like other international travelers, Letona was digitally fingerprinted on both his left and right index finger, and then photographed by a small, eyeball-sized camera as he passed through customs.

"Security didn't really take any longer than it normally does," Letona said. "Customs officials were really strict about having all of your paper work completely filled out, but it didn't really seem like it was causing any big delays."

Many international travelers anticipated major delays as a result of the new screening process, but reports from the Department of Homeland Security indicate that the added security only adds 10 to 15 extra seconds onto the current security procedures.

"I think that the added security is a good thing," Letona said. "I'm sure a lot of people might feel like it's an infringement on their rights, but I feel more secure now than I did before."

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INSIDE COLUMN

CORE deserves a chance

So now they've decided to cut the Core program, and I'm sorry to see it go.

The idea behind Core is that of a "liberal" education. Not liberal in the political sense, of course, but in the sense of "freeing" the student from the blunders that a professional degree or overspecialization can easily impose.

Matthew Smedberg

News Wire Editor

In the propaganda that Arts and Letters spreads around to all who will listen, the trumpet of "liberal arts" is blown constantly. However, it seems that, where the rubber meets the road, the College thinks nothing of getting rid of the last place on campus where students are required to think over and discuss contemporary, real-life issues without the comfort of choosing the discourse they will be discussed in. Core, when taught well — and it was taught well in at least a few sections, including mine — forced a student out of his comfort zone. And, in some ways, this uncomfortable place where Core places you is the only place where genuine learning can occur.

I've heard all the complaints, just like you have. I even have a fairly good sense of why Core, of all the classes that the University offers, spawns so many disgruntled students. Calculus and Organic Chemistry are supposed to be hard courses, taught by professors whose third language is English and who come from a culture where questions are discouraged. Students come to college knowing, many of them, that they will need to slog through classes like that. What's not on their list of expectations, however, is taking what essentially comes to an interdisciplinary literature course, taught — or "facilitated" — by a professor who often is reading the course books for the first time himself, who feels that his time would be better spent doing research in his own field and who desperately wishes he had tenure so that he could pull rank on some adjunct professor and force her to teach the course instead.

I readily admit that, in a situation where the professor does not want to be there, and the students have been convinced that the course is a colossal bad idea right from freshman orientation, there is little that anyone can do to rescue the boat before it sinks.

But this does not diminish how saddened I am that the College has chosen to abandon its single biggest commitment to broad education. Is it really an argument against having a requirement like Core that neither professors nor students wish to stretch their minds around ideas that are not part of their own discipline? Is this not precisely what Core is for: presenting the academy with a chance to break out of the stagnant patterns of thinking which we all are likely to fall into as we specialize into our respective fields? This University owes it to every student that they be challenged to expand their intellectual horizons; and in giving Core the axe I say they have reneged on that debt.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW IS YOUR SCHEDULE THIS SEMESTER?



Andy Crutchfield
freshman Siegfried

"Better than last semester."



Caitlin Evans
sophomore Lewis

"Um ..."



Jill Daughtery
grad student off-campus

"Last one!"



Megan Smith
senior Pasquerilla West

"It's all locked in my head."



Rachel Meeks
freshman McGlenn

"Good."



Steven Kurtz
freshman Keough

"It's only the first day."



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Students adjust to the new semester by reviewing coursework between classes in a LaFortune lounge.

OFFBEAT

Bunless burgers

CHICAGO — It has come to this in America: Burgers are losing their buns.

Some of them, at least. Burger King's rollout of breadless Whoppers this week is a nod to the low-carb craze that's sweeping the nation — and the latest evidence that the burger wars are taking a turn for the healthy.

Smaller chains Hardee's and Carl's Jr. dumped the bread from some hamburgers last month, going lettuce-wrapped instead, and TGI Friday's restaurant has started serving a bunless cheeseburger, too.

Burger-lovers will have

the last say, and experts say the bun shouldn't be written off from restaurants' regular fare, much less from its place in modern American food lore.

"This won't be a big segment of the [burger] market," predicted Jerry McVety, a foodservice industry consultant based in Farmington Hills, Mich. "I don't see it lasting very long."

Pilot arrested for obscene gesture

SAO PAULO, Brazil — An American Airlines pilot was arrested by federal police Wednesday after making an obscene gesture when

being photographed at the airport as part of a newly imposed entry requirement for U.S. citizens, federal police said.

The pilot, Dale Robbin Hirsh, lifted his middle finger while undergoing the new security process, said Francisco Baltazar da Silva, chief of Sao Paulo's federal police.

Police accused the pilot of showing contempt to authorities, a crime in Brazil, and escorted him to a nearby federal courthouse for possible formal charges.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Dance the night away at Legend's Nightclub Dancing tonight through Saturday from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m.

The Student Activities Office is sponsoring Open Billiards from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. tonight through Saturday at ND Express in the LaFortune Student Center.

The Joyce Ice Arena will host a College Student Skate this Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a \$3 skate rental fee.

Flipside will sponsor a night of bowling at the Beacon Bowl on Friday. Buses will leave the Library Circle at 9:30 p.m.

The band "Kennedy's Kitchen" will perform Friday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Legends. Come enjoy this seven piece Irish band, and be prepared to dance.

Sign up at RecSports for a cross-country ski clinic to be held Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. located in the old golf pro shop of the Rockne Memorial. The pro shop will also hold an open house at that time.

The Center for Social Concerns will hold an interviewing workshop for students applying for this summer's service programs. The workshop will take place Jan. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the CSC building.

Come check out service and social action opportunities at the Social Concerns Festival Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

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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STUDENT SENATE

Members approve Chin as VP

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

At its first meeting of the semester Wednesday night, the Student Senate unanimously approved Emily Chin as the new student body vice president.

In his letter to the Senate nominating Chin, student body president Jeremy Lao, who took over the position upon the early graduation of former president Pat Hallahan in December, said that he has "100 percent confidence that she will do an excellent job next semester as student body vice president."

Chin will now assume her duties as vice president, which include presiding over the meetings of the Senate.

In response to her approval, Chin said, "I am very excited, and I'm looking forward to utilizing Senate's potential and making it more of a voice for

the students."

To replace her as chief of staff, Chin nominated Pat Corker, director of communications for the Office of the President. Corker was also approved unanimously by the Senate.

Furthermore, senators also approved the 2004 "The Shirt" president, sophomore Katie Crossin.

Last year's "The Shirt" president Dave Brenner nominated Crossin in a letter to the Senate saying "she possesses the enthusiasm, knowledge and forward thinking necessary to confront challenges and achieve goals. She will be able to take The Shirt Project to

the next level."

Crossin attended the meeting to introduce herself to Senators and said she felt prepared to take on the challenges of the project.

When asked if she had any changes to the project under consideration, Crossin said, "There will be changes to the project — there are changes every year." Specifically, she mentioned a possible addition to The Shirt's distribution process, saying they may also be available through the residence halls next fall.

"I am very excited, and I'm looking forward to utilizing Senate's potential and making it more of a voice for the students."

Emily Chin
student body vice president

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Faculty rank fifth in national fellowships

Arts and Letters faculty earn 49 fellowships in past four years according to ISLA survey

Special to the Observer

Faculty in the College of Arts and Letters are among the nation's leading recipients of national fellowships in the humanities, arts and social sciences, according to an analysis conducted by the University's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA).

In the past four years, 49 fellowships were awarded to Notre Dame scholars by 16 of the funding agencies used by the National Research Council in its rankings for the humanities. Only four other universities earned more: the University of California, Berkeley, 62; Princeton University, 56; the University of Chicago, 54; and the University of Michigan, 51.

ment is a tribute to the quality of our faculty and the unique support structures offered by the College's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts," said Mark Roche, I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College.

Notre Dame has received 16 fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1999, more than for any other university in the nation. Other agencies that have awarded multiple fellowships to Notre Dame faculty are the American Council for Learned Societies, seven; the Guggenheim and Fulbright Foundations and the National Humanities Center, five; the Newberry Library, three; and the Humboldt Foundation, two.

The ISLA survey is a comparison of the top 25 national research universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

"This outstanding achievement is a tribute to the quality of our faculty and the unique support structures offered by the College's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts."

Mark Roche
dean of the College of Arts and Letters

Noted poet to visit ND campus

Special to The Observer

Poet Sherman Alexie, four-time winner of the World Heavyweight Championship Poetry Bout, will present a lecture Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

Presented by Notre Dame's

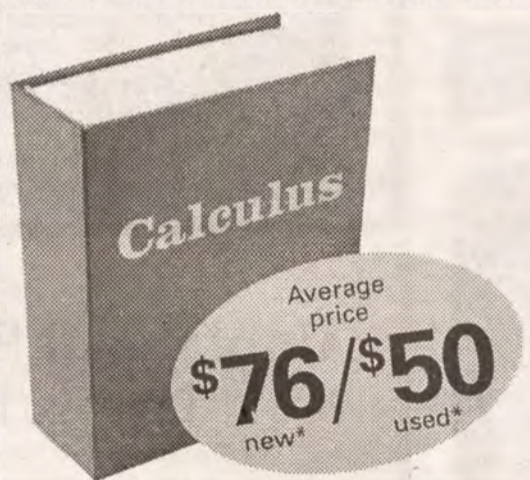
Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services as part of its Fine Arts Lecture Series, the event is free and open to the public.

A Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian from Wellpinit, Wash., Alexie is the author of numerous works, including "The Business of Fancydancing," "Old

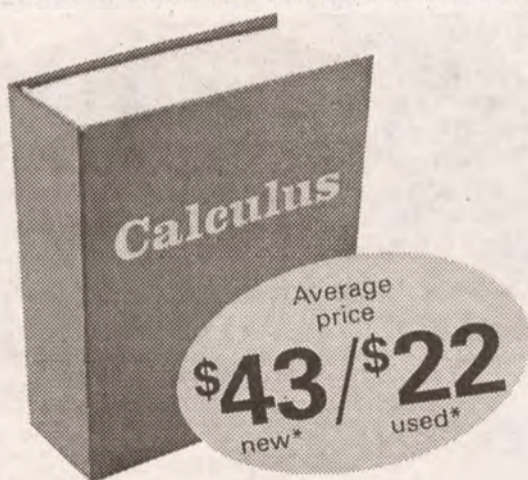
Shirts & New Skins" and "The Summer of Black Widows." He wrote the screenplay for "Smoke Signals," which was the first feature film produced, written and directed by Native Americans and won the Audience Award and Filmmaker's Trophy at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival.

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Security

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However, while he did understand that the new process has been put into place to protect the United States, he did express that he now felt like he was the one who security was targeting.

"I'd feel more secure if I was an American, if it was my country," Letona said.

"It made me realize that the security is to protect the United States more than me, but I understand why they are doing it."

The changes come as the United States has entered a third consecutive week on high alert for terrorism, resulting in especially tightened security around foreign flights.

Since New Year's Eve, terrorist threats and security threats have grounded or cancelled fourteen flights on British Airways, Aero Mexico and Air France.

The only exceptions to the new screening process are travelers from Canada who present proof of citizenship and Mexican citizens who are able to obtain a permit for stays up to three days. Also granted exception are

travelers from the 27 European nations whose citizens are allowed to stay in the United States for up to 90 days without a visa, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Japan.

While only the Baltimore-Washington International Airport has a system to track foreigners as they leave the country, the framework is in place to ensure that all airports will have the system by the end of the year.

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9 arrival in Palm Beach County for an election campaign fundraiser. Pressly joined government officials from Florida, including state senators and representatives in welcoming President Bush.

"It was a little intimidating at first, but they were really nice people and very funny," she said.

Pressly said that she never expected such an honor to come with the program she began. She was enthusiastic to meet the president, even though her time with him was short.

"It was surreal," Pressly said of the experience.

Pressly hopes to start a sim-

ilar program at Notre Dame and has already contacted people at the Center for Social Concerns. As for the project she began in her hometown, it was taken over by a group of high school sophomores who hope to build upon Pressly's work.

"It was a little intimidating at first, but they were really nice people and very funny."

Nina Pressly
freshman

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Burglary

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said.

Paramount Management, the first-year management company for College Park, did have a security patrol earlier in the year after a similar robbery, but the patrol was stopped after no further incidents were reported, property manager Louann Susan said.

"Right now, it looks as if there's going to be [a patrol] over spring break. It's hard to control any large residence area like College Park, but we're currently working on other options to see how we can make the complex's security better," Susan said.

There are no suspects in the case, in part because many victims have yet to contact police, said St. Joseph County Police Department spokeswoman Jaimee Thirion.

"There were seven initial reports, but as of yet, nobody has called us to say 'We're missing this,' so it's been difficult to pin down the exact

nature of the crime," she said.

Despite the incident, students said they are still comfortable with the safety of the College Park complex.

"I don't really feel less safe, and I don't think it'll happen again, and nothing's ever been taken while students have been there," Walsh said. "It's a shame that this happened, but [College Park] is still a good apartment complex."

Senior Meghan Kelly, whose apartment was not burglarized, expressed similar sentiment.

"I wasn't really shocked," she said of the break-ins, adding that they did not affect her feeling of security in the complex.

"I guess it's kind of always in the back of my mind ... I make sure the doors are locked when I'm home alone, but it's not something that I worry about," Kelly said.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

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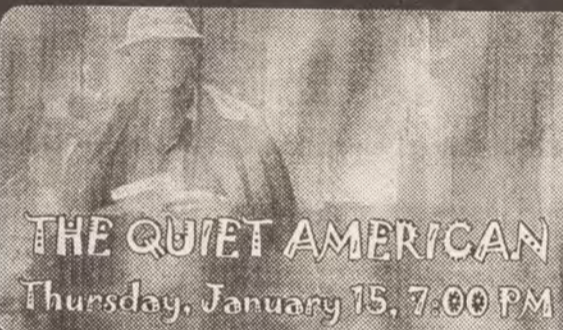
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female suicide bomber kills 4

ERETZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip — A Palestinian blew herself up Wednesday at the Israel-Gaza border, killing three Israeli soldiers and a private security guard and signaling a new tactic by Hamas militants, who had never before dispatched a female suicide bomber.

Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin said the use of a woman was unique for the Islamic group, but holy war "is an obligation of all Muslims, men and women."

Israel said it would temporarily close the crossing to Palestinians, preventing thousands of workers from reaching an Israeli-Palestinian industrial zone that is one of the last vestiges of cooperation between the two peoples after more than three years of violence.

