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Students search for jobs at fair

Despite weather, organizers pleased with turnout

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Heavy snow and biting winds didn't stop Notre Dame students from attending Tuesday's Winter Career and Internship Fair.

The Career Center sponsored the annual event, offering a forum for students and employers to interact. Students from all majors and levels were encouraged to attend.

Anita Rees, associate director of the Career Center, described Tuesday's turnout as "A-plus" and "No. 1." She said that a few employers had to cancel because of the weather, but praised the commitment of those who struggled to arrive.

Jim Heffernan, a representative from Travelers, approximated his involvement with the fair at 10 years. He described this year's experience as successful.

"I've seen a lot of students," Heffernan said. "Many [of them] seniors, but also many other levels."

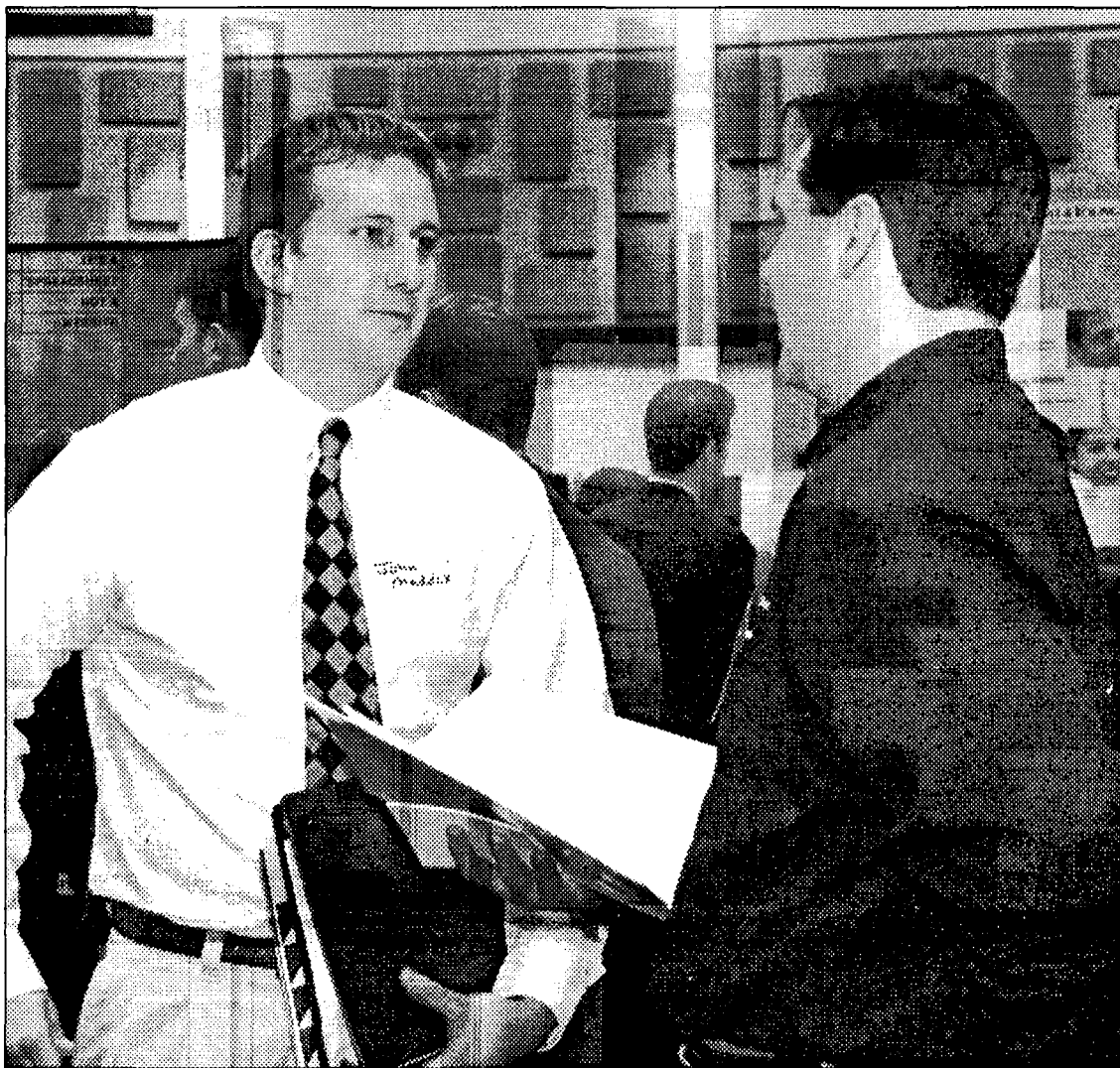
Nathan Frisbee, a representative from Schlumberger Technology Corp., also praised the event. "I'd say that Notre Dame students present themselves very professionally," Frisbee said. "Much more so than public school ones."

Rees was happy with what she saw. "I [saw] resumes piled on tables, superb resumes, long lines and rather lengthy conversations between students and employers," she said.

She added that even if a student fails to get a job, "They have still learned valuable skills and developed relationships" in their field.

But in terms of trying to land a job, Rees advised students to "study and research employers," Rees advised job-seeking stu-

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Notre Dame student John Maddox speaks with a representative from General Electric at Tuesday's Career Fair. Approximately 150 organizations were represented at Tuesday's fair.

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Seniors ponder future, explore options as graduation nears

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Tuesday's Winter Career and Internship Fair brought thoughts of the future job market to many Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students' minds.

While students waited in lines to meet with prospective employers, they found time to consider jobs after graduation and question whether the search would be as difficult as it has in past years.

President George Bush's State of the Union Address said that "economic growth in the third quarter of 2003 was the fastest in nearly 20 years ... and jobs are on the rise." Yet, his confidence in the job market has not carried over to all job-seekers.

Seniors Christa Moen and Sarah Lathrop both agreed that the state of the economy left them "definitely afraid." Lathrop explained that "the market is saturated," resulting in difficulty finding jobs. Moen added that chances are slim, even for entry

level jobs, to which Lathrop cited that "most people don't want entry level jobs" coming out of a university.

Other seniors did not have the same feelings of a quickly approaching job market. Andrea Manka, an economics major, plans on attending law school after graduation and therefore, is not as worried about the market.

Sophomore Trey Williams also attended the career fair, saying

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Judge signs order to dismiss tribe suit

Dismissal would require settlement or land grant

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

A federal judge has signed an order to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the Hannahville Indian Community against Notre Dame and the U.S. Government once either a settlement is reached or the government grants additional land for the tribe's reservation.

The lawsuit claimed that part of Notre Dame's campus belonged to the tribe, which is a successor of the Potawatami Tribe. The suit claimed the state of Indiana illegally transferred land belonging to the Potawatami to Notre Dame.

Under the first option, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said that if a settlement is reached, it would likely not require payment by the University.

The second option for dismissing the suit would require the President of the United States to issue an Executive Order directing the Secretary of the Interior to give non-contiguous land to the tribe in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois to be added to the tribe's reservation.

The tribe's reservation is currently located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where it owns and operates Chip-In's Island Resort and Casino in Harris, Mich.

Robert Miller Jr., the chief judge for the South Bend division of the United States District Court, signed the order of dismissal Monday. It followed a stipulation of dismissal that was filed Jan. 22 by Michael Walleri and John Hamilton, attorneys for the tribe.

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Law students support spouse's polar bear jump, charity



Tom Redmond shows his spirit before taking his jump for charity.

Photo submitted by Sonja Redmond

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Although it's been pretty chilly in Indiana lately, South Bend proves more hospitable to leprechauns than the 21-degree water of Alaska's Resurrection Bay.

Tom Redmond, husband of Notre Dame law student Sonja Redmond, tested the waters himself — in a leprechaun costume, no less — to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Tom leapt with 33 others in Seward, Ala. and raised over \$750 dollars for charity.

Appropriately named "Polar Bear Jump-Off," the fundraiser

took place Jan. 17.

"Basically, it's a bunch of insane people getting together to jump in icy cold water in the middle of January," Sonja said of her husband's leap. This is his fourth year participating in the event.

Tom chose to dress as a leprechaun in acknowledgement of the Notre Dame law students who gave generously to the cause. Sonja made the costume while home over Christmas break.

"I asked them to support his insanity — and the American Cancer Society," she said. "Students contributed and helped make it possible for him to [participate]... and be our

mascot this year."

According to the Seward Chamber of Commerce, the first Polar Bear Jump-Off was held in 1986. It has since grown into a statewide winter festival where the main event is still the jump, in which all participants are required to wear costumes.

"We live 80 miles from Seward," Sonja said, "and when I called my husband on Saturday to offer moral support, he said the temperature at our house was reading -31 degrees."

"The water is so cold, they keep Coast Guard Divers in the water in heated suits the whole

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nutcase or scumbag?

The results from New Hampshire are in and former Vermont Gov. Howard "Mad Howe" Dean got drilled. But why? I don't think the voters are looking at policy. They're looking at the candidates' personalities. So, what's wrong with Howard Dean?

Is he a genuinely evil person, or does he just suffer from serious psychiatric disorders? There are some pretty strong arguments either way. That's why I'm happy to present the Scumbag or Nutcase Scorecard.



Matt Bramanti
Wire Editor

First, let's look at the good doctor's reaction after the Iowa caucuses. You might have heard Dr. Dean's audio clips on the Internet the next day.

"We're going to California and Texas and New York, and we're going to South Dakota and Oregon and Washington and Michigan!" Dean exclaimed. "And then we're going to Washington, D.C. to take back the White House!"

Okay, sounds like a standard rally-the-troops speech. Until the primal scream. That's right, after "take back the White House," Dean let out a guttural holler that The New York Times dubbed simply "The Scream." Verdict: nutcase.

Which brings us to the Dean deli caper. The NBC affiliate in Des Moines, Iowa reported that the Dean campaign bought 200 lunches from the Brown Bag Deli, and then walked on the check. The deli's owner, Scott Hoffman, said the Dean workers stiffed him for \$963.01. Let me repeat this: the man stole hundreds of sandwiches. This event brought to you by the man who wants to preside over a \$10 trillion economy. Verdict: scumbag.

And now on to the war. Dr. Dean said the standard of living of the Iraqi people "is a whole lot worse now than it was before." I guess rape rooms, torturing soccer players for losing games, and executing political opponents are the hallmarks of a high standard of living. Verdict: nutcase.

Let's analyze the deeply seated religious beliefs of the man who would lead the free world. About 25 years ago, he left the Episcopal Church. Was it a complicated theological issue? Ordaining women, perhaps? Nope. He changed religions over a bike path. The city of Burlington wanted to build a municipal bike path on the church's property. Church leaders said no. So Dean became a Congregationalist. The man renounced his religion over a strip of government concrete. Verdict: scumbag.

In an interview with People magazine, Dean revealed a history of anxiety and panic attacks, including one when he was elected governor of Vermont. Now, for the ordinary person, I guess that's not so bad. But we're talking about the guy who can push the nuclear button whenever he feels like it, and I don't want the jumpy type. Verdict: nutcase.

Ok, there you have it, the Scorecard never lies. Howard Dean appears to be completely off his gubernatorial rocker.

Sorry, Howe, but it's not my fault you're stark raving mad. Please don't go on a multi-state killing rampage.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at mbramant@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE GOLDEN GLOBES?



Cassie Herman
Sophomore
Welsh Family

"Is that the same thing as the Emmy's?"



Charles Riffert
Junior
Morrisey

"I'll show you my Golden Globe."



Courtney Wilson
Freshman
Lyons

"I just looked at the outfits."



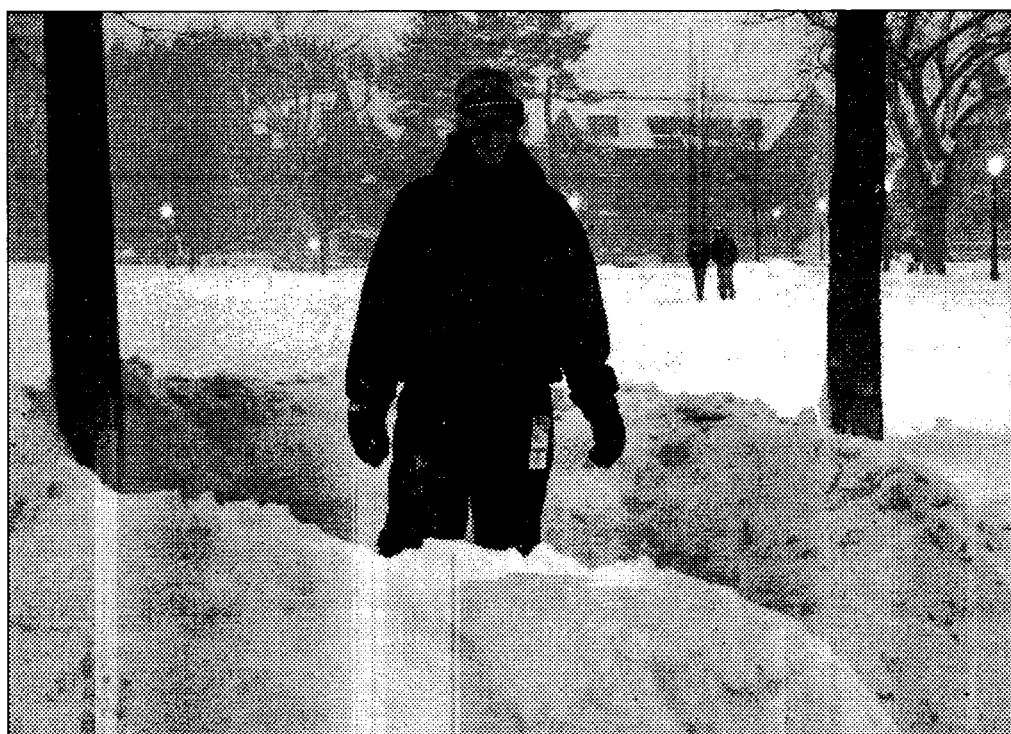
Jo Jo
Senior
Off-Campus

"I was sitting at the edge of my seat expecting some conflict between Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, but I was disappointed."



Napoleon Suarez
Senior
Fisher

"I thought the show went well and everyone looked really nice."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A student builds a snow fort outside of South Dining Hall Tuesday. Although the storm caused several inches of snow accumulation, many students failed to let the cold weather keep them from enjoying outdoor activities.

IN BRIEF

Theology on Tap will take place today from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Legends. At Theology on Tap, you have the chance to hear speakers talk about current issues in the Catholic Church.

Participate in a "Sustained Dialogue" information session tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. in Coleman Morse Lounge. The dialogue is a national social movement to increase awareness and understanding about the existing strained relationships on college campuses. This process has been successful across the world, in businesses, and at Princeton University and the University of Virginia.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will be presented tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Washington Hall. Admission is \$5.

Attend a gallery talk on the "Rick Bartow: My Eye" exhibit tonight at 7 p.m. at the Snite Museum of Art. The talk will be given by Rebecca Dobkins, Ph.D., curator of the exhibit.

Legends will sponsor a Senior Night Thursday from midnight to 4 a.m.

Come to the Peace Corps information session Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

SUB is sponsoring a showing of "School of Rock" Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be two showings each night at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Rescued cat saves man from fire

HUDSON, N.H. — A man who rescued a stray cat from the cold got the favor returned on Sunday when the cat woke him as his house filled with smoke.

Rioux, 76, who lives alone, fell asleep watching television, but was jolted awake when the cat, named Munchkin, jumped up and landed on his chest with all fours.

Rioux was able to get up in time to call the fire department and evacuate safely.

Rioux put the cat in the garage and in the confusion, Munchkin bolted. Rioux and

his family are asking for help finding the black-and-white cat.

Cell phone explosion burns man's buttocks

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian man was shaken and scalded Tuesday after his mobile phone exploded beside him while he was sleeping, the national news agency reported.

Mohamed Radzuan Yasin said he was recharging his cell phone and placed it on his bed near him before he took a nap. Three hours later, he was jarred awake by what he described as a

small explosion.

"The explosion scalded my buttocks, while there were burn marks on the mattress and the wall," Mohamed Radzuan told Bernama news agency.

"At first I was confused about what had exploded, but I realized it was my mobile phone when I saw it was shattered in pieces," he said.

He received treatment for the injury at a hospital and subsequently filed a police report concerning the incident, Bernama reported.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 23 LOW 19	HIGH 17 LOW 11	HIGH 20 LOW 6	HIGH 16 LOW 3	HIGH 15 LOW 12	HIGH 22 LOW 14

Atlanta 50 / 30 Boston 27 / 16 Chicago 24 / 16 Denver 49 / 22 Houston 58 / 46 Los Angeles 62 / 52 Minneapolis 11 / -1
New York 32 / 20 Philadelphia 32 / 20 Phoenix 66 / 46 Seattle 48 / 43 St. Louis 34 / 28 Tampa 59 / 38 Washington 39 / 23

Keough, Welsh Family win LNO

Over \$8,000 raised for St. Joseph's County Special Olympics

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The 1,100 students who participated in Friday's Late Night Olympics raised approximately \$8,100 for the St. Joseph's County Special Olympics charity, an assistant director of RecSports said.

Bill Reagan said that the funds raised exceeded last year's by nearly \$1,400. The all-night event featured competition among Notre Dame and Saint Mary's dorms in an array of athletic activities.

"We went for nine hours in the middle of the night with no behavior incidents, a lot of great competition, a tremendous amount of fun and very few injuries," Reagan said. "I continue to be amazed by the depth of the generosity in terms of time, effort and funds on behalf of our students for special causes."

For the third consecutive year, the Keough/Welsh Family Hall team won the event and raised a total of \$825 to be shared between their dorms. O'Neill and Lyons finished in second place, while a team of MBA students took third place. This year was the first that a graduate school team participated.

Members of both Keough and Welsh Family attributed their success to the publicity that occurs and the excitement generated among their dorm residents.

"With all the promoting that we do in our dorms, people get very



Students play volleyball during the Late Night Olympics on Friday night. The event raised over \$8,000 for charity.

excited about the event and look forward to going," said Melissa Sands, Welsh Hall athletic commissioner. "It was especially enjoyable to watch everything come together so well after spending a couple of weeks promoting, collecting money and getting things organized."

Students said that knowing the money donated went to charity contributed to their participation in Late Night Olympics, but many also cited the sense of dorm spirit and bonding that accompanies the competition.

"It is a great event for a good cause," said Nick Dobbertin, Keough Hall athletic commissioner. "I think the awareness that people have for Special Olympics

is one incentive to participate, but what is more important is the pride that people have for their dorm and the draw of athletic competition. There is some kind of special bonding when the same six guys are running around from one event to another at 3 a.m."

Keough Hall co-presidents Chris Duve and Joseph Sweigart said that they had not yet determined what the funds would be used for but said that they would somehow re-invest them into the dorm. They noted that in the past, winnings have been used to fund programming events and jerseys for the Hall's athletic teams.

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Former business school dean dies

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

James Culliton, the former dean of Notre Dame's business school, died Jan. 23 from a heart-related illness at the Moorings of Arlington Heights retirement community. He was 92.

Culliton joined the faculty of the College of Commerce — soon to be called the College of Business Administration — in 1951 and held the position of dean from 1955 to 1962. During his tenure, he revolutionized the College, starting a small, experimental program called the Program for Administrators that combined a mix of liberal, business and professional work with discussion-oriented classes, which would become the college's educational foundation, author Kerry Temple said in his book *O'Hara's Heirs: Business Education at Notre Dame, 1921-1991*.

After earning a master's and a doctorate from Harvard Business School, Culliton taught at both Boston College and Harvard before coming to Notre Dame. Considered to be one of the elite minds of the time, he was appointed to the U.S. tariff commission by President John F. Kennedy, and continued to serve under President

Lyndon Johnson after Kennedy's assassination.

"My father was a very intelligent but gentle person," Stephen Culliton, a DuPage County judge and 1964 Notre Dame alum, told the Daily Herald. "One day, he literally received a call from the White House to meet Kennedy. I thought it was a big deal, but my dad isn't easily overwhelmed by anyone."

In 1968, Culliton and his family moved to the Philippines so he could become the first president of the Asian Institute of Management, an academic venture among the Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle College, the Harvard Business School and the Ford Foundation.

After retiring, Culliton dedicated his time to help individuals open their own businesses by volunteering for SCORE, a national small business counseling organization, reported the Daily Herald.

Culliton, whose wife of 48 years died in 1985, is survived by sons William (a 1960 alumnus), Edward (a 1962 alumnus), Steve (a 1964 alumnus) and Richard, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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THE HAPPENINGS

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Bro. Toomes to Speak on Gang Life

Come hear Bro. Bill Toomes, founder of Brothers and Sisters of Love, speak with 8 ex-gang members about gang life and gang rehabilitation.

When: February 14 at 3:00 PM

Where: Center for Social Concerns

Free Burma Coalition to Hold First Meeting

Come learn more about the struggles of the Burmese people and how you can take action in this fight for freedom. For more information, go to www.freeburmacoalition.org or email Maureen Fitzpatrick or Kate Belden.

When: Monday, February 2nd at 7:30

Where: CSC Coffeehouse

Presentation discusses "The Everyday Face of Globalization"

Come listen to Francisca Cortez, a 21 year-old farmworker leader from Oaxaca, Mexico talk about her experiences and struggles as a member of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers

(CIW). Sponsored by Progressive Student Alliance.

When: Wednesday, January 28 at 8:00 pm

Where: 155 DeBartolo Hall

Sign up for the Summer Service Project Internship

Earn \$2000, get three Theology credits and get the experience of a lifetime with the Summer Service Project.