Libya ratifies ban on nuke tests

VIENNA, Austria — In a new signal that Libya is serious about renouncing its weapons of mass destruction, U.N. officials said Wednesday the North African country has ratified the nuclear test ban treaty.

Libya's nuclear program was far from producing a weapon and the treaty is 12 nations short of the 44 ratifications needed for it to enter into force. Still, the announcement by the U.N. agency overseeing the agreement appeared to be a further sign of commitment by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to give up nuclear weapons ambitions.

The Vienna-based agency — known as the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Organization — said that in ratifying the pact earlier this month, Libya agreed to host a monitoring station at Misratah.

NATIONAL NEWS

Powell: Increase indecency fines

WASHINGTON — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell said Wednesday he wants a tenfold increase in the fines that can be imposed on broadcasters for indecent programming.

The current maximum levy is \$27,500, which Powell said is "peanuts" for big media companies.

Powell's proposal, which needs congressional approval, comes amid continued criticism of the FCC for a ruling last October that an expletive uttered by the musician Bono on a network TV program was not indecent because it was used as an adjective rather than to describe a sex act.

Feds to overhaul drug tests

NEW YORK — The federal government is planning to overhaul its employee drug testing program to include scrutiny of workers' hair, saliva and sweat, a shift that could spur more businesses to revise screening for millions of their own workers.

The planned changes, long awaited by the testing industry, reflect government efforts to be more precise in its drug screening and to outmaneuver a small but growing subset of workers who try to cheat on urine-based tests.

LOCAL NEWS

Committee OKs gambling bill

INDIANAPOLIS — A House committee Wednesday approved a bill that would allow 5,000 electronic slot-like gambling machines in two Indiana horse racing tracks and two off-track betting parlors.

The financially struggling state could pull down \$93 million from the machines, according to the racing industry. Counties and local governments could share \$66 million.

The bill cleared by the House Public Policy Committee would permit 1,000 machines at Hoosier Park in Anderson and 1,000 machines at Indiana Downs in Shelby County. Off-track betting parlors in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne could each have up to 1,500 machines.

Bush: Return to moon by 2020

President plans to scrap shuttle, establish moon base, send astronauts to Mars

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, envisioning "new journeys to the worlds beyond our own," unveiled a plan Wednesday to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond on missions sure to cost hundreds of billions of dollars and stretch the bounds of technology. He called for a manned lunar landing as early as 2015.

Bush's election-year initiative represents the boldest space goals since John F. Kennedy laid the groundwork for the Apollo program that landed Americans on the moon in 1969.

Intended to inject new life into a space program shattered by last year's loss of the Columbia shuttle and its crew of seven, Bush's proposal faces tough questions in Congress. Many Democrats say the administration should take care of problems at home before setting its sights on costly space initiatives, particularly in the face of budget deficits of about \$500 billion.

Some scientists say it would be more efficient and less expensive to use robotic spacecraft instead of manned missions. Bush's father proposed a Mars mission in 1989, but it collapsed when cost estimates hit \$400 billion to \$500 billion.

In a speech at NASA's headquarters, Bush laid out a timetable for robotic missions to the moon no later than 2008, the first manned flight of a new spacecraft by 2014 and a manned lunar mission as early as 2015 and no later than 2020.

The president did not set a deadline for reaching Mars, and NASA Director Sean O'Keefe, briefing reporters later, said the timing of the mission would depend on the results of studies on the effects of space travel on humans.

Bush said the moon, with a gravity pull one-sixth



President George W. Bush speaks Wednesday at NASA headquarters in Washington. Bush outlined a broad proposal for the future of U.S. manned space flight, including missions to the moon and Mars.

that of Earth, could be the launching pad for "human missions to Mars and to worlds beyond." He said his goal was to "extend a human presence across our solar system."

Bush's speech put him in the political spotlight in the runup to Monday's Iowa caucus battle among Democrats who want his job. It was the president's second headline-grabbing announcement in recent days, after his immigration proposal last week.

In vivid terms, Bush portrayed the nation's space program — with its three shuttles grounded by the Columbia accident — as at a standstill. "In the past 30 years, no human being has set foot on another world or ventured farther up into space than 386 miles, roughly the distance from Washington, D.C., to Boston, Mass.," Bush said.

In terms of the cost, Bush gave an estimate only for the initial downpayment on his space plan. He said it would cost \$12 billion over the next five years, but only \$1 billion in new funds. The remainder would come from money reallocated under NASA's five-year budget.

Thus, it would be for

Bush's successors to figure out how to finance the costliest part of the plan.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who flew on a space shuttle in 1986, questioned whether \$1 billion in extra funding would be enough. "You can't go to the moon by 2014 with that," Nelson said.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Bush's plan faces strong scrutiny. "As we go forward with any initiative we have to examine our priorities," she said. "We have serious challenges here on Earth."

In his speech, Bush got a high-tech introduction from a beamed video image of astronaut Michael Foale, aboard the International Space Station 240 miles above the Earth.

"I know that I'm just one chapter in an ongoing story of discovery," said Foale, making his sixth trip into space. In the NASA audience sat Eugene A. Cernan, commander of the last Apollo mission to the moon in December 1972, the last man to leave his footprint on the lunar surface.

Bush brushed aside arguments that robotic

exploration should replace human missions.

"The human thirst for knowledge ultimately cannot be satisfied by even the most vivid pictures or the most detailed measurements," Bush said. "We need to see and examine and touch for ourselves."

An AP-Ipsos poll out Monday found the public evenly split on Bush's plan to build a long-term base on the moon and eventually send astronauts to Mars. That's similar to the way Americans felt more than 35 years ago about the first efforts to land men on the moon.

The poll found that just over half said it would be better to spend the money on programs like education and health care rather than on space research.

"Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn to unknown lands and across the open sea," Bush said. "We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit. So let us continue the journey."

Under Bush's plan, the shuttle fleet would be retired by the end of the decade.

Braun to quit race, endorse Dean

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, whose Democratic presidential campaign never got off the ground, will drop out of the race and endorse front-runner Howard Dean, campaign officials said Wednesday.

Officials close to Dean's campaign confirmed that they expected Braun to officially endorse the former Vermont governor Thursday in Carroll. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Dean's campaign spokeswoman declined to comment when asked about the report.

The officials said Braun approached Dean after a recent debate and told him she was considering leaving the race and backing him.

One of two black candidates in the race, Braun is giving Dean her endorsement even as he has faced questions about his record on race issues, including his lack of minority Cabinet members during his five terms as Vermont governor.

Braun jumped to Dean's defense in a debate last Sunday when Al Sharpton accused the former governor of trivializing race issues.

Braun never broke out of single digits in national surveys, didn't qualify for several state ballots and ran up thousands of dollars in campaign debt. Even her own campaign manager, Patricia Ireland, had said publicly there was no way Braun could win the nomination.

She leaves the race after making no impact on it, except for some bright moments in the presidential debates.

LeMay

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ars and graduate students affiliated with the program.

LeMay's popularity within the Institute earned him the nickname "Mr. Kellogg" among colleagues. The Albert H. LeMay Undergraduate Summer Research Grant was established in October of 2002 in his honor.

Mainwaring attributed LeMay's success at the Institute and in teaching to his enthusiasm and interest in students.

"I think he was passionately committed to Notre Dame, and his students loved him," he said.

LeMay was born in Woonsocket, R.I., in 1936. He graduated from Providence College in 1959 and went on to earn a master's degree from Middlebury College in 1960 and a Ph.D from Indiana University in 1971. In addition to Notre Dame, LeMay also taught at Saint Mary's and Colgate University.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held on Dec. 13 at Saint Mary's Church of Loretto, and a memorial service at Notre Dame is tentatively planned for late January.

LeMay is survived by his wife Marcia and three children.

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South Korea foreign minister resigns

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's foreign minister resigned Thursday, a day after President Roh Moo-hyun accused ministry officials of criticizing his foreign policy.

Roh accepted Yoon Young-kwan's resignation, the president's office said without providing other details or indicating who would replace him.

Yoon said at a news conference that there had been "some differences in perspective" between members of his staff and members of Roh's National Security Council.

He said the Foreign Ministry should serve to implement president's policy. He acknowledged people were concerned about

remarks reportedly made by his officials and said he took the dispute "heavily" and was "sincerely sorry."

Yonhap news agency quoted Jeong Chan-yong, a personnel affairs staffer for Roh, as saying the foreign minister quit to take responsibility for failing to rein in the criticism by ministry officials.

Yoon's resignation came a day after Roh said he would transfer Foreign Ministry officials who criticized his foreign policy.

The identities of the officials or what they have said have not been disclosed.

Local media reports have said the foreign ministry officials were at odds with Roh over his policy toward the United States, although details of the dispute differ.

Daschle slams Medicare "propaganda"

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle accused the Bush administration Wednesday of sending seniors propaganda rather than explanations about changes in the Medicare program.

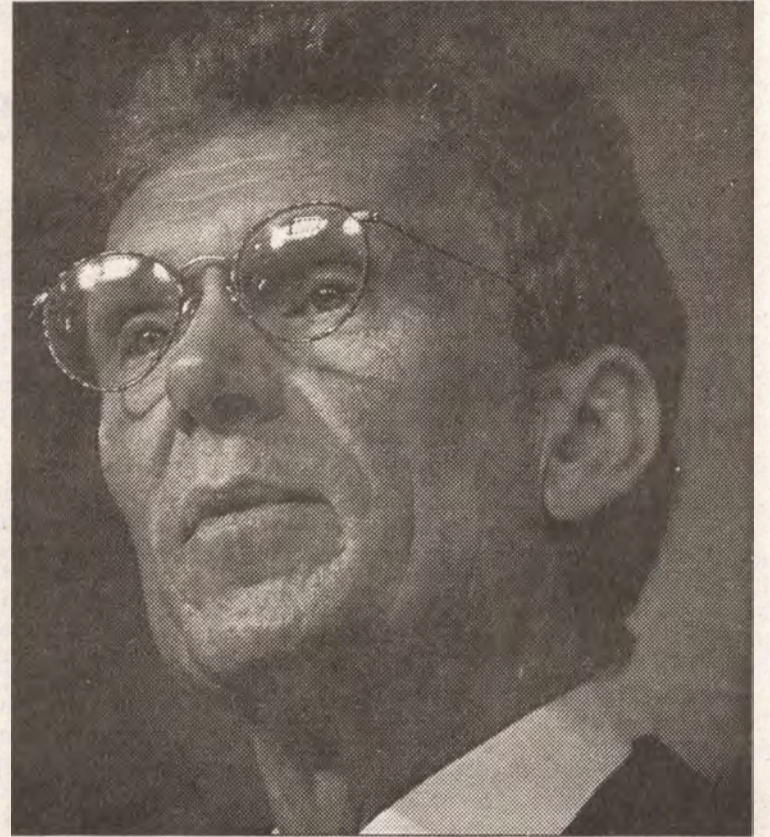
Daschle was reacting to a two-page fact sheet that Health and Human Services Department officials said would be the basis of a letter sent to 40 million older and disabled Americans who participate in the government health insurance program.

The material generally contains details about the Medicare drug discount card that will be available later this year and the prescription drug benefit that begins in 2006. The fact sheet begins, however, with a preamble that provoked Daschle's ire.

"Recently, President Bush and Congress worked together to pass a new law to bring people with Medicare more choices in health care coverage and better health care benefits," the fact sheet says. "This new law preserves and strengthens the current Medicare program."

Daschle, D-S.D., challenged just about every word in those sentences. "This is just a piece of propaganda that I believe has no business being paid for by the American taxpayer," he said from Sioux Falls, S.D., in an interview with several reporters.

Most Democrats fiercely opposed the legislation as too generous to drug companies and insurers and a threat to the Great Society-era Medicare program.



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle speaks on foreign policy in 2001. Daschle criticized the GOP Medicare plan yesterday.

Daschle and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., sent HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson a letter Wednesday asking him to provide the cost of the mailing and to obtain an independent evaluation of the letter before it is sent.

Daschle has been holding public meetings on Medicare across South Dakota this week. He said the vast majority of the 2,000 people who have attended oppose the new law. "There is extraordinary concern about this legis-

lation. Seniors are confused, they're scared and they're very disappointed," he said.

Republicans have complained that Democrats, among other opponents of the legislation, are largely responsible for seniors' negative views.

HHS spokesman Bill Pierce said the mailing would be straightforward. "It will be about what this program means to you," Pierce said. "The rhetoric out there is from those who continue to oppose the program."

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NASDAQ	2,111.13	+14.69	
NYSE	6,559.81	+50.36	
S&P 500	1,130.52	+9.30	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,863.00	0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	4,461.40	+21.30	
TREASURIES			
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SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	-0.73	-0.04	5.46
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	+2.51	+0.11	4.50
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.98	+0.27	27.70
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	+2.22	+0.07	3.23
COMMODITIES			
30-YEAR BOND	-1.17	-0.58	48.82
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.04	-0.42	39.86
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.61	-0.18	29.51
3-MONTH BILL	-0.46	-0.04	8.58
EXCHANGE RATES			
YEN			106.3
EURO			0.7908
POUND			0.5459
CANADIAN \$			1.291

IN BRIEF

Fed: U.S. economy gaining steam

WASHINGTON — A batch of new economic reports Wednesday provided fresh evidence that the U.S. economy is continuing to gain momentum, with an unexpectedly sharp narrowing of the trade deficit and a strengthening of business activity in most parts of the country as the new year began.

The Federal Reserve reported in a nationwide survey that the economy continued to rebound from late November to the early part of this year, with retailers reporting a boost from a late surge in holiday shopping and even growing signs that the nation's battered manufacturing sector was beginning to pull out of its steep nosedive.

Intel sales, earnings beat Street

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Intel Corp. posted better-than-expected profits and record revenue in the fourth quarter, a period marked by robust global demand for the company's computer chips in laptop, desktop and business machines.

The results offered strong vindication of Intel's decision to continue spending on research and equipment during the darkest months of the technology downturn. However, Intel's stock slid 3 percent after the report.

For the three months ended Dec. 27, Intel earned \$2.17 billion, or 33 cents a share, compared with \$1.05 billion, or 16 cents a share, in the fourth quarter of 2002.

KB Toys files for Chapter 11

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — KB Toys, a nationwide chain of 1,300 stores, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Wednesday, blaming the fierce holiday price wars.