The application deadline is February 20. With the SSP Internship students spend eight weeks over the summer working with a service organization. SSPI has the following goals:

1. to allow Notre Dame students to serve the needs of disadvantaged people in cities where there are alumni clubs;
2. to provide an opportunity for alumni-student discussions of social concerns;
3. to contribute to the continuing value education of the student, the alumni and the total Notre Dame community;

4. to employ a service-learning pedagogy that links student experiences with a rigorous set of academic readings, reflections and writing.

More information is available from the CSC or online at www.nd.edu/socconcn

Peace Corp Info Session

Peace Corps recruiter Sophia Kamp will lead this information session for those interested in this two year international program.

When: Thursday, January 29 from 6 -8 p.m.

Where: CSC, Lounge

Spring Break Seminars

Applications due January 28

Travel to Appalachia, Washington, D.C., New York City, Florida, and more to study issues, such as Children and Poverty, Faithful Citizenship, the L'Arche community, and more! Information and Applications Available online or at the CSC.

Mexico Seminar Deadline January 30

Applications are now available for the Oaxaca, Mexico Seminar. Applications can be downloaded at the CSC Web site or are available at the CSC. The due date for the seminar is January 30.

The Mexico Seminar provides students the opportunity for two weeks of experiential-learning in Mexico City (and other areas) in collaboration with local organizations. This one-credit seminar (THEO 366) involves extensive student-directed planning, resource development, and reflection.

Encuentro Chicago Applications Due February 3rd

Encuentro Chicago is an opportunity for students to have a faith immersion of justice and hope with the Latino community of Chicago. Encuentro Chicago will take place on February 14 and 15.

Contact Colleen Knight Santoni for information.

Volunteer with Take 10

A great way to help children and reduce violence in the South Bend community. You will be assigned to a team and spend an hour a week with a group of children, teaching them positive alternatives to violence. For

further information, go to <http://www.nd.edu/~taketen>. Click on the volunteers link to apply online and for the training dates. For further information please contact Kim or call 631-9424.

SMC emergency calls now sent to dispatcher

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

In an adjustment designed to improve emergency response time to campus, all 911 emergency calls made from Saint Mary's are now automatically forwarded to the St. Joseph County's office dispatcher.

Prior to the change, whenever 911 was dialed from an on-campus phone, the call was sent directly to security who then would contact emergency services.

According to Telecommunications Director Sandy Handley, Saint Mary's recently updated the appropriate technology that enabled the new procedure to occur.

"Whenever 911 is dialed a screen will pop up on the Security Department's computer notifying them of the exact location from where the call took place," Handley said.

Saint Mary's now joins Notre Dame, whose emergency calls are also directly sent to emergency dispatchers. This is partly due to

an FCC ruling that will eventually mandate all 911 calls be sent directly to the local dispatch station.

With all calls going directly to the St. Joseph County's office dispatcher, Handley stresses the importance of staying on the line if 911 is dialed accidentally. Hanging up on the dispatcher's office will prompt them to immediately call the number back and alert Saint Mary's security to dispatch an officer. It is best to stay on the line and state that calling was an accident to avoid wasting the time of security and the 911 dispatchers, Handley said.

The College's new service is equivalent to what that used when dialing 911 from home. Saint Mary's security will avoid a potentially delay in the emergency response process through the forwarding of calls from the student to the dispatcher.

"Our goal is to provide even quicker service to our campus by getting the call out to an ambulance more quickly," said Handley.

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ND professor named finalist for book award

By K. AARON VAN
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News Writer

After six years of research, George Marsden received an unexpected recognition for his most recent book, "Jonathan Edwards: A Life."

Though unaware of how he was nominated, the Notre Dame history professor is one of the five finalists for the National Book Critics Circle Award for 2003. This award has been given annually since 1981 to those authors that write, "the finest books published in English," as the committee's Web site describes the award.

His book, a biography of the 18th century Christian Reformed preacher, will go before a review committee in March, and the awards ceremony will be broadcast on C-SPAN on March 4.

Marsden is competing against four other authors in the biography/autobiography division of the national prize, and, if selected, will join past winners, who include Frank McCourt for "Angela's Ashes" and Sylvia Nasar for "A Beautiful Mind."

Marsden wrote the biography in lieu of 27 volumes of Edwards's writings published recently by Yale University Divinity School. Marsden said his writings provided a new angle from which to

examine the preacher's life as an academic biography of Edwards has not been written since 1940.

Marsden said this recent addition to his library reflects his deep-rooted interest in the Protestant tradition.

"Being in the [Christian] Reformed tradition myself, I was trying to understand what it would be like to be Reformed in that time," Marsden said.

This is not the first time Marsden has received recognition for his work. In 2000, Christianity Today added Marsden's Fundamentalism and American Culture to its list of the top 100 Books of the Century, sandwiched between Sigmund Freud's tome "Civilization and its Discontents" and Aldous Huxley's dystopian groundbreaker "Brave New World."

Marsden, who joined Notre Dame 12 years ago, specializes in American Protestant history, and has taught at many other Protestant-affiliated universities and colleges.

He said Notre Dame attracted him because it was an excellent academic institution and retained its religious background and is interested in seeing if and how Notre Dame will continue to maintain its Catholic tradition.

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Lawsuit

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and University Deputy General Counsel William Hoye that called for dismissal if either of the two options were met.

Storin said the University does

not have a preference for either option, but would be happy to see the lawsuit end.

"We have from the beginning had every confidence that we have proper title to the land," Storin said.

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Jump

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time ... in case a jumper should experience distress and

be unable to get back out of the water [unassisted]," she said.

"Everyone wanted to stroke him for Irish good luck," said Sonja. "He was on the evening news in Anchorage three nights in a row." She said the

organization was expected to raise \$75,000 to \$80,000 from the jumpers.

"It's courage or insanity — one or the other."

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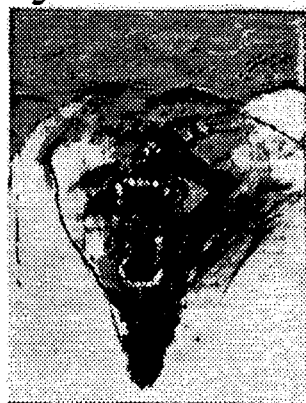
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RICK BARTOW: MY EYE

January 18 – March 14



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Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Gallery Talk by Rebecca Dobkins, Ph.D.,
curator of the exhibit.

Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m.

Lecture by Barry Lopez, National Book Award winner, Notre Dame alumnus, and short-story writer. Reception and book signing to follow.

This exhibition & lecture are free
and open to the public.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arabs, Westerners deny oil bribes

AMMAN, Jordan — Arabs and Westerners accused by Iraqis of receiving Iraqi oil proceeds in exchange for supporting Saddam Hussein denied Tuesday they had accepted bribes or participated in illicit deals.

The accusations surfaced this week in a report by one of the dozens of new newspapers that have begun publishing in Iraq since Saddam was ousted last March. Since, members of the new provisional Iraqi government and Saddam opponents have distributed a list of the accused, based on documents from the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

About 270 former Cabinet officials, legislators, political activists and journalists from 46 countries are on the list, suspected of profiting from Iraqi oil sales that Saddam had allegedly offered them in.

Canadian serial killer found

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Canadian police on Tuesday said they found the remains of nine more women for a total of 31 at a pig farm owned by the man alleged to be Canada's worst serial killer.

Authorities said six of the women had vanished from the city's seedy drug-infested eastside of downtown Vancouver. Three others have not been identified.

Robert William Pickton, 54, has already been charged with 15 counts of first degree murder in the disappearances of women over the past 20 years, and he's expected to be charged with seven more counts. No court date has been set.

The remains of those 22 victims were also found at the farm. Cases involving the nine newly discovered victims are not included in those 22 counts.

Eleven bodies found near border

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Police have dug up 11 bodies in the backyard of a house in this Mexican border city, in what they called the latest evidence of a growing drug battle being waged along the U.S.-Mexico frontier.

The victims were apparently rivals of the Vicente Carrillo drug gang, and were executed with "extreme violence" as long as six months to one year ago, Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said. Several of the victims had been strangled or suffocated.

"This is a war among drug traffickers," Macedo de la Concha said. "It is a confrontation between cartels for territory."

NATIONAL NEWS

New TV show fined by FCC

WASHINGTON — The government cracked down on indecent programming Tuesday, proposing a record fine against the nation's largest radio chain for a show titled "Bubba the Love Sponge" and only the second fine ever for a TV broadcast.

The FCC proposed a \$755,000 fine against Clear Channel Communications for sexually explicit segments of the radio show aired on four Florida radio stations between 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. It was the single largest fine ever proposed for indecency.

The commission also proposed a \$27,500 fine against Young Broadcasting of San Francisco Inc. for airing a man exposing himself on its "KRON 4 Morning News" show.

STATE NEWS

Company pays settlement

INDIANAPOLIS — A state safety agency on Tuesday fined a painting company \$21,000 in a settlement over a truck fire last year that trapped 13 painters in a moving inferno, leaving two of them with fatal burns.

RPT Painting of Franklin also agreed in the deal with the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration to donate \$4,000 to Wishard Memorial Hospital, where one of the painters injured in the July 29 fire was still being treated Tuesday.

Kerry wins in New Hampshire

Dean's rally gives him second place finish in primary; Clark and Dean tie for third

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — John Kerry overpowered Howard Dean to win New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, scoring a second-straight campaign victory to establish the four-term senator as the Democratic Party's presidential front-runner.

"I ask Democrats everywhere to join us so we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry told supporters, promising to "reduce the poverty of millions rather than reducing the taxes of millionaires."

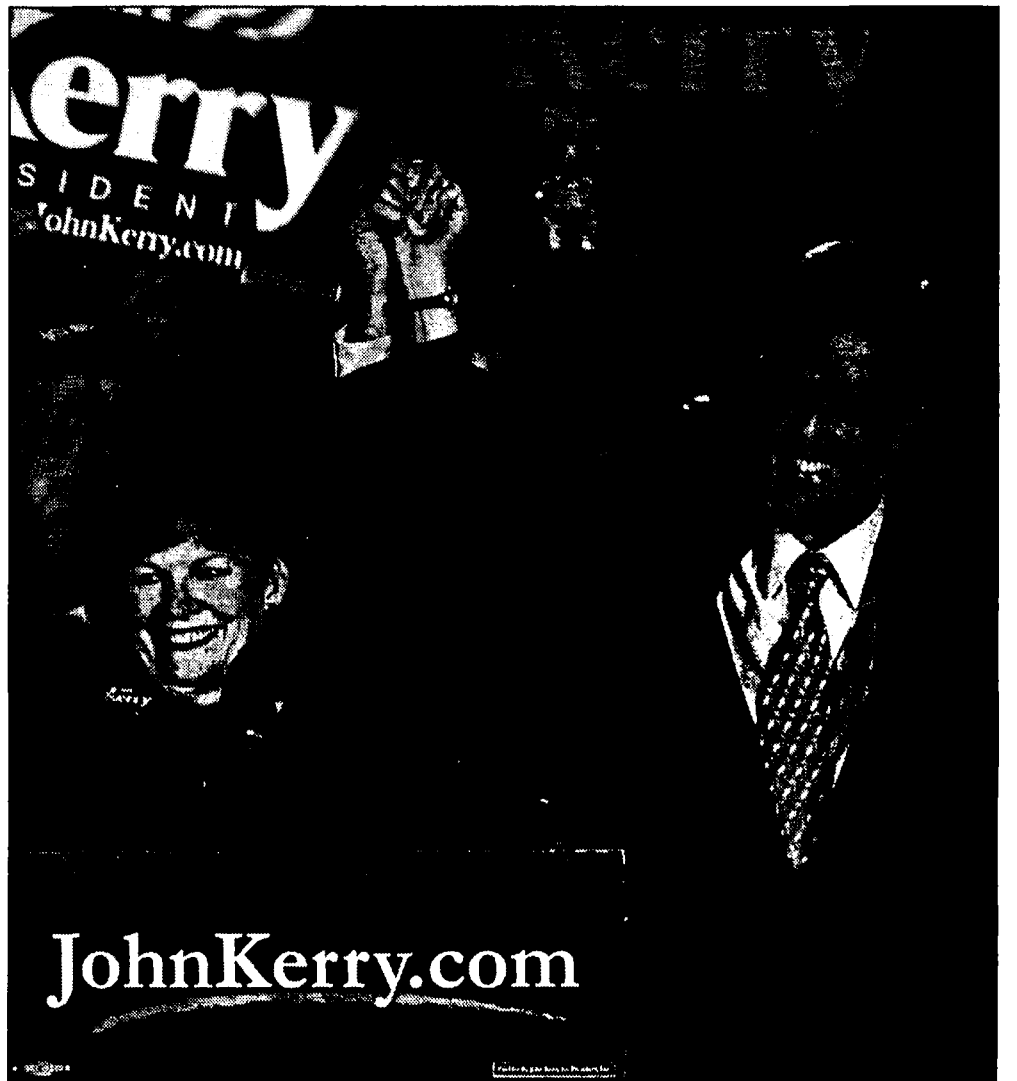
Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark were in a distant race for third. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, sagging to fifth place, rejected advice from some advisers to abandon his bid.

After trooping through coffee shops, country stores and living rooms of Iowa and New Hampshire, the candidates now move to the cold realities of a national campaign — airport rallies and multimillion-dollar ad buys in seven states holding contests next Tuesday.

Kerry, who reshaped the race with his stunning win in Iowa's caucuses Jan. 19, steams toward the cross-country contests emboldened with the aura of success to argue that he is the candidate best suited to oust President Bush in November.

With 87 percent of the precincts reporting, Kerry had 39 percent, Dean had 26 percent, Clark 13 percent, Edwards 12 percent, and Lieberman 9 percent.

Dean, the former five-term governor of Vermont who finished third in Iowa, lost New Hampshire by double digits — less than he



Senator John Kerry celebrates his first-place finish in the New Hampshire primary with his wife, Teresa, and supporters in downtown Manchester, N.H.

needed for a complete rebound or to erase doubts about his viability.

He did manage about twice as many votes as either Edwards or Clark, and found solace in gaining a bit of ground since his disastrous Iowa finish and shrill election-night address.

Dean kept his emotions in check Tuesday night, telling supporters, "The people of New Hampshire have allowed all of you to hope again that we're going to have real change in

America."

Edwards, who finished a surprise second in Iowa, said his double-digit finish is an improvement over his standing in polls before Iowa. He's staking his candidacy on South Carolina, a centerpiece of next week's contests. "Beyond South Carolina, I don't want to make any predictions," he said.

Ignoring his fifth-place showing, Lieberman declared, "We're in a three-way split decision" and pointed his ragged cam-

paign toward South Carolina, Delaware and Oklahoma.

Looking toward next week, Dean insisted he will "play to win in every single state," overruling aides who urged a more cautious approach. The former Vermont governor plans to compete in South Carolina, Missouri, New Mexico and Arizona, which holds contests next Tuesday; Michigan and Washington state four days later; and Wisconsin, with its contest Feb. 17.

Bush attempts to justify Iraq war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that Iraq undoubtedly posed a threat to America last year and the U.S.-led invasion was justified, despite his outgoing arms inspector's conclusion that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction.

But Bush and his aides backed away from often-stated predictions that such weapons will eventually be found in Iraq. And the president deflected questions about the discrepancies between his dire warnings on Iraq and former chief inspector David Kay's findings.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Saddam Hussein was a grave and gathering threat to America and the world," Bush said. "And I say that based upon intelligence that I saw prior to the decision to go into Iraq and I say that based upon what I

know today. And the world is better off without him."

Kay believes his team's failure to find banned weapons in Iraq points to problems in the intelligence suggesting they were there, and he said over the weekend that the CIA owes Bush an explanation.

The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Porter Goss, said in an Associated Press interview Tuesday that Kay was doing a favor for the nation's intelligence system with his harsh criticism of the CIA's flawed prewar estimates.

Goss blamed the problem on underestimation of the fear and repression in Saddam's Iraq and insufficient intelligence budgets during the 1990s. He said the intelligence system needs more resources.

"I already knew it, but I know it in a more reinforced way now, and I figure Dr. Kay has done me a favor," Goss said.

Bush, during a meeting with Polish

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, said he had "great confidence in our intelligence community," and he displayed no interest in such an accounting from the CIA.

The president said he wanted to let American weapons inspectors complete their search in Iraq before drawing conclusions. That work is 85 percent complete, Kay has said.

Last year, the president made Iraq's alleged weapons cache a central rationale for the Iraq invasion.

On Jan. 22, 2003, Bush told an audience in St. Louis, "The dictator of Iraq has got weapons of mass destruction." On the eve of the war in March, he said, "Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised."

Sunday, after nine months of searching, Kay said, "I don't think they exist."

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dents. "Know something about them, so they know why you want to join them."

Rees also said that students are encouraged to use the Career Center, located in Flanner Hall, to review their resume or attend workshops.

Schlumberger Tech specifically attended the fair in search of students who are "decisive, adventurous, and highly mobile," said Frisbee.

Barb Naperalsky, who represented Walgreens, said that her company looks for students who are "ambitious, aggressive individuals who want to succeed."

"We've seen a nice diversity with majors," she said. While looking for retail managers, she said was glad to find so many students with technological and business backgrounds.

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Seniors

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he wanted to take a look at his opportunities and get a feel for the possibilities in his future.

He agreed that there is some fear when it comes to getting a job after graduation. "I feel I have a lot in my favor, with the school I'm at and being a minority," Williams said.

"In the grand scheme of things, I think a lot of people are scared."

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Attendant on Sept. 11 plane calm in tape

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly before Flight 11 slammed into the World Trade Center, the American Airlines operations center received a calm phone call from one of its flight attendants.

"The cockpit is not answering their phone," said Betty Ong. "There's somebody stabbed in business class and, we can't breathe in business. Um, I think there is some mace or something. We can't breathe. I don't know, but I think we're getting hijacked."

Ong, 45, known as "Bee," was on the American Airlines Boeing 767 flying from Boston to Los Angeles on Sept.

11, 2001, before suspected 9-11 ring-leader Mohammed Atta and four others took over the plane and crashed it into the North Tower of the Trade Center.

The Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States heard portions of her 23-minute conversation with the American Airlines operations center on the second of its two-day hearing Tuesday.

Nydia Gonzalez, who was on duty at the operations center that morning, told the panel how she received Ong's call at about 8:20 a.m.

"Several media accounts of what occurred on Flight 11 claimed that Betty was 'hysterical with fear,'

'shrieking' and 'gasping for air,' she said. "Those accounts were wrong."

"In a very calm, professional and poised demeanor, Betty Ong relayed to us detailed information of the events unfolding on Flight 11," Gonzalez added. "I honestly believe after my conversation with Betty that the 81 passengers and new crew members on Flight 11 had no idea of the fate they were to encounter that day."

In the tape played before the commission, Ong tells the operations center her flight and seat number and describes the scene on board.

"We can't even get into the cockpit. We don't know who's there," Ong says, before the call ends in a dial tone.

Panel said FAA minimized attack scenarios

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration focused on the danger of explosives aboard planes rather than a suicide hijacking before the Sept. 11 attacks even though its own security officers warned terrorists might try to crash an airliner, a federal panel said Tuesday.

The FAA's Office of Civil Aviation Security considered the risk of a suicide hijacking at least as early as March 1998, says the preliminary report by The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

The commission report acknowledges there was no specific intelligence indicating suicide hijackings would occur but says the FAA still had a responsibility to protect the flying public against such a threat.

The commission wrapped up two days of hearings that focused on aviation and

border security lapses. The panel, which has been investigating the Sept. 11 attacks for a year and has held seven public hearings, wants Congress to extend its May 27 deadline by at least two months, saying it needs more time to review all the material.

At Tuesday's hearing, the commission provided documents showing the FAA was aware of the possibility of suicide hijackings but did not pass the information along to airlines.

In a presentation to airline and airport officials in early 2001, the FAA discounted the threat of a suicide hijacking because there was "no indication that any group is currently thinking in that direction." And when the agency issued a terrorism warning to air carriers in July 2001, it noted the risk of explosives inside luggage but did not mention suicide hijackings.

At a commission hearing, panel member Timothy Roemer read from an FAA

document published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2001, stating that terrorism could occur "anytime, anywhere" in the United States and cautioning that the risk "needs to be prevented and countered."

"The dots are connected and they're large," said Roemer, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana. "Why didn't they result in a change in policy?"

Cathal Flynn, former associate administrator of civil aviation security at the FAA, responded that the agency only had a generalized sense of the risk and that security efforts were hampered somewhat by poor communication with the FBI.

"It isn't that we disregarded them. There were disconnects," he said. "How would you coerce a pilot to fly into a building that's got people in it? ... How would you do that? The notion of a full-fledged al-Qaida member being a pilot ... did not occur to me."

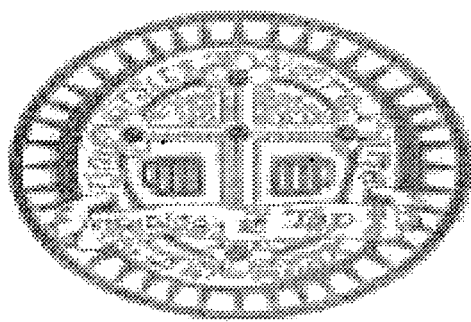
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Kraft cuts jobs, closes plants

CHICAGO — Kraft Foods said Tuesday it will eliminate 6,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and close 20 plants worldwide after more than a year of disappointing sales and earnings for the biggest U.S. food company.