The 80-year-old privately held business was hit hard by discounters, primarily Wal-Mart, during the Christmas shopping season.

KB Toys, with 13,000 employees nationwide, said it will look to close unprofitable stores and cut jobs — it would not say how many — and hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection before the 2004 holiday season.

A Chapter 11 filing enables a company to keep operating while it tries to put its finances in order.

Fastow and wife plead guilty

Former Enron CFO agrees to 10-year prison term, will help prosecutors in case

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) - Andrew Fastow, chief architect of the shady, off-the-books deals that brought down Enron, pleaded guilty along with his wife Wednesday in an agreement that could take prosecutors to the top of the corporate ladder at the scandal-ridden company.

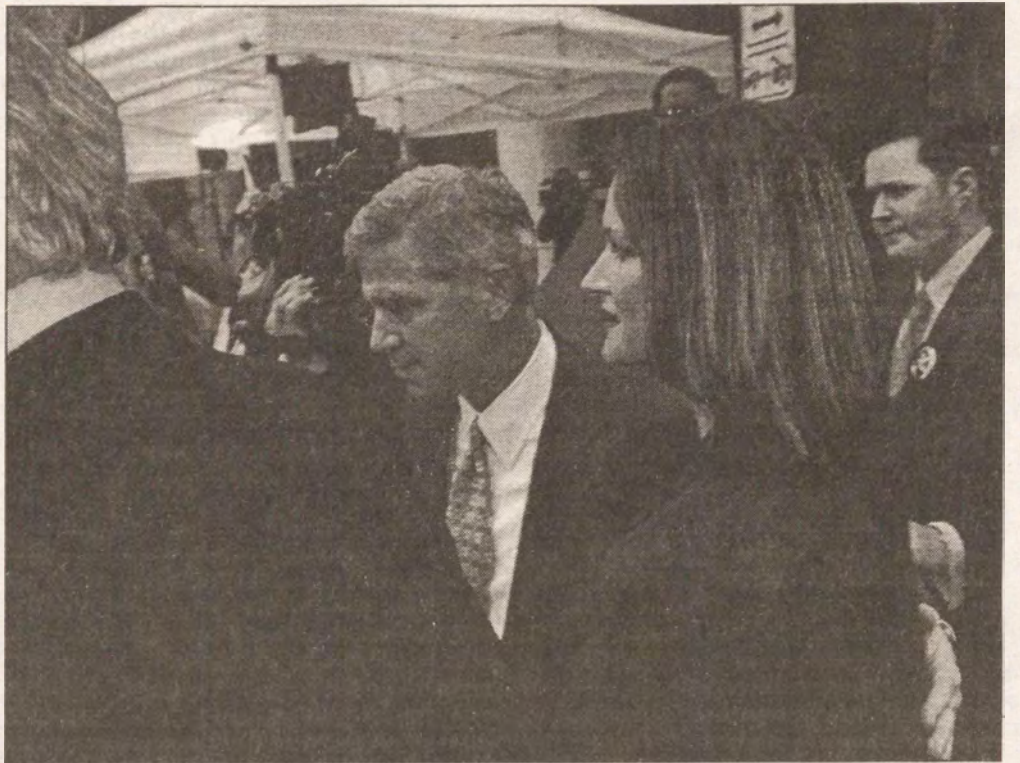
The plea bargains represent the biggest breakthrough yet in the two-year investigation into a scandal that led to the energy giant's collapse and rocked Wall Street and Washington alike.

Fastow, Enron's former finance chief, agreed to a 10-year prison sentence that will make him the highest-ranking executive to do time in the case. He also agreed to forfeit \$23.8 million and help the government build a case against the executives who once occupied Enron's most opulent top-floor office suites: former chairman Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

"I and other members of Enron senior management fraudulently manipulated Enron's publicly reported financial results," Fastow, 42, said in a statement filed with the plea agreement, adding that the purpose was to mislead investors and inflate the company's stock price and credit rating. He did not read the statement in court.

Fastow's wife, Lea, pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns related to Enron's ill-gotten gains. Lea Fastow, also 42, was Enron's assistant treasurer.

Andrew Fastow, clad in a gray suit, showed no emotion during the proceeding but flashed a smile afterward as he prepared to leave with his attorneys. He did not speak to reporters. His wife was not seen in the courtroom, though his parents and



Former Enron CFO Andrew Fastow, left, and his wife, Lea, leave the federal courthouse in Houston after agreeing to plea bargains. Andrew Fastow will serve a 10-year prison sentence for his involvement in securities and wire fraud.

brother sat in the packed gallery.

Without a plea, he would have gone to trial on 98 counts of fraud, money laundering, insider trading and other charges.

Prosecutors say Fastow masterminded a sea of partnerships and tangled financing deals that hid Enron debt and inflated company profits while funneling millions of dollars to him, his family and selected friends. The partnerships had names like LJM [the first initials of Fastow's wife and two sons] and Chewco [after the "Star Wars" character Chewbacca].

He pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit fraud — one covering the LJM partnership, the other involving transactions that Fastow used to pocket an estimated \$45 million.

"I also engaged in schemes to enrich myself and others at the expense of Enron's shareholders

and in violation of my duty of honest services to those shareholders," Fastow said.

Lea Fastow's deal calls for a five-month prison sentence and a year of supervised release, including five months of house arrest. But U.S. District Judge David Hittner will decide later whether to accept the sentencing deal. She still has the right to withdraw the plea.

The plea negotiations had stalled last week after Hittner refused to guarantee her a five-month prison sentence — a condition that Fastow's attorneys did not like.

The final deal calls for the same prison time, and Hittner still has the right to alter Lea Fastow's sentence, which the family insisted on to ensure that their two young sons have at least one parent at home.

"There really is life after Enron for all of us, we believe, and we're trying to

get through this process the best we can," said Lea Fastow's lawyer, Mike DeGeurin.

Some experts believe Andrew Fastow's plea could break open the case against Lay and Skilling.

"Unquestionably, this is the breakthrough that the government has been pursuing," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor and an expert in white-collar crime. "There is nobody besides Fastow who can make this case for the government and that's why they have been pursuing him for so long and so aggressively."

When asked if prosecutors expected more indictments, Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department unit investigating the company's downfall, did not answer directly.

"The investigation is very active and this is a significant development which I expect will yield results," Caldwell said.

Morgan to buy Bank One for \$58B

Associated Press

CHICAGO — In a blockbuster merger between two banking giants, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. struck a deal to buy Bank One Corp. for about \$58 billion, the companies announced Wednesday.

The merger would create a banking behemoth with assets of \$1.1 trillion and 2,300 branches in 17 states. Only Citigroup, with assets of about \$1.19 trillion, would be bigger if the deal is approved by regulators and shareholders.

"It's a blockbuster of a transaction," said analyst Denis Laplante, who covers Bank One for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc.

The agreement was unanimously approved by the boards of directors

of both companies, J.P. Morgan Chase and Bank One said in a joint announcement.

"This landmark transaction will create one of the world's great financial services companies — a powerful enterprise well-positioned to generate significant value for our shareholders, customers and communities," said J.P. Morgan chairman and CEO William B. Harrison.

Bank One CEO James Dimon, the former Citigroup president who took the helm of the Chicago-based company in 2000, said the merger "makes tremendous sense strategically, operationally and financially."

Harrison said the companies' integration plan calls for the elimination of as many as 10,000 jobs,

or about 7 percent of their combined U.S. work force of 145,000. Specific job cuts haven't been identified.

Bank One shareholders would receive 1.32 J.P. Morgan shares for each share they own. Based on J.P. Morgan's closing price of \$39.22 on Wednesday, the transaction would be worth about \$58 billion and create a company with a combined market capitalization of about \$130 billion. The premium paid for Bank One amounts to about 14 percent based on closing market prices.

J.P. Morgan, based in New York, has heavy involvement in volatile businesses such as investment banking and mortgages and stands to gain some stability by obtaining Bank One's retail franchise.

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Spring Cleaning

[WARNING: This article contains a generalization about men and women. In order to counteract the effects of this sexual stereotyping, we recommend that after you finish reading you should immediately spend at least five minutes picturing women performing jobs from which they have traditionally been excluded, such as marine, construction worker and male nurse. Note to guys: In order for this to work, it is essential that the women you imagine not be naked.]

I have a Thing living in my refrigerator. We'll come back to that in just a moment.

My roommate and I recently decided to clean our apartment. We do this — that is to say, we decide to clean — on a fairly regular basis. The novelty of our recent decision was that it was followed by actual cleaning.

I can't help thinking that we never would have allowed the apartment to reach the state it did if we had not both been men. It has been my experience that while men and women both distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable living conditions, the sexes draw the line of division at very different points. She asks, "Is this room clean?" He asks, "Is this room a biohazard?" Then he asks, "Well, how serious a biohazard?"

There's no doubt that by the time we decided to act, the apartment had reached an advanced state of deterioration. Before we began our Herculean task, the apartment had reached a point at which it made the Augean stables look like an operating theater. My own room had begun to bear an uncanny resemblance to the waste disposal room in the Death Star. I love Star Wars with all my

nerdy heart, so I actually quite enjoyed this for a while, but soon I began to suffer anxiety attacks and hallucinate that the walls were closing in on me.

Another clue that things had gotten out of control was the number of friends who started making excuses to avoid visiting us. Another was that those who did continue to accept dinner invitations started arriving in outfits which made them look as if they were about to perform some delicate operation on the core of a nuclear reactor.

The final piece of evidence that the cleaning could not be put off any longer was the death of the mouse. Adopting a tactic that I had pioneered as an undergraduate, when we first moved in during the Fall of 2002 we released a mouse in the apartment to keep track of the hygiene level. My theory was that as long as the mouse could stay alive, so could we. Of course it's possible that Benji died from natural causes — in hindsight we should have released a control mouse in a girl's apartment — but neither of us were inclined to take that risk.

Doing the washing up after a hiatus of more than a year is not a pleasant task, but it does have a certain scientific interest. The detritus in the sink had formed a distinct layer corresponding to the different eras of our apartment, which gave washing up the feel of a geological dig. At the bottom were the remnants of a more ambitious age, now almost forgotten, in which we had made enthusiastic use of the slow cooker. Above this rested a layer from the Semester of Pasta. On top of it all was the sediment from our current epoch, in which we had taken to frying foodstuffs selected from the refrigerator more or less at random.

And speaking of the refrigerator,

during the cleaning process we discovered that ours has a Thing living in it. It complained when we tried to fry it.

Now, it's actually quite common for men to keep their refrigerators in a state such that life develops, but usually it is just mold or some other elementary organism. However, given sufficient time and inattention it is not unknown for more sophisticated life-forms to emerge, and the Thing that I found in our refrigerator is so advanced that I have taken to consulting it for romantic advice. Our most recent conversation went like this:

"I'm going out with Michelle tonight," I said. The Thing thought about this for a moment.

"You should give her a gift," it said. "You could give her this pasta sauce."

"I'm not going to give her pasta sauce."

"Each serving contains 10% of the recommended daily intake of Vitamin A," said the Thing, pointing a tendril at a label which confirmed this to be the case. I could tell by the tremor in its tone that I'd hurt its feelings.

"I just don't think it would send the right signal. I didn't mean to be rude. I'm just a bit nervous; this is my first date in a long time."

The Thing quietly muttered something to itself that sounded like, "Try being the only member of a species sometime," and then said, somewhat testily:

"Well, if you're planning to invite her in for coffee, you're going to have to do some cleaning. This place is a mess."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Principles have no real force except when one is well-fed."

Mark Twain
writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A repeating cycle

Somewhere in the air over Kentucky Monday, I began to think about The Observer. I read it almost every day of publication last semester. There were many interesting means of expression on everything from the sewage backup in Zahm to the guns (or arms) of our beloved quarterback — referred to by girls simply as Brady (who incidentally lives in Zahm, but had nothing to do with the previous issue).

Yes, The Observer covered a plethora of topics. But, I began to think about one particular area of coverage for the Observer. I remembered reading articles and articles from early in the school year on then President Pat Hallahan, and his ambitions to give the executive branch of Student Government more power. The Student Senate, with representatives from all the dorms, would inevitably have less legislative clout, and an executive branch, led by one man, would gain more power.

I continued to read as the days went by. Hallahan spoke on restructuring Student Government and how this simply had to be done.

He wanted more power for the President, and he wanted to modify the way that Student Government was structured. To me, these seemed like pretty big changes that would be hard to reverse, and I was not so sure whether either of them

were such good ideas anyway. But still, as president, Hallahan was supposed to promote the things he felt strongly about, and pursue them.

That is when it hit.

Hallahan would be gone halfway through his elected term, leaving town early to work in Washington. His good friend Jeremy Lao would become president. The cycle would begin once again. Lao would be in charge of trying to get the office of the President more power (why did we need that again?), and trying to modify the foundation of our government. By now, I kind of needed a Tylenol. I looked outside my window and saw the snow-covered ground. As we landed and finished our journey from Florida, the pilot simply said, "On behalf of our airline, welcome to the white sandy beaches of Chicago."

I was well on my way back to school, hoping to find answers to this confusion about Student Government. The one answer I did find: On Feb 9, the election for next year's Student Body President will take place. Will we break the cycle?

Mark Healy
 freshman
 Zahm Hall
 Jan. 13

Caretaker of ND's soul

Over the last several years, I have become increasingly concerned about the apparent lack of appreciation for the role that the football program plays in developing the overall spirit, energy, drive and pursuit of excellence that are such important elements in developing the Notre Dame student.

These values make Notre Dame a unique environment in which to grow and prepare oneself for the outside world. They have benefited graduates over the years in their multiple roles as spouses, parents, and in their chosen field of endeavor. Anyone who has attended Notre Dame can attest to the linkage between our football program and the overall uniqueness of the University. In this regard, its success is far more important than just perceptions in the marketplace of college sports.

While the University's leadership has made wonderful strides in the materialistic elements of the University with new buildings, increased financial aid to students and increases in the quality and breadth of the academic opportunities, they seem to have given little attention to nurturing its soul. The waning state of the football program over the last decade can only be attributed to a serious misunderstanding of the important role it plays in the uniqueness of Notre Dame and/or serious mismanagement at all levels.

Both the Notre Dame administration and the Board of Trustees must wake up and rise to the task. They are responsible for ensuring that this essential element which makes Notre Dame a special environment is given the high level of attention and quality of management that it deserves. The situation requires more than just placating words.