About 1,300 salaried positions in North America will be eliminated in the first quarter, with the remaining cuts occurring over the next three years, Kraft said.

Kraft's brands include Oreo cookies, Jell-O desserts and Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Sales have been particularly sluggish for cookies and pizza.

The company has about 50,000 employees in the United States and slightly more than 100,000 worldwide.

The job cuts were announced as Kraft reported fourth-quarter profits of \$869 million, a drop of 7 percent from a year earlier.

Whistleblower beaten with brick

WASHINGTON — He was dragged from his car and beaten with a brick after confronting an investment-company superior about trading abuses in mutual funds, Peter Scannell told Congress Tuesday.

His complaint about abuses was brushed aside by federal regulators but eventually helped lead to civil fraud charges against fund giant Putnam Investments.

At the hearing where he testified on Tuesday, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., the head of a Senate panel, denounced what they called hidden and excessive fees that gouge millions of mutual fund investors. Spitzer also said it is unfair that mutual funds charge ordinary shareholders much higher fees than pension funds and other big investors.

Fitzgerald called the fund industry "the world's largest skimming operation ... a trough from which fund managers, brokers and other insiders are steadily siphoning off an excessive slice of the nation's household, college and retirement savings."

Putnam, meanwhile, announced that it would cut fees paid by shareholders and provide investors more information on fees and fund managers' compensation.

THE OBSERVER BUSINESS

IrishAngels receive accolade

Gigot Center recognized as finalist in National Outstanding Pedagogy contest

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The IrishAngels flew back to South Bend with another accolade for the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The IrishAngels network, made up of entrepreneurial-minded Notre Dame alumni and friends, was a finalist in the 2004 U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship's National Outstanding Pedagogy contest.

USASBE is a major national network for professionals in entrepreneurship, including educators, policy-makers and researchers.

According to its Website, USASBE's mission "is to advance knowledge and foster business development through entrepreneurship education and research."

"There isn't another organization that has built its own network and used it so broadly."

Theres Sedlack
program director
Gigot Center

Theresa Sedlack, program director at the Gigot Center, said the Angels provide a powerful resource to the center. "We've worked really hard on the IrishAngels network," Sedlack said. "It's an integral part of the Gigot Center,

fulfilling its mission to students and young alumni."

She went on to say that the recognition shows the quality of entrepreneurship education at Notre Dame.

"There isn't another organization that has built its own network and used it so broadly," Sedlack said. "To be recognized as a finalist validates what we've known to be an extremely valuable resource."

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CORPORATE SCANDAL

Testimony begins in Stewart trial

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her reputation and enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Stewart's attorney insisted the case was based on "speculation, surmise and guesswork" and suggested the government's pursuit of the domestic style-setter was reminiscent of George Orwell's Big Brother novel "1984."

The jury of eight women and four men listened to three hours of opening statements that outlined starkly different portrayals of Stewart's sale of nearly 4,000 shares of biotechnology company ImClone Systems on Dec. 27, 2001.

The government contends Stewart, on her way to a vacation in Mexico, was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares, then ordered the sale of her own stock.

Federal prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour said Stewart then conspired with her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, to tell a series of cover-up lies about the sale.

"The reason that Martha Stewart dumped her shares is because she was told a secret," Seymour said. "A secret tip that no other investors in ImClone had."

Stewart was almost motionless as the arguments unfolded in front of her, resting her chin on her hand and occasionally tapping an index finger against her lips.

Stewart faces up to 30 years in prison on charges that include obstruction of justice and securities fraud, but would get a far lighter penalty if convicted. Bacanovic is also charged with five counts and faces 25 years.

Attorneys for Stewart and Bacanovic aimed to convince jurors that the two defendants had done nothing out of the ordinary for a diligent broker and responsible client, arguing they had decided six days before the ImClone sale to get rid of the stock if it fell to \$60.

Waksal later admitted he was tipped that federal regulators were about to issue a negative report on ImClone's star product, the cancer drug Erbitux. That report sent the



Martha Stewart arrives at the Federal Court of Lower Manhattan on Tuesday to hear the opening statements of her securities fraud trial.

stock plummeting.

Stewart attorney Robert Morvillo pointed out that 7 million shares of rapidly falling ImClone were sold on the same day Stewart unloaded hers. And Bacanovic attorney Richard Strassberg said the broker made a paltry \$450 on the sale.

"They have rushed to judgment to bring a case against Ms. Stewart, and in that rush to judgment they have charged an innocent man," Strassberg said.

Morvillo's strategy was clear: His face red and voice rising, the defense lawyer demonized Waksal, the federal government and Doug Faneuil, the former brokerage assistant who will be the star prosecution witness.

At one point, Morvillo banged his fist on the front rail of the jury box and said there was no record Stewart and Bacanovic had talked after the stock sale to discuss their supposedly cooked-up \$60 story.

He also lashed out at Congress for leaking in the summer of 2002 that Waksal had directly tipped Stewart about the Erbitux decision, suggesting it was the work of politicians hungry for attention in the midterm

election.

"Same government — leak it on one side, prosecute it on the other," Morvillo said disdainfully. "I think that George Orwell was just about 20 years too early," he said, alluding to the novel "1984" that described an all-intrusive government.

Morvillo never flatly denied that Stewart was tipped to the Waksal sale. But he described Stewart in December 2001 as weary from the holidays, and finally willing to follow Bacanovic's repeated suggestions to get rid of ImClone.

He also said Stewart was telling the truth in an April 2002 interview with investigators in which she said she did not recall such a tip.

When testimony began Tuesday afternoon, jurors heard from two prosecution witnesses.

A Merrill Lynch official discussed the firm's requirement that it keep its clients' transactions confidential — a rule prosecutors say Bacanovic broke. Also, acting ImClone CEO Daniel Lynch briefly discussed the mechanics of the company's application for government approval of Erbitux.

UNITED NATIONS

Iraq team restores presence

Team to help organize election and transition

Associated Press

PARIS — In agreeing Tuesday to send an election team to Iraq, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan took the first major step to restore his organization's influence in the country.

The prominent U.N. role — helping resolve a dispute over the best way to transfer power to Iraqis — marks a significant reversal. Washington drew up its transition plan for Iraq last year without mentioning the United Nations; U.S. officials now see the world body as their best hope for a compromise.

Annan said he would agree to a coalition and Governing Council request, made in a Jan. 19 meeting, that he dispatch the team to see whether a direct vote for a transitional government is possible.

He also suggested that a multinational force could be deployed but ruled out the idea of U.N. peacekeepers in Iraq. Annan withdrew all international staff in October after deadly suicide bombings of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

"I believe what we can anticipate would be a multinational force authorized by the Security Council, which could help and work with Iraqis to stabilize Iraq and make it safer," Annan said at a press conference with President Jacques Chirac. "This would be a multinational force, with the support of the Security Council, and not 'blue helmets' per se."

Staking out his independence from the coalition, Annan said he will seek out Iraqi opinions.

"I strongly hold to the idea that the most sustainable way forward would be one that came from Iraqis themselves," the secretary-general said in a statement.

Annan said the team will go to Iraq once the U.S.-led coalition assures its safety. In Baghdad, coalition spokesman Dan Senor welcomed Annan's decision and said the coalition would take "all necessary measures" to provide the U.N. team's security.

The United States hopes U.N. intervention will break a deadlock with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, the powerful cleric who wants direct elections for a transitional legislature. The United States says there is not enough time before the legislature takes power June 30 and wants it elected by regional caucuses.

Annan said the team would try to determine what alternatives there are if an election cannot be held.

"I have already made clear that in my view there is no single 'right way,'" he said in Paris.

Al-Sistani's call for direct elections has been backed by tens of thousands of protesters, and the U.S. decision to turn to the United Nations is seen as an acknowl-

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Kofi Annan
U.N. Secretary-General

edgment of the Shiite cleric's influence. Al-Sistani has said he would back the findings of the U.N. team, provided it offers a good alternative if it rules out direct elections now.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Saturday he had been in touch with Annan almost every day recently and also met with Annan's special adviser, Lakhdar Brahimi.

For now, Annan said he has ruled out sending in a U.N. special envoy to succeed Sergio Vieira de Mello, who was killed in an Aug. 19 suicide attack on U.N. headquarters along with 21 other people.

In New York, U.N. spokeswoman Marie Okabe said a U.N. security team arrived in Baghdad on Tuesday to begin assessing safety ahead of the elections team. She declined to say how long the security team was expected to be in Iraq or how big the team was.

A separate two-member U.N. security team went to Baghdad on Friday for talks with the coalition about the possible full return of U.N. employees.

In Baghdad, Mahmoud Othman, a Kurdish member of the Iraqi Governing Council, called Annan's decision "a positive one" and noted the Iraqi leadership had been urging a greater role for the United Nations.

IRAN

Election crisis leaves government in chaos

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran's president has refused to accept the mass resignation of top government officials, state-run media reported Tuesday. Reformists spoke of a compromise to resolve the country's worst political crisis in years.

The crisis began Jan. 11 when the Guardian Council, a powerful, unelected body that supervises elections and approves legislation, disqualified more than a third of the 8,200 candidates registered for the Feb. 20 vote. That included more than 80 sitting lawmakers.

Last week, the government announced that most of Iran's six vice presidents and 24 ministers had tendered their resignations to protest the disqualifications. They were not identified, and the resignations needed President Mohammad Khatami's approval.

Khatami, refusing to accept the resignations, called on the ministers and vice presidents to "proceed with their services to the people," according to the Islamic Republic News Agency.

More than 70 top civil servants also had threatened to resign if free and fair elections were not guaranteed. Khatami himself also had done so, but later said he would continue in his post.

"Of course, we will insist on the need to hold a free and fair election as the symbol of democracy and make sure that the

process will lead to a fair result," Khatami was quoted as saying.

Top reformist and hard-line leaders met into early Tuesday to try to resolve the crisis. Parliament Speaker Mahdi Karroubi said four Cabinet ministers had been assigned to investigate the disqualifications and reach a compromise with the Guardian Council, IRNA reported.

The announcement was the first signal that the crisis, which has threatened to lead the country toward political chaos, might be resolved soon.

Karroubi announced that he, Khatami and the hard-line head of the Judiciary, Ayatollah Mahmoud Hasehmi Shahroudi, had met Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Monday evening. Khamenei has final say on all state matters and his direct intervention has in the past resolved deadlocks.

The speaker said the Cabinet team, headed by Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi, would meet with the Guardian Council in the next few days to "resolve the problem appropriately."

State-run Tehran radio quoted Karroubi as saying that a compromise was in the making.

"We will witness a good understanding between the government and the Guardian Council in the next two days," Karroubi was quoted as saying. He said that by late afternoon Thursday, "some good news will be announced."

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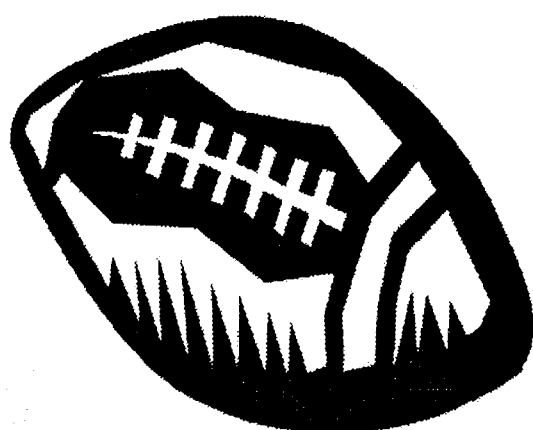
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BRITAIN

Blair narrowly wins key vote

Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair narrowly defeated a major rebellion within his governing Labour Party on Tuesday, winning a key vote on university fees that severely tested his authority.

Lawmakers voted 316-311 in favor of the legislation, offering Blair a welcome boost before Wednesday's publication of a report on the death of a weapons adviser, which added to a furor over the government's case for the Iraq war.

Blair sat on the government front bench in the House of Commons as the result of the vote was announced to loud cheers from Labour lawmakers.

Ministers had embarked on an intense last-minute campaign to win support for the bill, which is the centerpiece of Blair's legislative program.

Many Labour lawmakers had viewed the proposals as a betrayal of a 1997 election promise that there would be no tuition hikes, and the bill crystallized party divisions over the direction of government policy. A defeat would have been Blair's first in Parliament since taking office in 1997.

Clare Short, an outspoken critic of Blair since she quit the Labour government last year, said the bill on university fees was a "breach of trust with the electorate" and "very foolish politically."

An early edition of Wednesday's Sun newspaper said it had obtained details of the report, saying it clears Blair of any dishonorable conduct, rebukes the Ministry of Defense for failing to let Kelly know that his name would come out, and harshly criticizes the BBC for failing to check facts before broadcasting its report.

Under the bill approved Tuesday, universities would be able to charge students up to \$5,500 a year, to be paid after they leave school and start earning wages.

Colleges currently charge a flat-rate fee of \$2,025 which is paid up front. The government says the increase would provide an extra \$1.8 billion a year for higher education.

Education Secretary Charles Clarke has also pledged scholarships for poorer students and promised a system to help ensure that more people from working class backgrounds enter higher education.

Clarke conceded that his authority and that of the prime minister had been on the line over the proposals to increase university fees.

"I am delighted at the result," Clarke said. "Had we lost it would have been a very serious state of affairs."

Tuesday's vote meant the bill passed its second reading, which is an agreement on its basic principles. It next goes before a committee of lawmakers who consider the legislation in detail and suggest possible changes before submitting it to a third reading in the Commons.

UZBEKISTAN

Investigators blame crew for crash

Associated Press

TASHKENT — Pilot error caused an airliner to crash Jan. 13, killing all 37 people on board, including the head of the U.N. mission in Uzbekistan, the government commission investigating the accident said Tuesday.

The crew aboard the Uzbekistan Airways Yak-40 jet failed to follow prop-

er landing procedures, even though heavy fog limited visibility at Tashkent's international airport at the time. The three-engine jet, bound from the town of Termez on the Afghan border, overshot the runway and crashed near the airport.

Among those killed was the head of the U.N. mission in Uzbekistan, Richard

Conroy.

The crew didn't actually see the runway at the minimum height required but continued landing anyway, "overestimating its professional skills," the commission said. Apparently realizing their mistake, the pilots tried to climb again.

The plane crashed into a concrete wall surrounding the airport.

The commission said the plane was in good technical condition and the crew had been properly trained.

Prosecutors have opened a criminal probe, the commission said.

Uzbekistan Airways has suspended all flights of Yak-40s since the crash, a measure that remained in effect Tuesday.

Crew blamed for Uzbek plane crash

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CHINA

Bird flu reaches populous nation

Associated Press

BEIJING — Bird flu reached China, the world's most populous nation, as officials acknowledged Tuesday that at least one duck was infected with the disease and opened an investigation into suspect cases of other dead poultry.

The announcement opened a potentially fearsome new front in the fight against the virus that now has appeared in 10 Asian nations.

Vietnam reported Wednesday that two more people died as a result of bird flu, bringing the total number of deaths in the region to 10. Officials had had earlier confirmed six deaths in Vietnam and two in Thailand.

In Atlanta, the head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged American doctors to test patients with flu-like symptoms if they had recently been to areas with bird flu outbreaks.

Asian countries ravaged by bird flu sent ministers to Bangkok for an emergency meeting Wednesday on how to keep the virus from becoming a global pandemic. The United States and European Union also sent representatives.

China's announcement also created unease about the food supply for Chinese still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak. Chicken is No. 2 only to pork as a staple meat for China's 1.3 billion people. Japan immediately

suspended chicken imports from China, its third-largest supplier of chicken meat and products.

The cases involved ducks in the southern region of Guangxi, on a farm 60 miles from the border with Vietnam, where avian influenza has killed six people. Two people have died in Thailand, and tens of millions of birds have been slaughtered. Nearby Laos also reported its first cases in birds on Tuesday.

Chinese authorities isolated the area around the farm, in a town called Dingdang. Some 14,000 birds within a two-mile radius were slaughtered, and poultry for three miles around was quarantined, the government said.

"Local governments have made necessary measures of slaughter or quarantine to prevent a spread," the official Xinhua News Agency said. "No people have been found infected so far and the epidemic has been in control."

What authorities don't know is significant as well: how and where the birds were infected. Animal smuggling is common in Guangxi; last week, piglets spirited in from Vietnam were burned in their cages by quarantine officials. International health officials also say they believe the virus could be spread by migratory birds.

Xinhua also said reports of bird deaths in a "chicken-raising household" in central Hubei province and a "duck-raising

household" in nearby Hunan province had been diagnosed as "suspect" bird flu. It emphasized those diagnoses were preliminary.

The type of avian influenza in much of the current Asian outbreak is fearsome for two reasons — its virulence and the possibility it could mutate into something that can jump from human to human. Thus far, the only known transmissions to humans have been from birds.

The World Health Organization said Tuesday there was a good chance of keeping the disease from taking root in the human population. Dr. Klaus Stohr, the agency's project leader for influenza surveillance, said he was encouraged by the relatively small number of human cases, even though the virus may have been circulating in birds for some time and humans have been exposed to it.

"We have a window of opportunity to deal with this disease," said Stohr. "We have a good chance of controlling this."

The head of the CDC, Dr. Julie Gerberding said anyone with flu-like symptoms who has been to affected countries should be tested for the virus.

"It appears to be very unlikely [that they would have the disease], but we want to be very vigilant," Gerberding said.

She also urged people who travel to areas with outbreaks to stay away from poultry, live animal markets and any surfaces

contaminated with bird droppings.

In Thailand, officials confirmed that a 6-year-old boy died of the disease, the country's second known flu death. Eight people have died in Vietnam, where the fast-food chain KFC said it would offer its customers fish instead of fried chicken.

So far, 10 governments have reported some strain of bird flu — Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

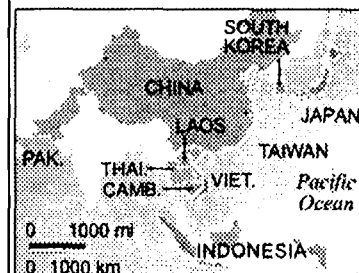
As protective chicken slaughters increased, the World Health Organization warned workers to don protective clothing and masks. Bob Dietz, a WHO spokesman in Hanoi, said it "wouldn't be surprising" that bird flu could travel across the border into China.

China's openly aggressive campaign to combat the disease starkly contrasts with the government's initial secretive response to SARS. Severe acute respiratory syndrome killed 774 people worldwide, including 349 people on the mainland, before retreating last June.

On Tuesday, after the confirmed case of bird flu, Agriculture Ministry spokesman Jia Youling vowed to "strengthen monitoring and increase international cooperation to prevent further spread." WHO spokesman Roy Wadia in Beijing said the Health Ministry had informed his agency.

China confirms Asian bird flu

The world's most populous country, still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak, is now uneasy about its food supply with Tuesday's confirmation of bird flu in at least one duck. Bird flu has now affected 10 Asian nations.



SOURCES: Associated Press AP

Still, there were contradictions in the government's account. While Xinhua said anti-flu efforts had been going on at the duck farm since Friday, Yan Qibin, an official with the Food Quarantine Bureau, said Tuesday that his agency was investigating whether any ducks had actually died there.

Also Tuesday, other Chinese quarantine officials said they would impose poultry bans on Pakistan and Indonesia, bringing to eight the number of countries whose bird products have been banned from the region's largest economy.

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Going for the extra point

It would have been the perfect story. The headline would have read "McNabb Tells Rush to Hush." The opening lead would have begun, "If your definition of overrated is leading your team to the Super Bowl, then Donovan McNabb is guilty as charged." But the sports world does not always have happy endings.

For the third straight year, the Philadelphia Eagles and their dynamic quarterback fell just short of reaching the Super Bowl in a devastating 17-3 NFC Championship loss to the upstart Carolina Panthers. In the post-game press conference, the downtrodden signal caller — ever gracious in defeat — refused to blame a blatant late hit in the first quarter that left his ribs bruised and battered for a sub-par performance and eventual removal from the game in the fourth quarter.

Not to take anything away from the Panthers' decisive victory, but let's play the "what if" game. What if Carolina linebacker Greg Favors had not delivered a cheap shot to McNabb that left the quarterback writhing in pain? What if McNabb had a receiver with even average speed? What if these receivers could actually catch the ball? Maybe the Eagles would be playing in the Super Bowl this Sunday instead of the Panthers. Maybe sports radio talk shows would not have been flooded with simple-minded callers this week claiming "Rush was right." And just maybe, McNabb would have silenced all of the doubt and the controversy that will unfairly haunt the rest of his career unless he wins a Super Bowl all because of some ignorant comments conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh made on ESPN's NFL Countdown a few months ago.

"Unless" is the operative word in the previous sentence, as opposed to "until," because there are no guarantees in sports. At age 27 and through only five years in the NFL, McNabb has a lot of football ahead of him. As far as quarterbacks go, he is just now entering the prime of his career, but he may never again reach the NFC Championship and have an opportunity to play for a berth in the Super Bowl. Unfortunately, no other quarterback — not even the great Peyton Manning, who carries on his shoulders the stigma that he cannot win the big game — will have to endure the same degree of scrutiny and skepticism as McNabb on the grueling quest toward a coveted Lombardi Trophy.

We all remember a few months back when Limbaugh claimed that despite having lead Philadelphia to two consecutive NFC Championship games, McNabb was highly overrated and that his sparkling reputation on the field was undeserved.