Tim Kelley
 Class of '64
 Jan. 8

U-WIRE

Atkins is everywhere

TAMPA, Fla. — If you've eaten carbohydrates in the past 24 hours, then consider your citizenship to the United States of Atkins denied.

The low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet, named after the late Dr. Robert C. Atkins, has classified pasta, bread and candy as the devil. The diet has been around since Richard Nixon was in office and introduced through the publication "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution." Since then the revolution has been reprinted and recently revitalized with a line of Atkins food products.

Instead of systems like the Hollywood diet, which help you shed 20 pounds by drinking a bottle of an unknown orange liquid through the magic of nature's calling, the Atkins food line provides alternatives to carb-loaded foods. Take for instance the Atkins Indulge Caramel Nut Chew, in which you can "indulge" on chocolate, mixed with dry-roasted peanuts and some chewy caramel substitute that is "all completely sugar free."

Now you're probably wondering how many carbs this mouthwatering sweet has so that you can order them in bulk.

Well that depends on how you count. Those who are called "controlled carbers" will tell you there's two grams but the full nutrition facts gives 17 grams. What gives? Well the two grams are what's classified as net carbs.

Grace Agostin
The University of South Florida Oracle

Not being a member of this revolution, I looked up the definition, which basically told me the net carbs seal placed on Atkins packages sells its products better and makes you feel better because there's the illusion that you're not really consuming the full carb load.

eaten in ratio to carbs attempted for the day?

The Atkins Web site is even customized so you can keep a journal of your carbohydrate performance for the day, week or hour. I don't recall Jenny Craig commercials with the Jenny phone number jingle

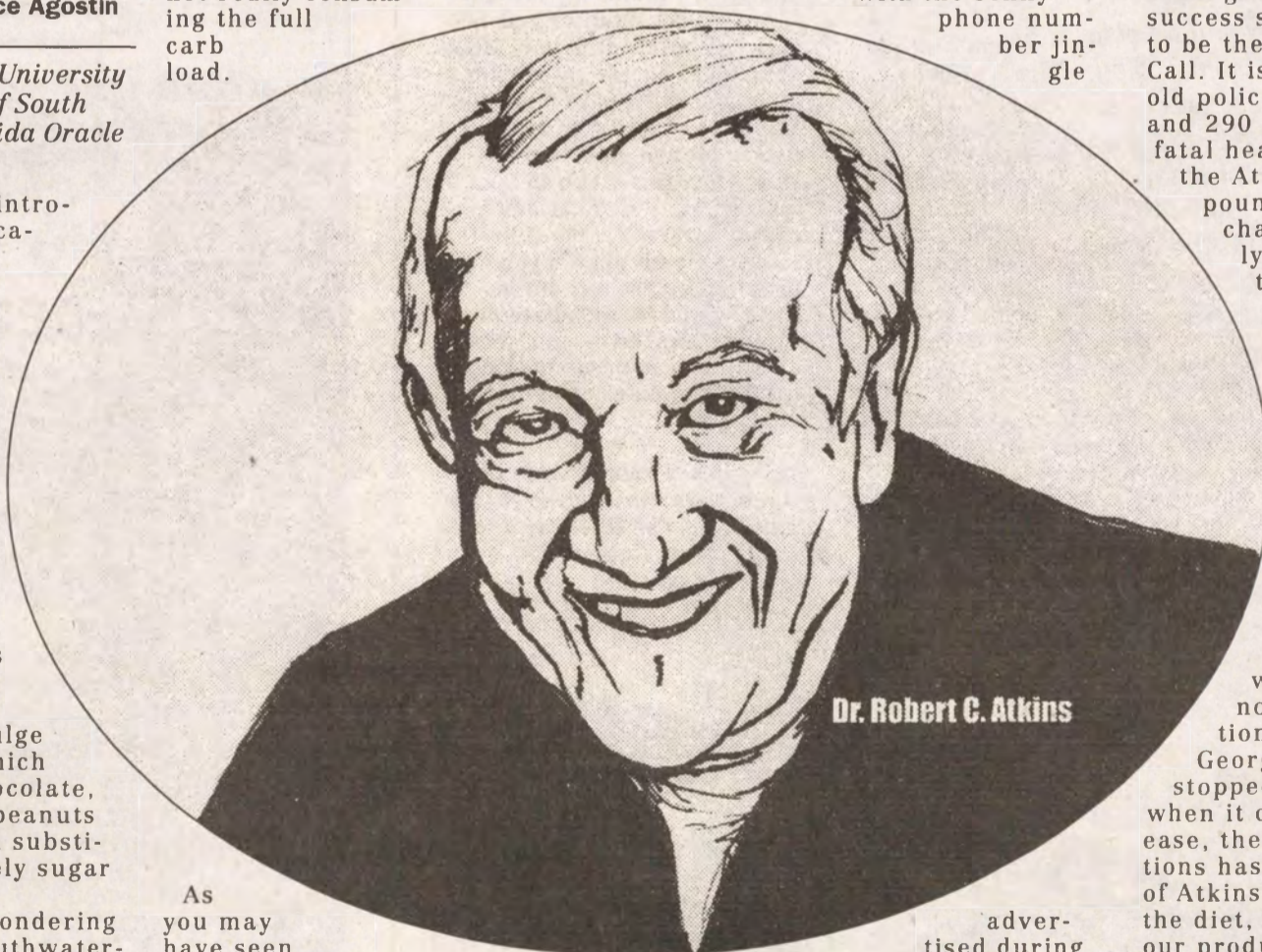
research outside the Atkins site, you'll find singer Jessica Simpson lost weight on the diet. How's that for some inspiration? The same woman who thought tuna was chicken and chicken was buffalo meat. But if you're looking for some good, non-celebrity status success stories, the best yet has to be the one posted as: A Close Call. It is the story of a 30-year-old police officer who was 6'2" and 290 pounds and had a near fatal heart attack before going on the Atkins diet to lose 78

pounds. Realizing the need to change his diet, he ironically joined the Atkins revolution that health experts have criticized for the long-term effects it could have on the heart and brain because of the high consumption of red meat. Not to mention health experts warn that the heart and brain, two vital organs for living, use carbohydrates for fuel.

But the critics couldn't ruin the celebration of weight loss and I'm sure not even a military formation at Fort Knox under Gen. George S. Patton could have stopped this revolution. So when it comes to mad cow disease, the rescue of public relations has only said this on behalf of Atkins: Beef is not essential to the diet, in fact you can purchase our products to ensure a healthy diet.

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As you may have seen, Atkins has food products for every meal of the day. I'm sure commercials advertising the new Atkins-friendly wraps at Subway taunted football fans during the playoffs this weekend. Besides, who wants to count yards gained when you can be calculating carbohydrates

advertised during sporting events. I don't know of a diet that has been so influential that some of the most popular brands of beer have been making low-carb brew. Then again this is a revolution we're talking about.

And any good revolution needs some good leaders. If you do some

Ways to amuse yourself in the dining hall

After going to the dining hall almost every day for two and a half years, I became bored with simply sitting and reading School Daze again and again until it actually became funny. I decided that I needed to spark some of the dormant creativity that goes unused in many of my business classes to make lunches and dinners a little more interesting. As a result, I developed several activities that can be done to provide hours of entertainment in a place in which most students spend a great deal of time.

The first set of ideas deals simply with seating arrangements. If you're in South and have a group of friends who has tired of everyday lunches, arrange yourselves in the "Last Supper" seating arrangement by sitting with everyone on one side of the long wooden tables — this is preferably executed on the Right-Right side of South Dining Hall. If you are by yourself and wish to create an awkward situation, sit directly across from someone else who is eating by himself, except sit one table away so there's all sorts of uncomfortable, unwanted eye contact. If you wish to make this situation even more fun, carry on a conversation with your imaginary friend across the table from you ... oh, yeah ... and this friend is telling the best story you've ever heard. If you're not really into permanently severing a relationship with a complete stranger, this idea

Tom Raaf

Scene Columnist

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may not really be for you.

Picking out food can also tend to get a bit repetitive and tedious at times, especially when the item of the day is the Quesadilla Potato Tantalizer, the new food that looks like grade school mini corn dogs. If you feel like making the food selection process interesting, grab a friend and rehearse a ridiculous 10-second conversation. Next, find an unsuspecting person (preferably a quiet girl) walking around and follow them around, station to station, having the same annoying conversation at each station. Once she realizes what is going on and gives you both a look that says "You two are criminally insane," you can leave her alone. As a warning, don't do this around exam time because it might just be the thing that sends someone over the edge.

Another fun activity is standing by the pre-peeled hard-boiled egg bin and observing the people who come by. There seems to be no middle ground with the hard-boiled egg eaters. Either they stop by, grab one quickly and continue on their way or they bring a giant bowl and pile just an absurd number of eggs. Today I saw some kid with like 20 eggs ... I call him Cool Hand Luke now.

On the more normal side, experimenting with food and making yourself some new dishes can always be a good change of pace. Since the only Quesadilla the dining hall offers is cheese and broccoli, I make my own chicken and

cheese ones that I call slippery muppets. Would you like to try one? The meatball sub has also been a good addition in my regular rotation ... and it keeps me regular, which is nice. Occasionally, I also build a giant dish I call Nachos Bell Grande, which has everything in the Mexican section on it.

Looking to see if I was the only one who has tried to make time in the dining hall more fun, I asked some fellow students for their reactions.

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"I have a friend who laughs really easily, and we try to make her spew liquids from her nose. As soon as she takes a gulp of anything, we just say something strange to

her and let nature take over," said junior Caitlin Rackish. "My favorite was when we got her to spew hot chocolate. It was probably a bit dangerous, but after doing a cost-benefit analysis with my friend, we decided it was definitely worth it."

Junior Mike McNamara said, "When there are potato skins at dinner, I lather my face in creamy peanut butter and stick the potato skin to it. Then I run up to people saying I'm the guy from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. I've gotten four dates and two make-out sessions from this tactic so far." Interesting ... and curious ... rather curious.

By no means should you limit yourself to any of the above-listed ideas. These are simply meant to be catalysts on the road to permanent dining hall happiness and merriment. Enjoy!

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The Kitchen

A Culinary Sleuth Solves Common Cooking Mysteries With 150 Foolproof Recipes

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Last year's August culinary release, "The Kitchen Detective," by renowned chef Christopher Kimball, offers a new variety of inventive recipes researched

with the same care as all of his past cookbooks. The editor, founder and publisher of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine and the host of the cooking show "America's Test Kitchen"

handles meats, pastas, salads and desserts with equal thorough virtuosity.

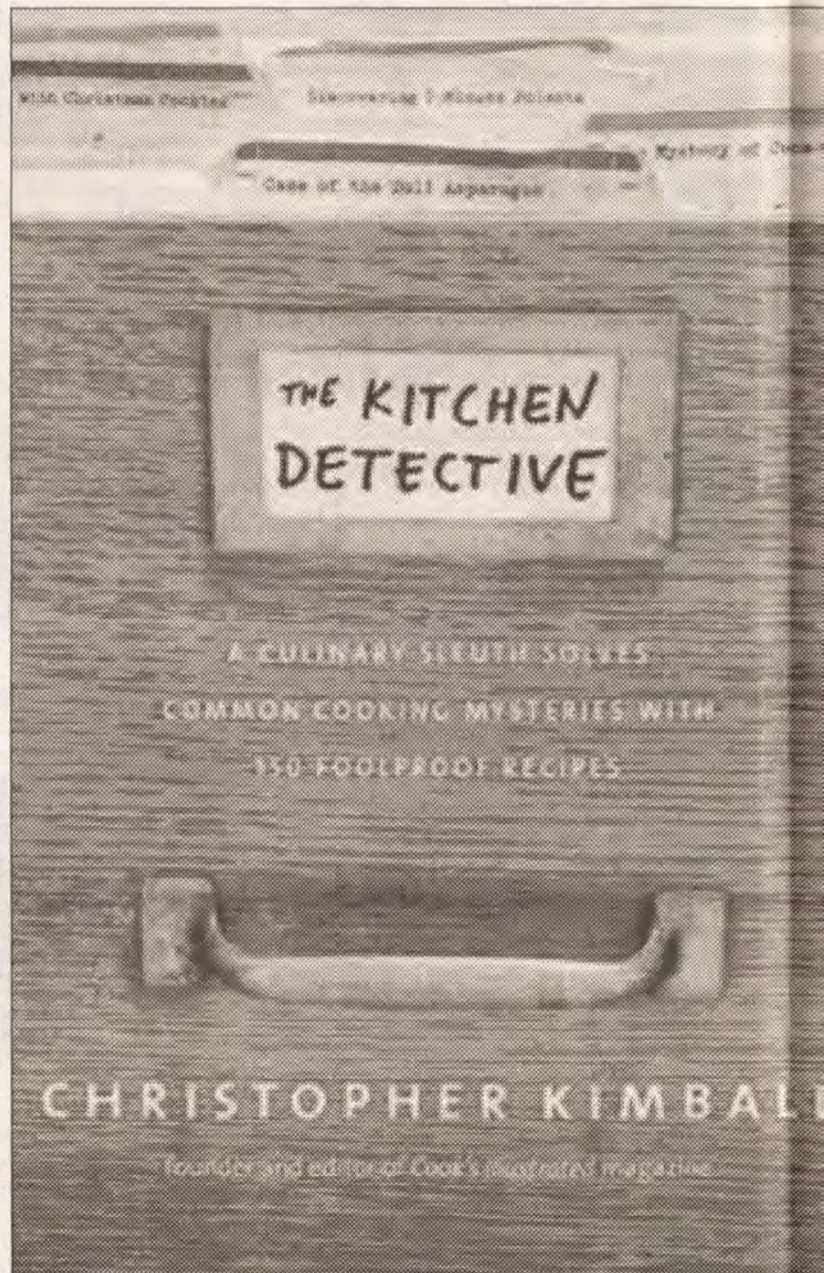
"The Kitchen Detective," as well as Kimball's other cookbooks, such as "Perfect Vegetables" and "The

Dessert Bible," are a particularly good investment for off-campus students who want a little variety in their diets but don't know where to start. Students leaving the dining hall behind for the first time often run the risk of malnutrition from a diet of Waddick's scones, Ramen

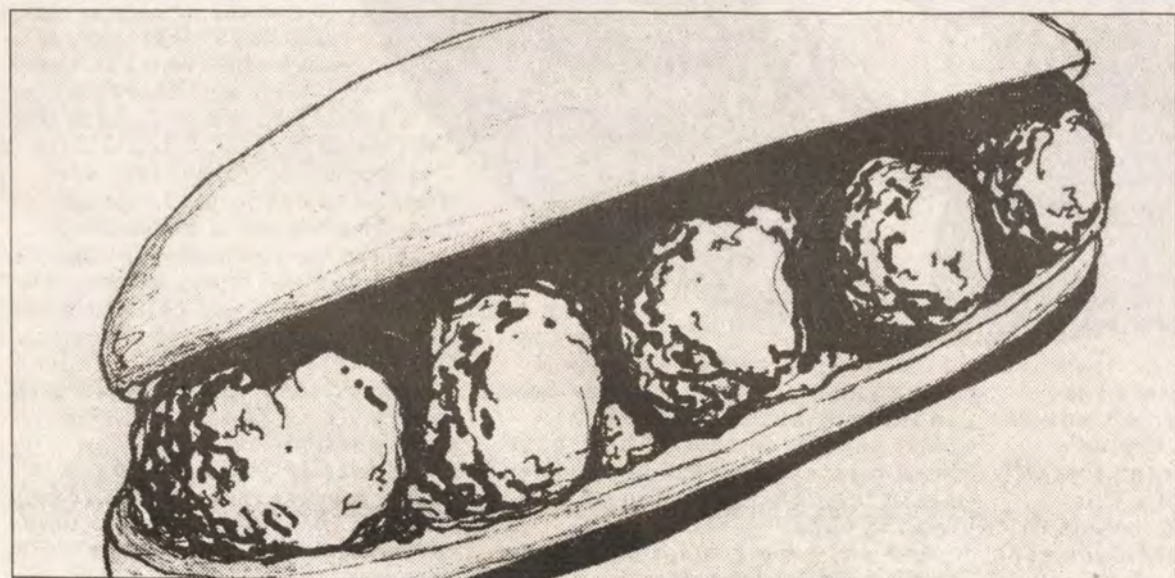
noodles and beer, but with Kimball's carefully explained culinary creations, the prospect of preparing a meal from scratch becomes much less intimidating.

All the recipes in "The Kitchen Detective" are preceded by an extensive explanation of why Kimball took a particular interest in a recipe, what results he wanted to achieve, and how the ingredients he chose affect the recipe. The explanations are by no means

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"The Kitchen Detective" is the latest release of chef Christopher Kimball.



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Common Cooking Mysteries with
Proof Recipes

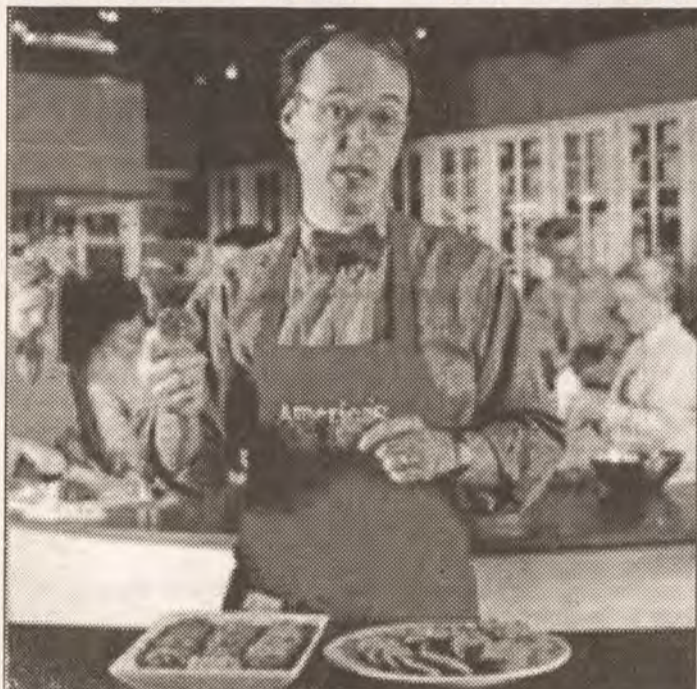


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Christopher Kimball, editor and publisher of "Cook's Illustrated," hosts "America's Test Kitchen."

necessary to making any of Kimball's dishes, but for a novice cook or a more accomplished chef who often finds his cookies a bit too chewy or lacks the time to make a good meal every day, the details of what goes into a recipe and why can go a long way to make cooking easier and more successful.

In creating his recipes, Kimball researches many of the problems most pertinent to a casual cook. "The Kitchen Detective" is not a budget cookbook, but the recipe for chive pesto is a good deal cheaper than its basil alternative. Since plain ingredients are generally cheaper and tastier than the prepared and packaged alternatives, the cookbook is likely to be a budget saver for many students.

Kimball also highlights how slicing your chicken a little differently lets you prepare a dish in four minutes, and how a new skillet, although expensive, allows for two-minute scrambled eggs every morning.

Although recipes such as chicken with balsamic vinegar, tomatoes and capers, corn soup with coconut milk and ginger or baked goat cheese salad in "The Kitchen Detective" are fun for people who like to try new dishes, people who are looking for a single cookbook to get them through a school year or have less adventurous taste in food might do better to buy the slightly costlier but much more inclusive "The Best Recipe." Where "The

Kitchen Detective" offers offbeat recipes, "The Best Recipe" focuses on doing favorites like sautéed chicken breasts, spaghetti with garlic and olive oil, and big and chewy chocolate chip cookies right. Anyone will find recipes they like in "The Best Recipe."

Dieters will have to be a little bit wary of "The Kitchen Detective." Kimball operates on the theory that excess weight comes from potato chips, Cheez Whiz and other chemical-infused junk food, not from full fat cheesecake or olive oil. Although the butter and fat content of his recipes tends to run a little high, cutting the higher fat ingredients a bit can go a long way to making the food healthier and doesn't detract much from the taste.

Cooking times tactics can change with ovens and ingredients, as well, so even when following the book exactly the trial run of any recipe might need a little tweaking.

Above all, "The Kitchen Detective" is a cookbook that anyone can continue to use for years. The recipes cover all occasions, from a quick meal alone to a full-fledged dinner party. The recipes are delicious, practical and not designed exclusively for the cooking elite. "The Kitchen Detective" will grace the shelf of a habitual chef and a casual cook alike.

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The Da Vinci Code

Dan Brown, author of 'Angels and Demons,'
continues his mystery saga

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

For many people, the name Leonardo da Vinci brings thoughts exclusively of art and of the masterpieces that he created. After reading Dan Brown's novel "The Da Vinci Code," it is impossible to connect Leonardo da Vinci with only these conventional associations. Brown brings the mystery that engulfs the life of Leonardo Da Vinci to light in "The Da Vinci Code."

In his second novel surrounding the character Robert Langdon, a Harvard professor with an expertise in symbols, especially those belonging to female goddesses throughout history, Brown continues to develop the engaging character of Langdon. The novel itself is set in Paris initially, but throughout the novel the setting drifts from all over France to London, Rome, and even America. As a conspiracy thriller, "The Da Vinci Code" glows. With new twists and turns developing with each turn of the page, Brown truly does make this book hard to put down.

The novel begins with Robert Langdon being called in by the French equivalent of the FBI in regards to the murder of the curator of the Louvre. The curator did not pass on without leaving a series of clues regarding a secret society of which he was a member, called the Priory of Sion. The Priory of Sion developed to keep a secret that would supposedly change much thought in the world. The villain is an extremely conservative Catholic sect called Opus Dei who, in the book, is attempting to find the secret that the Priory of Sion is hiding.

Both groups are real organizations, although Brown's portrayal of them and of the Vatican is thought to be a bit scandalous, to say the least. The novel focuses largely on the nature of the female goddess

and the sanctity that was once associated with females as well as males. The ancient world was focused on balance, and, as such, maintained a greater realization of the necessary equality of males and females. The novel challenges the male-dominated Christian religion as guilty of forcing out the sanctity of the female in the religion. Leonardo da Vinci is said to be of this school of thought, and, as such, the conspiracy ensues.

The actual historical reliability of the novel is certainly questionable, but the writing is convincing. Overall, the novel is continually jumping between interesting and developed characters. "The Da Vinci Code" has been a best-seller for months now, and the

reason for its popularity is clear. The content of the novel forces the reader to think, even if he or she adamantly disagrees with Brown's accusations toward the organizations.

The secret is out.

"The Da Vinci Code" is really as good as everyone claims it is.

On the whole, "The Da Vinci Code" is an excellently written book full of unpredictable turns and surprises. The subject matter is unquestionably controversial, but in being so the

novel provokes legitimate thought from the reader. Dan Brown has written a tremendous novel that is enjoyable on many levels for nearly anyone. The secret is out. "The Da Vinci Code" really is as good as everyone claims it is.

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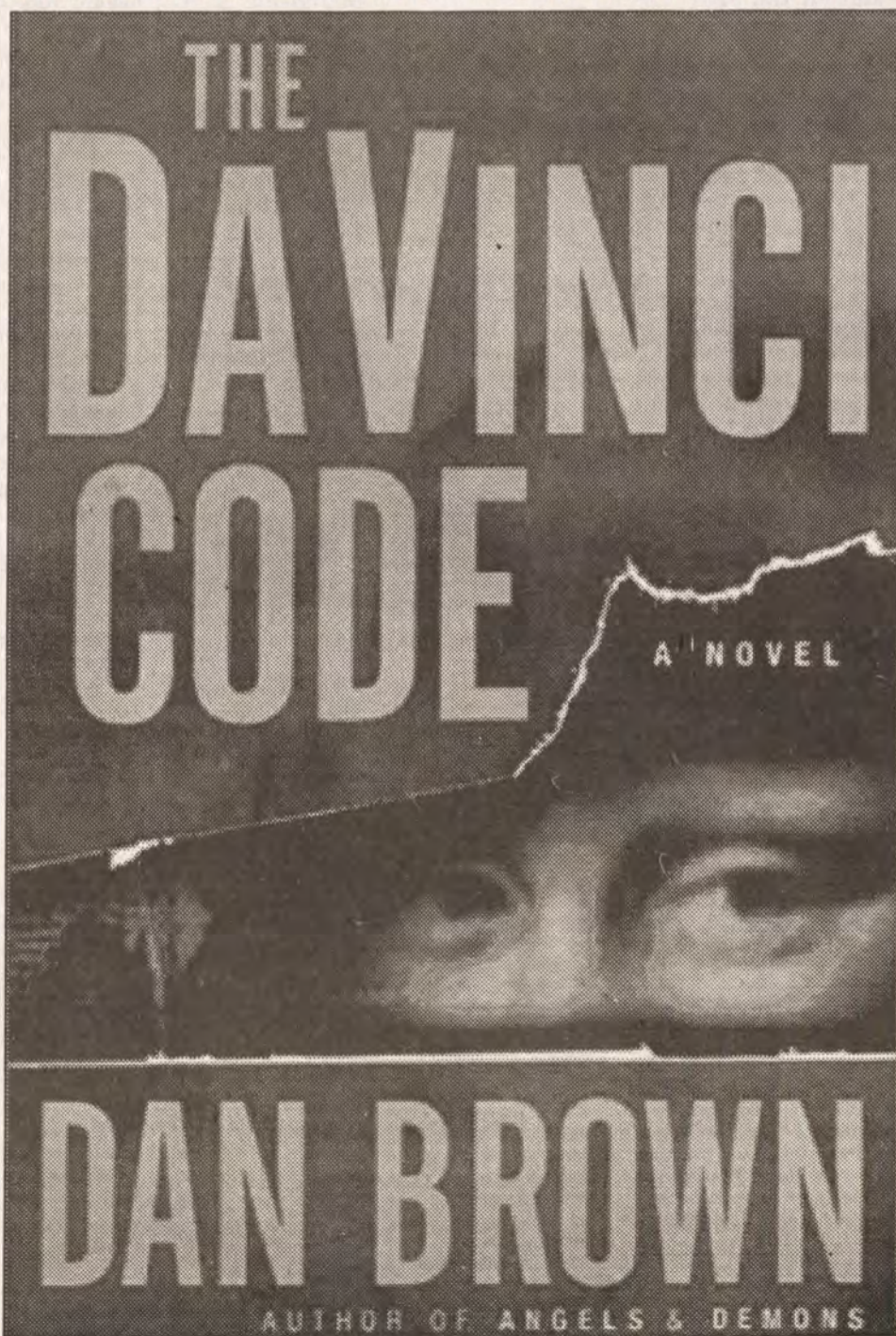


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"The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown follows up on his previous mystery "Angels and Demons," which follows the adventures of Robert Langdon.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cincinnati stays undefeated with win over Marquette

Bearcats win 85-73 on road in Wisconsin

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Cincinnati used its pressure defense to offset any homecourt advantage Marquette may have had.

Tony Bobbitt scored 18 points and Nick Williams added a season-high 16 to lead No. 10 Cincinnati to an 85-73 victory over No. 21 Marquette on Wednesday night, only the Golden Eagles' second loss in 40 home games.

It was the first time the Bearcats (12-0, 3-0 Conference USA) played a ranked team this year and they scored 24 points off Marquette's season-high 23 turnovers.

"There's no doubt we were ready to play," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said. "We were looking for a challenge."

Marquette's Travis Diener scored 19 points, but missed seven of 11 shots, and Steve Novak added 17 points for Marquette (11-3, 2-1), which had a four-game winning streak snapped. The only other loss for the Golden Eagles at the Bradley Center during the past 40 games was 73-70 to Louisville on Feb. 15, 2003.

"We knew what we had to do to win, but we just didn't execute as a team," Diener said.

It was the biggest game of the year for the Bearcats, who had their streak of seven consecutive Conference USA championships snapped last year by Marquette. It was the only regular-season game between the teams this year.

"They have something that we feel belongs to us and that's the conference title," Williams said. "They're the best team we've played all year and they're conference champions. They have something we want."

Marquette practiced its offense against seven defenders to get ready for Cincinnati's pressure. It mattered little as the Golden Eagles had trouble with the Bearcats' tall, athletic players most of the game.

"We were our own worst enemy against the press," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "We didn't strike first. They did."

Cincinnati used a 14-4 run to take a 50-35 lead on Field



Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins grabs Donald Little during a game earlier this season. The Bearcats beat Marquette 85-73.