The mouth that refuses to quit went on to say that the "liberal left-winged" sports media had a hidden agenda to laud McNabb and other African-American quarterbacks even if their play on the field did not merit such high

praise.

Sadly, Limbaugh's co-hosts on the popular pre-game show that included ex-NFL stars Tom Jackson, Michael Irving and Steve Young — all of whom seemingly would have more expertise on the game of football — remained silent, not offering a single word of protest to dispute the absurd accusations. In response to a storm of criticism, ESPN fired Limbaugh a few days later. The network's shameless efforts to bring in a polarizing news figure to drive up their television ratings had backfired.

Whether or not one agreed with ESPN's decision to axe Limbaugh is really beside the point. Limbaugh's comments were unquestionably dumb and downright insensitive, but the remarks in and of themselves do not make him a racist. He is certainly entitled to his own opinions, but this does not make him above any potential backlash for expressing them. The real lesson to be learned here is that ESPN never should have hired Limbaugh in the first place. He is a political pundit, not a football analyst.

When I watch football, I do not want to hear Limbaugh, Chris Matthews or Bill O'Reilly. I want to hear John Madden, Dan Fouts or Troy Aikman.

Of all the networks, ABC, as the parent company of ESPN, should have known better.

Comedian Dennis Miller's biting wit and clever satire might be the best shtick going these days, but it has its time and its place. The broadcast booth on Monday Night Football alongside Al Michaels was not one of them. Dennis, I love ya babe. But come on now. The average football fan had no idea what the hell you were talking about. Your new show on CNBC is where you belong.

Truth be told, Limbaugh had as much business being on ESPN as actor Sean Penn did traveling to Iraq a little over a year ago as a self-appointed American ambassador. When Penn returned home warning the American people if the United States went to war against Saddam Hussein that the blood would be on our hands, not the homicidal dictator's, the actor deservedly had to suffer some consequences for his stupidity. Even some Hollywood big shots of all people found Madonna's ex-husband a little too extreme for their taste. Penn sued producer Steven Bing claiming he lost a role in the film "Why Men

Shouldn't Marry" for his outspoken opposition against the war in Iraq. Bing countered claiming Penn was irresponsible and irrational. Really?

Sean Penn is a critically acclaimed actor paid to entertain, not to make political commentaries and petty remarks about President Bush. "Mystic River" and his latest movie, "21 Grams," are, according to movie critics, two of the best movies from 2003. Each might haul in some Academy Awards this March, and Penn might even win the category for Best Actor. Perhaps it is my loss, but I am not going to see either of these movies any time soon. Why should I put money in this guy's pocket and hear him bash my country? For that matter, I will not be listening to Rush Limbaugh, either, after he carelessly sabotaged McNabb's career.

Any football fan with even a passing interest (no pun intended) in the game knows that Donovan McNabb is one of the premiere players at his position. At this time a year from now, the Eagles might be in the Super Bowl and McNabb might find himself seated next to the First Lady at the State of the Union Address just like New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

That Tom Brady ... he's so hot right now. It was quite a shrewd political move by the Bush Administration to invite America's No. 1 heartthrob with that cute little cleft in his chin to last Tuesday's speech. As it just so happens, Brady plays football in the historically liberal state of Massachusetts where current Democratic frontrunner John Kerry hails from. How convenient!

Brady had every right to attend the event, and he has every right to campaign for the President's reelection. But if anyone votes for President Bush merely because Tom Brady says so, then this column fired a blank.

If I were wagering, this would be my Super Bowl prediction — not that you should listen to me. Brady is just too cool under pressure, so I gotta go with the Patriots 24, Panthers 13.

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"To confine our attention to terrestrial matters would be to limit the human spirit."

Steven Hawking
cosmologist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debating the merits of affirmative action

Benefits are misdirected

As someone who has worked as a tutor for the one of the SAT services Andrea de Vries mentioned in her Jan. 27 letter, I was absolutely astounded by her claim that such services can be bought to improve scores by hundreds of points. I had never heard of that before. As a matter of fact, we routinely inform students, many of whom are desperate for such a fantastic bounce, that such results are astronomically unlikely, and that it is far more realistic to expect an improvement of 50 points or less. There is no system I know which can take someone from a 1000 score to a 1500. I would like Andrea to provide some names, for otherwise it is pretty clear that she made the claim up herself.

Aside from the SAT, however, I found it interesting how she avoided the other arguments altogether. Greg Parnell indicated, in his Jan. 26 column, for instance, that poor whites perform better academically than middle-class blacks (this is well-documented in the works of John Ogbu and Abigail Thernstrom), yet for Andrea it is all still just a matter of socioeconomic class.

The issue of class, it seems to me, is quite prone to exploitation, especially when discussing the black community. I live down the street from a massive subsidized housing project, inhabited solely by blacks (Hispanics and others do not dare live there), here in Annapolis. I suspect everyone there would be classified as impoverished, by American standards.

Yet, if you visited, you would see lots of cell phones, cars with bizarre and costly modifications, very expensive footwear, extraordinary obesity and widespread use of walkmans and cigarettes. Empty beer and liquor bottles and potato-chip bags lie everywhere; drug arrests and

shootings are almost weekly events. None of this suggests to me an inability to afford books, or tutors if needed. I doubt the projects of Annapolis are unique.

If I could suggest reasons why children from these communities do so poorly in school and on standardized tests, it would not be because there is no money for them. As Parnell pointed out, immigrant children frequently excel with far less than these have. No, the reasons are more likely dysfunctional families, crime and total immersion in a crude pop culture wholly incompatible with anything like responsibility or scholarship. Pumping 50 Cent into your ears all day will keep you from ever learning at all.

Throwing money at the black community to assuage our feelings of guilt is what has created the culture of the projects, where so many blacks languish. To suggest that the solution is to throw even more money at it is ignorant and pathetic. Yes, those blacks are victims, but not victims of racism. They are victims of patronizing whites who would rather exacerbate the problem and feel good about themselves than actually face the problem and help solve it.

By the way, research also shows that poor blacks are rarely the ones who benefit from affirmative action — sadly, none of the kids up the street are getting pulled into Harvard, I can guarantee. No, it is the middle-class black children who are outperformed by lower-class whites — these are the ones getting into the schools of their choice. Nor do I blame them — I would underperform too, if I knew I would be rewarded for it anyway.

Patrick Duncan
class of 2001
Jan. 27

Minorities deserve to attend Notre Dame

After reading Greg Parnell's Jan. 26 column, I was disturbed by the images it portrays of African-Americans. Parnell's myopic view of the race issue in America is as ignorant as it is wrong. Yes, there are minorities enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities with lower scores than their white counterparts. But there are also whites enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities with lower scores than their minority counterparts. Why did you not also single them out? What about alumni, athletes, females and Catholics? Please believe that MIT-caliber students have been denied admission to this university, to admit Joe Quarterback and Sam Legacy. I do not see you protesting their presence. Then your protest mine?

I am hurt by your comment that immigrants "face even harsher disadvantages" than the ones African-Americans "claim" to face. By traveling to a foreign land, immigrants should expect to have a difficult time adjusting. This discomfort is purely a function of displacement. Anyone who moves from his or her homeland to a foreign place is going to face certain barriers in order to survive in that new society.

But we are not foreigners. We were born here, and yet there still exist barriers to our success. That is a problem. I agree with you that immigrants do not expect the country to conform to their ways and customs. They should not; they are foreigners. This is not their homeland. Yet what can be said for African-Americans? This country was built on the sweat and blood of our ancestors' brows. Yet we still cannot live without the impending threat of ignorant whites who are oblivious to their privilege demeaning our successes as handouts and our failures as a character of our blackness.

Though their hands are no longer bound in chains, African-Americans still do not reap the benefits of what "being an American" means, even now, almost 500 years after that first slave ship left Africa. We are not clinging to the past, as you claim in your article. The past is clinging to us. We did not create the system of inequality that has permeated the social landscape of this nation since its founding. Yet we have been adversely affected by it ever since.

Affirmative action's goal is to rectify this

imbalance. It does not, as you say, "lower the merit bar so that they [African-Americans] can compete." By law, as written in executive orders and interpreted by the courts, to benefit from affirmative action, one must have relevant and valid job or educational qualifications. Therefore, affirmative action's goal in college admissions is to bring students who are both equipped academically and can contribute to the diversity of the campus. Each student has a gift to bring. Do not for one second think that you are more entitled to be here than any minority, simply based upon your high school scores. In the essence of diversity, minorities are a valued presence on college campuses because of first their intelligence and second their unique perspective.

Lastly, you say "Racial minorities are not less qualified, talented or capable than the majority," but you end stating, "Minority groups can only advance after accepting that the means to progress is by increasing their own merit, not robbing it from others." You just contradicted yourself. If the merit is equally distributed among races, as you first claim, then there is nothing to be increased; there is nothing to be robbed. There is only that which ceases to be acknowledged. As a program, that is what affirmative action does. It acknowledges the value of minority groups in this nation that have historically been suppressed by the overwhelming white majority.

I leave you with one last thought: I resent your claim that African-Americans are "agitating the system, demanding reparations and relying on pity in order to achieve." I am sure that there are students who applied to Notre Dame and had better scores than you, but were denied. Does that mean you got a handout? Then why, as an African-American, did I? If you think there are African-Americans on this campus that are unqualified to be here, I challenge you to talk to them.

I know I would be more than happy to tell you why I deserve to be here.

Rhea Boyd
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



White guilt pervades

This letter is in regards to Greg Parnell's Jan. 26 column, "Acting out against affirmative action." Mr. Parnell should familiarize himself with the notion of "white guilt" as coined by Stanford professor Shelby Steele.

Due to the historical and cultural force of slavery and its dark aftermath (where just 40 years ago black men were still being hung from trees), we are forced to examine the painful truth of how entrenched we are in the race debate and how the hateful ghosts of our heritage continue to plague our institutions — universities included.

In the age of white guilt, universities are compelled to prove that they are not racist by expounding statistical evidence that they admit a high percentage of minorities. Trying to prove what you are not is futile, but it is a consequence of our painful, segregated past. Neither genie lamps nor reparations will make up for the injustices thrust upon blacks in this country, but healthy, accurate and sensitive debate are fair starting grounds.

Speaking from the privileged halls of one of the whitest campuses in the United States, Parnell abuses the thrust of Martin Luther King's message, compares affirmative action to professional basketball and offers no significant evidence that non-white immigrants are more successful than blacks. Shame on The Observer for abusing the beauty of King's message by placing his image as the centerpiece of Mr. Parnell's insensitive article.

Jeff Robinson
Law student
Jan. 27

MOVIE REVIEW

Cold mountain of emotions

By MICHAEL P. BARRETT

Scene Movie Critic

Too frequently, a great novel is contorted on the silver screen to fit the desires of the Hollywood business. But that is not the case with *Cold Mountain*, a modern classic based on the 1997 bestselling novel by Charles Frazier (his first). Directed by Academy-Award winner Anthony Minghella (*The English Patient*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*), the film has already garnered seven Academy Award nominations, including best actor and best actress.

Although there are a couple minor characters and scenes left out in order to further develop the story, the movie stays true to the book's original intertwining and heart-wrenching plot. Several actors with many awards to their credit portray characters with stunning feeling, adding to the film's credibility: Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renée Zellweger, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman top the impressive list.

Set in the latter days of the Civil War, the story tells of a wounded Confederate soldier, Inman (Jude Law), who seeks to return to Cold Mountain, North Carolina to his love, Ada Monroe (Nicole Kidman), a young educated woman who is struggling to adjust to farm life after growing up in the city of Charleston. Although somewhat drawn out, the

movie has flashbacks and parallels their lives as they both struggle with their personal journeys. Wounded and realizing that he would soon go back to the front lines, Inman decides to desert and to make the long return to Cold Mountain, the place he sees as a paradise after witnessing the horrors of war.

During this time, Ada is taking care of her father, Reverend Monroe (Donald Sutherland), who had moved with her to Cold Mountain in hopes that the fresh air would help his tuberculosis. After his death, she is left on her own and begins her own adventure of sorts in trying to survive. It is at this time that a mountain girl named Ruby Thewes (Renée Zellweger) arrives at the Monroe farm to help Ada.

While on his journey back, Inman meets several interesting characters, ranging from the dangerous and deserter-hunting Home Guard to friendly strangers who help him along the way. This

calls to mind "The Odyssey," and indeed there are striking similarities. One of the first persons he meets is Veasey (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a former town official who travels with Inman for a time. Later on, Inman meets Sara (Natalie Portman), a young widow and mother who longs for a man. Back in Cold Mountain, Ruby and Ada work together on the farm and are aided by Sally Swanger (Kathy Baker), but they



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Ada Monroe (Nicole Kidman) presents Inman (Jude Law) with a book and small portrait to remember her by as he prepares to leave for service in the Civil War.

encounter several hardships mostly caused by Teague (Ray Winstone), a bitter bounty hunter. Later they are joined by Ruby's father, Stobrod (Brendon Gleeson), with his band that features Georgia (Jack White of the White Stripes in his acting debut). The movie continues in this alternating sequence, which adds to the uniqueness of the war and romance tale.

As Inman nears Cold Mountain, he and Ada grow spiritually together in their hopes of the war's end and their being together. This all leads to an awakening conclusion that brings forth both tears and smiles.

Cold Mountain is one of the best works of cinematography in recent memory and it is fitting that it is based on one of the most acclaimed modern novels. One may think of the story as a hybrid of *Saving Private Ryan* and *Gone With The Wind* because it exposes the bloody anguish and suffering of the Civil War while it discloses the longing for love and peace between individuals. It is a testament to the power of the human soul in the midst of hardship.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Go on a date with Tad Hamilton

By JULIE HYNES

Scene Movie Critic

Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! starts out with two solid minutes of quality alone time with half-naked stud muffin Josh Duhamel which is sure to quickly win over the female members of the audience. The rest of the movie is equally entertaining for both sexes, but one can not help spon-

taneously flashing back to those unforgettable initial moments throughout the remainder of the film.

From Robert Luketic, who directed *Legally Blonde*, comes the feel-good romantic comedy *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!*. Kate Bosworth of *Blue Crush* plays Rosalee Futch, a small town Piggly Wiggly cashier who hopes to someday meet famous Hollywood beefcake Tad Hamilton who is played by Josh Duhamel. Rosalee enters an

online contest to win a dream date with hunky Tad, despite numerous sarcastic remarks supplied by her manager Pete and largely unfavorable odds. Topher Grace of "That '70s Show" is Pete, a highly regarded Piggly Wiggly manager who has been offered a great new job in the city, but needs to make known his long held secret feelings for Rosalee before he makes the move.

Rosalee is the lucky winner of the online contest and flies out to Los Angeles for her date with dreamy Tad. Although the date starts out with some awkward vomiting and verbal stumbling, Tad and Rosie have a good conversation during dinner where Rosalee makes an insightful comment on the fast-paced life of a Hollywood actor, saying it is "just a recipe for an unsatisfying life."

This "resonates" with Tad and he decides to spend some more time with Rosalee so that he can figure out how to find fulfillment in his life. Tad arrives at the Piggly Wiggly just as Pete is about to make his feelings known, and thus begins the love triangle which *Win A Date* revolves around.

Deciding how things should play out in *Win a Date* is not as easy as in most

chick flicks because Tad isn't the typical shady hot guy. Audience members will be torn between sexy Tad and endearing Pete. Sean Hayes of "Will and Grace" has a supporting role, so "Will and Grace" fans should be sure to check out *Win a Date*.

Everyone will get a kick out of this movie! While this movie is the ultimate chick flick, guys will be able to enjoy the movie as well because most of them will be able to identify in some way with Pete. What guy doesn't want to believe that some day he will feel this way about a girl?

Profanity is a rarity in *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!*, as are sexual innuendos, so the film is definitely an option if

you are looking for a clean movie to take your younger sibling to a movie that he or she will also enjoy. You may even choose to see this movie with the parental units.

This movie is really very touching. Audience members will be floating out of theatres with light hearts and a refreshing new outlook on daily life, perhaps giving that slightly dorky guy in your chemistry lab who keeps giving you the eye a second look.

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Pete (Topher Grace) meets his competition (Josh Duhamel) for the heart of Rosalee Futch (Kate Bosworth) in the comedy "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!"

MOVIE REVIEW

'Fish' a splash in storytelling

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Movie Critic

As Hollywood and college students alike embark upon the stretch that begins with Golden Globes propaganda in film advertisements and ends in the Oscar awards ceremony, there seems to be a division between the two kinds of films made in the past year — namely, *The Return of the King*, and every other film. *Big Fish*, the latest project from director Tim Burton, may not stock up in special-effects arms against Peter Jackson's epic, but rather instills colorful, provocative scenery and images to support a highly enjoyable narrative.

The majority of the film is told in flashbacks by the ailing Edward Bloom (Albert Finney). Edward has always had a knack for storytelling, even if his stories seem outrageously lavish and incomprehensible. His personality is so amiable that he has little trouble connecting with people — except for his single son, Will (Billy Crudup), who struggles with the belief that he has never known the kind of person his father was really like. Upon hearing of his father's undergoing chemotherapy, Will returns to his parents' home, not only to console them as Edward reaches the end of his life, but to finally get the truth out of him as well.

Ed's stories are truly depicted as a kind of modern fantasy. Using the reliably dreamlike atmosphere of the South (ala *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*), the narrative takes the audience through the adventures of a young Edward (Ewan McGregor), as he tangles with a friendly giant (Matthew McGrory), becomes lost in the eerily pleasant town of Spectre and communicates with Siamese Asian twins through an Asian-to-English dictionary. The clearness and quality of the colors with which the film was shot will probably stand out the most to the viewer; Spectre's bright green lawn sets the tone for the action that takes place there, while lavish and contrasting red colors make up Edward's stint at a carnival. The usage of color (as well as the

purposefully ludicrous inflation behind the circumstances of Edward's tales) aides the plot, perhaps even tricking the audience at times into simply admiring the sentimentality of the

stories of the 'big fish' — when perhaps we should be looking at the tales a little more closely.

Finney is the most fun to watch, which will come as no surprise. His Edward is allowed to play off the often quizzical looks his family and friends often give him. For him, it's all part of the game. Helena Bonham Carter also gives her usual solid acting job, albeit



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A young Edward Bloom (Ewan McGregor) finds himself in a predicament in one of his many adventures from the new dramatic fantasy film "Big Fish."

in a smaller role, playing a close acquaintance to the young Edward. McGregor is also solid, but his ever-smiling, always optimistic outlook towards the problems he faces is frustrating at times; sometimes it just seems too obvious to the audience that he's going to find a solution, regardless of its obstacles, and there isn't anything that truly challenges the kind of character he is.

This, however, is not a fundamental problem for the film, because it isn't the central thesis intended by the script. Burton (along with screenwriter John August, who adapted the screen-

play from Daniel Wallace's novel) aims chiefly at the film's father-son relationship, and doesn't pull the trigger on resolving its conflict until the viewer has seen the entire account presented by Edward. The subsequent conclusion may surprise some audience members, but it's satisfying in the long run. It knots up a colorful and immensely entertaining film, and it appears that the always-creative Burton has finally found his kind of story.

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"Big Fish"

Director: Tim Burton
Writers: Daniel Wallace and John August
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney, Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman and Helena Bonham Carter

Lord of the Oscars: Trilogy finale gets 11 nods

Associated Press

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, the final chapter in Peter Jackson's majestic fantasy trilogy, led the Academy Awards race Tuesday with 11 nominations, including best picture and director.

The Napoleonic era naval adventure *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* was right behind with 10 nominations, among them best picture and director.

Bill Murray, Diane Keaton, Sean Penn and Charlize Theron — all Golden Globe winners Sunday — were among the leading acting nominees. The most notable snub came for the Civil War saga *Cold Mountain*, which failed to get nominations for best picture, director Anthony Minghella or lead actress Nicole Kidman.

Other best-picture nominees for the 76th annual Oscars included *Lost in Translation*, about two lonely Americans in Tokyo; the brooding murder thriller *Mystic River*; and the horse-racing drama *Seabiscuit*.

Along with best picture and director, the nominations for *Return of the King* included original score and song, visual effects, film editing and adapted screenplay for the script based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fanta-

sy classic.

Return of the King led last weekend's Golden Globes with four wins, including best dramatic picture and director, and its broad critical and fan support give the film the inside track at the Oscars.

Besides Jackson and *Master and Commander* director Peter Weir, the directing nominees included Sofia Coppola for *Lost in Translation*, only the third woman ever nominated for best director. The previous nominees were Lina Wertmuller for 1976's *Seven Beauties* and Jane Campion for 1993's *The Piano*. Both lost.

Coppola, the daughter of Francis Ford Coppola, also earned an original-screenplay nomination for *Lost in Translation*.

The other directing nominees: Clint Eastwood for *Mystic River* and a surprise choice, Fernando Meirelles for the Brazilian film *City of God*.

Cold Mountain did get seven nominations — among them, best actor for Jude Law as a Confederate deserter making his way home to his sweetheart and best actress for Renee Zellweger for her role as a no-nonsense Confederate woman.

Along with Law, the actor nominees were Johnny Depp as a wily buccaneer in *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*; Ben Kingsley as an

Iranian immigrant fighting for possession of a home in *House of Sand and Fog*; Murray as a has-been actor shooting a commercial in Japan in *Lost in Translation*; and Penn as an ex-hoodlum out for revenge over his daughter's death in *Monster*.