Williams' 3-pointer with 12:23 left. After a timeout, Marquette used full-court pressure to cause two turnovers on defense, and the Golden Eagles scored seven consecutive points, capped by Scott Merritt's two free throws, to pull within 50-42 with 10:08 to go.

Bobbitt, though, scored seven points in the next 2 1/2 minutes, including a 3-pointer with 7:30 left, as Cincinnati opened a 62-48 lead.

Marquette fouled in the closing minutes, and the Bearcats missed nine of 21 free throws in the final 6:04 to allow the Golden Eagles to stay within striking distance.

Oklahoma State 77, No. 11 Oklahoma 56

John Lucas scored 22 points and Tony Allen added 20 to lead Oklahoma State to a surprisingly victory over No. 11 Oklahoma on Wednesday night, the Sooners' second straight lopsided road loss.

Oklahoma State (11-2, 1-1 Big 12), bouncing back from an embarrassing loss of its own, never trailed and was firmly in control of this matchup against its longtime in-state rival.

The Cowboys, the Big 12's leader in shooting percentage, hit a sizzling 56 percent from the

field while holding the Sooners to 35 percent, including 4-of-16 from 3-point range.

The orange-clad crowd of 13,611 was in a frenzy from opening tipoff — hundreds of students slept in tents outside the arena the night before — and the Cowboys responded with a 12-2 run to open the game.

Allen and forward Joey Graham carried much of the Cowboys' scoring punch early, sneaking inside the lane for put-backs and snatching away errant passes for thunderous dunks.

The Sooners, ranked No. 6 before Sunday's humiliating 86-59 loss at top-ranked Connecticut, were mired in the same kind of shooting slump that doomed them against the Huskies.

The bricks and turnovers kept on coming for Oklahoma (10-2, 0-1), which misfired on its first six shots of the second half to send them into an insurmountable hole.

Freshman guard Drew Lavender led Oklahoma with 15 points, the only Sooner to score in double figures.

Allen opened the second half with a thunderous one-handed dunk off a steal, keying yet another 12-2 spurt that ignited the crowd.

Northwestern 70, No. 25 Illinois 60

Davor Duvancic scored a career-high 22 points to help

Northwestern upset No. 25 Illinois and snap an eight-game losing streak to its in-state rival.

Fans poured onto the court and mobbed Northwestern players as the final seconds expired on the clock. It was just the second Northwestern win over Illinois in the last 17 meetings between the schools, and the first victory for the Wildcats since 1994.

Jitim Young had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Northwestern (7-7, 2-1 Big Ten), and T.J. Parker added 13 points and five assists.

Duvancic, a reserve forward, scored 17 points in the second half. He was 7-of-10 from the field, including 4-of-6 on 3-pointers, and had three assists.

Illinois (10-4, 1-2) lost its second straight and fell to 1-2 on the road.

Illinois led 38-29 at halftime, but struggled to find good looks at the basket. Northwestern went on a 15-5 run early in the half to take a 44-43 lead when Mohamed Hachad banked in a 3-pointer from the right side. Duvancic scored seven in a row during the run.

The game was tied at 52 when Young and Duvancic put Northwestern back on top — this time for good.

Young put back a miss by Parker, scored on a breakaway and made a twisting layup in traffic to give Northwestern a six-point lead.

Duvancic then hit a 3 from the corner that bounced high off the front of the rim and dropped straight in for a 61-53 lead.

Northwestern outscored Illinois 18-8 down the stretch and held the Illini to 38 percent shooting for the game — the second straight Illinois was under 40 percent.

Dee Brown had 19 points and James Augustine had 10 points and 14 rebounds for Illinois, which missed seven of 10 free throws over the final 6 minutes of the game.

Northwestern trailed by 12 points early but went up 27-25 on a 3-pointer and layup by Vedran Vukusic. Later in the half, the Wildcats lost Vukusic when he came down awkwardly on his left leg going for a rebound. Vukusic, averaging 15 points a game, had to be helped off the court to the locker room and didn't return.

Northern Iowa 82, No. 24 Creighton 73

Freshman Brooks McKowen made six of Northern Iowa's 12

3-pointers in scoring a season-high 24 points and the Panthers knocked No. 24 Creighton from the ranks of the unbeaten with an victory Wednesday night.

Northern Iowa (8-5, 3-2 Missouri Valley Conference) shot 59.3 percent in building a 10-point halftime and increased the margin to 21 midway through the second half, enough of a cushion to hold off a late run by Creighton.

The Bluejays (12-1, 4-1), who joined the Top 25 only two days ago, became the third unbeaten team to lose in two nights. Wake Forest and Mississippi State both lost for the first time on Tuesday night. The remaining unbeaten Division I teams are Stanford, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Saint Joseph's.

McKowen, whose previous best was 18 points against Southwest Missouri State on Sunday, finished 6-for-7 from 3-point range and made four straight free throws in the final 1:06 to help secure the victory.

Chris Foster added 15 points and David Gruber had 12 for Northern Iowa, which shot 53.8 percent for the game and upset a ranked team for the second time in five weeks. The Panthers beat then-No. 24 Iowa 77-66 on Dec. 9.

No. 1 Connecticut 94, Georgetown 70

Georgetown was concerned about Connecticut center Emeka Okafor. The Hoyas should have paid more attention to Taliek Brown.

It was too late by the time they realized it as the top-ranked Huskies were well on their way to a victory and Brown finished with one of the best performances of his career.

The senior point guard had 20 points, one shy of his career high, seven rebounds, seven assists and a career-high three blocks.

"I'm just trying to come into the game every day hyped," Brown said. "We just tried to be real aggressive and push it down their throat when they try to press us."

Despite being double-teamed, Okafor finished with 27 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Huskies (14-1, 2-0 Big East), who extended their winning streak to 11 games. This is their longest regular-season streak since starting 19-0 in 1998-99, the program's national championship season.

The Hoyas could do little against UConn's transition game.

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PERSONAL

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Playing no limit, get dealt King of clubs, Queen of clubs down, flop is J of clubs, Ace of clubs, 5 of hearts. my roommate goes all in so I follow. he has three 5s, i just need one card. fourth street is a 3 and the river is an Ace and I lose-not fun

Heya

The Trudeau Show dynasty continues with a win over No. 3 Michigan on the road

How good was that game last night against UConn?

Diana Taurasi is a man which isn't a compliment in the least-i don't like "her"

Not ranked on the drinking rankings=not pleased

Parts

3.5 weeks until I turn 21

What up gangsta

no limit championship last night

is chris moneymaker's name really moneymaker? I'm not so sure

library girl

dan's funny i guess

kenny rogers is a genius

what a final hand of cards

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friday 01.16

MBA Retreat
 Sacred Heart Parish Center

saturday 01.17

The Plunge Phase 2
 A mini-retreat for
 African American Freshmen

sunday 01.18

RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Coleman-Morse Lounge

Confirmation

Rite of Welcome
 11:45 am Mass
 Sacred Heart Basilica

tuesday 01.20

Campus Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Confirmation Session #8

7:00-8:45 p.m.
 Siegfried Hall Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass

10:30 p.m.
 St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 01.21

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Coleman-Morse Lounge

Theology on Tap

10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
 Legends

considerations...

Prayer for Peace

Finding the Prince of Peace as Christmas Fades

by Rev. Richard Warner, c.s.c.
 Director, Campus Ministry

This past Sunday, the Church celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which traditionally is the end of the Christmas season. We have just returned to campus after celebrating Christmas and the holiday season with our families and friends.

The Church's Christmas season begins with our joyful celebration of the Incarnation, when we remember the birth of Jesus who embodies in his person the perfect union of the divine and the human. The coming among us of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, marks one of our God's deepest expressions of love and compassion for us and for all people.

Our thoughts then turned to honor Mary, the mother of God. Her "yes" to God's will for her, began the unfolding of events that led to the birth of Jesus. As the first disciple of her Son, she was present throughout his life and at the foot of the cross at the moment of his death.

The Epiphany reminds us of the universal meaning of the mission of Jesus, and the extension of his message of peace and love addressed to all people.

Finally, our celebration of the baptism of Jesus, which was the beginning of his public ministry, reminds us that baptism is the beginning of our personal and community commitment as Christians to take up his mission and make it our own.

The true Christmas season revolves around these mysteries of God's love for us. Yet traces of their impact on our world today is hard to discern.

Over the course of the past 22 years, the span of some of your lifetimes, our world has known a continual state of violence, war and suffering. Until the fall of the Soviet Union, wars were waged by surrogates, and were easy to ignore because they involved the peoples of Asia and Latin America. But armed conflict over the past two decades has taken place in the Gulf, Lebanon, Somalia, Panama, Grenada and Kosovo with U.S. participation. In the past two years, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq claim more deaths among members of the U. S. armed forces than these previous conflicts, and countless enemy troops and civilians have died. And terrorism has taken on a deeper meaning for us as a people after September 11, 2001.

Campus Ministry, in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns, will initiate a focused program of prayer for peace, especially in the fading moments of our celebration of the Christmas season whose good will and great hope still linger.

Every Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica will be celebrated explicitly as a Mass for Peace. On the first Fridays of each month, we will publish in The Observer the names of friends, family and loved ones of the members of our community serving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we will remember as well all who have died in the Iraqi conflict and peacemakers who understand well that peace is not only a gift from God but also a human work. On "First Fridays", there will also be a conversation about peace either at the Center for Social Concerns or in the Hammes Student Lounge at the Coleman Morse Center on such themes as the morality of a preventive war, the role of the international community in the pursuit of peace and other related topics.

We invite you to send via email the names of friends, family and loved ones whose names we will include in our monthly remembrance to fsantoni@nd.edu (subject "peace").

Please join us every Friday at the Basilica for these special Masses.

And as Pope John Paul II reminded us in his 2004 World Day of Peace message, "Humanity needs now more than ever to rediscover the path of peace, overwhelmed as it is by selfishness and hatred, by the thirst for power and the lust for vengeance." He reminds us that love is the reason for God entering into a relationship with us, and it is love he awaits as our response.

Christian Unity Week

January 18-25, 2004

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer invites
 the Notre Dame community to join us in
 observing Christian Unity Week



beginning next Wednesday with a talk by

Prof. Maxwell Johnson

& prayer and music led by

the Notre Dame Celebration Choir

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 11:45 p.m.
 Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.
 Spanish Mass
 St. Edward's Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
 Law School Mass
 Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
 MBA Mass
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 Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

NCAA FOOTBALL

Clarett pleads guilty, won't face jail time for offense

Tailback fined for lying to police officer

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

The judge lectured Clarett about his responsibility to the community.

"I will definitely consider the judge's advice to me whenever I make decisions that not only affect me, but also the kids who look up to me, family, friends and teammates," Clarett said in a statement.

Clarett, 20, pleaded guilty to failure to aid a law enforcement officer. Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Mark S. Froehlich ordered him to pay the maximum fine of \$100.

The sophomore, who helped Ohio State win the 2002 national championship, was accused of filing a campus police report that exaggerated the value of items stolen from a dealership car he borrowed in April. Had he been convicted of the original falsification charge, possible penalties ranged from probation to six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Froehlich told Clarett he hoped the experience would make him a better person.

"You are in fact a role model," he said. "Many people in this community look up to you. Don't let them down, but most importantly don't let yourself down. Try to give back to a community that has given so much to you."

Clarett's mother held her hand on his back as he stood before the judge and gave only yes and no answers.

Although Clarett is separately suing the NFL to change its eligibility rules so that he may enter the draft a year early, he said in his statement that he wants to focus on the Buckeyes.

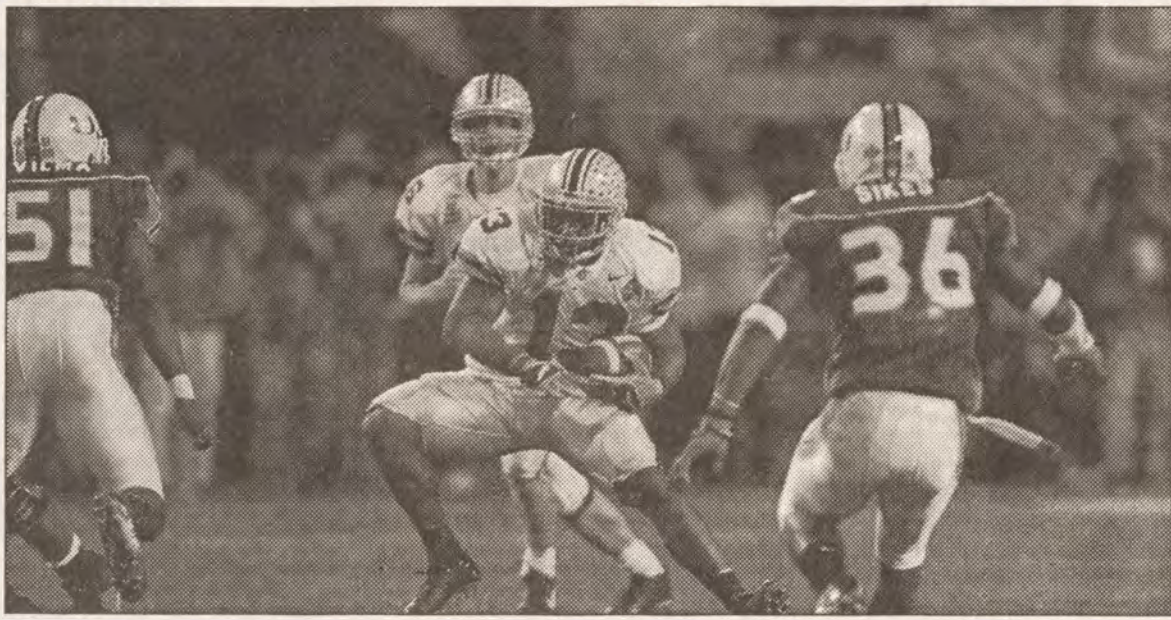
"I look forward to shifting all of my attention back to my studies and the team at the Ohio State University," he said.

Athletic director Andy Geiger said the police report case "has nothing to do with us" and doesn't affect Clarett's standing with the school or team.

"We're glad this is behind him. We're looking forward to his progress academically," Geiger said.

Ohio State had suspended Clarett from the team for the season, but not from school, for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and for lying about it to investigators. The university determined Clarett did nothing wrong by using a dealership car.