Nominees for lead actress included a surprise pick, Keisha Castle-Hughes as a New Zealand girl who bucks tradition to become leader of her Maori tribe in *Whale Rider*.

At 13, she's the youngest person ever to be nominated for lead actress, the Academy said. The film's distributor had been pushing her in the supporting category.

The other best actress nominees: Keaton as a down-on-love playwright unexpectedly romanced by two men in *Something's Gotta Give*; Theron as real-life serial killer Aileen Wuornos in *Monster*; Samantha Morton as an Irish immigrant mother in *In America*; and Naomi Watts as a grieving wife and mother seeking vengeance in *21 Grams*.

Contenders for supporting actor were Alec Baldwin as a sleazy casino owner in *The Cooler*; Benicio Del Toro as an ex-con whose effort to go straight ends in tragedy in *21 Grams*; Djimon Hounsou as a standoffish artist dying of AIDS in *In America*; Tim Robbins as

76TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

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a man tormented by childhood abuse in *Mystic River*; and Ken Watanabe as a samurai bat-

ting Western influences among his countrymen in *The Last Samurai*.

NBA

New Jersey's Frank off to good start, Nets crush 76ers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Richard Jefferson and the New Jersey Nets made Lawrence Frank's first game as interim coach a success.

Jefferson scored 30 points to lead the Nets to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

Frank, the 33-year-old former assistant promoted to interim coach after Byron Scott was fired Monday, paced the sideline down to midcourt, flapped his arms and shouted direction the entire game, but he had had little to worry about.

Jason Kidd, whose mid-December screaming match with Scott weakened the coach's standing in the locker room, had 13 points and 10 assists.

Kenyon Martin also scored 13 points.

The Nets opened on a 26-6 run, getting easy alley-oops, reverse layups and fast-break dunks off 11 first-quarter turnovers by the Sixers. Kidd, Martin and Jefferson combined for 22 points in the quarter.

The Sixers had four straight turnovers late in the first quarter, including two straight steals in the backcourt by Kerry Kittles.

The Nets had 17 assists on their 18 first-half field goals.

Philadelphia matched a season-high with 23 turnovers.

The Sixers played without Allen Iverson, who was still bothered by a right index finger sprain. Even Iverson and his NBA-leading 27.2 points would not have helped against the Nets.

The Sixers missed their first six shots of the game, 10 straight over the first and second quarters and shot 29 percent in the first half.

The Philadelphia boo birds came out early and often in one of the smallest crowds of the season.

The Nets capitalized on the poor shooting, fast-breaking and dunking their way to a 56-35 halftime lead.

Willie Green led the Sixers with 20 points and Eric Snow had 13.

Jefferson scored 10 points in the third quarter — sinking two 3-point attempts — when the Nets shot 58 percent from the field and stretched their lead to 28.

Jefferson was the lone Nets' starter left in the game midway through the fourth quarter, and completed a high-flying alley-oop down the right side that got

a rise out of what was left of the crowd.

The basket gave Jefferson 30 points, but left him one-point shy of his season high.

The Nets are 23-20, but have won two straight games and hold first place in the Atlantic Division as its only above-.500 team.

Suns 89, Hawks 85

Shawn Marion scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half and the Phoenix Suns snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

The Hawks, coming off a 91-82 victory at Detroit on Sunday, have not won consecutive games this season.

Joe Johnson added 20 points for the Suns, Casey Jacobsen had 13, and Howard Eisley scored all of his seven points in the final 3:15. Stephen Jackson led the Hawks with 19 points, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Theo Ratliff each had 16 points.

With the score tied at 67, Jacobsen scored on a layup with 6:58 to go to give the Suns the lead for good, although Atlanta got within two points on several occasions.

Leading 75-73, Phoenix got two free throws from Eisley with 3:15 remaining. After a dunk by Marion made it 79-73, Eisley connected on a 3-pointer with 1:50 left and then added two free throws 23 seconds later.

Marion made two free throws with 10.3 seconds left to give the Suns an 87-83 lead.

The Suns, who trailed 42-36 at the half, rallied in the third period.

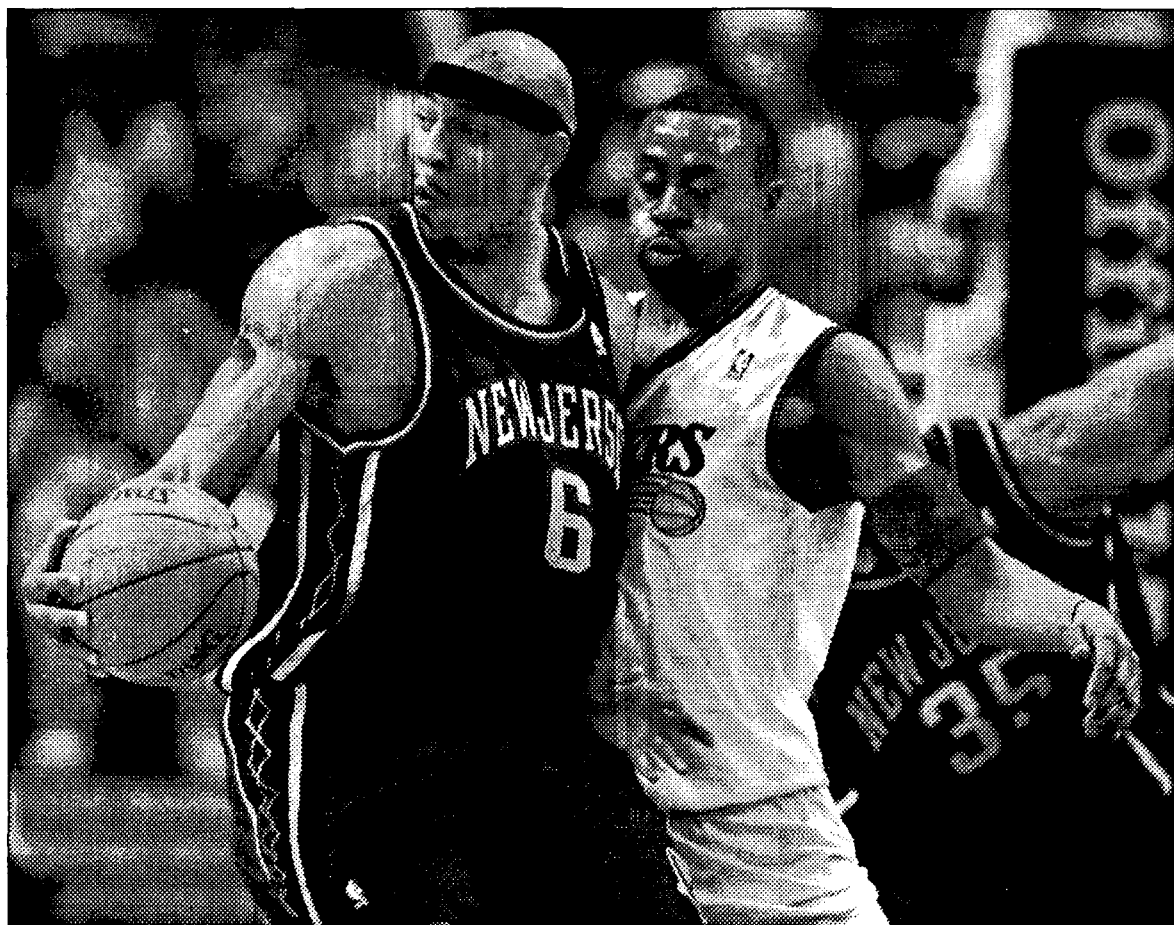
Marion scored 11 of his points in a 22-4 run capped by Jacobsen's basket for a 60-50 lead with 3:55 left in the third.

Marion, the Suns' leading scorer and rebounder, had only four points in the opening half, going 1-of-8 from the field. He was 7-of-11 in the second half.

Spurs 77, Knicks 67

Charlie Ward returned to Madison Square Garden and put the Spurs ahead for good on a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter, and San Antonio avoided another tight finish in a victory Tuesday night over New York.

After losing two straight close games — one on a buzzer-beater, the other on a dunk by Tim Duncan that didn't beat the buzzer in Milwaukee on Monday night, the Spurs controlled the fourth quarter and held the Knicks to a season-low



New Jersey Nets forward Kenyon Martin spins away from Philadelphia forward Kenny Thomas in the Nets' 94-76 victory Tuesday night. Martin had 13 points and 3 rebounds in the game.

point total.

Duncan had 30 points and 19 rebounds but did little in the fourth quarter, failing to score until 1:01 remained. By then, however, Ward, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili had hit enough timely shots to put the Spurs comfortably ahead.

Ginobili, starting his second straight game with Hedo Turkoglu sidelined, had 14 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Parker added 10 points for the Spurs, who won despite having almost as many turnovers (26) as field goals (27).

Stephon Marbury had 19 points and eight assists for the Knicks, who got little production from anyone else. Allan Houston, flustered by Bruce Bowen's defense, shot 2-for-13 and committed six turnovers. Keith Van Horn scored five points in just 18 minutes.

The game was a turnover-fest early, with San Antonio committing nine and New York seven in a first quarter that ended with the Knicks head 17-12.

Both teams had more turnovers than field goals at halftime, and San Antonio led 38-35 behind 21 points and eight rebounds from Duncan.

A 9-2 run early in the third

quarter put San Antonio ahead 47-39, and the Knicks didn't catch up until Michael Doleac hit a jumper with 8:47 remaining in the fourth quarter to make it 57-57.

Ward, a member of the Knicks for 9 1/2 seasons who was sent to Phoenix in the Stephon Marbury trade, then broke the tie with a 3-pointer.

A three-point play by Ginobili was followed by a 12-foot corner jumper by Bowen from an angle behind the backboard to put the Spurs ahead 65-59 with 5:39 left.

The Knicks got no closer than four the rest of the way and were booed off the court at the end.

Clippers 102, Bulls 92

Corey Maggette scored 28 points and Elton Brand had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers past Chicago Tuesday night, the seventh loss in eight games for the Bulls.

It was the Clippers' second wire-to-wire victory this season. The other was Dec. 15 at home, when they beat New Orleans 109-80.

Eddie Robinson came off the bench to score 17 and Marcus Fizer scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter for

the Bulls, who have dropped their last 21 road games against Western Conference teams. They began a seven-game trip with their fifth straight loss away from home.

The Clippers have beaten Chicago seven straight times, only the fourth time they have had that long a streak against one team during their 20 seasons in Los Angeles. They had winning streaks of 11 against Dallas, 10 against Minnesota and eight against Denver.

Robinson, who missed the last two games with a strained groin, made three outside jumpers in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter as the Bulls kept chipping away at a 19-point deficit.

A 3-pointer by Rick Brunson brought them to 90-78 with 7 1/2 minutes remaining but would get no closer than 10 after a 3-pointer by Los Angeles' Chris Jeffries made it 98-88 with 1:31 left.

The Clippers led 51-43 at halftime after opening the game with a 20-8 run.

Corie Blount grabbed eight rebounds in the second quarter to help Chicago close the gap to four with a minute left in the half, but Quentin Richardson and Maggette responded with 3-pointers.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana tops Purdue, remains atop Big Ten

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A.J. Moyer scored 15 points and Roderick Wilmont added all six of his points on a pair of 3s in the final minute Tuesday night, leading Indiana to a 63-58 upset of No. 21 Purdue.

The Hoosiers (11-6, 5-1) beat a ranked team for the first time this season. They remained atop the Big Ten standings by beating the rival Boilermakers at home for the fourth straight time.

Purdue (14-5, 4-2) dropped out of a first-place tie with Indiana and Wisconsin, which plays Wednesday night at Ohio State. The Boilermakers were led by Kenneth Lowe who had 13 points despite not playing the last 15 minutes because of an injured left elbow.

Wilmont was the surprise star. His 3-pointer with 58 seconds left gave Indiana a 59-55 lead. After David Teague answered with a 3 for Purdue, Wilmont hit a 3 from the corner to make it 62-58 and seal the victory.

Moyer did the rest — hitting shots, diving for loose balls, fighting for rebounds and giving his teammates the dose of energy they needed against a Purdue defense that entered the game ranked second in the Big Ten.

And the Hoosiers survived despite shooting 37.9 percent in the second half and having the conference's No. 2 scorer, Bracey Wright, held to just 10 points — half his average.

Lowe was hurt on a driving layup in the midst of a 7-0 run that got the Boilermakers within 41-38. He tried to brace his

fall with his left arm, then writhed in pain before being helped to the bench and eventually into the locker room.

Purdue took a 45-43 lead on Austin Parkinson's third 3-pointer of the season with 11:23 to go and the teams traded leads until the final minute when Wilmont made back-to-back 3s.

Coach Gene Keady is now 1-5 against Indiana since Mike Davis took over the Hoosiers in 2000-01.

Georgia Tech 76, Clemson 69

So much for B.J. Elder's slump.

Elder scored a career-high 36 points to lead No. 14 Georgia Tech to a victory over Clemson on Tuesday night, hardly resembling the guy who was shooting less than 31 percent in Atlantic Coast Conference games.

The Yellow Jackets (16-3, 4-2 ACC) bounced back from a weekend loss at North Carolina State, handing Clemson (8-10, 1-6) its fourth straight defeat.

Elder had 20 points in the first half and surpassed his previous career best of 25 with nearly 10 minutes remaining. By the end, he had the most points by a Georgia Tech player since James Forrest scored 36 against Maryland in 1994.

Elder connected on 12 of 20 shots from the field, including six 3-pointers.

He wound up with nearly half of Georgia Tech's points; Marvin Lewis, with 11, was the only teammate in double figures.

Elder was one of the reasons Georgia Tech got off to a school-record 12-0 start, but he had

struggled since the start of league play. In the last five games, he averaged just 11.8 points and even started one contest on the bench.

His shooting was especially abysmal — 15-of-49 from the field, 30.6 percent. From outside the 3-point line, he was only 7-of-24 (29 percent).

That all changed against Clemson. He finished one point shy of the school record for points in an ACC game, a 37-point effort by Dennis Scott in 1990. Still, it was the highest-scoring game by an ACC player this season, surpassing 30 by Florida State's Tim Pickett in an upset of North Carolina.

Elder carried the Yellow Jackets in the first half, scoring 18 of his team's 22 points in one stretch. He finished off that spurt with a three-point play, putting Georgia Tech ahead to stay at 24-21 with 7:35 remaining in the period.

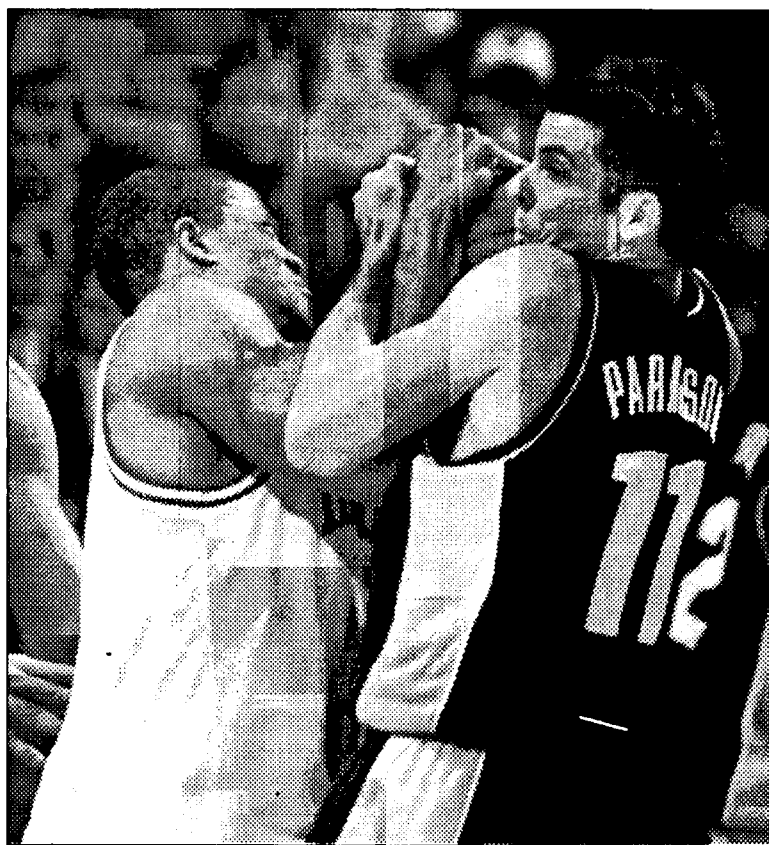
Appropriately, Elder finished off the half with a dunk, giving the Yellow Jackets a 40-34 lead.

After Clemson closed to 53-49 with just under 11 minutes left, Elder took over again. He scored 12 straight points for the Yellow Jackets, capped off by a 3-pointer that pushed the lead to 65-51 — Georgia Tech's largest lead of the night.

The Tigers chipped away at the margin, getting as close as six points.

But Georgia Tech sealed the victory at the foul line in the final minutes.

Shawan Robinson led Clemson with 21 points, and Sharrod Ford added 19. But the Tigers couldn't overcome



Indiana's A.J. Moyer fights for a loose ball with Purdue's Austin Parkinson. The Hoosiers came away with the victory, 63-58.

poor shooting (35.5 percent) and 19 turnovers, which led to 22 points for Georgia Tech.

Mercer 73, Georgia State 55

The Mercer Bears inaugurated a new arena Tuesday night with a upset victory over Atlantic Sun Conference rival Georgia State, ending the Panthers' seven-game winning streak.

Delmar Wilson scored 18 points to lead Mercer (8-12, 5-6 A-Sun) before 2,850 in the new University Center Arena. Georgia State (13-5, 8-3) lost for just the second time in the past 10 games, shooting just 35 percent (23-of-65) and 17 percent from 3-point range.

The Bears also used 23-of-32 free throws to advantage as Panthers starters Nate Williams and Herman Favors fouled out. GSU shot just 5-of-10 from the charity stripe.

Mercer, which led just 32-31 at halftime, grew a one-point lead at 40-39 with 15:10 to play into an eight-point lead as Williams exited with a fourth foul at 12:17.

Georgia State battled back to 50-44 with 6:00 left when Mercer ran off 11 unanswered points.

The Panthers did not have a player in double figures. Trello Galloway and Lamont McIntosh scored nine, and Williams had eight in 20 minutes on the court.

James Odoms added 14 points for Mercer.

Florida 88, Alabama 78

With Anthony Roberson firing away from outside and David Lee hammering away on the inside, No. 22 Florida withstood every challenge from Alabama.

Roberson made six 3-pointers and scored 26 points and Lee matched his career scoring high with 24 in a victory Tuesday night.

The Gators (13-4, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) held Alabama to four points in the final 6:31 and their two stars seemed to take turns hitting the big, rally-ending shot.

"We pulled together," said Roberson, who made 3-of-6 3-pointers in each half and had five assists. "We looked into

each other's eyes and knew we needed to get this road victory."

Alabama (11-6, 3-3) overtook Florida briefly on Kennedy Winston's 3-pointer off a nice pump fake with 6:48 left for a 72-71 lead.

Then, Roberson hit a basket and a free throw, and it was Lee's turn again.

Lee hit two free throws after rebounding Matt Walsh's miss from the line and added a bank shot.

The pair combined for 15 straight points for the Gators, who had no problem scoring against a team giving up a league-best 59 points in SEC play. Alabama had won 11 in a row at home.

"We played with so much toughness and heart and energy and we just came up a little bit short," Tide coach Mark Gottfried said. "We were playing as hard as we could."

"We didn't make as many plays as we needed to late in the game. We just didn't make them at key times and they did."

Antoine Pettway hit two free throws to cut it back to 80-76, but Roberson answered with his final 3-pointer.

Lee was 8-of-12 from both the field and the free throw line and had four offensive rebounds. On the perimeter, Roberson repeatedly confounded the Tide defenders.

"He was coming off screens and making open shots," said Pettway, who had 12 points. "Every open shot he got, he made. It came back to haunt us at the end."

Walsh added 13 points for the Gators, who committed only seven turnovers.

Winston hit five second-half 3-pointers, including three in a row to bring Alabama back from a 13-point deficit in the opening minutes.

He finished with 25 points, 21 after halftime.

Gottfried wasn't even sure Winston would be able to play until shortly before the game because of a sore knee.

Florida coach Billy Donovan praised the shots Winston made with the shot clock winding down.


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NBA

O'Neal to return to action today

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Shaquille O'Neal went through a light practice Tuesday and might play in the Los Angeles Lakers' next game after missing the last 12.

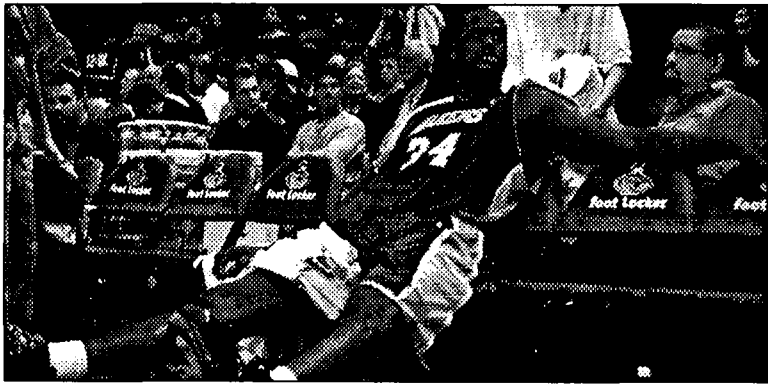
"I feel pretty good. We didn't really run that long," O'Neal said. "Hopefully, I can play tomorrow. If not, hopefully I can play Friday night. I'm a little winded. I can still do damage out there."

The Lakers (26-15) host Seattle on Wednesday and Minnesota on Friday.

Karl Malone, meanwhile, isn't expected to return until after the All-Star break, so he will probably miss another nine games with a right knee injury.

O'Neal has been sidelined since straining his right calf Jan. 2 in the second quarter of a 111-109 loss at Seattle.

He missed two games in late November because of a similar injury.



Wire Photo

Los Angeles center Shaquille O'Neal takes a break during a recent game. O'Neal may return to the Lakers today.

O'Neal was examined Tuesday morning by a team doctor and cleared to practice.

"We had to kind of twist the doctor's arm to get him out here to run full-court," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

"He looked fine — he was light on his feet. We didn't run too hard.

"He's moving fine. He's pretty

much in a position where he can play. We'll have to see what tomorrow brings."

O'Neal will see the doctor again before the Lakers' shootaround Wednesday.

He plans to play if the doctor clears him, saying, "The true test is in the morning."

The Lakers are 5-7 during O'Neal's absence.

O'Brien resigns as Celtics coach

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Jim O'Brien quit as coach of the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, after half a season under new boss Danny Ainge.

Ainge said O'Brien told him he wanted to resign at a meeting Tuesday morning, one of their regularly scheduled sit-downs to discuss "philosophical differences" on running the team.

"The philosophical differences, I thought, were much smaller than Jim thought," said Ainge, who announced O'Brien's departure at a news conference at the team's practice facility.

Assistant coach John Carroll will take over for the rest of the season, Ainge said. Another assistant coach, Dick Harter, was let go.

Ainge said that he took a more long-term view of building the team, while O'Brien was more concerned with short-term results.

"He was not sure he's the man for that job."

Wyc Grousbeck
team owner

"Jim did not see that long-term vision that I saw," said Ainge, who took over as the team's director of basketball operations during last season's playoffs.

Ainge, who appeared at the news conference with one of the team's owners, Wyc Grousbeck, was also trying to add more offense to the team, while O'Brien had always placed a heavy emphasis on defense.

"He was not sure he's the man for that job ... he didn't want to take our money and our time under false pretenses," Grousbeck said.

Ainge, who said he was surprised by O'Brien's decision, also said he had had differences with O'Brien over whether to play some of the older players on the team.

"We felt that there was a ceiling on the success of the old players ... so we did not always agree on the players who should be on the court," Ainge said.

A call placed to O'Brien's agent, Lonnie Cooper, wasn't immediately returned.

The Celtics are 22-24 after reaching the playoffs the past two seasons.

O'Brien's resignation came one day after Byron Scott was fired as coach of the New Jersey Nets, the only team ahead of Boston in the Atlantic Division.

The Celtics lost five of their last seven games, including a 110-91 setback at New Jersey on Sunday. Boston trailed by 17 at halftime and sank just 36 percent of its shots for the game. In those last five losses, star Paul Pierce, who hasn't gotten much offensive help, made just 27 percent of his shots.

Since being hired, Ainge has made numerous changes, trading Antoine Walker to Dallas before the season and Eric Williams and Tony Battie to Cleveland on Dec. 15. The first deal deprived the Celtics of a second scoring threat to go along with Pierce. The second took away two veteran leaders and keys to O'Brien's defense-oriented approach.

Ainge, hired May 9, gave O'Brien a two-year contract extension running through the 2005-06 season. Before granting the extension, however, Ainge met with O'Brien and considered potential replacements among current college coaches, pro assistants, retired players and former NBA coaches.

O'Brien became coach when Rick Pitino resigned in January 2001. He took the Celtics to the Eastern Conference finals in 2002 and the conference semifinals in 2003.

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NHL

Thrashers' winger Heatley returns tonight

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dany Heatley's quick return to the ice couldn't come at a better time for the Atlanta Thrashers.

The star right wing plans to play Wednesday night for the first time since surviving a car wreck in September that killed teammate Dan Snyder and left Heatley with serious injuries.

His scheduled return against St. Louis at home will cap a recovery from two torn knee ligaments and a broken jaw. He had surgery in October to repair the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his right knee.

"I met with the doctors Saturday for about the 17th time about his status," Thrashers general manager Don Waddell said Tuesday. "They assured us he was 100 percent."

After leading the Southeast Division for much of the season, Atlanta has dropped to second place, six points behind Tampa Bay. The Thrashers were tied for ninth in the Eastern Conference with the New York Rangers entering play Tuesday night, four points behind the eighth and final playoff spot.

"It's nice to help, but at the same time, that has no bearing on whether I was ready to play or I wasn't ready to play," Heatley said. "It's going to be fun to get going in the middle of a playoff run."

Coach Bob Hartley and Heatley decided on the move after practice Tuesday. Heatley skated for the first time following surgery on Dec. 23, then joined his teammates in a pregame skate about 10 days ago.

"I've seen Dany skate lots of miles out there, and we've put him through full-contact drills and practice," Hartley said. "There's absolutely no pain. [Wednesday] night or two months from now won't make his knee any stronger."

Heatley was charged with vehicular homicide after Snyder died from head injuries. Test results showed Heatley consumed a small amount of alcohol before the crash, with his blood alcohol content less than 0.015 percent, below Georgia's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Because Heatley wasn't drunk and Snyder's relatives said they forgave him, prosecutors could decide the crash was an accident, with no need to pursue

felony charges, which carry sentences from three to 15 years.

The case remains under investigation and a final decision on charges has not been made, Erik Friedly, a spokesman for the Fulton County district attorney, said Tuesday.

Heatley hasn't played since the season finale last season, a 6-2 victory over the Lightning. He had two goals and an assist in that one.

"I'm coming into this like a regular game last year," Heatley said. "I want to play. There's going to be some rust, but I feel like I'm ready to go."

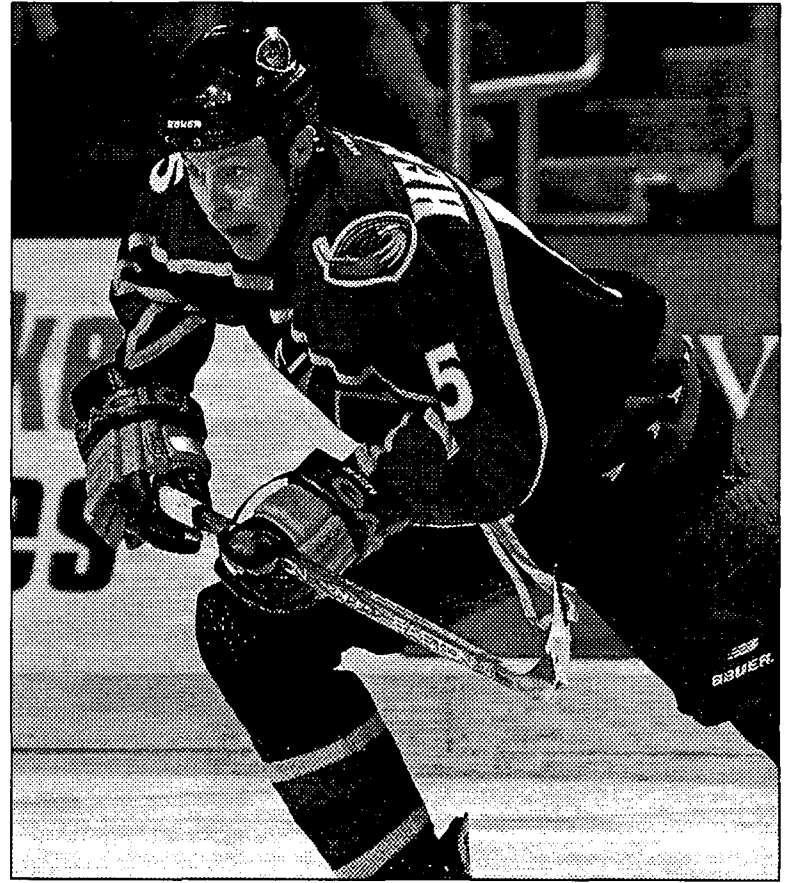
"It's been a long time. I'm anxious to get out there."

The Thrashers won't work Heatley in slowly. He'll resume his spot on one of the top lines and log a lot of ice time.

Heatley was the MVP of last year's All-Star game and finished as the ninth-leading scorer in the NHL with 89 points. In 2002, he was the NHL Rookie of the Year.

"There's no doubt when you have a player of his stature on the bench, he's going to play," Waddell said. "He's not a player that's going to play 10 minutes a game. Once you put him back on the bench, the coach is going to play him as he normally would."

That his return came so



Atlanta Thrashers forward Dany Heatley chases the puck last season. Heatley will play his first game of the season tonight.

quickly seems very surprising. Other players in different sports generally miss an entire season after similar injuries, and Waddell initially expected

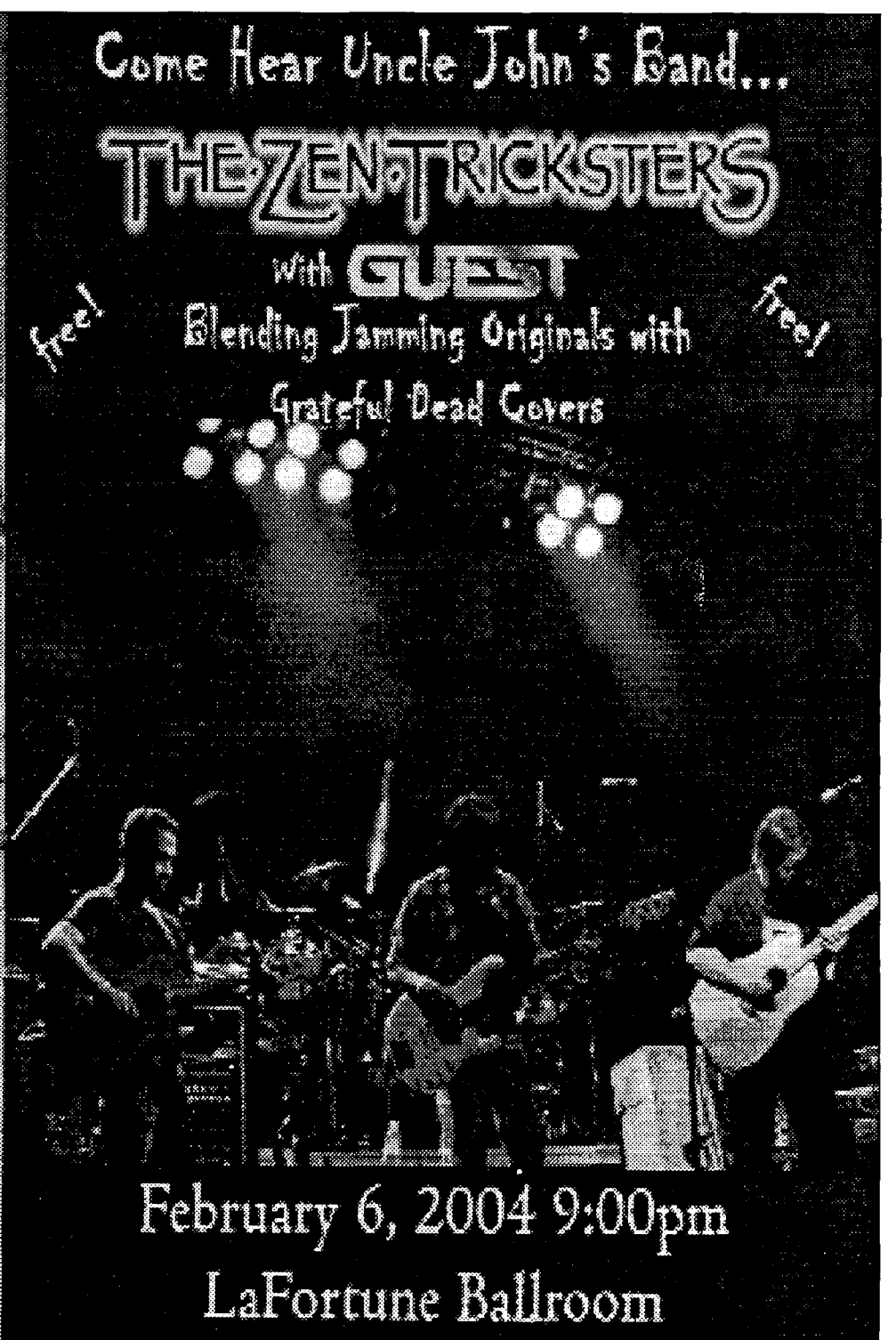
Heatley to miss four to six months. But Heatley started his rehab three days after surgery and beat every timetable throughout.



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Tribe's Tadano sorry for gay pornography

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Indians minor leaguer Kazuhito Tadano is asking for forgiveness for what he called a one-time mistake — his appearance in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act.

Tadano took part in the video three years ago when he was a college student. Sitting in the Cleveland clubhouse Tuesday, the pitcher said he hoped to put his actions in the past.

"All of us have made mistakes in our lives," Tadano said, reading a statement in English. "Hopefully, you learn from them and move on."

Shunned by Japanese baseball teams, the 23-year-old Tadano signed with the Indians last March. They think he can make their club this spring.

Tadano gave few details about the video, which he made after his sophomore year at Rikkyo University.

"I did participate in a video and I regret it very much," he said. "It was a one-time incident that showed bad judgment and will never be repeated. I was young, playing baseball, and going to college and my teammates and I needed money."

"Frankly, if I were more

mature and had really thought about the implications of what I did, it never would have happened."

Through an interpreter, Tadano added: "I'm not gay. I'd like to clear that fact up right now."

Tadano's admission will certainly draw attention to homosexuality in baseball, a sensitive issue that most players prefer to not even discuss.

In 2002, All-Star catcher Mike Piazza felt the need to hold a press conference to profess his heterosexuality after a newspaper gossip columnist suggested that one of the New York Mets' top players was gay.

There are no openly gay players in the big leagues today. The same is true in the NFL, NHL and NBA.

Tadano was one of Japan's top college pitchers and expected to be a high first-round pick in 2002. But after a Japanese tabloid published photos of him in the video a month before the draft, pro teams in Japan did not select him.

"The commissioner of Japanese baseball came out and said, 'You will not draft Tadano,'" asserted the pitcher's agent, Alan Nero. "But this kid didn't assault anybody. He didn't commit murder."

WOMEN'S AUSTRALIA OPEN

Clijsters earns semis spot

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters aggravated an ankle injury in her Australian Open quarterfinal victory over Anastasia Myskina on Wednesday, leaving the second-seeded Belgian star questionable for the semifinals.

Clijsters, a semifinalist in all four majors last season but still without a Grand Slam title, beat Myskina 6-2, 7-6 (9) to set up a semifinal match against Patty Schnyder of Switzerland.

Schnyder, seeded 22nd, advanced to her first Grand Slam semifinal with a 7-5 (2), 6-3 victory over Lisa Raymond.

Clijsters lost the first four games of the second set against Myskina and needed a medical timeout for her left ankle after holding in the fifth.

"I'll have to see how it reacts," Clijsters said.

"I'm going to have a week off after this anyway, so I might as well go for it and give myself a shot. But, on the other hand, if I can't walk tomorrow, it's stupid to go out there."

Clijsters won five of the next six games after getting court-side treatment in the second set and had two match points on the sixth-seeded Myskina's serve in the 12th before the



Kim Clijsters is congratulated on her quarterfinal victory by opponent Anastasia Myskina. Clijsters needed just two sets.

Russian held to force a tiebreaker.

Clijsters had three more match points in the tiebreaker and saved two set points before the match in 90 minutes when Myskina's backhand shot drifted wide.

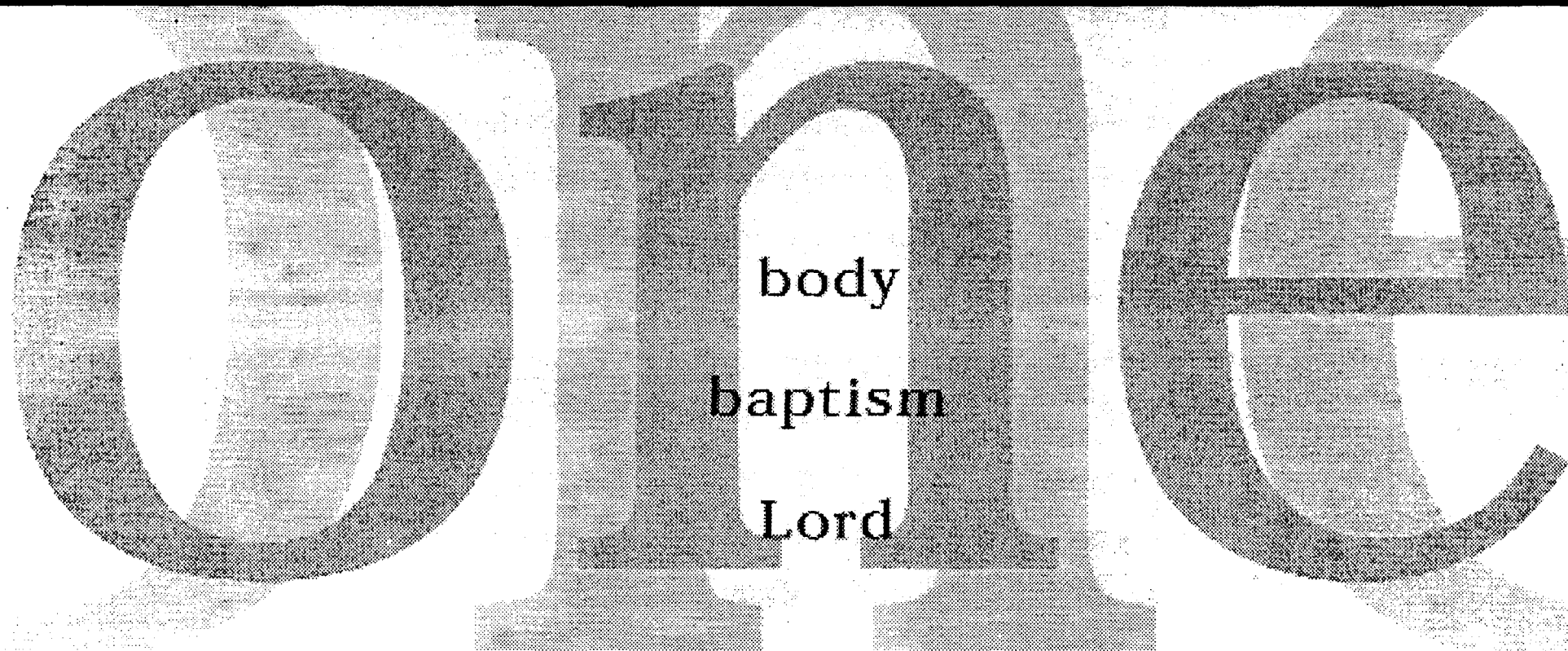
Clijsters, who injured her left ankle at the Hopman Cup and was sidelined for two weeks leading into the tournament, said she'd ice her ankle,

take painkillers and get the area taped before deciding in the morning if she can play in the semifinal Thursday.

In the other semifinal, top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne will face Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga, seeded 32nd.

Henin-Hardenne and Clijsters met in two all-Belgian Grand Slam finals last season, with Henin-Hardenne winning in the French and U.S. Opens.

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MEN'S AUSTRALIA OPEN

Safin ousts Roddick in quarterfinals of Open

No. 1 ranked player loses in five sets

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick was gone by the time the crowd began serenading Marat Safin with "Happy Birthday."

Roddick smashed his racket and headed off the court, losing his shot at an Australian Open title and his No. 1 ranking, too.

He was beaten 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (0), 6-4 Tuesday by Safin in the quarterfinals, falling to a player ranked 86th who limped and winced, called for the trainer and needed a painkiller to make it through the match.

But Safin delivered an unmistakable statement on his 24th birthday: He is back on his game after upsetting the reigning U.S. Open champion.

"People think of Marat and they think of temperamental," Roddick said.

"He is all those things, but at the same time when it comes down to it, he wants to win and he's competitive."

The Russian's performance was not lost on the stadium crowd, which admired his grit and heart and was in full voice after a victory that sent Safin into the semifinals against Andre Agassi.

"I can't ask for anything else," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "It's probably the best birthday I ever had, especially when 15,000 people are singing."

Agassi, the defending champion, practically had the day off. He advanced when ninth-seeded

Sebastien Grosjean retired after 10 games with a recurring groin strain. Agassi was leading 6-2, 2-0.

On the women's side, No. 32 Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia had it even easier. No. 4 Amelie Mauresmo, the 1999 Australian Open runner-up, forfeited to Zuluaga because of an injured back muscle.

She was in tears after hitting for 10 minutes and deciding she couldn't play, missing a chance for a first Grand Slam tournament title.

She will rise to a career-high No. 3 when the next rankings are released.

Zuluaga will meet top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne, who beat fifth-seeded Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 6-3. Henin-Hardenne, the only woman left in the tournament who has won a major, improved to 2-5 against Davenport, including 2-for-2 at the last two Australian Opens.

Roddick was the first of the reigning Grand Slam champs among the men to exit the tournament.

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero now will compete for the No. 1 ranking.

Federer, seeded second, faces David Nalbandian on Wednesday in the quarterfinals, and Ferrero plays Hicham Arazi.

Safin was the 2002 Australian Open runner-up, but he missed most of last year because of an

injured left wrist. There was some question if he would ever return to tennis' elite.