The university has not yet asked the NCAA to reinstate Clarett, Geiger said. He must meet school conditions such as making academic progress and



Former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett runs the ball against Miami in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl. Clarett pleaded guilty to failure to aid a law officer. He will face no jail time.

donating "thousands of dollars" to a charity to make up for the benefits. Clarett is eligible to practice.

"It's likely he'll be lifting weights and working out this winter," Geiger said.

City Prosecutor Stephen McIntosh said he was willing to accept the plea deal because the case was not worth the time and expense of bringing in a witness from out of state. Another witness, former campus police chief Ron Michalec, now works in the Cleveland suburb of Pepper Pike.

Clarett's lawyer, Percy Squire, met with McIntosh before the scheduled hearing. The deal effectively canceled a hearing scheduled Wednesday to decide whether statements Clarett made to NCAA investigators should be admissible as evidence in the case.

Attorneys still will pursue a request that the U.S. Department of Education sanction the university for giving information from those statements to campus police, who passed it on to prosecutors, said Lloyd Pierre-Louis, Squire's

partner. The attorneys had argued the information should have been kept private as a federally protected educational record. McIntosh had said the federal rules didn't apply because the information came from the NCAA, not Ohio State.

Clarett has matured greatly over the past year and come to understand the scrutiny on student-athletes, the attorney said. "He's learning to use much better judgment," Pierre-Louis said. "He's learning about who he is."

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NFL

Garcia arrested on possible drunk driving charge

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving early Wednesday, a jail spokesman said.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was booked into the Santa Clara County jail at about 3:30 a.m., spokesman Mark Cursi said. He was released six hours later, Cursi said.

Garcia is scheduled to make a court appearance March 1, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney's office.

"We understand the seriousness of this matter and regret that it happened," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said in a statement. "We are just very thankful that no one was injured."

Donahue said the team wouldn't comment further. A call to Garcia's agent, Steve Baker, was not immediately returned.

Garcia boarded a news conference later Wednesday.

He was pulled over by San Jose State University police near campus, Cursi said. The player attended the San Jose Sharks' game against the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night, waving to the crowd when he was shown on the scoreboard.

Campus police issued a statement saying Garcia had three passengers in his car, which was pulled over for "erratic operation." The statement said preliminary results showed Garcia's blood alcohol level was above the legal limit, but that final results would not be available for about two weeks.

Garcia attended San Jose State and lives in San Jose. The former Canadian Football

League star has been the 49ers' starting quarterback since Steve Young retired after the 1999 season.

This season, Garcia passed for 2,456 yards and 16 touchdowns despite missing four games with injuries.

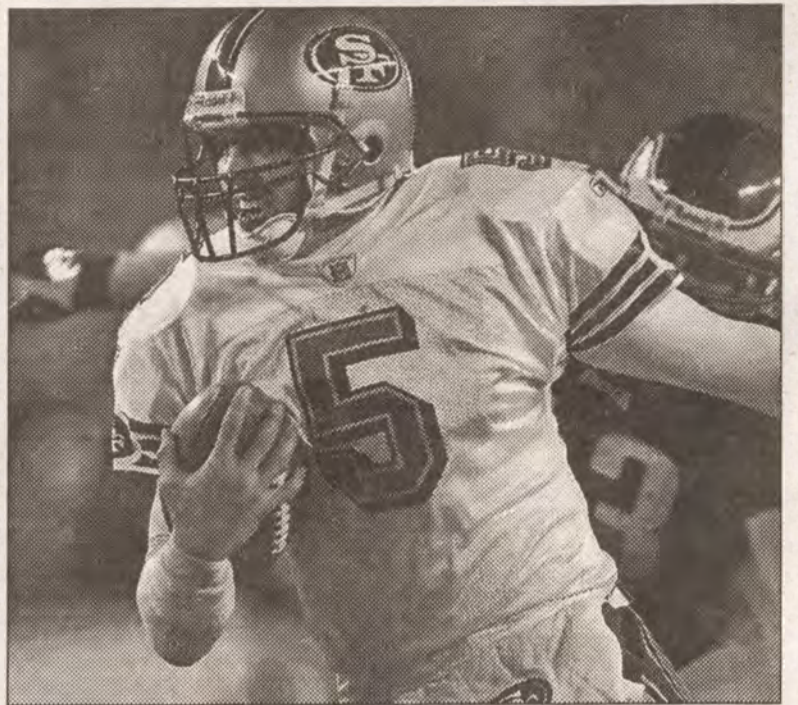
Garcia is due to make nearly \$10 million next season, but the team is expected to renegotiate his contract in the offseason to lessen its impact on the salary cap.

San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson, who was arrested for drunken driving while coaching in Seattle in 1995, was supportive of his quarterback.

"Jeff's a tremendous guy and does a lot of things in the community and for the 49ers," Erickson told KGO Radio.

"We understand the seriousness of this matter and regret it happened."

Terry Donahue
49ers general manager



San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia runs from a defender during this season. Garcia is under suspicion for drunk driving.



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4 Wisconsin	14-5-6	410
5 Michigan	14-7-1	345
6 St. Cloud State	12-7-3	340
7 Denver	15-8-3	247
8 Minnesota	11-9-3	230
9 New Hampshire	12-7-3	223
10 Colorado College	11-6-3	218
11 Cornell	7-3-5	216
12 Minnesota-Duluth	13-8-2	115
13 Ohio State	13-10-0	103
14 Brown	9-4-3	69
15 Dartmouth	6-3-5	57

NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Philadelphia	20-10-10-5	55	2-4-2-2
New Jersey	21-11-9-1	52	3-5-1-1
NY Rangers	18-5-5-4	45	5-3-0-2
NY Islanders	20-19-3-1	44	5-4-1-0
Pittsburgh	11-26-5-3	30	3-7-0-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Toronto	24-10-8-3	59	4-4-2-0
Ottawa	23-11-8-6	55	7-1-2-0
Boston	19-11-10-4	52	6-2-2-0
Montreal	22-16-5-2	51	6-2-1-1
Buffalo	18-21-5-1	42	5-3-2-0

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	20-15-6-1	47	6-3-1-0
Atlanta	19-19-4-2	44	3-5-1-1
Florida	14-19-10-2	40	3-4-3-0
Carolina	14-18-9-2	39	4-5-1-0
Washington	13-26-4-1	31	3-6-1-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	26-13-4-2	58	5-3-1-1
St. Louis	23-13-5-1	52	3-5-2-0
Nashville	20-16-6-2	48	5-3-2-0
Chicago	11-22-7-5	34	3-5-0-2
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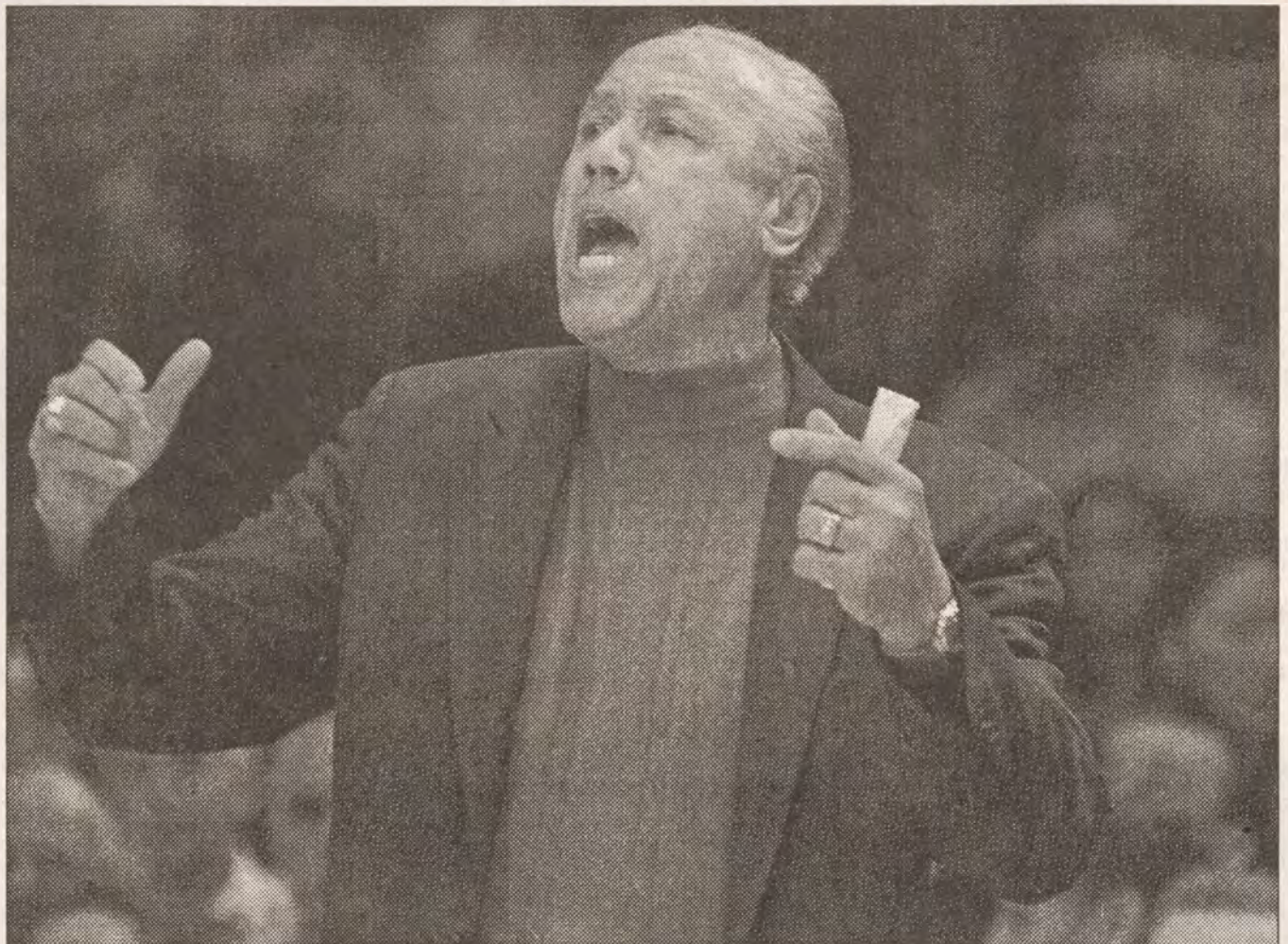
Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	25-11-7-2	59	6-3-1-0
Colorado	24-10-7-2	57	8-1-0-1
Calgary	22-14-3-3	50	4-5-1-0
Edmonton	17-19-7-1	42	5-3-1-1
Minnesota	15-17-12-0	42	1-3-5-0

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
San Jose	18-11-11-4	51	6-2-1-1
Dallas	19-18-8-0	46	4-2-4-0
Phoenix	16-13-12-2	46	6-2-1-1
Los Angeles	16-14-9-4	45	0-3-6-1
Anaheim	13-19-7-5	38	2-5-3-0

NBA



Sixty-six-year-old Lenny Wilkens will take over as head coach of the Knicks following a sudden decision by Isiah Thomas. The former Toronto coach will replace Don Chaney, who Thomas fired.

Knicks dump Chaney in favor of Wilkens

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Isiah Thomas pulled off a shocker on a bizarre day even by New York Knicks standards, firing Don Chaney and his two top assistants Wednesday and hiring Lenny Wilkens as head coach.

The 66-year-old Wilkens is the NBA leader in career coaching victories and losses.

"I think he's a perfect fit," Thomas said.

Chaney and assistants Brendan Malone and Lon Kruger received the news after arriving at Madison Square Garden late in the

afternoon.

"I'm not here today to point out negative things about Don or our former coaching staff," said Thomas, who also considered himself, Chuck Daly and Mike Fratello for the job. "At the end of the day I thought Lenny would be the better man for the job."

The coaching change represented the second major move of Thomas' frenzied tenure since replacing team president Scott Layden late last month.

Thomas has turned over nearly half the roster and a majority of the coaching staff, acquiring an All-Star

in Stephon Marbury and a Hall of Famer in Wilkens.

Chaney was 72-112 in two-plus seasons in New York and 337-494 in 12 seasons overall as an NBA head coach.

"With the change this afternoon, I'm just still shocked and surprised that it went down," Knicks forward Kurt Thomas said. "Don handled this like he handles everything — superb."

Chaney put the team through its morning shootaround after reading in the Daily News that he would be replaced by Fratello, who later released a statement saying he had

no agreement "in place." Thomas said no offer was ever made to Fratello.

Chaney was not available for comment after being dismissed.

"I'm happy for Lenny — he's a great guy and a great coach," Raptors forward Morris Peterson said. "We had a lot of injuries, and there's nothing he could do about that."

Allan Houston, who has been with the Knicks through the tenures and departures of team executives Dave Checketts, Ernie Grunfeld, and Layden, struggled to put Wednesday's developments into perspective.

IN BRIEF

Rose's book climbs to top of best seller list

NEW YORK — It may not get him in the Hall of Fame, but Pete Rose's book, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," will claim the No. 1 spot on The New York Times' list of best sellers.

Rose's book, released last Thursday with a first printing of 500,000, will top the Times' nonfiction hardcover chart coming out Jan. 25, reflecting the week "My Prison Without Bars" went on sale.

In 1989, Rose was banished from baseball for betting on the game, a charge he acknowledged for the first time in his new book. Rose, the career hits leader, is ineligible for the Hall of Fame and officials had said reinstatement was impossible until he admitted that he gambled on baseball.

Earlier this week, baseball commissioner Bud Selig said he had not read the book and declined comment on what he might do.

Rose's publisher, Rodale Press, said actual sales figures were not available Wednesday. According to Nielsen BookScan, which tracks industry sales, "My Prison Without Bars" sold just under 21,000 copies in its first three days.

Nielsen claims to report about 70-75 percent of total sales.

NCAA delays decision on 3-point arc

INDIANAPOLIS — Proposals to extend the 3-point arc and widen the free throw lane have been put on hold while the NCAA tries to determine what impact the changes would have on college basketball.

The changes were recommended by the men's and women's basketball rules committees but were turned down this week by the NCAA executive committee at the association's convention in Nashville, Tenn.

"The most important thing is that we make a decision that's in the

best interest for the game of basketball," men's committee chairman Willis Wilson said Wednesday.

"Coaches, obviously, have to have input into that," said Wilson, the coach at Rice. "The court markings pertaining to the lane have not changed in the last 50 years; players have changed tremendously in the last 50 years. So I think the rules committee will be very careful in terms of looking at what adjustments, if any, should be made."