On Tuesday, he appeared in trouble early as Roddick zipped through the first set in 26 minutes.

In the second set, Safin clutched his upper left leg after halfheartedly chasing a passing shot in the opening game.

Safin was getting just half his first serves into play and won only once on 11 second serves.

"I was just as confused as anyone," Roddick said. "You know, I was thinking he was quick to call the trainer. He was stretching a lot in

that one game. Then I guess he just decided he was going to play through it, you know, and suck it up."

Coming back from the medical timeout, Safin was a new man. He raised his winning first-serve percentage to 82.

He had winners eight of the nine times he went to the net, putting Roddick off his baseline game.

"I didn't think about stopping," said Safin, who said his strained groin was bothering him at the start.

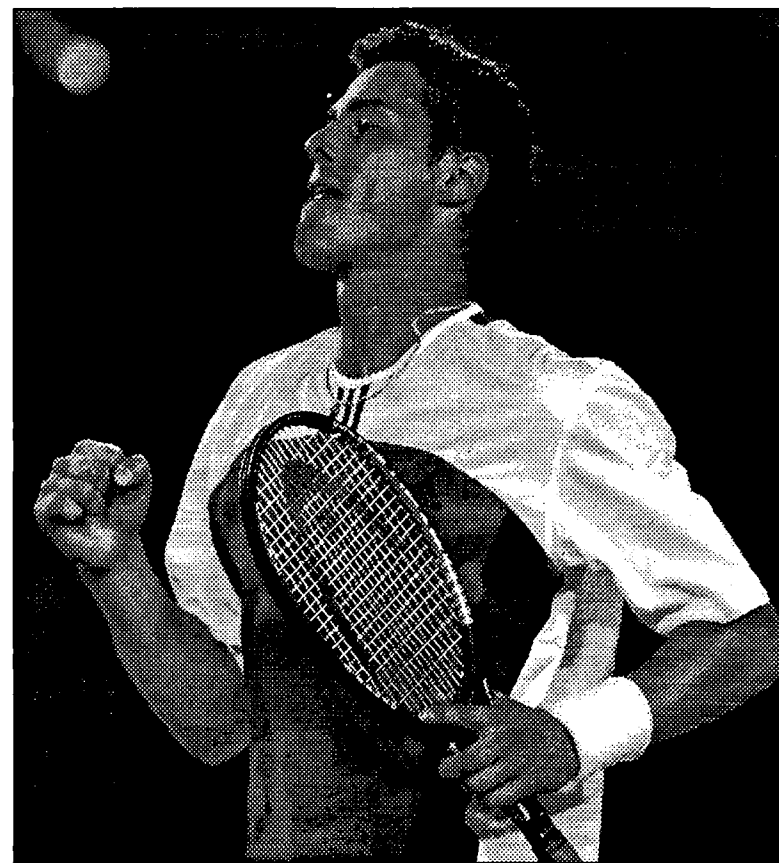
"Then just when I was returning the serves, I pulled a little bit," he said. "Then I took some painkillers, and that's it."

Roddick couldn't tell how bad Safin was hurting, but he suspects the timeout helped.

"Maybe that relaxed him, maybe that let him play a little bit more carefree because he

"I didn't think about stopping."

Marat Safin
tennis player



Zuma Press

Russian Marat Safin celebrates his victory over No. 1 Andy Roddick in the Australian Open. The match went five sets.

started hitting the ball great," he said. "He was a lot better than me for that second and third set."

Safin broke Roddick in the ninth game of the deciding set and then faced two break points serving for the match.

He saved one with an ace, Roddick dumped a return into the net, and Safin finished things off with an overhead.

"The most important thing is: I'm back," Safin said.

Safin has spent more than 15 hours on court and disposed of four Americans in five matches — Brian Vahaly, Todd Martin, James Blake and Roddick.

Agassi hasn't dropped a set and is on a 26-match winning streak at Melbourne Park that started with his second title in 2000.

With Grosjean's default, Agassi gets extra rest for Safin. Still, he was not happy about the way he advanced.

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NFL

Brady not fazed by the spotlight

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Brady sidestepped questions about his love life, his politics and the Carolina Panthers.

But he couldn't get away from "Pick Boy."

Wearing an orange cape and green tights, the pseudo superhero quizzed Brady on such issues as helmet hair and why football players often pat each other on their backsides. The Patriots' quarterback answered whimsically before turning his attention back to football.

But only for a moment. Then it was back to his picks in the New Hampshire primary.

"After today, it gets more normal. Then you get ready and prepare to play," Brady said from his perch at Reliant Stadium, where on Sunday he will try to lead New England to its second NFL title in three years. "After today, things will start settling down a little bit."

But first: media day, the Super Bowl's spectacle of silliness held on the Tuesday before the championship game on the field where it will be played. Although the event always draws more than its share of actual sports reporters, it's the others who make it unlike any other news

conference in sports.

Brady's sudden success and boyish good looks made him a superstar in Boston.

"You know, he's got it. He's got the charisma and the fatal charm, but he is a great leader, too," linebacker Ted Johnson said. "He gets it done at work, and that's the main thing: He comes to work."

And he's pretty good once he gets there.

Brady is 34-12 in the regular season as a starter — the best winning percentage of any active quarterback.

He is an unblemished 7-0 in overtime games and 5-0 in the playoffs.

He has led the Patriots to victory 14 times when they were losing or tied after the start of the fourth quarter.

"I think we're fortunate to have him, for what he does on the field and the respect he has in the locker room," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "He's clean-cut, and every female I know would like to have a connection with him. With all his notoriety and football skills, he's a star who doesn't want to be a star."

That's one thing Brady hasn't been able to control.

"You want to go to the movies. You want to have fun. You want to run around like

Smart to the Super Bowl

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The XFL's boldest name is playing well on the NFL's biggest stage.

The media magnet? He Hate Me, of course.

The obscure running back with the unforgettable monicker is making the Super Bowl his biggest marketing coup. Rod Smart's mischievous, stubbled face was one of the most photographed Tuesday on media day.

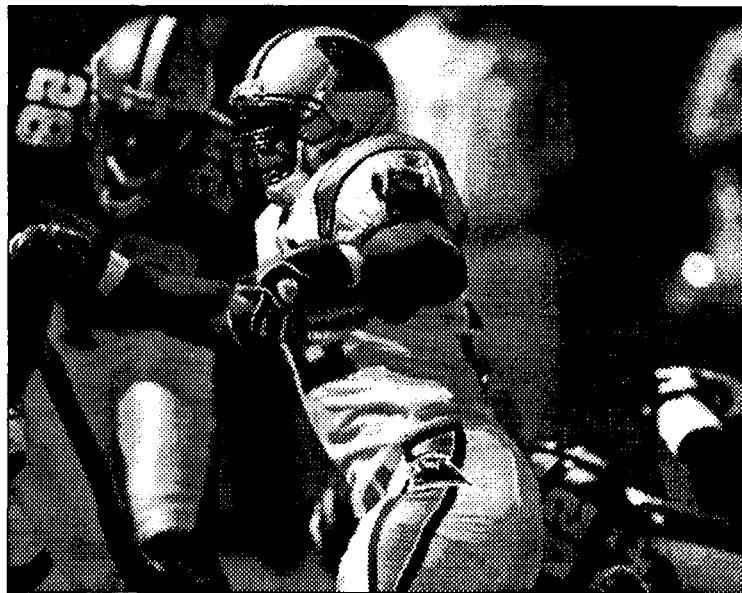
He was hoping something like this could happen three years ago when, in a moment of inspiration, he made a name for himself and became the symbol of an anti-establishment league.

"The name helped," Smart readily acknowledged. "Would you guys be here today if I didn't have the name? Let's face it."

As Rod Smart, he's just a Carolina Panther kick returner. As He Hate Me, he's an icon for those who love the brashness of a cellphone celebration and the theatrics of a World Wrestling Federation match.

No one drafted him out of Western Kentucky, leaving him to beg for an NFL job. San Diego gave him a chance and got rid of him after three weeks. Even the Edmonton Eskimos cut him.

Two leagues, two rejections. Along came promoter Vince McMahon's Xtremely different



Carolina Panthers running back Rod Smart returns a kick against New Orleans. Smart played in the XFL in his career. Reuters

league, the one with the black-and-red ball and pro wrestling showmanship. The XFL was looking for players. Smart was looking for a paycheck.

"At first, I really thought that with Vince McMahon, wrestling was going to be involved," Smart said. "That would have been fun, but there would have been a lot of injuries. I wouldn't mind jumping off the top rope, though."

The 357th player taken in the XFL draft, Smart got \$45,000 for its first and last season.

His Las Vegas Outlaws played the league's inaugural game on

Feb. 4, 2001, beating the New York/New Jersey Hitmen 19-0 in front of 30,389 fans.

For the league, it was downhill from there. Smart was just getting started.

Before the second game, he decided to adopt the equivalent of a stage name.

He thought about how a defender might feel as he ran past him.

He Hate Me.

It was on the back of his black, red and gold uniform for the second game. It became an overnight hit, the best-selling jersey in the league's one-year existence.

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5 Kentucky	5 Penn State
6 Connecticut	6 Purdue
7 Pittsburgh	7 Texas Tech
8 Cincinnati	8 Stanford
9 Arizona	9 Louisiana Tech
10 Gonzaga	10 North Carolina
11 Mississippi State	11 Colorado
12 North Carolina	12 Kansas State
13 Texas Tech	13 DePaul
14 Georgia Tech	14 Minnesota
15 Kansas	15 LSU
16 Texas	16 Baylor
17 Wisconsin	17 Miami
18 Oklahoma State	18 Michigan State
19 Wake Forest	19 Georgia
20 Syracuse	20 Oklahoma
21 Purdue	21 TCU
22 Florida	22 Auburn
23 Providence	23 Virginia Tech
24 South Carolina	24 Vanderbilt
25 Oklahoma	25 Nebraska

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Louisville coach Rick Pitino instructs Francisco Garcia during the Cardinals victory over Cincinnati. Pitino may rejoin the team this weekend after taking leave on Monday for an undisclosed illness.

Pitino may rejoin team this weekend

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino might rejoin his team by this weekend after treatment Tuesday for an undisclosed condition that has caused him pain for months.

Pitino, 51, said Monday he was taking an indefinite leave of absence to determine the cause of the "urological-related" pain in his left side.

He arrived at the Cleveland Clinic late Tuesday morning for a battery of tests.

"I hope to be back coaching by this weekend and resuming full respon-

sibility with our team," Pitino said in a statement Tuesday. "It is not a cancer-related or life-threatening matter."

Assistant coach Kevin Willard is leading the team in Pitino's absence. The No. 4 Cardinals (15-1) have home games against Houston on Wednesday and Marquette on Saturday.

"Right now as a team, our main worry is coach Pitino," Willard said Tuesday night, after telling the team that Pitino might be back as soon as this weekend.

"We know he's going to come back healthy and

everything is going to be fine."

Holy Cross coach Ralph Willard, Kevin's father and one of Pitino's best friends, said Pitino has been complaining about the worsening discomfort for the past month.

"I told him, 'Get it done. You have to get to the bottom of this before it becomes debilitating,'" said Ralph Willard, who talks to Pitino daily. "That's what concerned me."

The Cardinals beat Tennessee 65-62 in Knoxville on Sunday for their 15th consecutive victory. Pitino told Willard

after the game he was going to take a leave and put Kevin in charge of the team.

Ralph Willard said his 28-year-old son was reluctant to embrace the sudden opportunity.

"Kevin loves Rick. He's like a second father to him, as well as being his mentor as a coach," Willard said. "Rick being ill is something nobody wants. It was more a matter of holding down the fort and keeping things together and praying he'll be back."

"It's more of a challenge taking over for Rick Pitino," Kevin Willard said.

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	perc.	last 5
Pittsburgh	5-1	19-1	.950	4-1
Providence	5-1	14-3	.824	4-1
Connecticut	3-1	15-3	.833	3-2
Syracuse	3-2	13-3	.813	4-1
Seton Hall	3-2	13-4	.765	2-3
Miami	3-2	13-6	.684	2-3
Villanova	3-2	11-6	.647	3-2
NOTRE DAME	3-2	9-6	.600	2-3
Boston College	2-3	13-5	.722	2-3
West Virginia	2-3	10-6	.625	2-3
Georgetown	2-4	11-6	.688	1-4
Rutgers	2-4	10-6	.625	2-3
Virginia Tech	1-4	8-8	.500	2-3
St. John's	0-6	4-12	.250	0-5

Womens College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	perc.	last 5
Miami	6-1	16-1	.941	4-1
Connecticut	5-1	14-2	.875	4-1
West Virginia	4-2	13-5	.722	3-2
NOTRE DAME	4-2	11-7	.688	4-1
Virginia Tech	4-3	15-3	.833	2-3
Boston College	3-3	13-4	.765	2-3
Villanova	3-3	13-4	.765	3-2
Rutgers	3-3	11-7	.688	2-3
Syracuse	3-3	6-10	.375	2-3
Georgetown	3-4	9-8	.529	2-3
Seton Hall	2-4	10-7	.588	1-4
St. John's	2-4	8-9	.471	2-3
Pittsburgh	2-5	6-11	.353	2-3
Providence	0-5	4-12	.250	0-5

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IN BRIEF

Capitals owner apologizes

WASHINGTON — Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis apologized to a fan who accused him of grabbing his neck and throwing him to the ground after a game.

Capitals spokesman Kurt Kehl confirmed Tuesday that Leonsis — who is a vice chairman of America Online — called Jason Hammer, a 20-year-old season-ticket holder who had taunted the owner.

"He's embarrassed. He regrets the incident happened," Kehl said. "He reached out to the fan."

Hammer told The Washington Post that Leonsis placed his hands on his neck and tossed him down after the Capitals' home loss to Philadelphia on Sunday.

"The security guards came and broke it up and pulled me away to the side," Hammer said. "But Ted was still trying to come at me again."

Other witnesses offered different versions to the Post.

Hammer told the Post he led a

derisive chant directed toward the owner during the game and held a sign that read: "Caps Hockey; AOL Stock — See a Pattern?"

Hammer said he did not intend to press charges.

"I think both he and I are going to drop it and continue on and have it be like that," he told the newspaper.

Leonsis, 48, has a reputation as one of the more fan-friendly chief executives in professional sports. He often can be seen personally greeting spectators at Capitals home games and he answers fans' e-mails.

Sunday's game was the team's first at home since it traded star forward Jaromir Jagr to the New York Rangers. The Capitals have languished at the bottom of the NHL standings this season.

Dodgers Cora breaks hand

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers second baseman Alex Cora broke his right arm playing in the Puerto Rican winter league and was expected to be

sidelined four-to-six weeks.

The Dodgers also announced they had signed pitcher Jose Lima and infielder Jose Hernandez to minor league contracts.

Cora was injured sliding into second base trying to break up a double play Sunday while playing for Caguas, Los Angeles spokesman John Olguin said Tuesday.

The Dodgers report to spring training Feb. 18 in Vero Beach, Fla.

The 28-year-old Cora played in a career-high 148 games last season, hitting .249 with four homers and a career-high 34 RBIs. He played in 115 games in 2002, hitting a career-best .291 with five homers and 28 RBIs.

Cora has a .241 average in 546 big league games, all with the Dodgers.

Lima, 31, was 8-3 in 14 starts for the Kansas City Royals last season, winning his first seven decisions and earning AL pitcher of the month honors for July when he was 5-0 with a 1.44 ERA in five starts.

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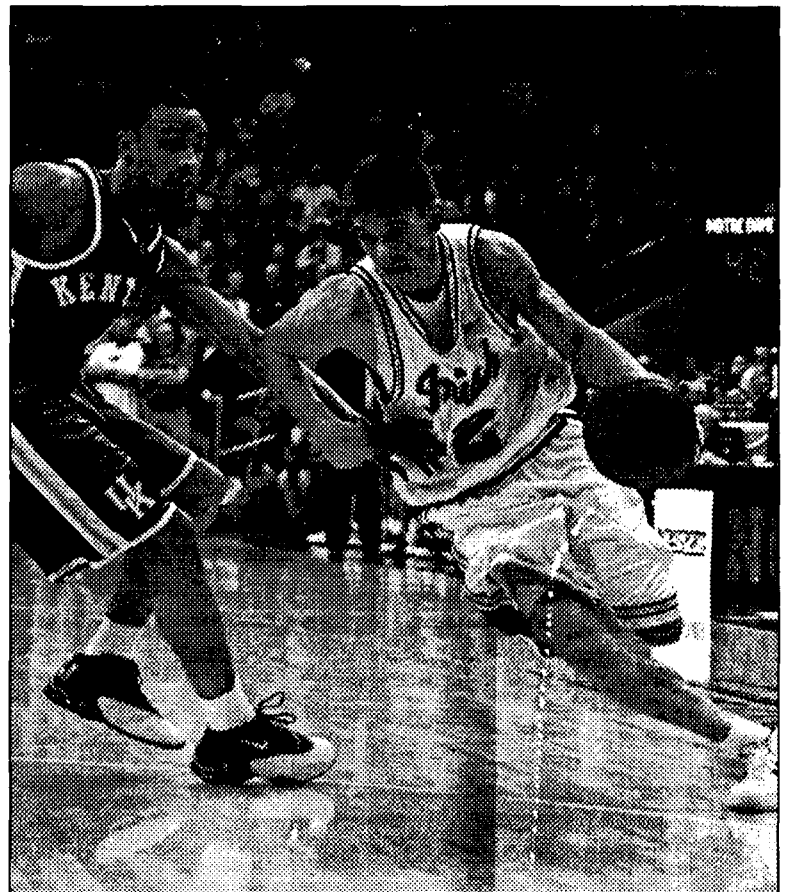
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HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
With a tough remaining schedule, Chris Quinn and the Irish must win games like tonight's showdown with Miami.

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Irish forward Jordan Cornette said. "We had a good practice [on Tuesday]. We met at 7 a.m. [Tuesday] morning, went over some stuff and made sure everyone was alert and ready for the game [tonight]."

"It starts in practice, you have to be intense during stretching all the way through until the free throws that conclude practice," he said. "If you can do that for the hour, hour and a half, two hours in practice, then you can do that in 40 minutes in a game."

The Irish need to win games at home like tonight's contest against Miami to stay in the upper echelon of the conference.

Five teams currently sit at 3-2 in the Big East, and three other teams only have one loss.

With two of those five teams playing tonight at the Joyce Center, the importance of this game is bigger than it appears on the surface.

"To be honest, it's equally as big, if not bigger than the UK game," Cornette said. "In terms of getting to 4-2 in the Big East and staying on the top tier in the league, in terms of making a quest and stride for the Big East Championship. I think it's a huge game to get to 4-2 and not move back to .500."

The Irish will be tested tonight by the Hurricanes' offense,

which averages 75.2 points per game, good for third in the Big East. One player who has really improved this year is guard Robert Hite. The 6-foot-2 sophomore leads Miami with an average of 17.3 points per game and is second in the Big East in shooting at 56.1 percent. He is the only Hurricane to score in double figures in every game this year.

Combine Hite with preseason all-Big East first-team selection Darius Rice and the Hurricanes are a formidable offensive threat. They will provide the Irish defense with a major test — a test that will require a full 40-minute effort.

"It's going to be a test for our defense and how strong we are and if we can get the stops we need to get."

Cornette said. "They are going to come to the gut every time and crash the boards. We need to prove we are strong defensively and strong rebounding wise."

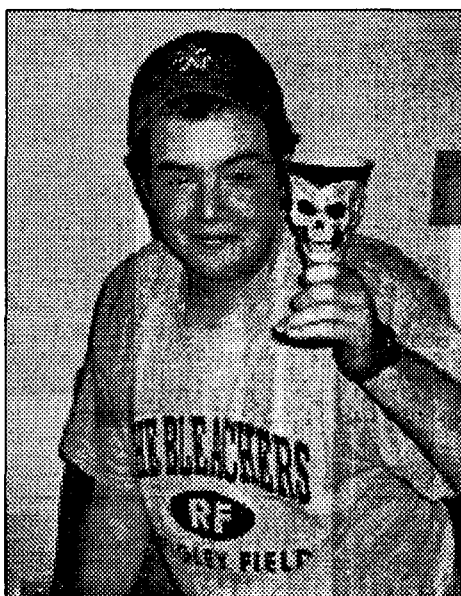
"Their kind of style is going to make us play for 40 minutes because they are run-and-gun," he said. "They get up and down the court. Their big guys run. Their guards move. They are a guard-oriented team and they are very talented."

"If you don't give it to them for 40 minutes, they can nip you in the butt."

"[Miami] is equally as big, if not bigger, than the UK game."

**Jordan Cornette
Irish forward**

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offensive attack.

"We have to defend, rebound and stop their transition," McGraw said.

Leading the way for the Irish has been Jacqueline Batteast (15.6 points, 8 rebounds per game), and Megan Duffy (11.1 points, 4.7 assists per game). Batteast has stepped up her play in Big East games, as she averages 17.2 points and 9.8 rebounds in those contests.

But the Irish have only won two road games this season, and Miami presents a significant

obstacle, as they are undefeated at home. The Irish must defend well if they want to win, but it will be more than a challenge.

"We don't matchup well with them in man-to-man, and I don't know if we do in zone either," McGraw said.

However, after two straight wins, the first coming on the road at Syracuse and the second over Villanova, Notre Dame hopes they can continue their winning ways.

"We're confident," McGraw said. "We feel like we're able to win on the

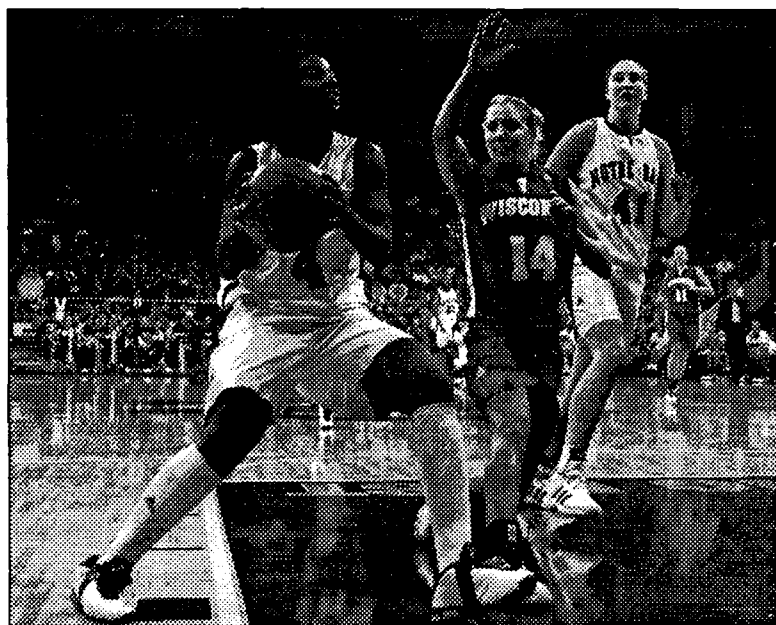
road. The Syracuse game has given us that confidence."

Tip-off is 7 p.m. at Miami's Convocation Center.

"We have to defend, rebound and stop their transition."

Muffet McGraw
Irish head coach

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Senior Le'Tanla Severe drives to the basket against Wisconsin. CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Baker

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one, 175 pound cornerback, because they will take a chance on any remaining prospects who could possibly help turn a struggling program around.

It was obvious over the last few weeks that Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame wanted Baker, but it is even more obvious that Baker wants Notre Dame.

"The school was a great fit for me," Baker said. "There are great people on the team. I like the players. I like the atmosphere. I like the overall demeanor of the people [on campus]."

Baker hails from Bishop Chatard High School, where he played with present Notre Dame freshman baseball player and pitcher Mike Dury, a former

quarterback.

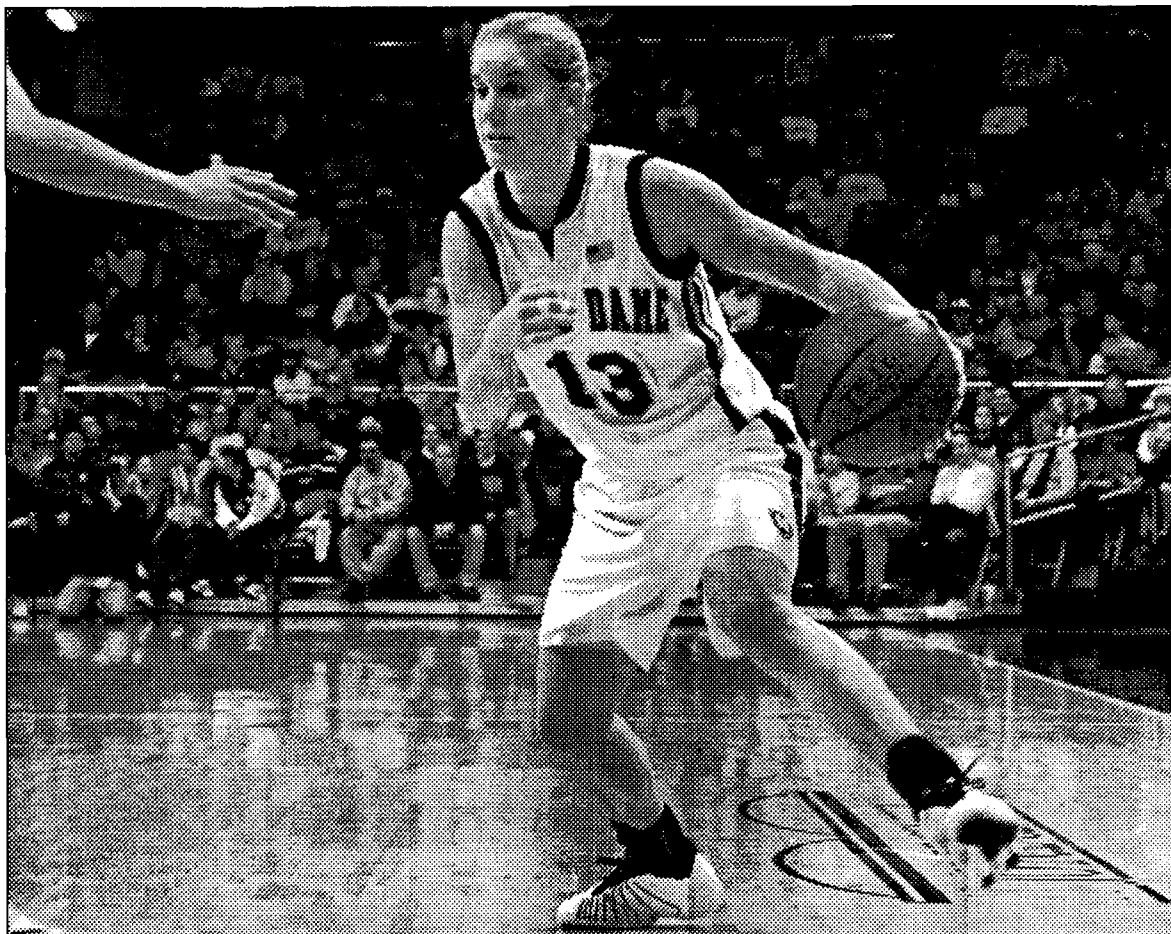
Baker said Tuesday night that he is looking forward to attending Notre Dame, in particular because of the leadership he will have.

"Coach [Tyrone] Willingham is a very positive person," Baker said. "He's going to push me to be the best student/athlete I can be."

Baker's concern with academics definitely had something to do with his commitment to the Irish, though the high school senior's main concern is still football.

"I know I have a lot of work to do," he said. "I'll have the challenge of playing with such great players, and I'll have to compete. It'll be a lot of fun, competing against and playing with guys like [Justin] Tuck and [Victor] Abiamiri."

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Irish point guard Megan Duffy averages 11.1 points per game and 4.7 assists per game. Notre Dame seeks its third road win of the season at Miami tonight. CHIP MARKS/The Observer

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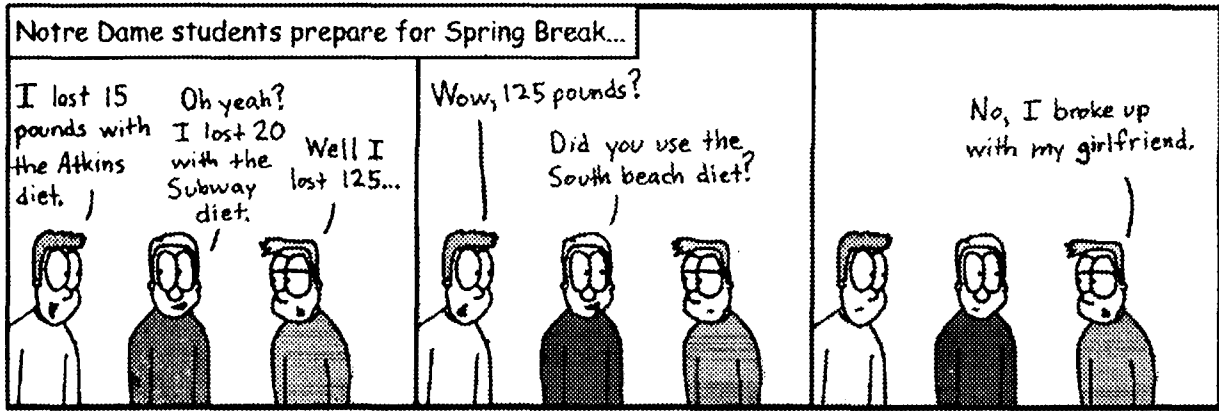
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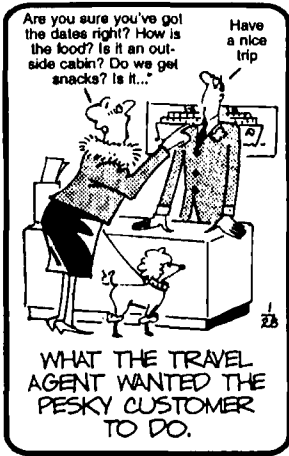
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
- 1 Way out West?

6 Expert, maybe, on the I.R.S. code

9 Head cover

14 Early venture for the 21-Acrosses

16 Court site, with "The"

17 Not eager

18 Like a saw's edge

19 "Indubitably"

20 Bonehead

21 Name associated with 25- and 59-Across

22 Review a review, say

24 Deserve

25 Famous Dec. 17 venture for the 21-Acrosses

30 Thin porridges

31 Newt-born?

32 Sushi option

34 Length unit in Lyon

35 One with a ring: Abbr.

36 Craft wood

38 Rocker Nugent

39 Flat hat

40 Once in a blue moon

41 See 59-Across

45 Historical divisions

46 Bibliographic abbr.

47 Year of the 21-Acrosses' first 25-Across

50 "___ Maria"

51 Key letter

54 "Home ___"

55 Christmas decoration site

58 Skin cosmetic
- DOWN
- 1 Lively, especially for one's age

2 Corner

3 Afflicts

4 African grazer

5 Series ender: Abbr.

6 Pure as the driven snow

7 Bridge: Lat.

8 Pertinent

9 Children's writer ___ L. Smith

10 Compassionate

11 Wide-eyed

12 Late-afternoon traffic, e.g.

13 Podiatry matters

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21 Disney, for one

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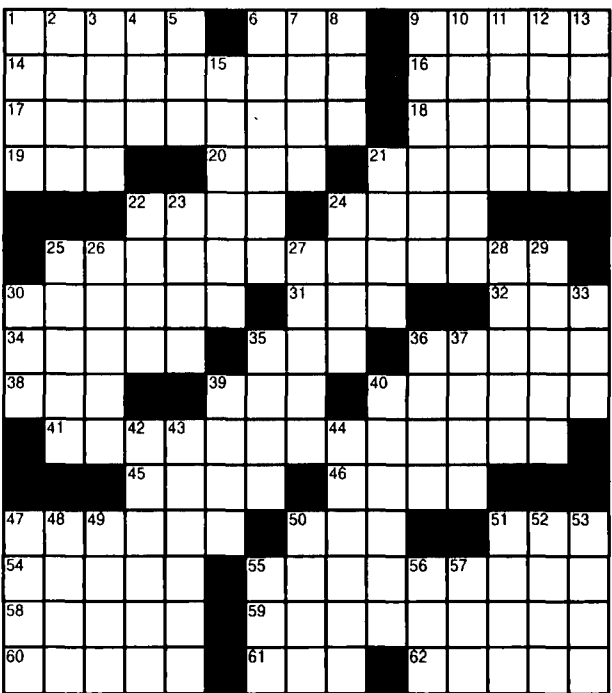
25 Fix just right

26 Best

27 Body layer

28 Euripides play

29 Induction motor inventor



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- 30 Clock standard: Abbr.

33 Assign, as responsibility

35 PC alternatives

36 "Road" film destination

37 Gobi-like

39 King Bhumbol Adulyadej, e.g.

40 Joffrey of the Joffrey Ballet

42 Checked, with "in"

43 Judges, e.g.

44 Small fasteners

47 "G'day, ___!"

48 Thick-soled shoe

49 "___ Lisa"

50 #2, famously

51 Stew veggies

52 Cuts down

53 Black

55 Squeeze (out)

56 Court site

57 Fraternity letter

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Happy Birthday: Your inquisitive mind will lead you down all sorts of new avenues this year. You will be open to suggestions and quite willing to add your thoughts and ideas to any project you get involved in. You will find the success you're looking for as long as you don't try to take on more than you can handle. Your growing need for excitement may take you off the beaten track. Your numbers: 4, 6, 15, 23, 33, 42

- ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rearrange, reorganize and re-evaluate. Quiet time is in order. After all, you must rest up in order to have the energy to make your dreams, hopes and wishes a reality. ****
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is not the day to stir up trouble at work. No one will be prepared to put up with discord. Take a break and look into necessary changes concerning your personal paper. ***
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get-togethers should be planned in advance. Don't hesitate to invite friends over for some fun. You need mental stimulation. Pick your friends carefully and you'll learn a lot from them. ***
- CANCER (June 21-July 22): Visit someone who has been stuck inside due to health problems. You can make favorable changes in your home or just get things back in order. ***
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can stabilize your personal life if you are willing to make a solid commitment or make legitimate promises to your lover. Matters relating to work will be lucrative for you. ****
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get prepared to work hard. You should get involved in the projects youngsters in the family are having a problem with. Travel will be most interesting. ***
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have put on a couple of unwanted pounds. Get physical if you wish to be comfortable about the way you look. You have the discipline to quit bad habits or over-indulgences. ***
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may tend to hold back where your emotional feelings are concerned. You can't solve problems if you don't face the issues. **
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful not to start a family feud. Some members of your clan may not be receptive to your opinions. Gossip will only create more problems. **
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Although it will be difficult to get time alone with your mate, your passionate desires will make you determined to do so. Don't be hesitant to rent a nice room at your local hotel. 4 stars
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You love company, especially if they can provide you with stimulating conversation. Love affairs can develop if you socialize with friends. ****
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Miami visits Joyce Center tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Mike Brey knew back in September that the schedule would be difficult. He anticipated his team would have to bounce back at least once this season from a game like Sunday's loss to Kentucky.

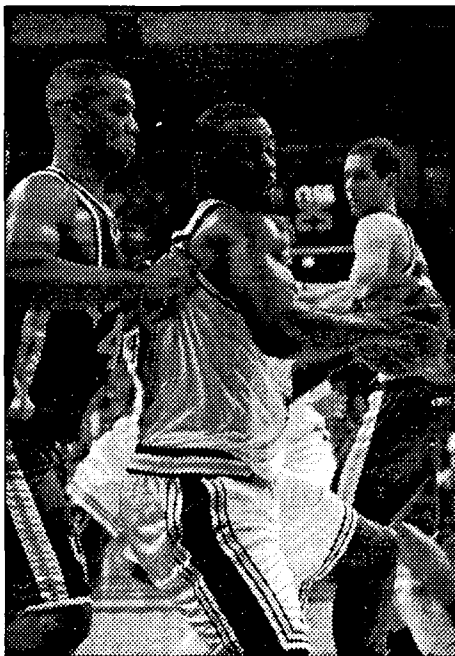
But right now, the Irish can't focus on getting a win against one of the top teams in the country, but they can take care of business in games they should win — especially with a 9-6 record.

Tonight against Miami (13-6, 3-2 in the Big East) is one of those games.

"We can't talk about another ranked team, we have to be ready to play Miami," Brey said. "Our group has been pretty resilient. I've said that from day one. And they are going to have to continue to be resilient. That could be a theme for us, how they have to bounce back."

After another frustrating loss Sunday, the Irish talked about carrying over their second-half effort against the Wildcats into tonight's game against the Hurricanes.

Brey said he didn't have any ideas for getting the Irish to play at the top of their game for 40 minutes at home, so he figured maybe an early-morning team meeting would keep this team focused around the clock, and not just at prac-



TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Center Torin Francis posts up in a loss against Kentucky.

tice.

At this point, the Irish are willing to try anything.

"I don't think you can really talk about so much as put it into action in practice,"

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East road games momentous

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Anytime a Big East team plays a conference game on the road, it's almost guaranteed to be a battle. Tonight's game is no different for the Irish, as they travel to face conference leader No. 18 Miami (16-1, 5-1 in the Big East).

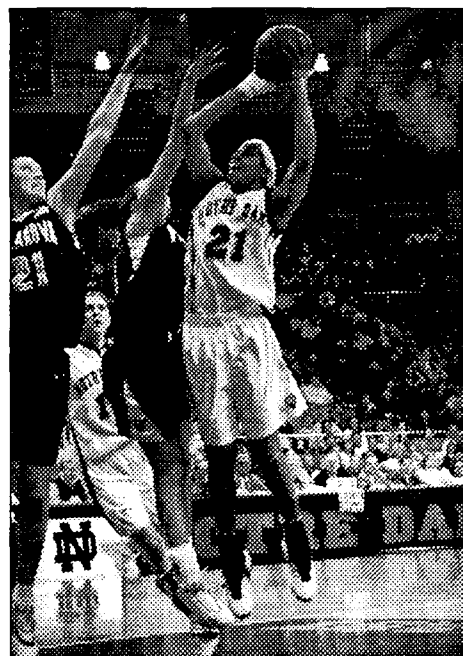
"At this point, every game is a big game for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish (11-7, 4-2), come off a big home victory over Villanova 38-36, a win that was key in the Big East. Villanova knocked off Miami Jan. 7 at Villanova 58-55. But the Hurricanes will be ready for the Irish.

"Miami is a great team, extremely athletic, and they have two really good players, Tamara James and Chanivia Broussard," McGraw said.

James (16.3 points, 4.8 rebounds per game) and Broussard (14.2 points, 6.5 rebounds) are among four Hurricanes averaging in double figures. They are joined by Yalonda McCormick (13.2 points, 5.1 assists per game) and Shaquana Wilkins (11.8 points, 7.9 rebounds).

These four players are a main reason why the Hurricanes average 75.3 points per game. In last year's matchup with



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Center Jacqueline Batteast leads the Irish with 15.6 points per game.

Notre Dame, Miami scored 80 points en route to a 80-70 victory over the then-No. 16 Irish Jan. 11 at the Joyce Center.

So if the Irish want revenge, they must stop the high-powered Miami

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SMC BASKETBALL

Weather forces postponement

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was supposed to travel to Albion Tuesday night for an MIAA league game, but Mother Nature seemed to have other plans.

Albion College, located in Albion, Mich., was hit with the same snowstorm seen in South Bend, and the matchup between Saint Mary's and Albion was cancelled. A game that was supposed to tip off at 7 p.m. Tuesday night will now take place tonight at 5:30 p.m.

The Belles, who found out about the cancellation this morning, were not all that surprised.

"We kinda figured," junior Emily Creachbaum said.

The Belles used the postponed game to their advantage, practicing Tuesday evening to better prepare for the Albion squad (14-4) who

earlier this year defeated the Belles 51-40 on Saint Mary's home court.

"We worked on the press break," Creachbaum said. "We got some shots up."

Nothing about the cancellation changed the Belles' attitude going into tomorrow night. The Belles are still coming off a solid win against Tri-State. They will look to continue to play the good basketball that has been characteristic of late.

"We have to play our game and finish our shots," Creachbaum said. "We have been working hard, [but we haven't been] winning."

The Belles are looking to change that tonight and gather some momentum to finish out the rest of the season. Back to back wins would be something the Belles have not seen since Dec. 12 and Dec. 5 when they defeated Andrews and Illinois College. The Belles looked dominant in

those wins, beating Andrews 72-26 and Illinois College 82-67.

"I think if we get a win [against] Albion, our confidence will go up," Creachbaum said. "I know we can beat these teams."

This positive attitude will be important if the Belles are to escape with an upset win tomorrow night. Albion has been tough all season, especially at home where they are 7-1. Saint Mary's, on the other hand, is 2-6 on the road.

Coming off a 26-point, 10-rebound game against Tri-State, Creachbaum's continued solid play will be important for the Belles. This, combined with a minimum amount of turnovers, could spell an upset road win for Saint Mary's.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Baker joins Irish, as does Ferrine

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

A week remains and the slow-starting Irish are crawling their way to Feb. 4 player by player.

Defensive end Ryan Baker from Indianapolis gave a verbal commitment to the Irish Sunday night, though the announcement was kept under the radar. Confirming the beliefs of ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, cornerback Leo Ferrine from New Jersey committed Sunday, as well.

Notre Dame has sixteen commitments with a week remaining before signing day, but not many of the players are in the top tier of heavily recruited players. Baker is also not in the top tier, but he is as

close as any remaining player the Irish will find.

Oklahoma, Michigan, Boston College and Purdue were all after the 6-foot-6, 225 pound strongside defensive end, rated 11th at his position on Rivals100.com. It was down to Notre Dame and Purdue after Baker's official visit to South Bend on Jan. 16, and the Boilermakers had an advantage in that they had shown more interest.

"Notre Dame wasn't after Baker as early or often as Purdue," Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank said. "[Baker's decision] was a matter of asking 'how much do they want me?'"

The Irish wanted Baker and players like Ferrine, a 6-foot-

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The Panthers' Rod Smart and the Patriots' Tom Brady deal with the media and hype.

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TENNIS

Safin defeats Roddick

Martin Safin beat the No. 1 player in the world in Andy Roddick at the Australian Open.

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MLB

Player apologizes for porn 'mistake'

A Cleveland Indians' minor leaguer apologized Tuesday for his appearance in a gay porn.

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NHL

Heatley returns to the ice

Thrashers' right wing Dany Heatley returns for the first time since a tragic car accident in September.

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NBA

Celtics' O'Brien resigns

The Boston head coach relinquished charge of a 22-24 team.

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NCAA BBALL

Indiana 63 Purdue 58

The Hoosiers upset the Boilermakers in Bloomington, Ind. Tuesday night.

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