Earlier last year, the men's and women's rules committees approved a proposal to adopt international standards — a trapezoid lane and a 3-point line of 20 feet, 6 inches, which is nine inches longer than the current 3-point line.

In June, however, the rules committees backed off a plan that would have altered the lines this season and instead delayed the changes to 2004-05. It also removed the change in the free throw lane for women.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Virginia at Georgia Tech 7 p.m., ESPN2
Louisville at East Carolina 9 p.m., ESPN2

NHL

Dallas at Colorado 9:00 p.m., ESPN
Columbus at St. Louis 8 p.m., Fox Sports

Recruits

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Incarnato, an Ohio native, the 10th and 19th offensive tackle prospects, respectively, but the best players have slipped through the cracks.

Players such as Colorado top offensive line recruit Jeff Byers, who committed to USC a few weeks after his visit to the Notre Dame-USC game are indicative of how Notre Dame has struggled to secure future talent.

Frank believes monitoring the percent of players who commit after initial offers is an accurate method of measuring the success of that year's class.

"It's interesting to see how many of the initial offers are left standing at the end," he said.

Of the players Notre Dame initially offered, the Irish have lost defensive back Nick Patterson to Ohio State, defensive lineman

Jeff Schweiger to USC and defensive back D.J. Davis to Texas A&M. Notre Dame has secured the verbal commitments of defensive end Ronald Talley, a 6-foot-3, 240 pound strongside end out of Detroit, Mich., and Abdel Banda, a 6-foot-2, 215 pound Morristown, NJ linebacker.

Anthony Vernaglia brings athleticism to the class with experience at linebacker and tight end. The Orange County, Calif. native caught 31 balls for 470 yards and ten touchdowns in his senior season. He also had four sacks, one interception and three fumble recoveries on the defensive end.

One of the most recent and the eighth commitment is Tregg Duerson, a defensive back with average speed who had been recruited by few top programs.

Unlike at this time last year, the nation's top players are glancing past the Irish as they look to play winning college football.

"The Syracuse loss probably took some wind out of their [Notre Dame's] sails in terms of recruiting," Frank said. "With the low number of players Notre Dame is taking, and the season that they had, it puts them in a difficult position to land the top guys."

Notre Dame coaches have said the team will most likely sign 17 or 18 players, a significant number less than the 21 players who received scholarships last spring.

"The prospect of maybe even struggling as a freshman in a struggling program is intriguing, and that's what Willingham and his staff is selling right now," Frank said. "Where it becomes difficult is the very best players want to play on the very best teams. Guys want to play for conference championships, bowl championships and national championships."

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Amy Warner, the first Irish forward to make first team All-American dribbles the ball past an Oklahoma defender.

Awards

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her a remarkable distinction, as she became the first Irish forward to be named to the first team.

"[Being the first Irish forward to make the first team

was] extremely surprising, especially with players like Jenny Streiffer and Jenny Hefting passed through here," Warner said.

The Irish have also received a number of other awards since the season ended.

Tancredi was a finalist for the Soccer Buzz Player of the Year award, while freshmen Christie Shaner and Jen Buczkowski were finalists for the Rookie of the Year.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum is a finalist for National Coach of the Year for leading the Irish to the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division Title and a 20-3-1 record on the year.

Vanessa Pruzinsky received more recognition by being one of eight finalists for the Socrates Award, a national student-athlete program sponsored by Sporting News

Radio. The Socrates award is presented to the college student-athlete who best exemplifies excellence in athletics and academics.

A few Irish players have also been called in to train with the U-21 and U-19 National Teams this month. Warner and Shaner will be training with the U-21 Team

starting Jan. 23, while Buczkowski was called in to the U-19 Team camp that concluded Jan. 2. Warner was given one of the limited exemptions allowed for players over the designated age.

The Irish squad also recently received the NSCAA Team Academic Award, presented to teams that earned better than a 3.0 GPA during the previous academic

year. Leading the way for the Irish were Pruzinsky (4.0 cumulative GPA), Ashley Dryer (3.60 cumulative GPA), Warner (3.67 GPA

spring 2003), and Kim Carpenter, who qualified for the Dean's List both semesters in 2002-03 as a pre-professional science major.

"It is an honor ... especially if I look back and see the other people that have made it."

Amy Warner forward

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Senior Katie Miller, who scored nine points for the Belles against Hope last weekend, takes the ball downcourt.

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Bball

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four games after starting out the season at 3-6.

Saint Mary's was lead by Emily Creachbaum, who scored 18 points on 8-of-19 shooting from the field and grabbed eight rebounds in 25 minutes. Maureen Bush added 11 points and four rebounds.

The loss moved Saint Mary's College to 4-10 on the year, and 0-4 in the MIAA.

"We shot well from the floor and the line, we just committed way too many turnovers," said Susan Bellina.

Saint Mary's has dropped the last five games after an overtime road victory against Tri-State on Dec. 13 and the team is just 1-7 in their last eight games.

Throughout the losing streak, one bright spot for the Belles has been Emily Pernotto's play. She scored 14 points and 17 points in back-to-back home losses against Merchant Marine and Widener.

Saint Mary's 66, Tri-State 64

At Tri-State on Jan. 24, Saint Mary's pulled out an overtime win, in a thrilling game that came down to the wire. Emily Creachbaum had 18 points and 5 rebounds in the win. Katie Miller added 11 points, 5 assists, and 4 rebounds without turning the ball over once.

The win moved Saint Mary's to 4-5.

Merchant Marine 55, Saint Mary's 51

Rebecca Segert's 27 points and 11 rebounds proved to be too much, as Merchant Marine narrowly defeated Saint Mary's on Dec. 28. Ashley Carlese added 16 points and seven rebounds for Merchant Marine. Pernotto lead Saint Mary's with 14 points on 3-of-9 shooting, as the loss moved Saint Mary's to 4-6.

Widener 72, Saint Mary's 61

At Saint Mary's on Dec. 29, Nicole Stanley, Nikki Carden and Chelsea Luhta exploded on the offensive end scoring 18, 15 and 22 respectively, as Saint Mary's dropped their second game in a row.

Saint Mary's turned the ball over 26 times, and were outplayed in the second half after being tied at 31 at the half.

Calvin 60, Saint Mary's 38

In a lopsided contest between Calvin and Saint Mary's on Jan 6, Calvin blew the Belles out of the gym on route to a 22-point blow out. Lisa Winkle led Calvin with 14 points, but it was really an even distribution of scoring that lead to the victory. Calvin played great defense, only allowing Saint Mary's to hit 13-of-53 from the field. The loss dropped Saint Mary's to 4-

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Hope 71, Saint Mary's 51

On Jan. 10, Saint Mary's dropped their fourth game in a row, and second in a row by 20 or more points, as they shot 31 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 18 times. Hope was lead by Bria Ebels who scored 13 points on 5-of-11 from the field. Katie Miller had nine points for the Belles.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles suffer 119-84 loss to Calvin

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team lost its first meet coming off winter training, but coach Greg Petcoff is still smiling.

Despite the 119-84 loss to Calvin College Saturday, Petcoff is encouraged by the individual performances given during the team's week-long winter training in Islamorada, Fla.

Eight swimmers were able to swim personal best times including "performer of the meet" senior Katy Lebiecz. Lebiecz took second place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2 minutes, 37.13 seconds.

"It was just a fantastic swim, the last time that she swam this fast was two years ago when she broke the school record," Petcoff said. "She is a swimmer who is exploding with confidence right now."

Sophomore Kelly Nelis stood out, as well, with a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best time of 2:03.5. Nelis also took first in 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:33.94.

Other highlights include senior Maureen Palchak's 56.65 first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, senior Megan Ramsey's second place time of 2:17.3 in the 200-yard butterfly, and returning swimmer Sarah Nowak's second place finish in the 200-yard IM. This is Nowak's first collegiate race as she and Katie Dingeman return from studying abroad this past fall.

The strenuous workouts and subsequent stand-out performances, however, also resulted in another factor affecting the team's meet against Calvin: fatigue. The team swam double workouts everyday, and Petcoff said exhaustion could have figured into Saturday's loss.

The Belles now stand at 0-3 in the MIAA rankings, and they recently suffered another blow — the loss of one of their top swimmers, freshman Caitlin Fitzpatrick, who broke four school records earlier this season.

"She [Fitzpatrick] is taking a leave of absence from college," Petcoff said. "When things like this happen, there are always people stepping up, but she will not be replaced."

Saint Mary's will now focus upon their next opponents Kalamazoo and Olivet this Friday.

"It was just a fantastic swim..."

Greg Petcoff
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FOOTBALL

Irish lack commitments as signing date looms



Photo courtesy of Mike Frank
Abdel Banda has recently committed to the Irish.

By **PAT LEONARD**
Sports Writer

Time is running out for Tyrone Willingham and the Notre Dame football team as the Irish look to strengthen their recruiting class of 2008.

With just under three weeks remaining until the designated official signing day of Feb. 4, Notre Dame has received only eight verbal commitments.

Notre Dame does not have one

of the top 25 national recruiting classes according to most publications, while many past and future Irish opponents — Boston College (17), Michigan State (21), Pittsburgh (20), Purdue (21), Southern Cal (14), Tennessee (12) and Washington (21) — have secured a significantly higher number of more talented recruits, according to recruit experts.

If there is a headliner to the Notre Dame class of verbal commitments, according to IrishInsider.com columnist Mike

Frank, that player is Justin Hoskins, a shifty, 6-foot, 195 running back out of Grand Rapids, Mich.

"I think they have a star player in Hoskins," Frank said. "I wouldn't be shocked if he started at some point next season."

The possibility of playing and making an impact next season could be attractive to recruits looking to step in and play immediately, such as Kentucky quarterback prospect Brian Brohm, who has yet to make a decision.

It is apparent, however, that this selling point has not been strong enough to attract the country's top talent.

In addition to Hoskins, Notre Dame has secured verbal commitments from offensive linemen Brandon Nicholas (6-foot-5, 260 pounds), Chauncey Incarnato (6-foot-7, 280 pounds) and John Kadous (6-foot-6, 310 pounds).

ESPN's Tom Lemming rated Kadous, an Arizona native, and

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Adrian in 62-56 defeat

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

In a tough match up between Adrian and Saint Mary's Tuesday, Adrian prevailed at home 62-56 in a contest that was very much even throughout the game.

Tied at half, Adrian outscored the Belles 26-20 in the second half to escape with the victory Tuesday night.

Lead by the three-headed monster of Corrie Helldobler,

Fallon Steele and Mandi Lemmons, Adrian moved to (6-7) on the year and (2-3) in the league. Adrian shot 45 percent from the field including 15-of-29 from Helldobler, Steele and Lemmons. Anna Psaute also added eight points on 4-of-8 shooting in only 26 minutes. It also helped Adrian that the Belles turned the ball over an astounding 25 times.

Adrian is 3-1 in their last

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BASEBALL

Irish ranked in top 20 in polls

Irish crack top 20 for fifth straight year

By **CHRIS FEDERICO**
Sports Writer

While still more than a month away from their season opener with San Diego State in Los Angeles on Feb. 20, the Irish have found themselves ranked in the top 20 in the four major college baseball preseason polls.

"I'm really excited for our guys that they're getting the recognition that they deserve," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of Notre Dame's standing in the four pre-season polls.

Notre Dame's highest ranking comes from the Collegiate Baseball Magazine poll, which has the Irish slated 10th — the program's highest preseason ranking in the 46-year history of the poll.

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association placed the Irish 13th in its preseason poll, and the USA Today Coaches poll has the Irish at 17th.

Baseball America listed Notre Dame 19th, marking the fifth straight year the Irish have cracked the top 20 in that poll — a feat accomplished by only six other teams in 2003 National Champion Rice, LSU, Cal State-Fullerton, Georgia Tech, Stanford and Baylor.

Mainieri is not worried about the expectations that go along with his team's impressive early rankings.

"A lot of coaches are afraid of high expectations and polls and things like that," he said. "I'm not one of those coaches. I'm



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Matt Macri, shown here waiting for a pitch last season, will return for the top-20-ranked Irish.

glad that our name is out there in front of people that are college baseball fans, and I'm glad our kids are being recognized as one

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of the top teams in the country."

A couple of Notre Dame players also found themselves on several preseason All-American

rosters.

Senior second baseman Steve Sollmann earned consensus Preseason All-America honors, as he was named to the first team by Collegiate Baseball Magazine and the NCBWA and to the second team by Baseball America.

Sollmann hit, 384 in 2003 with

four home runs, 40 RBI and 67 runs scored, and he notched 38 stolen bases.

Junior pitcher Chris Niesel also received some recognition, earning second team preseason All-American honors from both Collegiate Baseball Magazine and the NCBWA. The right-hander finished 9-1 last season with a 2.65 ERA.

With the preseason rankings and All-American squads in, expectations are high for the 2004 Irish. Mainieri knows that it is now up to his team to live up to and even surpass those expectations.

"And now the challenge is to go out there and prove that we are worthy of those rankings," he said. "Frankly I think that being ranked 10th in the country is fine and dandy, but by the end of the year, I would like to see us move up about nine spots."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Awards continue to roll in for Irish

By **ANDY TROEGER**
Sports Writer

Four years ago, Amy Warner set one major individual goal that she wanted to achieve during her time at Notre Dame: to become an All-American.

After three seasons of making the All-Big East Team, Warner made the jump as a senior by being named a first Team All-America last month.

"It is an honor," Warner said of receiving the award, "especially if I look back and see the other people that have made it. Becoming an All-American was one of my

goals when entering college, and I am proud to have accomplished the goal I set for myself."

Also making the All-America team was Big East Defensive Player of the Year Melissa Tancredi, who made the second team. Warner and Tancredi were both named first team All-Great Lakes Region. Junior Mary Boland and sophomore Erika Bohn both were second team All-Region selections

Despite coming from a program that has combined for 27 NSCAA All-America honors in the past 10 years, Warner's selection earned

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SWIMMING

**Saint Mary's 89
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Saint Mary's loses a key swimmer as the Belles drop to Calvin.

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Garcia arrested

San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on drunk driving charges.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Clarett pleads guilty

Maurice Clarett will not face jail time as he pleads guilty after being accused of lying on a police report.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

**Cincinnati 85
Marquette 73**

Cincinnati stays undefeated with their latest win over Marquette.

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Connecticut maintains its No. 1 ranking as the Huskies defeat the Bulldogs.

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